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Cultural team leaves for China today

A six-member Bangladesh cultural delegation led by State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader leaves Dhaka today on a 10-day visit to China, reports UNB.

This is a part of the cultural exchange programme signed between two governments in February, 1995, under which a Chinese cultural delegation had already visited Bangladesh.

Bangladesh delegation is expected to visit enlightened Chinese institutions and exchange views with distinguished cultural personalities.

Bangladesh delegation includes noted litterateur Syed Samsul Haq, theatre personalities Syed Hasan Imam and Asaduzzaman Noor, artist Hashem Khan and Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs Ziaul Islam Chowdhury.

BCU demands change in school admission system

Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) yesterday demanded the cancellation of VIP quota and donations in the admission system of different city schools, reports BSS.

The BCU leaders, at a rally in front of the National Press Club, also demanded the arrest of Jamaat-Shibir activists for their terrorist activities on the Rajshahi University campus.

Presided over by BCU city unit president Rustam Ali Khokon, the rally was also addressed, among others, by central general secretary Hasan Hafizur Rahman Sohel and city unit general secretary Bikash Shaha.

The BCU leaders said admission system should be equal for all according to merit.

They demanded the cancellation of existing admission rule and immediate solution of book crisis at the secondary level.

Asad Day programmes

Shaheed Asad Parishad will observe the Asad Day on January 20 and Mass Uprising Day '69 on January 24 in a belting manner, reports BSS.

It was decided at a meeting Friday with Chanchal Sen in the chair. The meeting was attended, among others, by an elder brother of Shaheed Asad Engineer FM Rashiduzzaman Shamsuzzaman Milon, general secretary of Asad Parishad, Dr NM Nuruzzaman, Yasmin Khan, Jotirmoy Chakrabarty, Arif Khan and Akhter Hossain.

The parishad's programmes included discussion and cultural function at TSC sarak- whip in the afternoon on January 20 and discussion at Gulshan Natun Bazar crossing in the afternoon on January 24.

Nat'l workshop on 'land reform' at BIDS tomorrow

Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) will hold a National workshop on 'land reform' at its conference room tomorrow, reports BSS.

Minister for Agriculture, Food and Disaster Management and Relief Begum Motia Chowdhury will attend the workshop as the chief guest, a press release said.

The final draft of a research work on 'land reform', conducted by a group of researchers under the supervision of Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, will be placed at the workshop.

Prof Rehman Sobhan, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Rashed Khan Menon, Abdul Mueed Chowdhury, Mujahidul Islam Selim, Ahmed Kamal, Mahbub Ullah, Swapon Adnan, Shamsul Huda and Binaok Sen will participate in the day-long workshop.

Death anniversary of Surya Sen today

CHITTAGONG, Jan 11: The 63rd death anniversary of the legendary hero of the anti-British movement Masterda Surya Sen will be observed here today, reports BSS.

Different socio-cultural organisations have drawn up day-long programmes to pay tributes to the great hero, who first led the Chittagong Armoury raid against the British colonial rule.

Masterda Surya Sen Smriti Parishad will garland the statue of Surya Sen at J M Sen Hall and hold discussion on the life and activities of the late leader.



Bangladesh and Britain held official talks at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and British Prime Minister John Major led their respective sides. — PID photo

Major visits BRAC projects NGOs doing astonishing work in development

British Prime Minister John Major said yesterday that he was highly impressed to see the scale and range of development activities of non-government organisations (NGOs) in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

While visiting projects of Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) in Manikganj, Major said that Bangladesh through its NGO sector had done 'astonishing work' in the fields of development by utilising overseas development assistance (ODA).

He said the British ODA had always supported the development initiatives of Bangladesh and would give continuous and increased support in future.

The British Prime Minister, while giving his reaction to the accompanying journalists, said he was impressed to see that BRAC was not only helping the people but also 'enabling them to help themselves'.

On his arrival at the BRAC project in Nabagram village, the British Prime Minister first went to a BRAC nonformal school for children.

Major also visited a leather workshop, a chick-rearing unit, a model poultry farm a carpentry workshop, a silk-worm-rearing unit and saw cattle being vaccinated by female vaccinators.

The British Prime Minister also talked to members of different village organisations (VOS) who are the recipients of BRAC loans.

A VO group leader, Maslimum, told Major that she now had 10 decimal land of her own where she planted vegetables. She had also established a poultry farm by utilising loan, from which she had made a profit of Taka 7000 last year.

The British Prime Minister was visibly impressed by the progress made by village women through utilising BRAC loans.

Major also attended a health meeting where the recipients were imparted education on primary health care.

Major also attended a class of human rights and legal education, held by BRAC to educate women about property and other basic rights.

The British Prime Minister, who went round on foot, was accompanied by his wife Norma Major and members of his entourage.

