

Museum on '71 opens today

By Staff Correspondent
The Muktiyoddha (Liberation War) Museum, a project of the Muktiyoddha Smriti Trust will be inaugurated today at 4 pm, with the delighting of an eternal flame.
The inaugural ceremony on the museum premises at 5 Segun Bagan Road, will be attended by relatives of the martyrs of 1971.

'Boost manpower export'

State Minister for Labour and Manpower Harun-Al-Rashid called upon the officials of his ministry to give all-out efforts for exporting the country's manpower abroad, reports UNB.
Harun, also the state minister for Disaster Management and Relief, told a meeting of the officials of labour and manpower ministry at his secretariat office yesterday, said a PID handout.

He was apprised of the activities of the ministry, demand of Bangladeshi manpower abroad and the steps taken in this regard.
The state minister urged all concerned to cooperate in boosting manpower export to earn foreign exchange.

Tariqul, Shahjahan visits Benapole port

BENAPOLE, Mar 21: Post and Telecommunications Minister Tariqul Islam and State Minister for Shipping Shahjahan Siraj visited the fire hit Benapole land port today, reports BSS.

The devastating fire which broke out at the port on Monday last gutted goods stored at three out of 21 godowns of the port and 16 trucks loaded with goods, according to an official handout.

Later, the ministers held a meeting with the officials of Benapole land port, customs, Jessore district administration and fire service, representatives of clearing and forwarding agents and local elite.

The meeting decided to waive port charges for next 15 days to ease traffic congestion and ensure normal activities of the port.

The meeting was informed that goods worth Taka about 50 to 55 crore were gutted by the devastating fire.

The ministers expressed deep concern and sorrow for the unfortunate incident at the port. They assured the importers, exporters and others concerned that compensation of the damage would be given.

The thanked fire servicemen and local people for their efforts in extinguishing the fire and called upon all to cooperate in ensuring normal activities of the port.

Local Member of the Parliament Mofiqul Hasan Tripti was present during the visit.

Later, the ministers had a separate meeting with the representatives of C and F agents.

Meanwhile Tariqul Islam at a meeting in Jessore said, politics of hartal, anarchy and non-cooperation can only retard the development of the country and aggravate the sufferings of the common people.

He was addressing a spontaneous gathering at Jessore today, according to an official handout.

State Minister for Shipping Shahjahan Siraj also addressed the meeting.

The minister said, the economy of the country is being seriously hampered due to the prolonged programme of the opposition.

He called upon the opposition political parties to discard the negative politics of hartal and non-cooperation and pursue positive politics for better interest of the country.

201 intellectuals condemn incident at Secretariat

By Staff Correspondent
Some 201 intellectuals including poets, journalists, lawyers, teachers, physicians, engineers, social workers and cultural activists in a joint statement under the banner of Society of Concerned Citizens yesterday condemned Wednesday's untoward incident inside the Bangladesh Secretariat.

Expressing grave concern over the alleged attack by the ruling party-men they said that it was clear from the incident that the constitution and governance was no longer safe at the hands of Khaleda Zia.

They further said that the "illegal" government of Khaleda Zia had been desperate to destroy all democratic institutions of the country.

Among the prominent citizens who signed on the statement are: Begum Sulfa Kamal, Shawkat Osman, Justice Debes Bhattacharya, Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Khan Sarwar Mursheed, Dr Nilima Ibrahim, Dr Mostafa Nurul Islam, Syed Hasan Imam, and Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir.

DUTA deplures deployment of army

By DU Correspondent
The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) in a statement yesterday expressed concern at the deployment of army and forming cabinet ignoring the people's demand for cancellation of the February 15 polls.

It also accused the ruling party of pushing the country into an inevitable confrontation.

The president and secretary of DUTA in the statement said that the government could not free the 'farical' election from stigma, rather the people would lose their confidence in the electoral process.

They said, there is no alternative than to solve the present crisis politically.

Professionals for nat'l convention

Society for Professionals expressed its deep anguish and concern at the present political crisis which has brought the country to a standstill, says a press release.

They said, economy is jeopardised and lawlessness is all-prevailing. In such a situation the business community, professionals and workers and people from all spheres of life cannot remain as silent spectators, the release added.

