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## Tk 12755cr ADP for next fiscal likely

Bangladesh is expected to spend Tk 12,755 crore for implementing the annual development programme (ADP) for the next fiscal year with 54 per cent of the fund coming from domestic resources, reports BSS.

According to official sources, the proposed ADP budgetary allocation is Tk 225 crore or 2 per cent higher than that of the current year's original ADP and Tk 1055 crore or 9 per cent of the revised ADP.

It envisages that Bangladesh will generate Tk 6885.25 crore from its own resources while the remaining Tk 5316.75 crore will come as foreign aid and Tk 553 crore from food aid against food-for-work programme. The food-for-work programme has been included in the next ADP.

In the current fiscal year's ADP, domestic resources contribute Tk 6776 crore and foreign aid Tk 4924. The budgetary allocation in the new ADP has been earmarked in consistent with the target of fifth five-year plan (FFYP) to be launched on July 1. The fifth five-year plan has targeted, on an average, 7 per cent GDP growth by implementing its programmes, including the ADP.

The new ADP proposes are to include a total of 278 new projects, of which 239 are investment projects and 39 technical assistance. With the inclusion of 968 projects of the current fiscal, the total number of projects in the new ADP for the fiscal 1997-98 stands at 1242.

Sixty-four projects without budgetary allocation have also been included in the new ADP for facilitating the negotiation of foreign funds.

The education sector was given the highest allocation of Tk 1685.62 crore including the project aid of Tk 585.55 crore in the new ADP.

The proposed ADP has also given emphasis on accelerating human resource development — a total of Tk 4178.71 crore including Tk 2367 crore from local resources has been earmarked for the social sector.

The ADP for the fiscal 1997-98 has allocated Tk 2352.59 crore including Tk 1205 crore from domestic resources for eradicating poverty.

In the power sector, Tk 519.80 crore has been earmarked for the projects and Tk 539.75 crore for oil, gas and mineral sector.

## Depression over Bay likely this month

A depression is likely to be formed over the Bay of Bengal during this month, a long-range Met office forecast said yesterday.

Weathermen also said that the north-eastern regions of the country may experience flash flood in the last half of the month.

South-western monsoon is likely to set in all over the country within 10th of this month.

About rainfall, the Met office said Sylhet division may experience the highest 600-650 mm rain against normal 648 mm in this month.

Chittagong division may have 500-550 mm rain against normal 587 mm. Barisal 400-450 mm against normal 451 mm.

Dhaka 350-400 mm against normal 395 mm. Rajshahi 300-350 mm against normal 353 mm and Khulna division 270-320 mm against normal 311 mm during the period.

## Khaleda

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the government's misdeeds, she said.

"All will have to take to the streets to protect themselves and the independence of their country," Begum Zia said.

Claiming that her government had streamlined the economy and restored full-scale production in the industrial sector, the former prime minister blamed the then opposition for destroying everything through destructive activities.

About the national budget for next fiscal year, likely to be placed in the Sangsad on June 12, the opposition leader said, "Government's failure will be proved once again if it imposes fresh taxes on the people."

## Export earnings

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tors' will help the country reach its export target.

"I hope the Tk 192.92 crore shortage could be recovered through the earnings of minor sectors in the months of May and June," he adds.

Vice-president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association Nurul Huq Sikder, while talking to this correspondent said that the garments sector might not be able to meet the target.

Sikder said RMG exports fell short of the target by a record Tk 640.61 crore in the first 10 months of the financial year. "It's quite impossible for us to recover the losses by June," he notes.

Sikder said some adverse conditions at home and the European Community's complex rules for import of Bangladeshi knitwear were responsible for the failure in reaching the export target.

"We have been failing in attaining export targets in the frozen foods sector since fiscal 1995-96 mainly due to absence of appropriate policy," said Dr. Aftabuzzaman, secretary general of the Bangladesh Frozen Foods Exporters Association.

Strong measures must be taken immediately to improve the performance of the sector, or it will affect future earnings, he said. Export earning by the frozen foods sector fell short of the target by Tk 382.25 crore during the first ten months of the current financial year.

