



'Only one nurse for 15 patients in Bangladesh'

There is only one nurse for 15 patients in Bangladesh, compared to the international standard of one for every four patients, reports UNB.

The disclosure was made at the inaugural of a 13-week training programme for senior nurses that began at the British Council auditorium in the city yesterday.

"Only nine per cent of Bangladesh's health workers are nurses compared to 45 per cent in many other countries," said WHO Bangladesh representative Dr Witjaksono Hardjotanojo.

The training programme, funded by the British ODA and assisted by World Health Organisation (WHO), is aimed at developing management skills of the Directorate of Nursing Services.

Ten senior nurses are taking part in the training that will cover 140 hours of seminars, exercises and case studies.

Dr Witjaksono Hardjotanojo said developing countries like Bangladesh were facing a major challenge in the area of patient care and called for "strong support and commitment from all concerned, particularly the government; for improvement of nursing services."

He told the participants that the student-teacher ratio in nursing services in Bangladesh is 34 to 1, when the ratio should be around eight student to one teacher.

Government officials hoped that the programme would lead to a better understanding of nursing management and contribute to the quality of health care in the country.

"The programme will strengthen the participants' conceptual understanding and functional capacity, and help them make a major contribution to the improvement of quality care," said Sheikh Shaif Ahmed, senior official of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Birth anniversary of Osmani today

The 79th birth anniversary of General M A G Osmani, the commander-in-chief of the Liberation War in 1971, will be observed throughout the country today with due solemnity, reports BSS.

Different socio-cultural and political organisations have taken up elaborate programmes to observe the day in a befitting manner.

The programmes include holding of discussions on the life and works of the great freedom fighter, rallies and cultural functions.

Jatiya Janata Party will hoist national flag along with the party flag in the morning at its office at Mohammadpur. It will organise a discussion in the afternoon and cultural function in the evening.

Bangabair Osmani Smriti Parishad will organise a seminar in Osmani Memorial Hall in the afternoon. Sylhet Division Development Parishad will observe the day through a discussion.

Date extended

The last date for enlisting the names as registered graduates of Dhaka University has been extended till September 30, reports UNB.



The North Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh, Dr Kim D Duk presented a bronze sculpture of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by a Korean artist to LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman in the city yesterday.

Govt implementing various projects 80pc of water crisis in capital city to be resolved by 2001: JS told

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday informed the House the present government was implementing various long-term and short-term projects to resolve the water crisis in different parts of the capital city, reports BSS.

"Insha Allah, at least 80 per cent of the water crisis in the capital city will be resolved by the year 2001 with the completion of all on-going projects," he said while replying to a question from Haji Muhammad Selim of Awami League from Dhaka-8.

On a supplementary from Haji Muhammad Selim, the LGRD and Cooperatives Minister pointed out several reasons for water crisis in Dhaka which past governments had failed to resolve during their tenures.

He mentioned the absence of any concrete steps to limit the area of the city, unplanned growth of the city, absence of measures to provide water to the city dwellers, increase in the number of floating people as reasons for the present water crisis.

Besides, he said, the BMRE of the surface water treatment plant set up by Nawab Abdul

Gani at Chandni ghat in old Dhaka in 1874 is in full swing with the assistance of the Japanese government since 1995.

"After completion of this project hopefully by June next year, availability of drinking water will increase by 2.41 crore litres, he said adding that another water treatment plant to be implemented within 2001 in Saidabad would provide 10 per cent water in the south-eastern part of old Dhaka.

present government had installed 43 generators and four deep tubewells at various parts of Dhaka city to lift water for meeting the demand in the crisis-prone areas. "As a result, the daily lifting of water has increased to 70 crore litres from 62 crore litres," he said.

Ahaj Moqbul Hussain (AL-Dhaka), Kamal Ahmad Majumdar (AL-Dhaka), advocate Fazley Rabbi (JP-Gabandha) and Kazi Keramat Ali (AL-Rajbari) also posed supplementary questions on the same issue to the minister.