The statement signed by Prof Dr Mia Md Abdul Qudus and Dr Rashid Ahmed urged all concerned to come to a consensus through a national convention, and shun partisan stand.

Stop attack on writers, says Lekhak Shibir

By Staff Correspondent
President and general secretary of Bangladesh Lekhak Shibir, Abdul Matin Khan and Monirul Islam in a joint statement last night called upon the government to stop attack on writers, artists, journalists and demanded freedom of expression of the people.

They said, the ruling BNP is out to crack down on prominent writers, journalists, artists and conscious people as a strategy to remain in the power.

Attack on Syed Samsul Haq, false case against Dr Nilima Ibrahim and arrest of Syed Borhan Kabir were the instances of their evil design, they said.

They also called upon the people to be united against those anti-people activities.



The employees of the Bangladesh Secretariat gave vent to their frustration at the Wednesday's incident, at a rally inside the Secretariat yesterday.

Rally, hunger strike, gherao planned to protest JN Hall incident

By DU Correspondent
The newly formed Chhatra Sangram Parishad of Jagannath Hall of the Dhaka University has drawn up elaborate programmes to press the demand for immediate release of the 15 students who were detained under Special Powers Acts.

The programme include rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club on March 24, hunger strike on March 26 in front of Teachers' Students Centre (TSC) and gherao of the Vice Chancellor's residence on March 27.

Announcing the programme in a press conference yesterday at the Jagannath Hall Students' Union, Bhaban the parishad leaders said that 38 students were granted bail on February one out of a total of 91 who were arrested after the police attack on Jagannath Hall on January 31.

The remaining 53 students were also granted bail on February 5, they said.

But before the execution of the order of bail the police detained 15 from among them under Special Powers Act, they added.

The press conference was attended, among others, by Chhatra League central leader and Jagannath Hall Students' Union VP Subash Singh Roy, Chhatra Union DU unit president Samir Mitra, Prasanta Das of Bangladesh Chhatra League (K-C).

'Cargo handling at Mongla normal'

Cargo handling activities at Mongla Port remained normal yesterday, an official handout here said, reports BSS.

Thirty stevedoring and dock labourer gangs carried out the handling activities in the first shift.

Three ships were scheduled to leave the port yesterday. About 8000 metric tons of goods were handled at the port Tuesday, the handout said.

Vote of thanks to President 'Caretaker govt bill to help resolve political crisis'

The legislators yesterday expressed the hope that the enactment of the non-party caretaker government bill would provide a sense of direction for resolving the prevailing political crisis in the country, reports BSS.

They were participating in a general discussion of the vote of thanks to the President for his address at the inaugural session of the sixth Parliament on March 19.

The lawmakers described the introduction of the non-party caretaker government bill as a historic event and said it would play an important role in reaching a national consensus on political issues.

They referred to the irreparable damage to the national economy and untold sufferings caused to the common people due to prolonged hartals and non-cooperation programmes of the opposition and hoped that good sense would prevail upon the opposition leaders to call off their disruptive and destructive activities from today.

The Jatiya Sangsad members lauded the uncompromising leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for bringing about economic development in the country during the last five years and upholding the national Constitution.

They thanked President Abdur Rahman Biswas for his address to the Sangsad saying that his lengthy speech contained the achievements of the government, which would provide guidelines for future development.

Earlier, the motion for the vote of thanks to the President was moved by Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury and it was seconded by Abu Yusuf Khalilur Rahman.

Intitulating the discussion, Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury said the country's economy had fast improved during the last five years of the BNP rule and as a result, the exchange rate of Bangladesh currency with Indian currency had improved from Taka 40 to Taka 90.

But, he said, the economy has again been put under threat of ruination due to prolonged political unrest and disturbances.

Ebadur said the people were passing their days in utter uncertainties due to the opposition programmes. He bitterly criticised the opposition leaders for their imposition of so-called 'gano curfew' (people's curfew).

Participating in the debate, former minister and veteran freedom fighter Lt Col (ret'd) Akbar Hossain said that though some people branded the sixth Parliament as illegal, yet it was set for providing the nation

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JCD accuses BCL of unleashing terrorism

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal ruling BNP's student front yesterday accused the pro-Awami League Chhatra League of unleashing terrorism on the Dhaka University campus in the name of non-cooperation, reports UNB.

