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Slovak envoy presents credentials

The newly appointed ambassador of the Slovak Republic, Marian Tomasik, presented his credentials to President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Welcoming the ambassador, President Shahabuddin said Bangladesh attaches great importance to its relations with the Slovak Republic.

The Ambassador said Slovakia is deeply interested to further strengthen mutual political, economic and cultural relations with Bangladesh, said an official handout.

ITI theatre festival opens

By Staff Correspondent
A week-long theatre festival, organised by the Bangladesh centre of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) on the occasion of the 'International seminar on women in theatre', was inaugurated by noted actress Ferdousi Majumdar at the Mahila Samity in the city yesterday, says a press release.

The opening night's performance was dedicated to the women victims of the 1971 Liberation War. A piece from Neelima Ibrahim's 'Ami Beerangana Bolchhi' was read out by Rini Reza, while Sharmista Rahman gave an introduction in English. Selim Al-Din's play, 'Jabati Konyar Mon', staged off Dhaka Theatre, rounded off the evening, the release added.



BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleida Zia took her Iftar with orphans at Salimullah Muslim Orphanage at Azimpur in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Directive to complete Dhaka Flood Control Project on schedule

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak Sunday ordered completion of the Dhaka Integrated Flood Control Project on schedule to protect the capital city from flooding and waterlogging in next monsoon, reports UNB.

The Minister gave the directive while presiding over the third meeting of the project's Steering Committee in the conference room of the Water Resources Ministry.

He advised the officials of concerned ministries and organisations to coordinate their works for expediting implementation of the important project by maintaining its quality.

The meeting discussed the progress of works and finance of the project upto December 1996, said a handout.

State Minister for Housing and Works Afsar Uddin Ahmed Khan and State Minister for Land and State Minister for Land and Shaded Mosharrar were present in the meeting.

DUJ meeting today

An emergency meeting of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will be held today at 3 pm at Jatiya Press Club, a DUJ press release said, reports BSS.

All office bearers, executive committee members and unit chiefs and deputy unit chiefs have been requested by DUJ General Secretary Azizul Islam Bhuiyan to attend the meeting.

KCC coordinating body meet held

KHULNA, Jan 27: The third meeting of the coordination committee of Khulna City Corporation (KCC) was held here today, reports UNB.

Presided over by KCC Mayor and co-Chairman of the committee, Sheikh Tayebur Rahman, the meeting discussed a new master plan of city development, law and order situation, electricity supply, drain construction, city protection embankment, distribution of khas land, arsenic pollution and water supply.

German envoy meets Health Minister

German Ambassador to Bangladesh Bruno Weber called on Minister for Health and Family Welfare Salahuddin Yusuf at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on bilateral issues.

1000 phones out of order in Khulna

More than 1,000 telephones in Khulna city have become inoperative due to installation of digital exchanges and construction of surface drains, reports UNB.

Meanwhile, some 9,000 analogue telephones were transformed into digital lines by establishing four digital exchanges at Khulna and Khalishpur.

A T&T news release yesterday said that officials and employees of the department have been working round the clock to remove the fault developed during the transition.

It is expected that all the telephones could be made operative by making the lines fault-free within the next one week, the release added.

Ex-MP Siddiqur Rahman dead

BNP leader and former MP from Munshiganj Siddiqur Rahman died of old age ailments in the city yesterday. He was 80, reports UNB.

Rahman, a member of the BNP central executive committee, was a former vice chairman of the Red Crescent Society and served for long as director of Fire Brigade. He was also a renowned sports organiser and social worker.

Born in Mahakhali union of Munshiganj sadar thana, Siddiqur Rahman was elected a member of parliament from Munshiganj-3 in 1979.

In a condolence message yesterday, BNP chairperson Begum Khaleida Zia expressed deep shock at the death of Siddiqur Rahman.

What's on today

Theatre festival: 'Himmoti Ma', a Nagorik Natya Sampradaya production, will be staged as part of week-long festival organised by the Bangladesh chapter of International Theatre Institute (ITI). Venue: Mahila Samity auditorium. Time: 7 pm.

Seminar: The Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies will hold a seminar on "Solar Energy Systems and Applications with special reference to Indian Experience". Venue: LGED seminar room, 4th floor, Agargaon. Time 11 am. Keynote speaker: Dr Biswajit Ghosh, Professor, Jadavpur University, Calcutta.