BRAC Executive Director Fazle Hasan Abed and Director (Public Affairs) Tajul Islam accompanied the British Prime Minister. Nizamuddin Khan MP was also present.

UNB adds: British ODA is the biggest foreign donor to the BRAC projects, contributing 16 per cent of the total expenditure. BRAC is working in about 50,000 villages out of the total 83,038 of the country.

Some 17,000 people, 23 per cent of them women, have been employed at different development units of BRAC. Most of the village groups are being run by women, all of whom are landless or destitute, BRAC sources said.

Bangladesh thanks UN

Bangladesh thanked the United Nations for taking action on payment of outstanding dues in respect of the country's participation in various UN peace-keeping operations, reports BSS.

Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN Ambassador Anwarul Karim Chopdhury on Friday conveyed deep appreciation of his country to the UN Secretary General Kofi A Annan for this action, according to a message received here yesterday.

In thanking the Secretary General, Chowdhury mentioned in his letter that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had raised the matter with the former secretary general Dr Boutros Boutros-Ghali during their meeting at UN headquarters in October last. Bangladesh government, therefore, was particularly pleased that this payment was made as a follow-up to her request.

The payment amounts to 15.77 million and is part of the outstanding dues owed by the United Nations to Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh mission in New York is working closely with the UN department of peace-keeping operations to expedite early payment of the remaining amount. Bangladesh is the fourth largest troop-contributing country to the UN operations.

BSTI realises Tk 28,600 as fines

KHULNA, Jan 11: Bangladesh Standard Testing Institute (BSTI) Khulna realised Tk 28,600 as fine during the last month from the traders who used illegal weight and measurement, reports BSS.



Mohammad Hanif, Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), inaugurated a voluntary blood donation programme at the city's Siddique Bazar Community Centre yesterday. The programme was organised by the Dhaka Jubo Foundation marking the Silver Jubilee of Victory Day.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Planning Commission

General Economics Division Preparation of Development Plan Project Office of the Project Director Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka

For assisting the Bangladesh Planning Commission in connection with the preparation of the Fifth Five Year Plan (1997/98-2001/02) applications are invited from bonafide Bangladeshi nationals for short-term appointment as:

- 1. Advisor for Policy Planning
2. Senior Macro-economist
3. Consultant for Fiscal and Monetary Policies
4. Consultant for Private Sector Development
5. Consultant for Social Sector Development
6. Consultant for External Sector Issues and Policies

For the first two positions, the candidates should be distinguished economists, must have a PhD degree in economics from recognised universities with specialization in macro-economics and policy planning. They must have extensive experience of working with the development issues of Bangladesh and in the preparation of development plans. For other positions, candidates should possess an advanced degree, preferably PhD degree in economics or in an allied subject from recognised universities, and must have at least 10 (ten) years of working experience on development and planning issues. In all cases, professional publications, including those in journals of international repute, would earn extra points. Before applying, interested candidates are requested to collect, from the address given below, details of qualifications and experience requirements as well as the terms of reference.

Applications on plain paper stating name, father's name, date of birth, nationality, permanent and mailing addresses, qualifications, detailed experiences, along with list of publications, if any, and attested copies of certificates, testimonials and two copies of recent passport size photographs should reach the address given below positively within 21 (twenty-one) days from the date of publication of the advertisement.

Project Director Preparation of Development Plan Project Planning Commission Block-13, Room-12 DFP-744-9/1 G-138 Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from PDB enlisted contractors or bonafide supplying firms in the line for supply of rubber bearing insert rubber bearing housing & bearing casing of circulating Water Pump of Ghorashal Power Station at an allotted cost of Tk 1,92,720/- (one lakh ninety-two thousand seven hundred twenty) only. Detailed tender document will be available at the office of the Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Dhaka or Manager, Pubali Bank, Polash branch, Narsingdi subject to prior permission from Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Dhaka/ Chief Engineer (O&M), GPS, PDB, Polash, Narsingdi or the undersigned and deposit of Tk 200/- (two hundred) only (non-refundable) as price per set of tender document in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of Deputy Director (Accounts), GZAO, PDB, Polash, Narsingdi. Tenders will be received up to 11:30 AM of 27-1-97 at the office of the Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, WAPDA Bhaban, Dhaka/ Chief Engineer (O&M), GPS, PDB, Polash, Narsingdi or the undersigned and opened on the same day at 12:00 Noon in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

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চাকরুলা ইনস্টিটিউট ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়. ১৯৯৬-৯৭ শিক্ষাবর্ষে বিএফএ (সন্মান) প্রথম বর্ষে ছাত্র-ছাত্রী ভর্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি. ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের চাকরুলা ইনস্টিটিউটের সাতটি বিভাগে ১৯৯৬-৯৭ শিক্ষাবর্ষে বিএফএ (সন্মান) প্রথম বর্ষে ভর্তির জন্য এইচএসসি বা সমমানের পরীক্ষার উত্তীর্ণ ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের নিকট হতে নির্ধারিত ফরমে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to MASHIAT



FROM: Dadi, Shudu Dadu, Abboo & Ammoo, Akka & Akki, Mejo Akka & Bouma, Fupi, Bubub, Saad, Mahpara, Shabab & Safwan.

