



Reazuddin Ahmed, president of the Jatiya Press Club, presenting a crest to Jiang Ping, leader of the visiting Chinese journalists delegation, at a reception in the club yesterday. Anwar Hossain Manju (3rd from L), Minister for Communications and a former president of the club was also present. — Star photo

FAO aid for tornado victims

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has recently started a short-term project of distributing 14,000 "family packages" of vegetable seeds to the tornado affected farmers in Tangail and Jamalpur in close coordination and assistance by the district administration of Tangail and Jamalpur, and the concerned district/Thana officials and NGOs, reports BSS.

The "family package" contains six different varieties of quick growing vegetable seeds including leaf radish, root radish, egg plant, leaf amaranths, stem amaranths bean and hyacinth bean, a United Nations Information Centre press release said yesterday.

Tania intends to be a teacher

Star Report

Tania Rahman of the city's Ideal Girls High School, who topped the combined merit list in the social science group, intends to be a teacher.

Daughter of PDB official, Tania said, it was her mother who had greatly contributed to her brilliant result. Besides she was also grateful to her teachers, friends and relatives for inspiring her in her studies.

In their flat at Mugdipara, Tania was talking to a group of journalists. She was flanked by her mother Kaniz Fatema, a housewife and father Shafiqur Rahman, a Deputy Director of the Power Development Board and his early school-going brother.

This year, the students appeared in the SSC examination under a new system of examination which, according to Tania, required in depth studies of all subjects. She said, "Rather than making the experiment in all the subjects at a time, the authorities should have made effort to change the system gradually."

Chinese press team in city

A five-member Chinese journalists team headed by Jiang Ping, Director, China Journalists Association, arrived in city yesterday on a 10-day tour of Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The team was received at Khandakar Monirul Alam, general secretary of Jatiya Press Club Joint secretaries Saiful Alam and Abdur Rahman Khan and Rozy Ferdous were also present.

The Jatiya Press Club hosted a reception in honour of the visiting Chinese delegation at the club premises in the evening.

Communications Minister and former president of the Press Club, Anwar Hossain Manju, Press Club President Reazuddin Ahmed, Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Zhang Xu-Jiang, leader of the delegation Zhan-Ping and Press Club general secretary Khandakar Monirul Alam spoke on the occasion.

The reception was attended, among others, by the former presidents, general secretaries, leaders of journalists union members of the managing committee and senior journalists.

Reazuddin Ahmed presented a crest of the club to Jiang Ping.

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Metropolitan Mannan Bhuiyan alleges PM hiding real picture of economy built up by BNP

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday expressed concern that the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was hiding the real picture of the sound economy which was built up by the past BNP government, reports BSS.

In a statement, Bhuiyan said the Prime Minister was hiding the real picture by saying that she had inherited a ravaged economy and empty coffers from the BNP government.

He said the BNP had left a strong economy to the three-month-old caretaker government from which the Awami League took over.

The BNP secretary general posed a question whether such a statement by the Prime Minister within seven days of her assumption of office, an attempt to create an environment for looting or for making a smokescreen in apprehension of their certain failure to fulfil the pre-election commitments.

Most of the pre-election pledges of the Awami League, he said were unworried and were not possible to fulfil in reality. The BNP secretary general said that the Prime Minister had resorted to many excuses like in the past to avoid responsibilities.

He said that the success of the BNP government in the cause of national development and economic management had drawn appreciation from the international economic organisations, donor countries and local and foreign media.

Giving a brief resume of the economic success of the BNP government, Bhuiyan said that the per capita income had risen to 240 US dollar in 1995 as against 213 US dollar in 1991.

The number of poor families suffering from utter poverty, he said, came down to 22.5 per cent as against 33.7 per cent in 1989.

The BNP leader said that the rate of inflation stood at 1.8 per cent in 1993-94 as against 9 per cent in 1990-91 and the GDP domestic saving rate had raised to 8.7 per cent in 1994-95 from 4.1 per cent in 1990-91.

The foreign exchange reserve, Bhuiyan said, stood at 3200 million US dollar in 1994-95 as against 880 million dollar in 1990-91.

The BNP secretary general said the domestic resources contribution to the annual development programme (ADP) was 43 per cent in 1994-95 which was almost zero in 1990-91.

The reduction in the rates of birth infant mortality and increase in life expectancy, he said, were notable successes of the BNP government.

The people, Bhuiyan said, would not tolerate any move to destroy the national economy in the name of national consensus.



Jatiya Garments Sramik Federation brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding arrear wages and other dues. — Star photo

Garments workers protest factory closure

National Garments Workers Federation (NGWF) staged a demonstration in the city yesterday protesting the closure of Linkon Apparels without paying salaries of its workers, reports BSS.

NGWF leaders and workers held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club and demanded that the factory, at Dholairpar, pay four months' salaries and one year's overtime bills of the workers by today. Otherwise, they threatened to gherao the residence of its owner.

The rally was addressed, among others, by NGWF leaders Amirul Haq Amin, Shamsunnahar, Shabana Rahman and workers of Linkon Apparels Allur Rahman and Sufia Akter, said a press release.

