

Ferry services between Bhola Laxmipur soon

Ferry services between Laxmipur and Bhola districts will be introduced soon, said an official announcement yesterday, reports UNB.

The decision was taken yesterday at a high level meeting to review the recommendations of an expert committee on introducing ferry services between Laxmipur and Feni districts. Shipping Minister A S M Abdur Rab presided over the meeting.

The meeting was told that all necessary steps to introduce the ferry services between Laxmipur and Bhola districts have been taken.

With the introduction of the ferry services, communication with Dhaka and the port city of Chittagong and southern region of the country, particularly the greater Barisal division, will be much easier.

The handout said nearly 4 crore people of the southern districts would be able to save 10 hours of their valuable time in reaching the capital.

The meeting was attended, among others, by Deputy Minister for Shipping Dharendra Devnath Shambhu, Shipping Secretary Mofazzal Karim, BIWTA and BWTC Chairmen and high officials and experts of the concerned organisations.

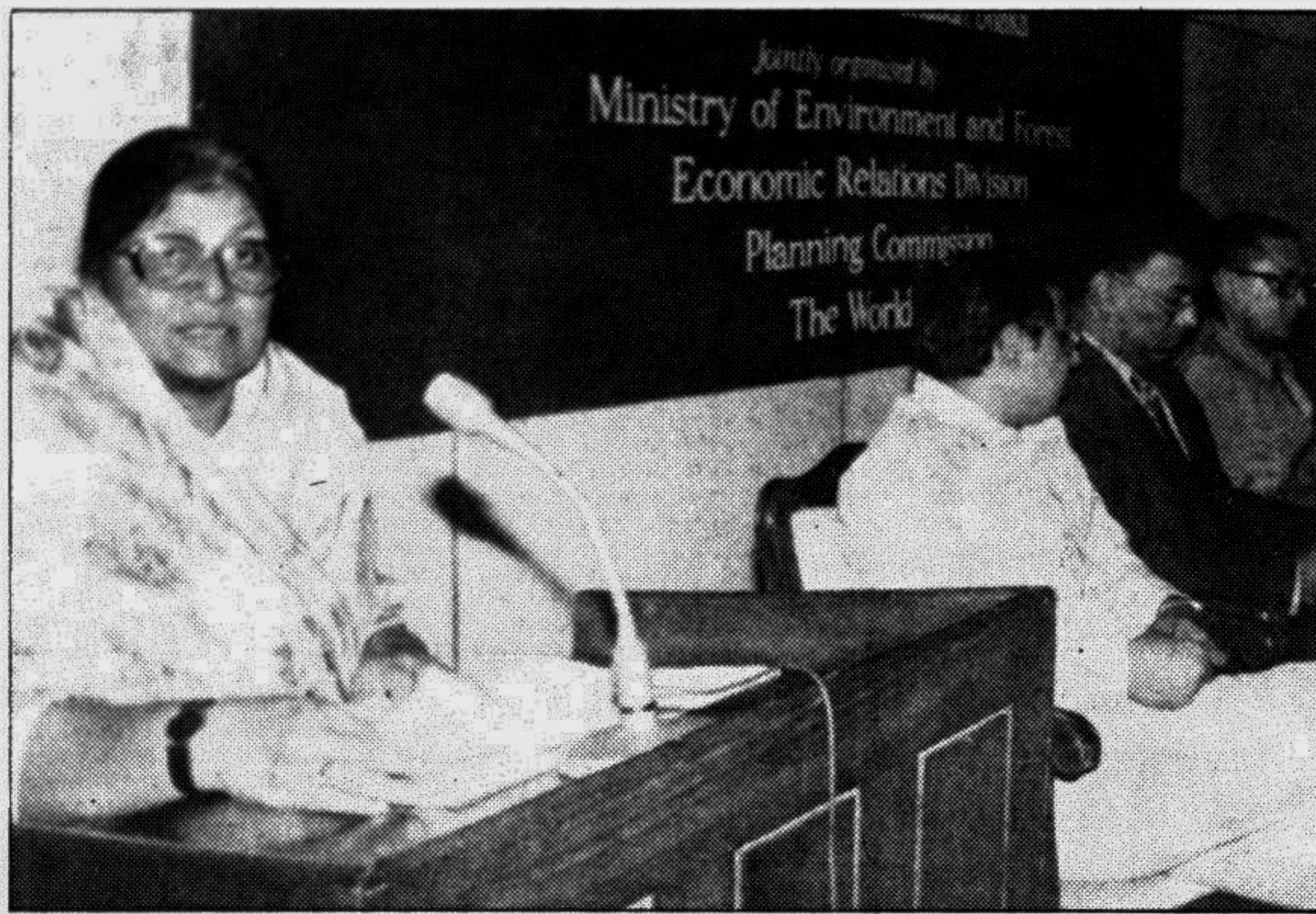
WHO carries out relief work

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has responded swiftly to a request from the government of Bangladesh for immediate supply of water-purifying tablets and bleaching powder to cope with the post-cyclone health situation in the coastal areas, says a press release.