Addressing a rally in front of DUCSU Bhaban, the JCD leaders also blamed the BCL for burning down the telephone cable cabinets on the campus which caused disorder in the telephone system.

They said the Chhatra League are deliberately damaging valuables of the university and creating anarchy on the campus by firing gunshots and blasting bombs regularly.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Moniruzzaman Monir, ABM Mosharrar Hossain, Monir Hossain Rana, Nasiruddin Ahmed Asim and Zakir Hossain Babu.

Meanwhile, pro-Awami League Chhatra League activists set fire on several vehicles and blasted crackers on the campus yesterday.

Sources said an autorickshaw was burnt away near Teacher Student Centre (TSC) in the evening and a private car in front of Dowel Chatter in the afternoon.

Score of several rounds of home-made bomb were heard in the evening at the TSC area after a brief rally organised by the BCL.

Seminar at NSU

A seminar on 'Recent Trend in Knowledge Based System' will be held tomorrow at North South University (NSU) seminar hall at Kemal Ataturk Avenue in the city at 4:30 pm, says a press release.

Dr Vivek Ram, Professor, Natal University of South Africa will deliver a lecture on the theme.

Founder president of NSU Musleh Uddin Ahmed will be present or chief guest while Prof A M Patwari, Director General, Islamic Institute of Technology, Gazipur and president of Bangladesh Computer Society will preside over the seminar.

All interested persons have been requested to attend.

Happy Birthday



To
FARAH
Papa Ammu Joy
Maria Sami



মুক্তিযুদ্ধ জাদুঘর

আজ বিকেল চারটায় ৫, সেগুন বাগান রোড-এ (প্লেস্ট্রাকবের বিপরীত দিকের রাস্তায়) আমাদের সকলের অন্তরের দীর্ঘদিনের শান্তিত্ব বপু 'মুক্তিযুদ্ধ জাদুঘর'-এর আনুষ্ঠানিক উদ্বোধন। উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানের আমন্ত্রণপত্র বিরাজমান পরিস্থিতির কারণে আমাদের অগণিত ভক্ত-কাক্ষী, পুষ্ঠপাঠক ও সহায়তাকারী স্বাধীনতাপ্রেমী সৃষ্টিজনের কাছে শৌছে দিতে পারি নি বলে দুঃখ প্রকাশ করছি। একটি মার্জনা করে সবাই উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানে উপস্থিত হবেন এটাই আমাদের একান্ত কাম।

মুক্তিযুদ্ধ স্মৃতি টাট

বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ঋণ সংস্থা

Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha
Head Office
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Dhaka

Law Department

Notice for Sale of Mortgaged Assets and Properties of M/s. Dimple Biscuit and Bread Factory, Tajhat, Rangpur

The mortgaged assets and properties of M/s. Dimple Biscuit & Bread Factory Limited, which have been taken over by the BSRS and are under its possession, will be sold in terms of Article 34 of Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha Order, 1972 read with the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (Direct Sale of Mortgaged Property) Rules, 1981 on "as-is-where-it-is" basis and on the basis of "Cash Payment" to realise the BSRS's outstanding loans and dues of Tk 72.445 million as on 1-7-95 together with further interest and charges till realisation from the above-named company and its directors listed at para-4 hereinafter.

02. The tenderers may submit their tender for the purchase of the entire properties mortgaged with BSRS as a whole or for land, building and machinery separately.

03. Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha will not assume any legal obligation whatsoever on behalf of the company and/or its directors in respect of any dues/claims of Government and/or autonomous bodies such as WASA, local municipality, electric and gas supply authorities, land revenue and other creditors for which the company is liable.

04. The following persons are the directors of the Company:

- (1) Mr Abul Kalam Azad
S/o Moulana Abdul Aziz;
- (2) Mr Abul Hossain
S/o Late Haji Omar Ali;
- (3) Late Mr Awlad Hossain
S/o Late Haji Eneyetullah; and
- (4) Mr Abdul Motaleb Miah
S/o Late Basu Miah

05. Description of properties:

About 1.00 acre of land situated at Mouza Alamnagar (near Tajhat) PS and Sub-registration office Sadar, Dist. Rangpur alongwith 9000 sqft. factory building, 4000 sqft. godown and 1000 sqft. office building and an industrial unit capable of producing 1200 tons biscuit per annum. The imported machinery of the project are of Tawan origin.