Rotary Club of Ramna: A meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Rotary Centre, 7-13 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30 pm.

General meeting: A general meeting of the Bikrampur Chikitsak Samity will be held. Venue: Bhuiyan Poly Clinic Hospital, 100 DIT Road, Malibagh. Time 3:30 pm.

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USIS confce: The United States Information Service (USIS) will hold a telepress conference on 'Child and women trafficking'. Venue: USIS auditorium, Jiban Bima Bhaban (4th floor), 10 Dilkusha Commercial Area. Time: 8:30-10:30 am.

Weather

Temperature may rise

Moderate cold wave is still sweeping over Srimangal and mild cold wave over Khulna and Barisal divisions and the regions of Pabna and Rajshahi, reports UNB.

Slight rise in night temperature is expected across the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today according to a Met Office forecast.

Day weather is likely to prevail during the period across the country. The lowest temperature is expected to be recorded at Sitabdia and the highest 20.5 degrees at Sylhet. The sun sets today at 5:45 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:41 am.

Body formed to invite designs for 'independence monument': JS told

A committee has been formed in the Prime Minister's Secretariat which will invite designs for construction of the proposed 'independence monument' at Suhrawardy Uddyan, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader informed the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

In reply to a question from Mirza Azam (AL-Jamalpur), the state minister said after scrutiny of the designs, the committee would recommend to the government for further action. On the basis of this recommendation, the cost involved and the time of implementation of the project would be determined, he said.

In reply to a supplementary, Quader said the government plans to establish a cultural complex in Dhaka which would include bijoy monument, bijoy mancha, art gallery, auditorium for cultural functions and theatre.

He said the complex would involve the Shilpakala Academy, Art Institute, Bangla Academy, and the National Museum.

The state minister said during 1995-96, the government gave allowance to 522 cultural activists throughout the country and the allowance ranged from Tk 400 to Tk 2000 per month.

'Tk 6 lakh rent collected from Baitul Mukarram market monthly'

The Baitul Mukarram Market Complex under Islamic Foundation has 462 shops, out of which 461 have been rented out, State Minister for Religious Affairs M Nurul Islam informed the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

In reply to a supplementary, he said the monthly collection of rent from the shops is Tk 6,56,721 and it is spent on maintenance of Baitul Mukarram Mosque and the foundation premises.

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Memo No. Dev-261/97/108 Dated: 27 January, 1997

Appointment of Socio-Economic Survey Investigator (Field Crews)

Applications for appointment under contractual arrangement are invited for hiring the services of 16 (sixteen) nos of "Field Investigators (Field Crews)" for undertaking Socio-Economic Survey in remote forest areas of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Sylhet, Noakhali Coastal, Chittagong Coastal, Patuakhali Coastal and Bhola Coastal forest divisions, under Forest Resources Management Project (IDA Credit No. 2397-BD) of the Forest Department.

Qualifications & Experience:

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree with 2nd Division from any recognised University.
- Previous experience in Socio-Economic Survey conducted by government/autonomous/reputed non-government organisations (certificates of such experience is to be attached with application).
- Will and ability to work in remote forest areas including approach ability to various target groups for collecting relevant information.

Duration of service: 4 months (extendable if necessary).

Duties:

- Under the guidance and supervision of DCCF, Management Planning, Socio-Economic Consultant and team leader various informations/datas are to be incorporated in set questionnaires by interviewing various target groups in the forest areas in question. At least 4 persons are to be interviewed for filling 4 (four) questionnaire on each working day.
- Any other relevant duty assigned by the Consultant and the team leader.

Age: Maximum 30 years with good health.

Remuneration: A consolidated remuneration of Tk 7500/- per month will be paid which is inclusive of local travel, local transportation, accommodation etc.

The personnel will be provided with a short training by the Consultant and will under take the survey work as per field survey work plan prepared by the Consultant. No TA/DA will be admissible for appearing before the interview board as well as joining the training camp (by selected persons only). But actual cost of transportation from one Forest Division to another will be admissible at cost.

Interested candidates required to appear before the interview board in the office chamber of the DCCF, Management Planning, Banobhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212 along with their application with CV, copies of relevant academic certificates, experience certificate and two copies of recent passport size photographs on 4th February '97 at 10:30 am.

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