

Steps to meet any situation

'Food stock satisfactory'

All necessary measures have been taken to build an adequate food security stock in the country to meet the requirement as well as to cope with any disastrous situation, reports BSS.

This was disclosed yesterday at a meeting of the inter-ministerial food planning and monitoring committee, held at the Food Ministry with Food Minister Mir Shawkat Ali in the chair.

State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Harun-Allah Rashid, Food Secretary Islam Uddin Malik, ERD Secretary Lutfulhah Majid, Additional Secretary in-charge of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief M Hafizuddin Khan and other senior officials attended.

Reviewing the country's food situation, the meeting observed that the present stock, supply and price situation were satisfactory. The meeting also reviewed the pipeline of wheat supply under food aid programmes of various donors.

Dialogue resumes

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party Secretary General and LGRD Minister Abdus Salam Talukder and Communications Minister Col. (Retd) Oli Ahmed.

The Opposition delegation, headed by Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the House Abdus Samad Azad, consisted of Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim, Abul Hasan Chowdhury MP and SAMS Kibria, political adviser to Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina.

Unlike the first round of talks where each side was represented by 15 members, there were no non-Awami League leaders in the Opposition team.

Meanwhile, sources close to the Opposition delegation told The Daily Star, the Opposition delegates did most of the talking at yesterday's meeting.

The ruling party delegation listened attentively to the Opposition arguments for a caretaker government and occasionally sought some clarifications, the sources added.

The Opposition is learnt to have stuck to its original position that it was left with no option but to press for a non-partisan, caretaker government to hold future national elections. The BNP delegation expressed its determination not to go beyond the existing provisions of the Constitution.

At this state, the Opposition side, referring to a certain article of the Constitution, asserted that there was a scope to go for elections under a caretaker administration.

The BNP leaders are learnt to have told the meeting that they would come out with their response to the Opposition position Saturday, after consulting the issues with party chief and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today.

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duction cost, yield and relevant factors were examined. It was resolved that an attractive procurement price should be fixed to sustain the growers' interest.

The meeting also discussed the Food-for-Education Programme.

The meeting was by and large of the view that private traders should be provided necessary facilities to gradually increase their role in the food-grain trade.

The meeting was informed that with the successful operation of open market sales through some 1,300 centres in the country, the price of rice had stabilised.

To further improve the supply and price situation, the government plans to supply atta to the rural people through about 30,000 atta chakkis or grinding mills. In the meantime, already 4,200 chakkis have substantially contributed towards lowering the price of atta. Wheat has also been supplied through the flour millers at a rate of Taka seven per kg, the meeting was told.

mad Nasim told this correspondent late last night. Sources close to both camps said, Sir Ninian had initially expressed reluctance to be present at yesterday's meeting, insisting that only the parties concerned should discuss the contentious issues. But an Opposition request, seconded by the BNP team, eventually persuaded Sir Ninian to remain present at the discussions.

The Commonwealth emissary also reportedly asked the leaders of both camps to decide if his presence was needed at the next session tomorrow afternoon.

At yesterday's talks, despite Sir Ninian's presence, the two team leaders at times resorted to speaking in Bangla.

The talks were followed by a dinner at the Meghna.

had become strongholds of terrorists and outsiders. It demanded proper action against those involved in Zakir's killing.

The JSD-backed BCL (B-K) has also condemned the killing.

The BCL also brought out a procession and held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday noon.

The Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikhya (GCO) condemned the killing and said that the resituated a four-member probe into the incident.

Termining the incident a pre-planned, the Syndicate urged the law enforcing agencies to take necessary steps in this regard.

Vice Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed presided over the meeting.

The probe committee is headed by Prof. Monirul Huq, Member of the University Grants Commission, while the DU Proctor is its member-secretary and the Principal of Jagannath College and the Provost of Jagannath Hall are the members.

The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) also expressed concern at killing. The DUTA demanded the government and university authorities take steps to end campus terrorism.

The meeting was presided over by acting DUTA President Prof Khandker Nizamuddin.

In a statement yesterday, the BCL (S-P) alleged that the present rulers were responsible for the death of Zakir.

BCL president AKM Enamul Huq Shamim and general secretary Ishaq Ali Khan Panna demanded arrest and trial of the those involved.

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina and party presidium member Abdus Samad Azad yesterday visited the Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue to see the body of slain BCL leader Zakir Hossain.

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing the third national conference of the Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, the ruling BNP's youth wing, the city yesterday. —PID photo

Khaleda : Opposition

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The BNP will not entertain any unlawful request from any quarter. It will always uphold the Constitution and run the state within the constitutional framework," Begum Zia said.

