

Parties should take firm decision to free campus from terrorism: President

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, a critic of present student politics, yesterday said the political parties should take a clear and firm decision to cleanse campus of terrorism, reports UNB.

"As long as student politics will be linked with party politics and students would be used as instrument of political parties, there is no chance of freeing campus from terrorism," he said.

The President made the remarks while addressing a function organised to mark the Golden Jubilee of Haji Asmat College in Bhairab yesterday morning.

He said educational institutions and teachers' community have been kept hostage by terrorists. "If this situation is not changed, none could say about the prospect of education and the destiny of the nation as well."

Terminating the education the backbone of a nation, Justice Shahabuddin said a nation cannot achieve development and prosperity with an illiterate population.

The President urged all to spread the light of education everywhere to make the nation educated.

He asked the students not to adopt unfair means in examination with a motive to get a certificate only as without genuine education, he said, mere certificate would not give any benefit to them.

Presided over by LGD Minister Zillur Rahman, the function was addressed, among others, by Deputy Speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid and Principal of the College Muazzem Hossain.

The LGD Minister, in his speech, outlined the government's efforts to free the country from illiteracy. He said infrastructure for a sound education base is being ensured to achieve the desired goal.

Zillur said the Sheikh Hasina's government is pledged-bound to provide education to all and has decided to have one woman government college in each district.



Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury addressing as chief guest the 17th founding anniversary of the Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal yesterday. — Star photo

Minister stresses expansion of indigenous medical services

State Minister for Labour and Manpower M A Mannan has stressed the need for development and expansion of indigenous medical services to reach the medical facilities to the door-step of commonman, reports UNB.

He was addressing as chief guest a seminar on "Development of Indigenous Medical System" at the Mahub Ali Institute auditorium here yesterday.

The curative power of herbal medicines is well-known and this medical system can be developed by applying modern technologies," the state minister told the seminar organised by Bangladesh Indigenous Physicians Association.

He assured the association of providing all-out cooperation of the government to resolve their various problems.

NSC to conduct economic, population, agri censuses

The National Statistical Council in its tenth meeting yesterday decided to conduct economic census in the year 2000, population census in 2001 and agriculture census in 2002, reports BSS.

Presided over by State Minister for Planning and Tourism Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, the meeting was addressed, among others, by eminent economist of the country Dr Wahid Uddin Mahmud and Secretary, Statistical Division Waliul Islam.

The meeting was held in NEC room at Sher-e-Banglanagar here after four years.

The state minister laid emphasis on re-organisation of the council, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, increase of training facilities for members and staff of the council and speedy and timely publication of the census reports and other information from the bureau.

In this regard, he said the government is contemplating to pass a law about freedom of information.

The minister said necessary measures are being taken by the ministry for collecting actual information and data from every part of the country even on gender basis.

The meeting also decided to increase the number of members of the council from 31 to 38 for a tenure of two years.

The meeting stated that international financial crisis in late 1994 to early 1995 had focussed attention on the importance of comprehensive, timely accessible and reliable statistics.

It also stated that only 23 statistical bureau offices are existing now at the district level which should be extended to all districts and thana headquarters immediately.

Hasina pays tributes to Moni Singh

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday paid her profound tributes to the life and ideal of veteran Communist leader and founder of Communist Party of Bangladesh Comrade Moni Singh, reports UNB.

In a message on his 7th anniversary of death, she recalled the great contribution of the veteran leader to the armed struggle against the British imperialism in the Sub-continent and dictatorial regimes of Pakistan.

Hasina said throughout his life, Comrade Moni Singh fought for establishing legitimate rights of workers, peasants and toiling masses.

"In his long political career he had set up an example of tolerance, dedication and political honesty," said the Prime Minister.

In 1971, Comrade Moni Singh played an important role in seeking international support for the country's War of Liberation.

He also contributed to the war by organising a joint guerrilla force with the members of Communist Party, NAP and Chhatra Union, Hasina said.



BUET teacher honoured

Dr Sohrawuddin Ahmad, Professor of Department of Civil Engineering, BUET was awarded Dr Rashid Memorial Gold Medal 1995.

The medal was awarded in recognition of his excellence in the field of Civil Engineering exhibited by thirty five years in research and teaching, and propagation and expansion of knowledge, and his contribution to the academic administration of the university as well as various related national and international affairs, says a press release.