Rally to demand rescue of Kalpana Chakma tomorrow

A protest rally demanding punishment of the persons who were involved in the hijacking of Kalpana Chakma and her immediate rescue will be held in front of the Jatiya Press Club tomorrow by the Chittagong Hill Tracts fundamental rights preservation committee at 5 pm, reports BSS.

The representatives of various political-social and cultural organisation will speak in the rally.

Dhaka, Rome sign accord to avoid double taxation

Bangladesh and Italy yesterday exchanged the instruments of ratification on convention for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion between the two countries, reports UNB.

National Board of Revenue (NBR) member A F M Tayebur Rahman and Italian Ambassador in Dhaka Dr Raffaele Miniero exchanged the instruments on behalf of their respective governments at the NBR conference room.

The convention on avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion between the two governments was signed in the Italian capital of Rome in 1990.

The convention provides for favourable conditions for investment in each other's country. It is expected that with the removal of taxation of non-residents, the Italian entrepreneurs will feel encouraged to invest in the manufacturing and infrastructure sectors in Bangladesh.

JSP Titas unit team meets Mizan

Acting chairman of Jatiya Party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury yesterday hoped that the new government would take the initiative to transform all the service-oriented institutions into people-oriented, reports UNB.

He was addressing leaders of the new committee of Jatiya Sramik Party (JSP) Titas Gas unit when they called on the JP leader at his Gulshan residence in the afternoon.

Health minister to open DMC golden jubilee programme

A six-month long colourful programme has been chalked out to observe the golden jubilee of Dhaka Medical College, reports UNB.

Health Minister Salahuddin Yusuf will inaugurate the programme, on July 30 at the college premises at 9 am.

A friendly football match between students and physicians and a cultural function will be held on the day.

Medicos' will stage the drama, 'Dewan Gazi Kischha' on the college campus on July 11 at 7 pm, said a press release.

Call to make 'edn for all' a success

Education Minister A S H K Sadek yesterday urged all concerned to take coordinated efforts to implement the government's one of the major election commitments "Education for all", reports BSS.

Speaking at a meeting of the senior officials of Primary Education Directorate, project directors and other concerned officials at the directorate the minister said that the political commitment of the government was to improve the standard of education and to set up one primary school in each village of the country.

He also underscored the need for formulating planning without any political influence and fixing up the project areas on the basis of regional equality.

Biswas condoles death of Fazle Ahmed

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday expressed his profound sorrow and deep shock at the sad demise of Justice Syed Fazle Ahmed, a retired judge of the High Court division of the Supreme Court, reports BSS.

In a condolence message issued last night, President Biswas said that late Justice Ahmed was a talented and learned judge and his death is a great loss to the nation.

President Biswas conveyed his heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

17th anniversary of CIRDAP

The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) celebrated its 17th founding anniversary Saturday, reports BSS.

On this day in 1979, CIRDAP came into being as a regional forum to promote integrated rural development, an important catalyst to achieve the objective in the region.

In Bangladesh, CIRDAP has implemented 126 projects (out of a total of 170) under its research, action research, training and documentation and information dissemination activities.

With its headquarters in Dhaka, the CIRDAP is increasingly making its presence felt in the region.

CIRDAP research has covered a various aspects on rural development and poverty such as decentralisation and rural institutions, small farmers, livestock development, integrated farming system, employment and income generation for rural women, and the role of NGOs.

Presently, with the assistance from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Canada, a project on monitoring Adjustment and Poverty (MAP) that aims to strengthen the capabilities of the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) and the Planning Commission is under implementation. The ultimate goal of the project is to provide feedback to the planners and the policy makers to help design 'Poverty Sensitive' policies. Action research projects that have been implemented in Bangladesh focused on participatory models, water resources development, population.

Minor girl killed in city road accident

By Staff Correspondent

A minor girl was killed in a road accident near the Town Hall Market of Mohammadpur in the city Saturday.

The accident occurred when a speeding minibus hit a rickshaw at about 12:15 pm, police said.

Shamsun Nahar, 3, was in the lap of her mother who was going to her house at Katasur in Mohammadpur by the rickshaw. The baby fell down on the road and died shortly afterwards, local people said. Her mother, Jahanara Begum, was also injured.

The local people and passers-by attacked the minibus and later set it on fire, police and witnesses said adding traffic movement on the busy road remained suspended for some time following the incident.

Mohammadpur police later arrested Nurunnabi, the driver of the bus and seized the vehicle, police said.

The father of the deceased, Abul Kashem, filed a case with Mohammadpur thana.

BJMA team calls on jute minister

State Minister for Jute, A K Faejul Huq yesterday said that the glorious tradition of jute had to be preserved and the jute sector had to be revived as this was the basic industry of the country, reports BSS.

The state minister was talking to a delegation of the Bangladesh Jute Mills Association (BJMA) which called on him at his office.

Led by its president, A M Zahiruddin Khan, the delegation apprised the minister of the various problems faced by them.

The minister assured them of all possible help in this regard.



David N Merrill, US envoy to Bangladesh, called on Mohammad Nooruddin Khan at his residence yesterday. — PID photo

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