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**Provide modern facilities to attract tourists: PM**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the local and foreign investors to invest in the tourism sector to develop it as an industry, providing modern facilities to the tourists, reports UNB.

Along with the government, the private sector should come forward for the development of the tourism sector, the single biggest industry in the world, she said while inaugurating the Tourism Month '96 at a function at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the afternoon.

"Tourism has become a big industry and modern technological facilities are now required to attract the tourists," the Prime Minister said.

She added: "We have to ensure development of this sector through an effective plan. We've to explore the huge possibilities of tourism in Bangladesh."

Tourism, dependent on modern technology, needs huge investment, she said and emphasised on constructing hotels of different standards, increasing transport facilities, building modern communication system and providing other services to attract local and foreign tourists.

**Most ministers**

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have sought seven day's time, a minister told this correspondent.

The new government in its second cabinet meeting on July 2 had decided that all ministers and state ministers would submit statements of assets.

When contacted same ministers confirmed submission of their statements but could not say what the government intended to do with those.

A state minister said that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina herself has filled in the form.

It could not be confirmed whether the property statements would be made public or would only be kept as official records.

A minister told this correspondent that Prime Minister did not give them any specific idea about the purpose of the property statements.

Mentioning during an election projection meeting in Bagerhat on May 17 Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina had announced that if her party could go to power, statements of ministers' assets would be made public every year to bring transparency in governance.

She had also said that any minister or state minister found possessing wealth inconsistent with their declared statements of assets or doing corrupt practices would be fired.

**PM's live TV programme**

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free, fair and impartial election of June 12 under a neutral caretaker government. She had then unveiled her government's programmes and policies on the immediate task. "During our 100 days we have succeeded in materialising some of our pledges. We have also taken steps to implement some other commitments," she added.

The Prime Minister said her party had adopted a very "stern attitude against terrorists and already taken actions against some police officials for showing leniency towards certain terrorists who had used the name of the ruling party as their cover." She said the terrorists had no political identity and "my government will not show any mercy towards them."

Sheikh Hasina reiterated her appeal to the misguided youths and students to return to normal life for which the government would extend cooperation for their rehabilitation.

The prime minister said neutrality in the administration has been ensured by bringing discipline in the appointment and promotion of civil and military officials by disregarding political pressure and linkings and dislikings.

Speaking about the different administrative measures, the Prime Minister said the government formulated the Rules of Business anew, making ministers the executive heads of ministries keeping pace with the tradition of parliamentary democracy.

Sheikh Hasina referred to the pay commission and said it had been formed and it would present its recommendations in the next six months.

She said a total of 19 bills were passed in the first session of the Jatiyasangsad. She said a parliamentary task force was formed with both treasury and opposition members to strengthen the parliament activities to make the Jatiya Sangsad the centre of all activities.

The present government, Sheikh Hasina said, has also taken decision on not issuing any permit for consumer goods like sugar, fertiliser, paper, keeping pace with the open market policy. "The past government had hampered the smooth distribution of such consumer goods through permitism," she said.

She said instead of ministers, the governments has decided to make MPs as head of

success so far achieved in the development of the tourism industry was not up to the mark. The country was lagging far behind in tourism compared to the neighbouring countries who were earning huge foreign exchange by attracting tourists, she added.

There are lots of opportunities for the expansion of tourism in the country that would help alleviate poverty and create employment opportunities, the Prime Minister said.

**Task for VC**

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It's a message directed mainly to the BNP's student front which needs to be convinced that the new VC's actions will not be tainted by his political conviction. At this moment sweet-to-hear lofty promises are what Chowdhury has to offer. Though he has a four-year term the new VC will have only a few months to prove himself right.

It is easier said than done. Campus terrorism is not the work of any particular student group. All the major parties have their contributions. Even worse is the fact that the two major groups — the Chhatra League and the Chhatra Dal — are split in many factions divided on regional basis. The conflicts are more because of sharing booties that come from extortions than for political ideologies.

Because he is from the Awami League, Chowdhury will have a good rapport with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He tried himself encouraged by Hasina's oft-repeated remarks, "terrorists must be caught no matter which party they belong to." This is an advantage Chowdhury has in his planned battle against campus terrorism.