## Demonstration in Sectt

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stage protests. They retreated but as the news of lathi charge spread, they swamped police under showing of missiles of every kind, witnesses said. Police who picked up four employees let them off after a while to pacify the situation.

Trouble flared again at 10-30 am when police used batons to disperse groups of agitating employees, protesting the action and demanding withdrawal of the new office timing.

Police later walked away from the employees who gathered near the yard of building number 6, holding a rally. Habibur Rahman, President of Sanjukta (Karmachari Parishad, an umbrella organisation representing six groups of Secretariat employees of lower grades, chaired the rally.

It was addressed by Zafar Ahmed, President of Secretariat Employees Association and Shah Alam, General Secretary of the Sanjukta Parishad. They demanded immediate withdrawal of police and strongly condemned their action.

They warned the government of the consequences of such "tactics to divert their movement" and delaying Pay Commission report.

Later Home Secretary Shaifur Rahman held a meeting with the leaders of employees associations to cool down the situation.

Zafar Ahmed told The Daily Star later in the afternoon that their agitation would continue until government reverts back to old office hours and comes up with Pay Commission report.

He claimed that they were not responsible for yesterday's actions. "We held a rally at 10 am. At the end of it we were re-located at Home Ministry Employees Welfare Association office when information came that a group of employees led by Mujibul Huq of Accounts Employees Association had brought out a procession and there had been trouble with police. He wanted to create havoc and panic, damaging transports and pelting stones. We are not in such business. Ours is an orderly movement. We will continue it. They are trying to divert the movement," he said. He had lost the union elections in December 1995.

Defending his stand against the new timings, Zafar Ahmed said for low paid employees, it brought a set back to their 'second income.' "Let's face it straight. My salary hardly meets my needs. Some of us pedal rickshaws, vend different wares on the pavement, work at business enterprises. How do you expect us to survive?" he asked. He said even taking launch at office would be an additional burden on low-paid employees. Besides, many employees live in the suburbs of the city, some staying at Tongi, Joydevpur, Narsingdi, Narayanganj, Munshiganj. It is difficult for them to go home. On Sunday, the second shift of transports left at 7-30 pm. The women employees who take care of their families also find it difficult to cope with the new timing, he said.

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## Bandarban

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Commissioner.

The strike call was given following Saturday's clash between the local people and police centering the demand for regular supply of electricity and water.

More than 50 persons were injured in the clash.

During today's hartal, all kinds of vehicles, except a few rickshaws, stayed off the roads, shops and markets were closed and attendance in govt offices was thin.

A tense situation prevailed in the town while police patrolled the main streets to prevent any outbreak of violence. However, no untoward incident was reported today, police said.

## 11-member JP parliamentary board formed

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Party has announced the formation of a 11-member parliamentary board to award nomination to its candidate for the by-polls in the Munshiganj-3 constituency.

A party press release issued last night said that the parliamentary board of the JP will interview the aspiring candidates today at the offices of the party chairman H M Ershad in the city.

Ershad will head the board which also includes Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, Begum Roushan Ershad, Anwar Hossain Manju, Anisul Islam Mahmud, Sunil Gupta, Nazim Rahman Manju, Sardar Amjad Hossain, A B M Shahjahan, Dr M A Matin and Khandaker Mahbob Hossain.

## Trees facing extinction

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introduced in 1993 in different categories to encourage organisations, institutions and the people for tree planting. The prizes for the winners for the year 1994 and 1995 will formally be handed over on June 18.

The prize winners, receiving Tk 10,000 for the first prize, Tk 8,000 for second and Tk 4,000 for the third prize together with crests, for the year 1995 in different categories are:

Primary School or Madrasah: first-Jogdish Government Primary School (Naogaon), second-Bararshia Ebtedayee Madrasah (Nawabganj) and third-Pirason Private Primary School (Joypurhat).

High School or Madrasah: first-Fateyabad Adarsha Multi-lateral High School (Chittagong), second-Hazradighi High School (Bogra) and third-Binedpur Girls High School (Nawabganj).

College and University: first-Comilla Cadet College (Comilla), second-Aralee Degree College (Rajshahi) and third-Mirza Hafiz Degree College (Panchagar).