"Only the people have the right to keep us in power or send us onto the street, if they want."

She said the BNP government works for boosting production and changing the lot of the common people and hence there is no alternative to the BNP in the country. She urged the people to continue their support for the BNP for ensuring development.

The Prime Minister said other parties those had been in power in the country had failed to do anything for the welfare of the people. "That is why the people are rallying around the BNP today."

She said her government had always upheld the interest of the country and its people and rooted out corruption and

irregularities to expedite development.

Education is now reaching the door steps of the people as a result of the government's education programmes, she said and added that the 'politics of hoax, tall-talk and falsehood' would no longer survive in this country.

Describing the government programmes for the development of the youth community, Begum Zia asked the youths to avail loan facilities and training opportunities and engage themselves in self-employment activities.

The Prime Minister said the poor people cannot send their wards to schools due to poverty. But the BNP government for the first time introduced free primary education and food for education programmes to encourage the children of the poor families to go to schools.

She said when the country was marching towards progress, the conspirators who do not want development of the country had killed President Zia. "They virtually killed the hope and aspiration of the people by murdering Zia."

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Elite of Lalbago meets PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday urged the people to stand against the quarters trying to hinder the development process initiated by her government, reports UNB.

She was addressing the elite and senior citizens including teachers, physicians, religious leaders businessmen and social workers of the city's Lalbago thana who met her at the PM's Hare Road office last night.

Begum Zia also sought their support in solving various problems faced by the city dwellers.

The local people raised various difficulties including scarcity of water, water logging, bad roads, lack of gas line and electricity problem in their areas.

Unplanned growth of the city and its population had increased the suffering of the residents, she said, adding the government has taken all steps to improve the situation in the neglected parts of the metropolis.

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23 Magsaysay Award winners meet begins today

By Staff Correspondent

A two-day meeting of the recipients of the Magsaysay Award will be held in Rajendrapur from today. It is expected to be attended by 17 recipients from abroad and six from Bangladesh.

The meeting, to be held at the BRAC's Centre for Development Management, is also expected to be attended by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Award Foundation and the Executive Vice President of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, New York.

Organised by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, the annual gathering becomes a venue for the award holders to know each other. This year's meeting is aimed at exchanging information on their current projects and activities.

The meeting will be followed by a business session and field trips to BRAC, Grammen Bank and Gano Shasthya projects and a seminar on "Innovations: Who Uses Them?"

There are six recipients of the Magsaysay Award from Bangladesh. They are: FH Abed of BRAC, Dr Mohammad Yunus of the Grameen Bank, Zafarullah Chowdhury of the Gano Shasthya Kendra, Mohammad Yeasin of Yeasin Foundation, Taherunnessa Abdullah and Father Richard Timm.

The Magsaysay Award was established in 1958 to give recognition to individuals in Asia for their distinguished and courageous services in various fields.

CU Chhatra Dal leader's tendons severed

From Staff Correspondent

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The Midnight File

Russian Prime Minister survives no-confidence vote

MOSCOW, Oct 27: Opposition lawmakers failed to gather enough support Thursday to push through a no-confidence vote in the government, easing political pressure on President Boris Yeltsin to remove his prime minister. The vote in the State Duma, the lower house of Parliament, came after an address by Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin presenting his most radical economic programme yet, reports AP.

Police likely to probe into John Major's meeting

LONDON, Oct 27: British police are considering opening an investigation into a meeting Prime Minister John Major held three weeks ago with an unidentified intermediary about Egyptian businessman Mohammad Al-Fayed's purported dealings with MPs, officials said today. A spokesman for the crown prosecution service said an account of the meeting handed to the CPs last Thursday by Downing Street was being referred to the metropolitan police so they could decide, whether or not to open a criminal investigation, reports AFP.

DCC forms task force

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Choudhury and Nurul Haque, Shamsunnessa of Proshika and Homayara Islam of another NGO.

The mayor also spoke about various city problems, steps taken so far to resolve those, implementation of his election pledges, his achievements as mayor and the government's 'step-motherly' attitude towards the DCC.

Hanif said that he had already listed eight major problems of the city people. The problems identified in consultation with the ward commissioners and officials concerned are: Repair and expansion of roads, improvement of power supply, keeping the city clear, eradication of mosquito, removing traffic jam, containing terrorism, putting an end to holding of public rallies on streets and evicting hawkers from the pavements of city streets.

"Some of the issues are within my jurisdiction while others are not," Hanif said and sought cooperation of the authorities concerned to resolve those.

He said the DCC has so far taken up 908 projects involving Taka about 46 crore for the development of the city. Construction of new roads and development of the old ones were going on and the work would be completed by January or February next year, he said.

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