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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and some of her cabinet colleagues offering fateha at the mazar of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tongipara in Gopalganj yesterday. — PID photo

PM visits Bangabandhu's grave

TUNGIPARA, Jan 22: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia visited the mazar of former president Sheikh Mujibur Rahman here today, offered fateha there and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul, reports BSS.

Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Resources Majid Ul Haq, Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain, Minister for Health and Family Welfare Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Minister for Post and Telecommunications Tariqul Islam, accompanied the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister went to the mazar of late Sheikh Mujibur Rahman after laying the foundation stone of the Tungipara Thana Health Complex and addressing an unscheduled public meeting here.

The Prime Minister unveiled the plaque of over Tk eight crore Tungipara Thana Health Complex which is expected to be completed by March next year.

Referring to massive socio-economic development programmes the Prime Minister urged the people to continue their support in the government's ongoing efforts to make the country self-reliant in all fields.

Earlier addressing a public meeting at the Gopalganj Government College field Khaleda Zia said, only the people's government could safeguard the democratic process, maintain the trend of development and ensure solutions to the people's problems.

She said the massive development programmes carried out by the BNP government in the last four years had amply proved the fact that the elected government was the guarantee for the solution to problems.

The ongoing socio-economic development programmes across the country, she said, had brought about a change in the lot of the common man in terms of employment and income.

She said, the BNP government had taken up programmes to create self-employment opportunities including dairy and poultry farming, fish cultivation and tree plantation.

All help including credit facilities would be provided to those who would come forward to employ themselves in different self-employment projects.

— PID photo

Foreign investment over \$2b expected

BOI-Euromoney confce tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

A two-day international conference on the investment opportunities in Bangladesh begins in the capital tomorrow and is expected to draw a large number of foreign investors.

At a press briefing yesterday, officials hoped the conference, expected to be attended by representatives of multinational companies and institutional investors, would enable Bangladesh to attract further foreign investment.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is scheduled to inaugurate the Bangladesh Investment Conference: The Emerging Tiger, jointly organised by the Euromoney conference and the Board of Investment (BOI), at the Sonargaon Hotel.

Officials at the briefing expressed optimism that foreign investment worth more than two billion US dollars would come to Bangladesh in 1995.

"If everything goes well and if there are no impediments, See Page 12 Col 3

Response exceeds Euromoney's projections

By Staff Correspondent

The number of foreign investors expected to attend the Bangladesh Investment Conference: The Emerging Tiger, beginning tomorrow has far exceeded the initial projections, said Jane Ray, conference manager of Euromoney, which is co-hosting the two-day international meet

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Chambers' call to change hartal dates

By Staff Correspondent

Government officials and chamber leaders yesterday appealed to the opposition political parties to reschedule the January 24 and 25 hartal programmes which coincide with the international investment conference due to begin in the city tomorrow.

"I am hopeful that the opposition political parties will reschedule the hartal programmes, M Moshed Khan, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, told a press briefing yesterday.

Leaders of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) and the Foreign Investors Chamber of Commerce (FICC) also echoed the hope.

"The timing of the hartal is very unfortunate and I think it will affect investment prospects," observed Salim F

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Parliament goes into session today

By Staff Correspondent

The 18th session of the fifth Parliament begins today with President Abdur Rahman Biswas addressing the opening session at 11 am.

The President's speech will be broadcast and telecast live from the Sangsad Bhavan.

The session would be adjourned after the President's address. The House would meet again on Wednesday. Parliament sources said, The 18th session is likely to continue till February 2.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday reiterated that she and her cabinet would resign 30 days before the next general elections and hoped the opposition parties would return to Parliament ending a 10-month boycott of sessions.

In her concluding remarks at the BNP parliamentary party meeting, Begum Zia said that she would keep her word and the Opposition could reconsider their decision.

A total of 147 MPs belonging to the three major opposition parties resigned on December 28. So far their resignation letters were neither accepted nor rejected by the Speaker. The opposition MPs were served with notice to attend the session.

Twelve BNP MPs including Shujaat Siraj, who recently

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Tofael, Moudud may attend investment confce

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League leader Tofael Ahmed and Jatiya Party leader Moudud Ahmed are expected to attend the Bangladesh Investment Conference which begins in the capital tomorrow.

The Board of Investment, the co-host of the conference with Euromoney, have extended invitations to both Tofael Ahmed and Moudud Ahmed to attend the 2-day conference and they have accepted it, said M Moshammel Haque, Executive Chairman of the BOI, at the press briefing yesterday. They have agreed to be guest speakers at the conference," he added.

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Investment confce to take place undisturbed: Hasina

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the international investment conference which is coinciding with the hartal programmes on Jan 24-25, would take place undisturbed at its venue, reports UNB.

She, however, said that the government had not earlier informed the Opposition about the seminar.

Addressing the party's city unit meeting, she said, Opposition programmes are aimed at protecting the people's interest and ensuring real development in a stable political situation.

Opposition programmes did not hamper development or investment in the country. Rather, she said corruption, inefficiency and indecision of the government responsible. She questioned why investment has not been there in three and a half years when there was no Opposition-sponsored programme.

In fact, Hasina said, foreign

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Opposition stages demonstrations before radio, TV centres today

By Staff Correspondent

The mainstream opposition parties are scheduled to stage demonstrations before the Bangladesh Television (BTV) Bhavan at Rampura and the Broadcasting House at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar today to press the demand for autonomy of BTV and Radio Bangladesh.