Zillur Rahman said the future demand for water must be met from surface water as the lifting of ground water might pose a danger to the whole city itself. "Dhaka city will collapse with the daily lifting of ground water," he told the Parliament.

The minister referred to the arsenic problem in the country and said the present government had taken all possible measures to solve the crisis in the affected areas.

Stern action ordered against passport, visa forgers

Stern action has been ordered against visa and passport forgers so to keep intact the manpower export abroad preventing unauthorised immigration, reports UNB.

The instruction came from State Minister for Labour and Manpower M A Mannan yesterday.

He was presiding over an inter-ministerial meeting arranged to discuss the problems of Bangladeshis staying in Saudi Arabia illegally in the conference room of Labour and Manpower Ministry.

The meeting also discussed in detail checking illegal immigration to Saudi Arabia and various problems of the Bangladeshis workers living there. Decision was taken to take emergency measure regarding this.

The meeting was informed that the government was actively considering issuance of modern passport to check forgery, says an official hand-out.

DCC commissioner of Ward 4 denies link to extortion in Bhasantek slum

The DCC commissioner of Ward No 4, Jamal Mostofa, denied his involvement in the extortion and terrorist activities in the Bhasantek slum where the inmates are subject to tyranny of hoodlums, reports UNB.

He rather demanded immediate arrest of the real culprits to ensure safety of the slum-dwellers.

Addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, Mostofa said some vested quarters involved in capturing the slum and looting the valuables from the poor were carrying out propaganda against him to tarnish his image.

Mostofa, also the general secretary of Awami League ward committee, told journalists that Bhasantek area is not under his ward (no 4) and therefore he has no link with the incidents.

He, however, said some slum-dwellers of Bhasantek under cantonment thana, evicted by the terrorists let loose by a former ward commissioner, took shelter in his ward.

The DCC Commissioner protested the reports published in a section of newspapers about his involvement in the extortion and said such misleading information was creating confusion among the inhabitants of his ward.

One killed, 3 hurt in separate incidents

A man was killed while three others were injured, including two women, in separate incidents in the city Saturday.

The man identified as Badsha Mia, 38, was fatally injured when pressed between two buses at Gulistan at about 9 am.

He died on the way to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

In another incident Nazma, 30, and her brother Alamgir, 22, of Miabari at Beribandh under Mirpur thana, were injured when their landlord allegedly beat them up. They have admitted to the DMCH.

Hospital sources said their landlord allegedly hit Alamgir on his head with an iron rod following a quarrel. When Nazma came to protect her brother, the landlord also hit her with the rod.

Meanwhile, a housewife Fozila, 20, sustained serious wounds in her head when her husband Paltu, allegedly hit her with a kitchen knife at a Khilgaon slum.

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5 arrested on charge of raping garments worker

Pive people were arrested for their alleged involvement in the abduction and rape of a garments worker at Mirpur area in the city on Friday night, reports BSS.

Police said a group of five miscreants kidnaped Laily Begum, 18, at about 10:30 pm on Friday night when she was returning home from a garments factory at Lalkuthi area. The miscreants took her to a house at Mirpur First Colony and allegedly gang raped her.

A case was filed with Mirpur police. The arrested are Sumon, Babul, Mizan, Saju and Mohammad Ali.

Security guard found dead

A security guard was found dead inside a house at Dakkhinkhan under Uttara thana in the city yesterday morning.

Police recovered the body of Daud Shikdar, 40, from a bathroom of the house at about 10 am. Daud who came from Noapara was found dead with his hands and legs tied.

Quoting Daud's son Ripon, police said a few days ago the house owner, a manpower agent, appointed his father as a night guard before going outside the city.

HERE and THERE

Asthma Society of Bangladesh

Prof M Amanullah, State Minister for Health and Family Welfare, while commending the role of the Asthma Society in asthma management, said that the society is playing a pioneering role. He was speaking as chief guest at the closing ceremony of a fortnight-long medical service of the Asthma Society at the Asthma Centre in the city recently, says a press release.