Five million water purifying tablets (WPTs) have already been airlifted to Bangladesh from the Organisation's headquarters in Geneva, while the WHO Dhaka office has supplied 4.5 metric tonnes of bleaching powder to the government.

The request was made by the Directorate General, Health Services on May 19 last as part of its preparedness for health emergencies in the wake of the cyclone that hit the southeastern coast on the same day. Both the quantities of bleaching powder and WPTs are being provided to the DGHS as donations under existing projects.

The Regional Director of WHO South East Asia Region, Dr Uton Muchtar Rafel has meanwhile expressed his deep sympathy for the loss of lives and damage caused by the cyclone, and praised the government for its effective preparations and response to the emergency.



Minister for Environment and Forest Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury addressing the inaugural session of a workshop on 'Bangladesh Environment Project' at the NEC Bhaban in the city yesterday.

Sajeda tells workshop Alleviate poverty for healthy environment

Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury has emphasised the need for alleviating poverty to ensure a healthy environment, reports UNB.

"Poverty is one of the main reasons behind pollution of environment," she said addressing the inaugural session of a workshop on 'Bangladesh Environment Projects' at NEC Bhaban in the city yesterday.

Appreciating the role of donor agencies and non-government organisations in protecting environment, Sajeda Chowdhury sought more pragmatic efforts from them.

Some 115 environmentalists, environment journalists and representatives from local and foreign agencies took part in the workshop jointly organised by the Environment Ministry, Economic Relations Division and World Bank.

It was also addressed by Additional Secretary of ERD, So-

hel Ahmed and World Bank Mission Chief Pierre Landell Mills.

BSS adds: The minister said the national environment council headed by the prime minister has already addressed some of the environmental issues of national concern.

Important issues among them are replacement of present pollution motor vehicles into CNG, introduction of more double-decker buses and establishment of "environment courts" to try offences under the purview of environment protection act of 1995 and its various rules and regulations.

Sajeda Chowdhury said poverty and environmental degradation are often portrayed as a vicious cycle, with poverty as the main cause of such degradation. But it is seen that often the indigenous practices of the poor save the environment from degradation.

Safe Motherhood Day observed

Safe motherhood is a woman's right to choice, a woman's right to survive pregnancy and child birth, reports UNB.

This was the theme of this year's observance of the International Safe Motherhood Day in the country which witnesses the death of 28,000 mothers due to pregnancy-related complicity in a year.

The day was observed yesterday through government and NGO programmes focusing attention on social issues relating to maternal death.

In Bangladesh, the pregnancy-related complicity of one out of six mothers cannot be detected during their pre-natal care and one of 20 mothers get pregnancy care.

On the eve of the day, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina signed the declaration of Safe Motherhood Day on Tuesday to provide the opportunity to launch and review activities towards mother's safety.

Health and Family Welfare Ministry and different NGOs organised various programmes to mark the significance of the day.

What's on today . . .

Rotary Club of Jahangirnagar Dhaka: The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Officers' Club, Bailly Road. Time: 5:30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhanmondi: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club Family Lounge. Time: 5:30 pm.

Premiere show: The premiere show 'Tempest': A Chronicle of Cyclone '97 in Bangladesh — a documentary on recent cyclone will be held. Venue: Community Development Library, House No 39, Road No 14A, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 4 pm. The show has been organised by Community Development Library (CDL).

Conference: A national conference on HIV/AIDS organised by AIDS Awareness Foundation will be held. Venue: Sosakawa Auditorium of ICDDR,B. Chief guest: Health and Family Welfare Minister Salah Uddin Yusuf.

Get-together: The annual get-together of mukuls and guardians of Mukul Fajr Mirpur will be held. Venue: Ground adjacent to Mirpur Mukul Fajr. Time: 5 pm.

Cultural function: Protti will hold a cultural function marking the Rabindra-Nazrul jayanti. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, 54, Satmasjid Road. Time: 7 pm.

