Repatriated tribal refugees start life anew

The tribal refugees, repatriated from Tripura in the first phase in March-April this year have started their life anew utilising the package of incentives given by the government. reports BSS.

They are now engaging themselves in income generating activities, building houses on lands which they had abandoned once or on other sites in various parts of Dighinala and Ramgarh thanas under Khagrachhari hill district.

Mohammad Ismail, deputy commissioner of Khagrachhari district, in an interview with BSS said yesterday that a total of 1,228 families out of the 1,248 repatriated in the first phase had been rehabilitated.

Detailing the state of rehabilitation, the deputy commissioner said the government has provided them with all necessary support as per the package of incentives to strengthen their position in the mainstream society.

Ismail, who is a member of the seven-member delegation which leaves for Tripura on August 7 with a view to finalising resumption of the second phase

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of repatriation, also said that the refugees after repatriation had been living with their kith and kin in the highest degree of spontaneity, building their houses with the Cl sheets. money, ration and other support provided by the govern-

Among the repatriated, 844 families have built their houses on their own land, 252 by the side of the homestead of their close relatives while 132 on the khas land provided by the government, the DC said.

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the land disputes.

Lands belonging to some 600 repatriated families have been vacated from the possession of the people who had occupied those earlier following appeals

of the repatriated tribals. Ismail said the refugee rehabilitation committee, the task force on refugee affairs and the local administration have been working jointly towards rehabilitation of the repatriated tribals, he pointed out.

According to the deputy commissioner, only 20 persons are now staying in the houses of their relatives because they returned leaving behind their family members in the refugee camps of Tripura.

Ismail said 15 repatriated tribals out of the 21 have so far been reinstated following applications by them to get back their jobs.

He said 549 repatriated families, who were given cultivable land, have also been provided with bullocks to plough their land while 589 families got cows. Some 110 families were not yet provided with bullocks as they failed to produce necessary papers supporting the pos-session of land, he added.

The DC said 67 land dispute cases out of the 234 filed with the concerned authority are yet to be finalised. He also pointed out that three magistrates led by the additional deputy commissioner (revenue) have been given responsibility to sort out



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'Dukhai' to be released Aug 22

By Staff Correspondent A Bangla feature film 'Dukhai' will be released in the city's cinema halls on Aug 22 next under the banner of 'Manan Chalachhitra', says a press release.

The 128-minute film depicting life style of people in the coastal belts is the first movie of Bangladesh fully financed by Digital Media Lab of Japan.

The film is directed by Morshedul Islam.

Govt warns importers of banned pesticide

By Special Correspondent The government has warned importers of the banned pesticide Synthetic Pyrethriod (SP) under different generic and brand names not to bring it into the country. Violators of a ban on import of the pesticide will

face punishment under law,

according to an announcement

by the Commerce Ministry.

In a clarification on a Daily Star report, published on July 16 under the heading "Toxic pesticides being imported due to faulty ban order," the ministry said it was "very much concerned about the unlawful importation of the banned pesticide by some agencies as reported in the news item and has asked the appropriate agencies to take necessary

action in this regard." It said, 'The Star report also stated that the Commerce Ministry in its notification on March 24 banned the importation of Synthetic Pyrethroid (SP), but in its gazette notification wrongly indicated a brand name (SP) instead of the group to which the pesticide belongs This statement is not correct."

The report had outlined how some unscrupulous importers are importing and marketing the SP despite the government ban on the pesticide, found to be toxic to fish and other aquatic life.

"The Ministry of Commerce on request from the Ministry of Agriculture imposed a ban on import of SP, which falls under HS Heading No. 38.08. SP is a name of a group of pesticides under which there are number of pesticides in its generic and trade name which are used in agricultural and nonagricultural fields.

"The ban also restricted the Ministry of Health from importing pesticides for their requirement in combating malarial parasite and, hence, they wanted withdrawal of the ban on deltamethrin, a pestile cide under SP group. Subsequently, the ban on import of deltamethrin was withdrawn on March 4, 1997 as it was also supported by Ministry of Agriculture. The import will be allowed on recommendation of the Ministry of Health.

"The above explanation is a clear manifestation of interministerial close coordination to tackle the issue and it is felt that there is confusion regarding the matter.

