

### WASA supplies 73 cr litres of water in city daily, JS told

The Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (WASA) is supplying 73.18 crore litres of water daily and 98.18 per cent of it is from ground water sources. Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Abdul Hye informed the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

In reply to a question from Sarder Sakhawat Hossain Bakul (BNP-Narsingdi), the deputy minister said that the government had undertaken a number of development projects to augment water supply in the capital.

He said under these projects, the existing water supply system would be expanded, rehabilitated and modernised, and a water treatment plant would be set up at Saidabad.

In reply to another question from Abdur Rouf Chowdhury (BNP-Kushtia), Hye said, demand for water in the district towns all over the country was 13 crore gallons daily against a supply of about 6.50 crore gallons.

He said that the government had taken steps to meet the increasing demand and work for development of water supply in 50 district towns was in progress. Similar projects in other districts was under consideration of the government, he added.

Hye also said, the development of drainage system in 33 municipal areas was in progress and drainage system of other municipal areas would be developed in phases.

In reply to another question from Begum K J Hamida Khanam (women-20), the deputy minister said, there are 8,138 hats and bazars in the country. A sum of Tk 62,58,55,000 was realised by leasing 7,762 hats and bazars during the financial year 1993-94, he added.

In reply to a supplementary question, the minister said, the money from the leased hats and bazars is distributed on the basis of a government guideline.



SAMS Kibria, political advisor to Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina speaking at a seminar on 'Ethnic cleansing in Bosnia: self determination and humanitarian perspective' at the National Museum auditorium in the city yesterday. The Centre for Study of International Affairs organised the seminar.

### Quran khwani at BNP office

Quran khwani and milad mahfil will be held at the central office of BNP in the city after Asr prayers today for the peace of the soul of ATM Wali Ashraf MP, reports BSS.

BNP secretary general Abdus Salam Talukder has requested the party leaders, workers, relatives and admirers of the milad mahfil.

### Weather

#### Temperature may rise

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours ending 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office said night temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius during the period but is expected to register a marked fall in the following week.

Weather may deteriorate and temperature is likely to register a rise in the next 2 days.

Country's highest temperature 32.5 degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 13.6 degrees at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 5.11 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.19 am.

Temperature and humidity percentage in various parts of the country were given below:

City	Temperature		Humidity	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.5	16.4	64	68
Chittagong	31.4	18.8	81	66
Cox's Bazar	32.5	20.0	66	73
Sylhet	30.0	17.7	63	60
Rajshahi	29.3	16.2	70	74
Rangpur	28.2	15.8	73	72
Dinajpur	29.0	13.6	69	72
Barisal	30.8	16.0	82	71

### NSC profits Tk 12.72 cr from 5 lottery draws

The National Sports Council (NSC) has earned a profit of Tk 12.72 crore from five lottery draws arranged for raising funds for the development of sports, the Minister of State for Youth and Sports, Sadek Hossain told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Begum Lutfunnesa Hossain (BNP) the state minister said that a five-member high powered committee headed by Major General Mahbubur Rahman, chief of general staff of Bangladesh Army and president, Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, had been constituted for identifying the areas for expenditure of the profit money.

Replying to a supplementary question from ruling party member Moulana Ataur Rahman Khan, the state minister told the House that sports development (kriya unnayan) lottery was introduced before the SAF Games for fund raising.

He said, lotteries are also seen as a means of entertainment for the people and there was nothing wrong in it.

The state minister said the purchase of lottery tickets was not compulsory for anybody. He said, as the government cannot meet the funds required for sports development, lotteries were introduced.

Sadek Hossain further informed the House that the government was contemplating introduction of lotteries for youth development for raising funds for employment generation for the country's unemployed youth force.

He said, in the past Diabetic Society and Red Crescent Society used lotteries for raising funds. He said other countries of the world use lotteries as a mechanism for fund raising.

The government has taken up a project for distribution of sports goods worth Taka 1.5 crore throughout the country for the improvement of the

standard of games and sports during 1994-95 fiscal year.

Replying to a question from Mohammad Niamat Ullah (BNP-Dhaka), the state minister said that the sports goods would be distributed among educational institutions, youth and sports clubs through parliament members and sports executives.

Replying to a supplementary question, the state minister said that the guideline for the distribution of the sports goods was likely to be completed by December this year.

Listing other measures for the improvement of the games and sports, the state minister said arrangements were underway for laying astro turf on the Dhaka Hockey Stadium to turn it into a modern national hockey stadium.

Besides, steps have been taken up for the construction of stadiums at 52 district headquarters.

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**Tuesday**  
 4:30 Opening announcement  
 4:45 Mass Education programme: Esho Para Shikhi  
 5:10 Sangbad  
 5:25 Drama series: The Miraculous Melops  
 6:00 National Television debate competition  
 7:25 Musical programme: Sangeeta  
 8:00 News in Bangla  
 8:30 Drama serial: Maatir Maya  
 10:00 News in English  
 10:30 Film show: Northern Exposure  
 11:30 Khabar/The News  
 11:40 Tomorrow's programme summary  
 11:45 Close down.

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