But fraught with danger too. The BNP will always be suspicious about him unless he establishes his professed neutrality through truly non-partisan deeds. If the new VC is planning a courtesy call on the prime minister it should not have any objection in that case why not a similar meeting with BNP leader Begum Khaleda Zia? Winning the support of his adversaries both within and outside the campus could be a key to Chowdhury's success.

As a professor of Pharmacy the 50-year-old new VC has learned and taught his students many ways of preparing medicines. In his new job he needs to prepare one more: an effective cure to the campus ills. Good luck!

**BATEX PO begins tomorrow**

Some 55 buyers and importers from different countries are likely to visit Dhaka and attend the Bangladesh Apparel and Textile Exposition (BATEXPO), beginning tomorrow, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the three-day exhibition — 7th of its kind — at Hotel Sonargaon while Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to be present at the closing ceremony.

The Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) is organising the exposition and it has carried out massive campaign to attract foreign buyers and importers from across the world.

A total of 80 firms will participate in the fair. Of them, 44 are BGMEA members, 18 textile and accessories manufacturers, eight service organisations, three engineering equipment and computer pattern makers and seven foreign fabric suppliers.

Three seminars will be held during the fair, one on each day. The topics are Public Policy Framework in the Post-MFA Regime, Product Diversification and Attracting Overseas Capital in the Textile Sector.

An exclusive fashion show will be held on Friday.

A fire broke out at a match factory at Postagola in the city yesterday.

Police said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at about 2:30 pm. The fire then spread to the match stick godown on the ground floor and to the first floor of the R K Match Factory building.

The Fire Service personnel rushed to the spot and brought the blaze under control after three hours.

No death or casualties were reported.

**Indian team**  
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volving various chambers to expedite trade and investment.

The delegation invited the minister to be present at the 'Industrial India Trade Fair' as the guest of honour.

Jointly organised by the Indian Trade Promotion Organisation, West Bengal government and BNCCI, the fair will be inaugurated by West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu. The 11-day fair will begin on December 21 in Calcutta.

He also said Taliban had "no problem" with northern warlord General Abdul Rashid Dostam and that an alleged ultimatum ordering his forces to clear the way for them to enter his territory or face attack was forged.

The militia is locked in a stand-off with Dostam's forces at the strategically crucial Salang Tunnel, 120 kilometers north of Kabul.

**Save Dhaka**  
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scouting will participate in the programme.

The participating scout groups, their areas, the names of scout leaders and their phone numbers are as follows:

A. Graduate High School, Wari, Mir Abul Bashar, 230623. B. Narinda Govt High School, Narinda, Abdul Latif 230655. C. Pogoj School, Rajar Dewri, Md Hazrat Ali, D. Motijheel Govt Boys High School, North Shahjahan, Md Jahangir Hossain Majumder 9333331. E. T&T High School, T & T and AGB Colony, Dilip Kumar, F. Ideal School and College, Bangladesh Bank Colony, Abul Bashar, G. Govt. Science College, East Tejgort, Bazar, Md Saikat, Hossain, Hossain, Md Wazullah Patwari, I. National Bangla High School, Mirpur Section 11, Mohiuddin Arif, 9003180. M. Dhaka Zilla Railway Scouts, Shahjahanpur Railway Colony, Moslem Ali Mia, N. Dhaka Zilla Sea Scouts, Kafur and Kachchik, Paresch Lal Chatterjee 505782, 503716 and O. Dhaka Zilla Air Scouts, New DOHS, Sq Ld Rafiq 888011 (5072).

**Ship**  
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And then more pennies dropped.

It was discovered that the ship's cargo has arms used by Bangladesh Peacekeeping Mission in Haiti.

Bangladesh was one of the 17 countries, including three NATO allies, that pledged peacekeeping troops to Haiti. Besides other duties, Bangladesh troops served as police — patrolling streets, controlling any civil disturbances and manning checkpoints. They need arms for that.

India maintains a high security to stop gun-running after the December, 1995 arms dropping case in West Bengal state.

Investigation into the arms drop in the district of Purulia has unraveled a complex web involving foreign pilots and nations. Police have arrested six people — five Latvians and a Briton. The AM-22 plane was intercepted by Air Force jets.