06. The details of the mortgaged assets and properties and tender schedule containing the terms and conditions of sale may be obtained on payment of Tk 250/- (non-refundable) from the Assistant General Manager, Law Department, BSRS, Head Office, Dhaka or from BSRS's office at 97, Greater Road, Kazihata, Rajshahi. The intending tenderers/buyers who are interested to inspect the project assets may contact the Assistant General Manager, Law Department, Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha, Head Office, Dhaka and/or Sangstha's Office at Rajshahi.

07. The intending tenderers/buyers may submit their tenders/offers in sealed cover in the tender box kept at the BSRS's aforesaid Head Office, Dhaka by 2:00 PM on the 22nd April, 1996 accompanied with earnest money @5% of the tendered amount (refundable in case the offer is not accepted by the BSRS) in the form of schedule Bank's Draft/Pay Order drawn in favour of the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha and payable at Dhaka.

08. The tender will be opened on the 22nd April, 1996 at 2:30 PM at the BSRS abovementioned Head Office, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers, if any.

09. The successful tenderers shall have to deposit 50% of the tendered amount within a week and the balance within 30 days from the date of acceptance of the tender. In case of failure in making the payment of the tendered amount as aforesaid within the stipulated time the earnest money 50% of the tender money (including earnest money) or any amount of the tender money deposited shall be forfeited and the mortgaged assets and properties will be eligible for resale.

10. The BSRS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders/offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Assistant General Manager
Phone: 9553506, 9553546, 9556928

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority
Dredging Unit, Dhaka
Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in Form 2911 are invited from contractors enlisted with the Engineering Department of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority for the undermentioned works:

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest Money	Price of schedule	Time limit for work
1.	Construction of compartment for holding the dredged earth of the Kangsa river during 1995-96 (Group No. 5).	Tk 7,39,640/-	Tk 18,491/-	Tk 800/-	30 (thirty) days
2.	Construction of compartment for holding the dredged earth of the Kangsa river during 1995-96 (Group No. 6).	Tk 7,41,960/-	Tk 18,549/-	Tk 800/-	30 (thirty) days
3.	Construction of compartment for holding the dredged earth of the Kangsa river during 1995-96 (Group No. 7).	Tk 6,94,116/-	Tk 17,353/-	Tk 800/-	30 (thirty) days
4.	Construction of compartment/dyke for resetting the dredging spoil of Ichhapur Shoal of the Kalni river during 1995-96.	Tk 7,16,000/-	Tk 17,900/-	Tk 800/-	30 (thirty) days
5.	Excavation assistance work for excavation by dredger of Mirkadim & Raipur Shoal of the Ichhamati river during 1995-96.	Tk 2,94,360/-	Tk 7,360/-	Tk 400/-	Up to the duration of the excavation work

Tenders will be received by Superintending Engineer (Civil), Dredging Unit, Dhaka at 6th floor of BIWTA Bhaban, 141-143 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka; Executive Engineer, N'ganj Division, BIWTA, N'ganj; Executive Engineer (Civil), Dredging Division, BIWTA, Barisal & Executive Engineer, BIWTA, Aricha on 3-4-1996 up to 12:00 Noon and opened on the same day at 12:15 hours in presence (if any) of the tenderers. The above mentioned Earnest Money should be deposited separately with each tender in the form of Bank Draft/Call Deposit/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of 'BIWTA'. On depositing the above mentioned price of schedule (non-refundable) to the Cashier of the Authority's Accounts Department, tender papers will be available from the respective Accounts Department during office hours up to the day before the date of opening tender.

The Authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

Md Golam Rabbani
Superintending Engineer (Civil)
Dredging Unit
BIWTA, Dhaka.

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Railway communication between Dhaka and Chittagong resumed partially under special arrangement yesterday. But the number of passengers was remarkably low. This picture was taken from the Kamalapur Railway Station.