"The PTAC in its latest meeting held on February 13, 1997 also supported the decision. Its effect and reaction on application to agricultural sector, specially on fish and environment, is yet to be determined. A recommendation regarding use of these pesticides would be submitted to the concerned authorities as soon as the report is made available to PTAC. It is reaffirmed that import of SP as a group as such is banned," it



Visiting Indian Chief of Army Staff General Shankar Roychowdhury paying tribute to members of the armed forces martyred during the War of Liberation in 1971 after laying a wreath at the Shikha Anirban (The Eternal Flame) at the Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. - ISPR Photo

EPB clarification

The Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) has drawn attention to the news item under caption 'Unfair practice in the name of trade fairs' published in The Daily Star on July 24.

In its clarification it said: The news item contained some points which, being completely baseless and distorted. are likely to create confusion and misunderstanding among the readers. We would like to clarify our position on the matter as follows:

a) In order to select an organisation to participate in any international trade fair organised by EPB. different exporting firms are invited to attend a meeting for preliminary selection. Export potentials of various products in any particular market are always given utmost priority in selecting companies/individuals for different trade fairs. Generally, the Managing Director or a shareholder Director is chosen as the representative for the participating organization. However, in exceptional cases concerned officials of big companies are also selected to attend a fair. After the selection. EPB recommends to the concerned embassy for issuance of visa. Visas are issued by different embassies entirely on the merit of individuals and on fulfilment of visa issuing criteria of country concerned. It may also be mentioned here that established big exporters approach embassies directly without any help from EPB for issuance of visa for participation in international trade fairs.

b) Your news item contained allegation of offering money for selection of representatives for participation in the Global Business Conference (G-BOC), it is clarified for all concerned that the entire process of selection for G-BOC is being undertaken by Board of Investment and not by EPB. Therefore, the question of offering any money to EPB officials does not arise.

Bangladesh participated in Tokyo International trade fair held during 24-27 April, 1997. Initially 12 companies were selected of which only representatives of 6 companies were accorded visa by Japanese Embassy in Bangladesh. Out of six participants only four companies could finally attend the fair. The representative of one company was given visa just one day before the commencement of the fair and as such he could not get any flight to attend the fair. However, the chief executive of another company informed EPB about his inability to attend the fair and nominated his second man to attend the fair. The representative of that company could not finally go to Tokyo because of the refusal of visa by the Japanese

Nirmul Committee city unit rally today

The city unit of Muktijoddher Chetona Bastabayan-O-Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Jatiya Samannya Committee will hold a rally today at 5 pm at Mohammadpur Town Hall premises in the city, reports BSS.

The rally will be held as part of its mass contact programme to resist the activities of the communal forces and demanding the trial of the collaborators of the Liberation War, removal of the Khatib of Baitul Mukarram Mosque and ban on the religion-based politics.



Rear Admiral MA Khan's death anniversary today

The 13th death anniversary of Rear Admiral Mahbub Al Khan, former Chief of Navy and Minister for Communications and Agriculture, will be observed today, says a press re-

Elaborate programme has been taken up to observe the death anniversary, which includes laying of wreaths at the Banani graveyard, Quran khwani, distribution of sweets in a number of orphanages and special prayers for the peace and salvation of the departed soul at important city mosques after Zohr prayers.

A milad mahfil will be held at Mahbub Bhaban, House No. 40, Road No 5, Dhanmondi R/A, on the occasion after Asr prayers at 5-30 pm.

Rear Admiral M A Khan Memorial Committee, Sylhet, has also taken various programmes including milad mahfil, special prayers and distribution of food to the poor at the Darga premises of Hazrat Shah Jalal (R). Seminars and discussions on the life and works will also be held.

Bangladesh Navy has also arranged milad mahfil at all its bases in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Kaptai and Mongla.

"Surovi" a voluntary organisation founded by Begum Mahbub Ali Khan has also arranged milad mahfil in its countrywide different branches.

Zillur condoles death of AL leader

Awami League general secretary and LGRD and Co-opera. tives Minister Zillur Rahman has expressed his deep shock at the sudden death of valiant freedom fighter and social welfare secretary of Bhairab Thana unit of Bangladesh Awami League AKM Abdul Hye. reports

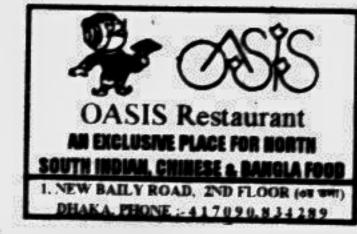
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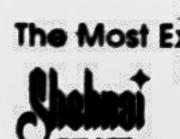
received here yesterday from Washington Zillur Rahman recalled the contribution of Abdul Hye in the country's long independence struggle and the Liberation War in 1971.

He conveyed his heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

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