Prof Amanullah urged the members of the Society to set up asthma centres in other parts of the country. He also suggested opening a diagnostic laboratory at the centre and keeping the centre open 24 hours a day.

More than 4,000 patients have been registered at the Asthma Centre since its commissioning in 1994.

The closing ceremony was also addressed by Prof Probhakar Purkavastha, Prof Mu

Bangabandhu Jubo Parishad

A 17-member convening committee of Bangabandhu Jubo Parishad, Dhaka city unit, was formed at a meeting in the city, reports UNB.

Haji Kamrul Arefin was elected convener of the committee while Monirul Islam Babul joint convener and Shamim Siddiqui treasurer, said a press release.

Other members include Hayatul Morshed Prince, Goutam Roy, Nurul Haq, Alauddin Kachi, Taherul Islam, Gouinda Chandra Bank and Mosharrat Hossain Babul.

The meeting, held at a local restaurant, was addressed, among others, by Parishad vice president Abdul Wahid Bhuiyan and general secretary M Rezaul Karim Khan Reza.

Indonesian envoy presents credentials

Bangladesh is very keen to achieve economic development within the framework of a liberal market economy under a stable democratic political environment, said President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, reports UNB.

He said this while the newly-appointed Ambassador of Indonesia to Bangladesh, Soetanto Soemardjo, presented his credentials to the President at Bangabhaban yesterday.

The president said the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to Indonesia would bring the two nations closer to their mutual benefit.

Welcoming the Ambassador, President Shahabuddin said Bangladesh greatly valued the cordial relations and close cooperation with Indonesia.

The Indonesian Ambassador said Indonesia and Bangladesh had always enjoyed fruitful relations in the traditional spirit of cordial and good relationship.

Earlier, on his arrival at Bangabhaban, the envoy was given a guard of honour by the President's guard regiment. He took salute and inspected the guard.

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QULKHWANI

The Qulkhvani of Nasreen Ahmed (Shama), daughter of late Asad Ahmed, who died in a car accident on August 29, will be held after Maghrib prayers today (Sept 1) at 380, East Rampura (next to BTV Building). Relatives and friends are welcome to attend and pray for the soul of the departed. D-926

NOTICE

SUBJECT: Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) (1998 Intake) Offered by the Australian Government

Applications are invited from Bangladeshi tribal and non-tribal students for study under the Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) scheme at postgraduate level in Australia.

- Total Number of Scholarships : 9
 - Tribal (male and female) : 3
 - General (male and female) : 6
- Highest Level of Study

Masters degree will be the highest level of study available.
- Fields of Study

The fields of study offered are:

 - Development Economics
 - Engineering
 - Environmental Studies
 - Business Studies
- Candidates fulfilling the following conditions may apply:
 - Age: The age limit for applicants must be less than 40 years on 1 January 1998.
 - Tribal candidates must submit certificates of tribal descent duly signed by the respective Deputy Commissioner.
 - Minimum Qualifications:
 - Tribal postgraduate: no third class SSC/HSC/Undergraduate results (or O/A level equivalent); minimum four years undergraduate or combined undergraduate/postgraduate course (s);
 - General postgraduate: minimum three first class and no third class SSC/HSC/undergraduate results (or O/A level equivalent); minimum four years or combined undergraduate/postgraduate course(s).
- Candidates fulfilling the above conditions must apply in English on plain paper (two sets) along with bio-data, passport size photograph, and copies of all certificates and mark sheets (duly attested). Bio-data must contain (a) name; (b) father's name; (c) present address and telephone number; (d) permanent address and telephone number; (e) certified educational qualifications including: (i) name of examination; (ii) Board/University; (iii) year of passing; (iv) Division/Class; (v) total marks with percentage.
- Candidates may select only one (1) field of study. The proposed subject of study should be clearly indicated in capital letters on the top of the bio-data. Candidates must submit a separate statement, in English and preferably typewritten, stating why they have selected this field of study. In particular, candidates should outline how the proposed field of study will benefit you in carrying out your job on return to Bangladesh.
- Two separate sets of applications as mentioned above must be sent in the same envelope to the gate of the Australian High Commission, 184, Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan, Dhaka or may be sent by post. Candidates must write "ADS 1998" on the top of the envelope containing the application. Last date of submission of applications is 15 September, 1997. No applications received after this date will be considered.
- Those who submit fake documents or make false statements will be automatically eliminated.
- No application will be considered after the closing date.
- Candidates who are in service should apply through the proper channels.
- Applications with incomplete papers, faulty or false information shall not be considered.
- Candidates who are already selected for any other scholarships will not be considered.
- The decision of the Australian High Commission shall be final. D-924