Obituary

By Staff Correspondent Captain (Rtd) ANM Shamsul Alam (78), a former Divisional Commissioner of Khulna died on Friday at the Suhrawardy Hospital in the city, says a press release.

He had been suffering from heart disease. His quikhuant will be held tomorrow after the Asr prayers at his Dhanmandi residence.

Convening body formed

A 105-member convening body of Bagerhat District BNP has been formed with advocate Mozaffar Hossain as convener, reports UNB.

Shamsul Alam Talukder, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and ATM AKRAM Hossain were made joint convenors, said a party press release in the city yesterday.

LAND WANTED

Land plots wanted in Dhaka City, Uttara, Mirpur or other residential areas including DOHS for construction of Apartments. Land owners interested in exchange of land for cash or apartments. Please contact: Mr S Alam: Tel: 871923, 607362, Fax: 870788.

Bangladesh Police

দেশ সেবায় সুযোগ দিন পুলিশ বাহিনীতে যোগ দিন

APPOINTMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited from female nationals of Bangladesh for filling in the 18 posts of Woman Sub-Inspector of Police (un-armed branch) in the pay scale of Tk 1550-7x100-2250-EB-11x105-3405/- with ration at subsidised rate, free uniform & admissible medical facilities plus other allowances as per new national grade & pay scale.

- 01. Age on 1st September 1997 — minimum 19 years & maximum 27 years.
02. Candidate should possess minimum graduation degree from any approved university.
03. Candidate should be unmarried and remain unmarried till the "probation period" is over.
04. Height of the candidate should be minimum 5'(feet) 2"(inches) or 1.58 metre.
05. Candidates for the post of Sub-Inspector should attend in person the undermentioned places as per the time-table (the respective range the candidate's home district falls under) for physical measurement & physical test.

Table with columns: Name of Range, Place, Date, Time. Rows include Dhaka Range, Chittagong Range, Rajshahi Range, Khulna Range, Barisal Range, Sylhet Range.

06. Candidate should carry attested certificate of educational qualification while participating in physical test. Those who do not have age & physical eligibility conforming to the above terms, need not attend on the above dates.

- 07. At the time of participating in physical measurement, candidate should bring with her 3 (three) copies recent passport size photographs. Candidates found fit in physical test & physical measurement should purchase the application form on payment of Tk 3/- (three) as price per form then and there from DIGs of their respective ranges.
08. Filling in the application form properly by the stated rules & regulations it should be submitted to the DIG of Police under the respective ranges by 27-02-97. No application will be received after the prescribed date. The authorities will not be responsible for any application sent by post not reaching by the prescribed date. Application should reach by 27-02-97 within office hours. 3 (three) copies recent passport size photographs should be attached with the application.
09. Postal Order/Bank Draft for Tk 20/- (twenty) only (non-refundable) in favour of the Deputy Inspector General of Police of the range concerned must be deposited with each applications.
10. Persons in service of Govt autonomous organisations should apply through their respective head of Department.
11. Persons qualifying in physical test & physical measurement shall have to take part in written test at their respective Range headquarters as per the following timetable. At the time of written test the candidates must carry Admit Card which the respective range DIGs would issue after submission of application.

Table with columns: Subject, Date, Time. Rows include English, Bengali Essay & Composition, General Knowledge & Mathematics, Psychology.

- Respective Range DIGs will decide the place of examinations centre which the candidates should know from their respective Range DIG office in due time.
12. Candidates successful in written test will be called in for viva voce at their respective Range headquarters, date of which will be announced later on.
13. Candidates successful in Viva Voce will be called in for medical test, date of which will be announced later on by the respective DIG. Candidates with squint eye, stammering, any skin disease, mental disease or any other disease will be treated as disqualified.
14. Candidates knowing cycling & swimming will be given preference.
15. Finally selected candidates shall have to attend the Police Academy, Sarda for one year basic training.
16. No affidavit on the date of birth of candidate will be acceptable. Date of birth stated in the SSC certificate will be treated as final.
17. Erroneous application will be treated as cancelled.

No TA/DA for travelling will be admissible to the candidates. M N Bhakta Assistant Inspector General of Police (R&M) Bangladesh, Dhaka Phone No: 9561730. DFP-30653-31/12 G-129