Prof Ahmad graduated in Civil Engineering in 1962 from BUET and proved himself to be one of the finest specimens of the very first crop of the university. He joined as a lecturer in 1962 and in 1965 was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship for higher studies at the University of Wales, Swansea, UK. His commendable research in the field of finite element techniques earned him the degree of PhD.

Cultural exchange programme with Russia signed

Bangladesh and Russia have signed a biennial exchange programme on cultural and scientific affairs, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Ambassador in Moscow Mustafa Farook Muhammad and the Acting Deputy Minister for the International Cultural Relations Division of Russian Foreign Ministry signed the agreement on behalf of the respective governments in Moscow on December 15.

The treaty will be effective from January 1 and was signed under the Cultural and Scientific Affairs Cooperation Treaty of 1972.

Under the accord, various activities in the fields of art and culture, science and education, mass media and film and sports and youth programmes will be exchanged between the two countries.

First JS body meet on Information Ministry held

The first meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Ministry yesterday said that the electronic news media and other agencies under the ministry should follow the people-centred approaches to keep people apprised of the welfare activities of the government for ensuring transparency of the government, reports BSS.

The meeting which reviewed works of different organisations under the ministry was informed that Bangladesh Betar, Bangladesh Television, other wings of mass communication as well as national news agency — BSS — are disseminating national news along with development activities and policies of the government.

Chairman of the standing committee Abul Kalam Azad MP, presided over the meeting held at Jatiya Shangsad Bhavan.

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed MP, Mozazzal Hussain Chowdhury

Maya, MP, Sultan Mohammad Mansur Ahmed MP, Begum Shaheen Manwara Huq MP, and advocate N K Alam Chowdhury MP, were, among others, who participated in the meeting.

Information Secretary M Akmal Hussein and chiefs of different wings under the ministry also attended the meeting.

The parliamentary committee reviewed the on-going development projects of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), Bangladesh Betar, Bangladesh Television, National Film Archives, Bangladesh Press Council, National Institute of Mass Communications, External Publicity (EP) wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC), Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB), Bangladesh Film Censor Board, Department of Films and Publications (DFP), Mass Communication Directorate and the Press Information Department (PID).

SITUATION VACANT

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION BANGLADESH

Applications are invited for the following position under the WHO Programme, BAN ICO 011, Health Development Strategies and Plans:

Title of the : National consultant.

position

Duration : One year with possible renewal.

Remuneration : Tk 33,000—38,000 per month commensurate with qualification and experience.

Qualification : Medical graduate from a recognized University/College with Post-graduate diploma/degree in Public Health.

Minimum of fifteen years of Public Health experience in Management, Planning, MIS or other relevant areas.

Ability to work independently.

Knowledge in Micro-computer applications would be an asset.

Preference will be given to those who have previous work experience in Public Health services.

Duty station : Dhaka.

Job description : The consultant will, under the guidance of the WHO Management Officer, assist the National Programme Manager to perform the following duties:

1. Develop comprehensive training modules on Health Planning Programme and Resource Management Sector Reform and Monitoring and Evaluation on the basis of redesigned/reorganized health services of the country.
2. Pilot test and evaluate the effectiveness of the new training module based on client satisfaction and programme needs.
3. Develop a hospital management training module based on workshops held with hospital managers.
4. Prepare planning documents, reports and other necessary logistics for workshops and seminars.
5. Design programme monitoring formats and compile evaluation reports.
6. Any other tasks assigned from time to time by the WHO Country Representative/WHO Management Officer.

This is a senior consultancy post, applicants are expected to be fully bilingual (English and Bangla) with an ability to write reports requiring minimum editing. In addition, the consultant will be expected to travel within the country at least seven days per month. The Organization will not provide any transport for travelling.

Applications with full bio-data and two PP size photographs should reach the WHO Representative in Bangladesh (Attention: WHO Management Officer), House No 12, Road No 7, Dhanmondi Residential Area, Dhaka, by 21 January 1998.

The Vacancy is Open to Applicants of Either Sex. We Encourage Applications from Female Candidates.

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Weather

Light rain likely

Light rain or drizzle is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Kushtia during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Slight rise in night temperature is expected across the country.

