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BRAC programme expanded to urban areas

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), established in 1972 for development of rural people, has expanded its programme to the urban areas on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, says a press release.

This was disclosed by BRAC's Executive Director Fazle Hasan Abed at a function, organised to observe its Silver Jubilee yesterday in the city.

Addressing over one thousand selected BRAC employees of various levels who assembled in the city for the occasion, Fazle Hasan Abed said after 25 years of working with millions of poor for their poverty alleviation, basic health care, and primary education for their children, the time had come to make self-analysis with a view to changing the future course of

10,000 Indian sarees seized

A team of Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate, Dhaka Saturday seized 10,000 pieces of Indian sarees from a truck at the city's Jatrabari area, reports BSS.

A press release issued by the directorate yesterday said that the team, on the basis of secret information, started chasing the truck carrying the contraband sarees from the Kanchpur bridge and finally intercepted it at Jatrabari.

The team also found fake number plates along with the smuggled sarees, the press release said.

The driver of the truck fled the scene while the goods and the vehicle were seized as unclaimed under the Customs Act, 1969, the press release added.

Meanwhile the jawans of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized contraband Indian goods worth Taka 14 lakh 71 thousand from different places of Jessore and Comilla on Feb 13 and 14, BDR sources said yesterday.

S Korean envoy calls on Tofael

The South Korean Ambassador in Dhaka, Jong Kyu Byun, yesterday said a favourable investment climate was now prevailing in Bangladesh which would definitely encourage potential investors of the world, including his country, to invest in this country, reports BSS.

He said this while making a farewell call on the Minister for Commerce and Industries Tofael Ahmad at his office, an official handout said.

The outgoing South Korean Ambassador also observed that Bangladesh had made significant progress in its economic development.

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Abed said that during emergency of Bangladesh, less than one-tenth of the population of the country used to live in urban areas but it would constitute 25 per cent of the country's population by the turn of the century. That's why BRAC has expanded its programme to urban areas, he said.

Abed said that already 15 area offices have been opened in the city.

He further said that the people of Bangladesh have proved that this country is not a "basket case" and they can shoulder any constructive nation building activity.

Giving an overview of its activities, the BRAC chief said that over 18 lakh poor people, mostly women, are involved with its poverty alleviation programme, 1 crore 25 lakh in basic health care and 12 lakh poor children are receiving free primary education.

Abed pointed out that only one-third of the total population is literate, life expectancy is 56 years and per capita income is only about 250 US dollars.

He informed the gathering that the rural development programme of BRAC will cover 20 lakh families by the turn of the century.

Silver Jubilee functions will also be held in the field offices later this month.

5 youngmen, woman held

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Police arrested five youngmen and a woman on charges of stealing gold ornaments and cash worth about Tk 2.5 lakh from a house at Pallabi in the city Saturday.

During a raid in Bauniabab under Pallabi thana early yesterday, police recovered the stolen ornaments and held Motaleb Bari, 15, Jashim, 12, Bati, 15, Shamsui, 15, Simon, 14, and Mukul Begum, 45, police said.

A gang of thieves breaking the wall entered into a house in Pallabi area during the day on Saturday and took away the gold ornaments and cash.

A case has been filed with Pallabi thana in this connection.

New CAAB chairman takes over

Air commodore M Manjur Alam, AWC, PSC, yesterday took over as the new chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, Bangladesh (CAAB), reports BSS.

Former CAAB chairman Air Commodore Md. Shahidul Islam has been appointed as the new chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, Bangladesh (CAAB), reports BSS.

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