The identical programme of the Awami League, the Jatiya Party and the Jamaat-e-Islami

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NEWS BRIEFS

BUET exams rescheduled

The examinations of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) scheduled to be held on January 25 will be held on January 26 due to unavoidable reason. The first and second parts (combined) examinations of 3rd year of all faculties will be held at 9 am on January 26. The other examinations will be held as per the announced schedule, reports UNB.

Dilip steals hearts of all once again

By Staff Correspondent

"This is a rare gift of God — this love and affection," the ever young man of 73 said and stole the hearts of all once again.

Dilip Kumar, the 'king of the kings' of Indian films, said that he would always cherish the warmth of heart and the love shown to him by the people of Bangladesh.

The living legend of film-dom was speaking at a reception accorded to him by the Jatiya Press Club.

He arrived in the city yesterday on a six-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh. His actress wife Saira Banu, who was to accompany him, could not do so because of other engagements back home.

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Indian legendary actor Dilip Kumar being accorded a rousing reception on his arrival at Zia International Airport yesterday. — Star photo

Barricade, strike by industrial workers

One killed, 150 hurt on first day

By Staff Correspondent

The workers are demanding a halt to the government's privatisation move. Implementation of the national wage commission at the private mills and government's accords with various trade union bodies.

The agitating workers set fire to the signal relay room and the ticket room of the Ghorashal Railway Station at about 9:30 am, said a UNB report. They also halted the Chittagong bound inter-city Mahanagar Express train and attacked the train in which driver Shamser Ali was injured. The station master and other employees, however, fled the scene.

Railway sources said, the agitating workers put up barricades at Ghorashal in Nar-singdi, Faujdarhat in Chittagong and Shirmoni in Khulna as part of their countrywide programme.

The sources further said no train could reach Dhaka after 8 in the morning nor could they leave the Kamalapur station because of the barricade.

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Results of pourasabha polls

By Staff Correspondent

Party received 130 votes.

Our Sylhet Correspondent informed that out of 49 centres, results received from 48 last night showed that the Awami League-backed candidate Badruddin Kamran secured 17,892 votes. He is followed by his nearest rival A F M Kamal, an independent candidate, who secured 14,283 votes. Another independent candidate Badrul Hussain received 11,264 votes. Jamaat-backed candidate Kutubuddin secured 5,875 votes, while BNP-backed candidate Badruzzaman Selim received 5,477 votes.

Our Chandpur Correspondent said that Mohammad Yusuf Gazi, president of local unit of the Awami Jubo League was unofficially elected chairman having bagged 8,698 votes beating his nearest BNP-backed rival Shafiqur Rahman Bhuiyan, who polled 7,406 votes.

UNB adds Motaharul Islam of BNP was unofficially elected in Shibganj Pourasabha receiving 6,581 votes. His nearest rival, Zafar Ali of Jamaat-e-Islami polled 4,910 votes.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
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কয়লা বিক্রয়ের সংক্ষিপ্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

জানুয়ারি-২ নম্বর সরকারী কয়লা ডিপোতে মজুদকৃত কয়লা সীড টেন্ডরের মাধ্যমে বিক্রয়ের জন্য আহ্বানী প্রকল্পের নিকট হতে শীলসোহরকৃত বাসে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাবে। উক্ত ডিপোতে মজুদ কয়লা পরিমাণসহ বিস্তারিত তথ্যাবলী দরপত্র তফসীলে উল্লেখিত আছে। নিম্নলিখিতকর্তার নগর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয় এবং সরকার অনুমোদিত নিলামকারী মেসার্স এনসো ট্রেডার্স, ১২, জহুরা মার্কেট, বালাসোমটার, ঢাকা হইতে নগদ ২০০/= (দুইশত) টাকা (অফিসব্যয়) প্রদান করিয়া আজ ২৩-০১-১৯৯৫ ইং হইতে ২৯-০১-৯৫ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দরপত্র তফসীল সম্বন্ধে করা যাবে।

২। দরপত্র তফসীলের সহিত সেল প্রধান, কয়লা পরিদপ্তর (বিলুপ্ত) বিলুপ্তিকরণ সেল এর অনুমোদিত প্রকল্পের উপর ২.২% (আড়াই শতাংশ) হারে আর্নেস্টম্যান যে কোন তফসীলকৃত বাসে কর্তৃক ইস্যুকৃত পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে দাখিল করিতে হইবে।

৩। জানুয়ারি ২৯-০১-৯৫ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ডিপো কয়লা পরিদপ্তর করা যাবে।

৪। নিম্নলিখিতকর্তার নগর এবং নারায়ণগঞ্জ জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়ে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাসে জানুয়ারি ৩০-০১-৯৫ ইং তারিখে সকাল ১০-০০ ঘটিকা হইতে দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপত্র দাখিল করা যাবে। উক্ত দিন বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকার দরপত্র নাভাসের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) টেন্ডার বাস খোলা হইবে।

৫। একজন দরপত্রদাতা ডিপোতে সম্পূর্ণ মজুদের জন্য বা ১০০০ মেট্রিক টনের জন্য দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে পরিবেন। সম্পূর্ণ মজুদের জন্য সরাসরিক দরপত্রের পত্র সেল সেল প্রাপ্য হইবে।

৬। প্রাপ্ত দরপত্র সম্পর্কে কর্তৃক প্রকৃত সিদ্ধান্ত অতি দ্রুত ভিত্তিতে প্রদান করা হইবে।

৭। কোন কারণে দরপত্র হইতে কর্তৃক যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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