Seminar: A two seminar organised by Bangladesh Arthony Samity on Bangladesh Economy: Present Policy Structure and Future Challenge will be inaugurate. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 10 am. Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Painting exhibition: A painting exhibition by Shahid Kabir will be inaugurated. Venue: Shilpangan Art Gallery, Road 5, House 25, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:15 pm.

Chief guest: Samson H Chowdhury, President, Dhaka Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) will inaugurate.

The exhibition will continue till June 12 daily from 10 am to 8 pm.

Seminar on pollution: The Chemical Engineering Division, of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) will organise a seminar on 'Air Pollution in Dhaka City'. Venue: Seminar room of the IEB headquarters, Ramna. Time: 5 pm.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Department of Environment

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Memo No: Env/Dev/ODS/Survey/28/96/938 Date: 20/5/1997

Appointment of Consultant

Sealed applications are hereby invited from experienced Institutions for Update of Inventory Survey on Import and Use of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) in Bangladesh under the project 'Institutional Strengthening for the Phase-out of Ozone Depleting Substances' being implemented by the Department of Environment.

Terms of Reference (ToR) and other relevant documents shall be available with Senior Officer, Ozone Cell on all working days during office hours (from 9 AM to 2 PM) up to 08-06-1997. All the applications should be dropped in the tender box to be kept in the office chamber of the undersigned till 12:00 Noon of 09-06-1997 and opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of applicants/their representatives (if any).

The applicants shall submit their proposals in accordance to the ToR along with earnest money 2.5% of their total quoted amount in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of undersigned. Application without requisite earnest money shall be outright rejected.

The authority reserves the right of accepting or rejecting any or all applications without assigning any reason whatsoever. Incomplete application will be outright rejected. Photocopy/ attested copy of ToR and other relevant documents will not be acceptable.

Md Abdus Sobhan

National Project Director

Institutional Strengthening for the Phase-out of Ozone Depleting Substances

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Addendum No. 1 Dated 20.5.97 Tender Enquiry No. Pur-313/97 Dt 7.4.97

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Sub: Extension & Closing of BPDB's International Tender Notice

The Closing & Opening date of BPDB's International Tender Enquiry No. Pur-313/97 dated 7.4.97 for procurement of spare parts for Sylhet 20 MW GTPS is hereby extended up to 15.6.97. As such tender will be received up to 11:00 AM on 15.6.97 & will be opened at 11:30 AM on the same day in presence of the intending bidder or their representative if any.

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Director of Purchase

PDB, Dhaka

Relief work by armed forces personnel continues

Bangladesh armed forces personnel continued their relief and rehabilitation activities and medical assistance to the cyclone victims in close co-ordination with the local administration and other concerned agencies, an ISPR press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

Members of the Bangladesh Army are engaged in distribution of relief and construction of low cost houses for the homeless people in the coastal areas. Army medical teams are also working there.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Navy personnel set up relief stations at the St. Martins, Moshkhali, Kutubdia and Sandwip islands. BN personnel distributed relief goods including food, medicine, clothes.

BNP discussion on Zia held

Dhaka city 47 number ward unit of BNP held a discussion meeting yesterday marking the 16th death anniversary of President Ziaur Rahman, reports UNB.

It was participated, among others, by party central Information and Research Secretary Ehsanul Kabir, Osman Gani Shahjahan, Jamahuddin Khan, Harun Ar Rashid, Mojibar Rahman Mobarak and Abdul Jabbar Bhuiyan with Abdul Rahman Badshah presiding.

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Contractors/Firms applying for pre-qualification will submit the following to the undersigned by 15th June, 1997 during office hours from 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM. For any clarification on any points, please feel free to contact or phone on 505616 & 509958.

- General information regarding the Contractor/ Firm with name, type of organisation, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, year of establishment, etc.
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- Details of work in hand with project location, type of structure, cost, expected date of completion and progress achieved.
- Details of machinery, equipments, steel props and forms available (mention location) and proposed to be used in this work.
- Bank certificate indicating current financial status and annual turnover of the Contractor/Firm from construction works only and the balance sheet for the last 3 (three) years.
- Declaration from the Contractor/Firm that he/she are/were not involved in any dispute/arbitration/litigation with any departments/firms/persons whatsoever in construction business; but, if there be any, please give details.
- In case of Joint Venture proposal, the weaker partner must meet minimum requirements for evaluation consideration of the Joint Venture proposal.
- Any other information in addition to the above which may be considered relevant to the job may be furnished.

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