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No. 3/1997-98

Sealed tenders in standard tender/bidding documents are hereby invited from the enlisted "A", "B" and "C" class contractors of BWDB for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of works	Number of Group	Estimated cost (In Lac.)	Earnest money 2.5% of tender value (In Taka)	Time allowed	Category of contractor	Cost of tender document (In Taka)
1.	Bank protective work of Surma river at Kanishai during the year 1997-98.	Group-A.	27.83	69,575.00	90 days	A & B class	750.00
		Group-B.	9.89	24,734.00	90 days	B & C class	400.00
		Group-C.	25.30	63,250.00	90 days	A & B class	750.00
		Group-D.	25.30	63,250.00	90 days	A & B class	750.00
2.	Bank protective work of Surma river at Fatepur during the year 1997-98.	Group-A.	9.78	24,450.00	90 days	B & C class	400.00
		Group-B.	25.14	62,850.00	90 days	A & B class	750.00
		Group-C.	10.59	26,475.00	90 days	A & B class	750.00
3.	Bank protection work at the left bank of the Goyain river at Purnanagor during the year 1997-98.	Group-A.	28.38	70,950.00	90 days	A & B class	750.00
		Group-B.	25.46	63,650.00	90 days	A & B class	750.00
		Group-C.	9.91	24,785.00	90 days	B & C class	400.00
4.	Bank protective work of Surma river in between Kazirbazar to Mollapara and Kazirbazar Khal during the year 1997-98.	Group-A.	19.46	48,650.00	90 days	A & B class	750.00
		Group-B.	9.55	23,875.00	90 days	B & C class	400.00
		Group-C.	9.55	23,875.00	90 days	B & C class	400.00

The tender/bid will be received in the Office of the undersigned and in the Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet (Group-A, C & D of Sl. No. 1, Group-B & C of Sl. No. 2, Group A & B of Sl. No. 3 and Group-A of Sl. No. 4); Superintendent Engineer, Dhaka O&M Circle, BWDB, Dhaka; Executive Engineer, Dhaka O&M Division-2, BWDB, "Rupali Sadan", 156-57, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka; Executive Engineer, Comilla O&M Division, BWDB, Comilla and Executive Engineer, Sunamganj WD Division, BWDB, Sunamganj on 15-09-97, 16-09-97 during the office hours and on 17-09-97 up to 12.00 Noon and will be opened on 17-09-97 at 12:30 PM in the abovementioned offices.

The tender/bid documents and schedule of works may be obtained up to 16-09-97 from the Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet (Group-A, C & D of Sl. No. 1, Group-B & C of Sl. No. 2, Group-A & B, Sl. No. 3 and Group-A of Sl. No. 4); Sonali Bank, Zindabazar Branch, Sylhet; Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka; Sonali Bank, Sunamganj Branch, Sunamganj and Uttara Bank, Kandirpar Branch, Comilla on payment (non-refundable) in the form of Bank Draft (rate mentioned in the attached group list) from scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Deputy Director/RAC, BWDB, Sylhet.

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Md. Abdus Salam
Executive Engineer
Sylhet O&M Division
BWDB, Sylhet.