The plane belonged to the Hong Kong-based Carol Airlines owned by New Zealander Kim Peter Dwyer, who fled after the plane landed in Bombay.

**UNICEF report on malnutrition  
Dhaka has failed to attain target set for '95**

Despite a target for reducing severe malnutrition by 2 per cent in the last five years, Bangladesh has failed to make any significant headway in this respect, reports UNB.

According to a UNICEF report, the rate of severe malnutrition was to be reduced to 9 per cent in 1995 from 11 per cent five years back, but the percentage of children suffering from malnutrition remained unchanged in 1995.

The Report of Achievements was launched yesterday to mark the sixth anniversary of the World Summit for Children held in New York where leaders of 159 countries set a set of specific and measurable human development goals.

It pointed out that despite some remarkable achievements in education, water and sanitation and creating baby-friendly hospitals, Bangladesh is lagging behind in areas like salt iodisation and reducing maternal mortality rate.

The MMR was supposed to be reduced by half from the 1990 level, but in reality, the ratio declined slightly — from 4.78 in 1990 to 4.47 per 1000 live births in 1995.

In case of salt iodisation, household use of iodised salt remained very low — far from the target. Use of such salt for household purpose rose to 44 per cent, but the target was 100 per cent.

In case of ORT (Oral Rehydration Therapy), the country also failed to attain the target set for 1995. It ensures the use of ORT of 66 per cent against the target of 80 per cent in 1995.

**Highlights**

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suring neutral functioning of civil and military administration free from political influence.

13) Formation of pay commission to submit report within six months, 14) Parliamentary task force, 15) Parliamentary committees with MPs as chairmen, 16) Non-issuance of permits for essential items like fertiliser, oil and sugar, 17) Autonomy to radio and television, 18) Incorporation of history of liberation into text books, 19) Installation of TV relay station in Jenidhad, 20) Tk 100 crore subsidy in the agricultural sector, 21) Strengthening river police and coast guard, 22) Installation of digital exchanges, 23) Installation of 250 MW power plant in Bhola, 24) Building up of stock of one lakh metric tons of fertiliser to tackle any fertilizer crisis, 25) Residential arrangement and other facilities for Bangladeshi Hajjis in Makkah, 26) Fisheries policy, 27) Short and long-term plan to solve the problems of water-logging and traffic jam in Dhaka city, 28) Allowing BCI to function as a bank and withdrawal of lock-in from the stock exchange, 29) Sanction of 123 crore dollar by ADB for 16 projects in social sector, 30) Sanction of 75 thousand tons of wheat by European Union, 31) Sanction of Tk 450 crore by World Bank in the banking projects, 32) Withdrawal of loan restriction by ADB in the power sector, 33) Japan's 600 million dollar credit for Chittagong airport, 34) New export processing zone on 500 acres of land in Gazipur and expansion of EPZ at Savar, 35) Commitment and signing of MOU involving 1000 million dollar foreign investment, 36) Tk 24 crore project to restore Benapole-Darshana rail service and 37) Tk 450 crore allocation for flood control.

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**KCC ward commissioner arrested**

KHULNA, Oct 1: Police today arrested ward commissioner Mohammad Hossain Mukta, an accused in 35 cases including attempt to murder, reports UNB.

According to a press release of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP), Mukta was involved in criminal activities in Khulna and Bagerhat districts.

Kotwali police, along with the Detective Branch of KMP, rounded up Mukta and six of his accomplices from Lobonchora area in the city at 6 am.

Mukta was elected commissioner of Ward-31 of Khulna City Corporation as an independent candidate in 1993 and joined Awami League after the election.

However, he was ousted from the party on charge of his involvement in terrorism three days before his arrest.

**BDR washerman's body recovered**

BANDARBAN, Oct 1: Members of the security forces today recovered the body of Ray Chandra Das, 28, a BDR washerman, who was reportedly killed in mine blast at Naikanchhari border point on Friday last, reports BSS.

An official source said the security forces also recovered one mine from Tulatoli border point.

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**UNICEF team in CHT to review dev projects**

From Our Correspondent  
RANGAMATI, Oct 1: A four-member team headed by the UNICEF representative in Bangladesh, Rolf C. Carriere arrived here today on a three-day visit to see the UNICEF-assisted projects in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) implemented under the Integrated Community Development Programme.