Religious Organisations: first-Catholic Mission (Thakurgaon), second-Monglee Gra-

veyard Committee (Rajshahi). Union Parishad: first-Telihat Union Parishad (Gazipur), second-10 No Maria-deep Union Parishad (Rajshahi) and third-10 No Chidang Union Parishad (Netokona).

Private organisations and Corporations: first-Rajshahi City Corporation, second-Thakurgaon Zilla Parishad, third-Chittagong City Corporation.

Ministries, Departments and Law Enforcing Agencies: first-Comilla Cantonment, second-Magura Forest Office and third-Customs and VAT Training Academy (Chittagong).

NGO, Club and Private Organisations: first-Setu Sangstha (Sathkhir), second-RDRS (Thakurgaon) and third-Rupali Jute Bailing Limited (Narayanganj).

Individuals and nursery: first-Jashimuddin Sheikh (Fulpur Degree College, Myensingh), second-Afal Khan (Thakurpara, Comilla) and third-Jalil Nursery (Sathkhir) and Engr Afstahuddin Ahmed (Bagha, Rajshahi).

Besides these nine categories, the government will give prize to another category — girls schools and colleges — from next year.

## Children maltreated

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"We eat in the morning, at noon and in the evening but feel hungry at night," said another inmate, Jaiil.

The children said they were often asked to stand on their feet and starve for the 'punishment'. They were also manhandled and beaten with sticks for silly grounds like staying at the toilet longer than usual.

Another child, Akram, said: "Sometimes they pick up those of us who are small in size and throw them on the ground."

Asked about physical torture, Centre's caretaker Abdul Malek said at times the children may have been maltreated, but not as often as they claimed.

Malek initially denied the children's allegation that they were given inadequate food.

The day this correspondent visited the Centre, the children had meat on their lunch menu but they were given chapatti and dal.

The caretaker insisted that the Centre strictly followed its menu and it was reflected in a register that recorded the meals given to inmates. He was persuaded to produce the register, but the space for that day's meal was found blank.

When the caretaker was told that the children complained of being given chapatti and dal for lunch instead of meat, he reluctantly admitted that this was true, saying meat was not available in the market on the day.

Children at the Centre said the menu — meat for three days

and fish and vegetable for two days each — was never maintained. They said on most of the days, they were given chapatti and dal and only sometimes given fish or meat.

According to Abdul Malek, the food they gave the inmates was supplied by the government.

A majority of the inmates also suffered from skin diseases, while a few had epilepsy and some were mentally or physically handicapped.

A total of 83 inmates are there at the centre — an abandoned house. The caretaker said, "The capacity of the centre is 200." However, he said it had not been filled up over the past few months.

He added that many of the children at the Centre were below teenage and were sent there after being caught by police on various grounds.

The Centre has facilities for schooling as well as vocational training, compulsory for the inmates. Besides, they are also given physical training in the morning and allowed to play in the afternoon. A nearby pond is used by the boys for bathing and washing.

"If the management of the Centre was more responsible, it would have been an ideal place for upbringing of such children," commented a member of the research team. The researchers stressed that a little more attention of the government agency concerned could have helped the Centre operate as a proper place for such children.

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## Dacoity at city house

By Staff Correspondent

A gang of dacoits looted cash and gold ornaments worth about Tk 1.5 lakh from a house on Moneshwar Road under Dhanmondi thana in the city yesterday afternoon.

The armed gang of about seven men entered the house of one Tofael Hossain and took away Tk 61,000 in cash and gold ornaments worth about Tk 91 thousand, according to police.

However, none was arrested in connection with the robbery till last night. A case was lodged with Dhanmondi thana.

## Bomb hurled

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ees on board were proceeding towards the city with police escort at 5:15 this afternoon. The ICS activists hurled two bombs at a bus when it reached Fanecheb causing injuries to seven employees. They were admitted to the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

Police caught one Shakil, a 3rd year honours student of Rajshahi Government College. He was identified as an ICS activist.

Meanwhile, police arrested one Abdul Khaleque in connection with the attack on the teachers residence on the campus on April 26 last. He was also identified as ICS activist and a resident student of the Nowab Abdul Latif Hall of the university.