The projects were implemented during 1985-95 at a cost of Tk. 26,99,88,000.

Vice-chairman of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB) told The Daily Star that besides visiting the projects at Perachhara in Sadar thana of Khagrachhari hill district, the team called on Samiran Dewan, Chairman of the Local Government Council and Mohammed Ismail, Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachhari today.

The team will also meet other officials and leaders of local government councils of two other hill districts during its visit.

Mentionably, the UNICEF has allocated Taka 14,69,06,000 for projects under the second phase of the Integrated Community Development Programme undertaken by the CHTDB at a cost of Taka 21,73,09,000. The project work began in January this year and is expected to be completed by December, 2000.

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Meanwhile, a bail petition on behalf of Col (ret'd) Syed Farooq Rahman, said to be involved in the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was rejected by the CMM court.

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Farooq has been accused of possessing foreign currency and illegal firearms.

**21 JCD activists held in Natore**

From Our Correspondent  
NATORE, Oct 1: Police arrested 21 leaders and workers of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), including its district unit president Mostafizur Rahman Shaheen today.

According to police warrants were issued for their arrest in connection with some cases filed against them but they were absconding.

The arrested persons were brought to the court of the sadar thana Magistrate who sent them to jail hatat.

But, according to a source, the JCD leaders and workers surrendered to police in the Zilla Parishad auditorium premises.

**Driver beaten to death in city**

By DMC Correspondent  
A private car driver was beaten to death allegedly by another driver at Shegun Bagicha in the city yesterday.

The victim, Mohammad Shahjahan, aged about 35, who sustained severe injuries was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he died at about 6:30 pm yesterday, hospital sources said.

According to his relatives Shahjahan who was the driver of Ashraf Hossain, a businessman, and proprietor of the Mag Enterprise, had an altercation with another driver in front of the office at about 1 pm. At one stage, the angry driver beat Shahjahan mercilessly.

**Col Shahriar taken on remand again**

Col (ret'd) Shahriar Rashid Khan was taken on three days' police remand for the third time yesterday, reports UNB.

After interrogating him for 12 days in two terms since September 18, police produced Shahriar before the CMM court yesterday afternoon at the end of his second remand for five days.

CID police is questioning Shahriar as part of their investigation into the jail-killing case.

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**ME summit**

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Arafat to shake hands and start talking, it will be considered a diplomatic accomplishment, according to AP.

Clinton scheduled separate meetings with the two leaders at the White House today and then a larger session that was to include King Hussein of Jordan.

At the outset, though, no one-on-one encounter between Netanyahu and Arafat was planned.

Follow-on talks were to occur later today and Wednesday at the White House and Blair House, a government guest house for distinguished foreign visitors just across Pennsylvania avenue.

**BCL leader**  
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acting general secretary and a sophomore of Hobiganj Bindaban College.

Witnesses said a band of miscreants gheraod Ful Mia and stabbed him indiscriminately in front of Subimali thana while returning home at Bahubal Bazar at about 7 pm.

He was rushed to Bahubal Thana Health Centre in critical condition where he succumbed to his injuries soon after admission.



**সোনালী ব্যাংক স্পেশাল ডিপোজিট এ্যান্ড পেনশন স্কীম**

সমাজের সকল স্তরের পেশাজীবী ও সীমিত আয়ের জনগোষ্ঠীর ভবিষ্যৎ আর্থিক নিরাপত্তা এবং কল্যাণের প্রতি লক্ষ্য রেখে সারাদেশে সোনালী ব্যাংকের সকল শাখায় চালু করা হয়েছে সোনালী ব্যাংক স্পেশাল ডিপোজিট এ্যান্ড পেনশন স্কীম। গ্রাহক সাধারণের আয়ের সাথে সঙ্গতি রেখে মাসিক কিস্তি নির্ধারণ করা হয়েছে।

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- আমানতকারী এক বা একাধিক ব্যক্তিকে অংশ নির্ধারণ করে তার হিসাবের নমিনি মনোনয়ন করতে পারবেন।
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- এই স্কীমের আওতায় জমাকৃত অর্থের উপর আয়কর রেয়াত পাওয়া যাবে এবং হিসাবের জমাকৃত অর্থ সম্পূর্ণ করমুক্ত।

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