## Admn cadre for holiday on Saturday, Sunday

Civil bureaucrats have hailed the government declaration of a two-day weekend, but said the weekly holiday on Saturday and Sunday could help the country more in maintaining links with outside world, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday Bangladesh Administrative Service Association (BASA) also welcomed the new timing in the government offices, saying it has removed the inconsistency between the central and field level administrations.

The statement, signed by BASA Secretary General SZM Akramuzzaman, pointed out that the new timings would also allow the country to communicate with the outside world at least for two hours every day.

But if the two-day weekly holiday is fixed on Saturday and Sunday, one additional working day will be available for overseas contacts, said BASA.

The president of the federation, Abdul Zail Panna, and other leaders announced the rail-road barricade programme at two rallies held on the North Bengal Sugar Mills and Natore Sugar Mills premises today.

Md. Ataur Rahman, president of the Natore union of the federation was in the chair.

## Cabinet meet held

A cabinet meeting was held last night at PM's Office with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair, reports UNB.

Ministers, state ministers in charge of different ministries, Prime Minister's Principal Secretary and secretaries concerned were present, said an official handout.

## Sugar mills workers call rail-road barricade in Natore June 12

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, June 2: The central leaders of the Bangladesh Sugar Mills Workers' Federation today said a half-day rail-road barricade programme would observe in Natore on June 12.

Protesting the government decision to privatise thirteen sugar mills.

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## Rly office fire

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tion, fire brigade personnel rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control at around 6:15 am.

The loss of property was estimated at about Tk 15 lakh, according to Railway sources.

When contacted, Chief Signal Engineer of Railway Moklesur Rahman informed that a three member enquiry committee headed by the Chief Electrical Engineer Anisur Rahman was formed to probe the fire incident.

## Benapole

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at Benapole by Sharsha police in connection with a road accident on May 27 in which a minor boy was killed.

The drivers have demanded unconditional release of the driver Sunil Roy.

## 6 killed

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The deceased were identified as, Ferdous Mia, 40, Nazim Uddin, 75, Maleka Begum, 45, Manik Mia, 60, Dr Nazir Husain, 50, and Masha Begum, 18. Fifteen of the injured were admitted to the Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital and the rest were released after first aid. The bodies were sent to hospital morgue.

## Writ rejected

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issued a *rule nisi* on the government and ordered stay of operation of the notification.

The Cabinet Division on January 16 issued the notification giving some ministers and state ministers the responsibilities for answering questions in Parliament relating to ministries other than their own.

Through this notification Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir was given the responsibilities of the Ministry of Planning, President's Secretariat, Prime Minister Secretariat and Cabinet Division.

On January 26 when Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir rose to answer questions relating to the ministries other than his own, it was strongly protested by the members of the Opposition BNP alleging that Article 73A of the Constitution was being violated.

In response to the said protest, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina first informed the House of the notification.

Barrister Maudud Ahmed moved for the petitioner, while Deputy Attorney General Kaisaruddin Ahmed represented the government.

## DMP asked

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tarjati at around 11 am.

Some employees, including a woman, also suffered minor injuries during the melee. They were released after first aid.

Mamun said, despite ban on demonstrations inside the Secretariat and repeated assurances from the employees leaders, some employees staged demonstration, brought out procession and shouted provocative slogans disrupting normal work at the Secretariat yesterday.

At 10 am, some employees assembled in front of building 3 & 6 of the Secretariat and raised provocative slogans. In this situation police on duty requested the demonstrators not to spoil the atmosphere and return to their work.

But ignoring all requests, they brought out a militant procession at around 11 am. During this time, four cars were broken and several others damaged, the police commissioner said.

At one stage, they threw bricks, paperweights and other heavy materials at police. Even flower vases were also thrown at police from multi-storied buildings, he added.

The DMP Commissioner urged all concerned not to repeat such incidents.

## Ctg port

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equipment in handling of container cargo.

The boycott programme was called off after a meeting with the Prime Minister on the night of May 10.

The issue on the use of private equipment began from March this year when a shipping company brought some of its equipment inside the port jetty for handling its cargo, which was resisted by port's CBA.

The Port users also observed boycott on March demanding use of private equipment already permitted by the authorities.

## ঢাকা ওয়াসা জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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