The country's highest temperature yesterday was recorded 29.2 degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 9.6 degrees at Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 5:22 pm and rises tomorrow (Thursday) at 4:42 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	26.6	11.0	73	66
Chittagong	28.7	14.6	83	60
Rajshahi	21.8	12.0	89	90
Khulna	27.2	12.0	68	65
Barisal	27.0	11.5	77	86

নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

জেলা-রংপুরের সাব জজ ও অর্থ জজ আদালত নং-১।

অর্থজজ ডিউজারী মোকদ্দমা নং-৩/৯৬ইং

ম্যানেজার, ন্যাশনাল ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, জি.এল. রায় রোড, থানা কোতয়ালী, জেলা-রংপুর।

বনাম

মোঃ নাসিরুজ্জামান চৌধুরী, পিতা-চৌধুরী এম. জামান, মোঃ মোসাদ্দিক হুসেন এম. সাং রবাত সলগঞ্জ, থানা-কোতয়ালী, জেলা-রংপুর।

ডিউজিত টাকার পরিমাণ: ১০,২৪,৬৯৯/১০ টাকা।

নিলামের স্থান: রংপুর জেলার জেলা জজ আদালত প্রাঙ্গণে।

নিলামের সময়: দুপুর ১২.৩০ মিনিটে।

নিলামের তারিখ: ২২/১/৯৮ইং

এতদ্বারা সব সাধারণ-এর অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, উপরে উল্লেখিত তারিখ, সময় ও স্থানে নিম্ন তপশীল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি প্রকাশ্যে নিলাম বিক্রয় অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে। নিলাম ডাকে ইচ্ছুক ব্যক্তিগণকে উক্ত নিলাম ডাক অনুষ্ঠানে অংশ গ্রহণ করার জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

তপশীল

জেলা-রংপুর, থানা-কোতয়ালী, মৌজা- বড় রংপুর, জে.এল. নং-৪১৪, ১০৮, খতিয়ান নং ৪৭৯, হাল খতিয়ান নং সাতকে খতিয়ান নং-৪১৪, ২১০, দাগ নং-১৬৪০, জমির পরিমাণ .৬১ শতক। (উপরস্থ বাড়ী ঘর সহ)।

আদালতের আদেশক্রমে

সেরেস্তাদার

সাব জজ ও অর্থজজ আদালত, রংপুর।

Pharmaceutical co to market chickenpox vaccines

By Staff Correspondent

A leading pharmaceutical company will market preventive chickenpox vaccines in the country for the first time beginning in the first quarter of 98.

Officials of the ESKAYEF pharmaceutical company disclosed this at a press briefing held at a city hotel yesterday evening.

Chickenpox, technically called Varicella, is highly a communicable infectious disease of childhood and until now there exists no curative treatment for it, the officials said at the press briefing.

Though Varicella infection is usually a self-limiting, mild disease in healthy children, the virus can cause significant morbidity and mortality, they said adding approximately 5 per cent of infected patients suffer from complications which lead to hospitalisation and sometimes death.

The press briefing was attended by Sales Manager Abdus Sadek, Product Promotion Manager Lutfur Kabir, Product Manager (Vaccine) Sagufa Anwar, Bharat Nayar, Marketing Manager to Bangladesh of SmithKline Beecham and Mohibuz Zaman, Marketing Manager of the company.

Fire breaks out in Tongi but no casualty

By Staff Correspondent

A fire broke out in a house at College Gate in Tongi yesterday afternoon.

Fire Brigade sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at the house of Monir Hossain adjacent of Chera Ali Market of the locality at about 3:30 pm.

The fire engulfed the house completely and it affected a nearby poultry firm. Two units of fire fighters from Tongi station rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze at about 4:15 pm.



Press briefing of ESKAYEF Pharmaceutical Company at a city hotel yesterday. — Star photo

Financial Express Journalists' Union launched

Journalist staff of the Financial Express Tuesday launched a new registered trade union, with Associate Editor Sabir Mustafa and Senior Reporter Syed Ishtiaque Reza as President and General Secretary respectively, says a press release.

The Financial Express Journalists' Union (FEJU, regd no Dhaka-3682) received registration as trade union from the Directorate of Labour on Dec 21 last.

The unanimously-elected committee of the newly registered union was installed at a meeting of journalists in the newsroom of the paper. Other office bearers of the five-member committee are Sohail Manzoor (vice-president), Biswadi Das (joint secretary) and Abu Jar M Akkas (treasurer).

The meeting earlier dissolved the Financial Express Journalists' Committee (FEJC) which had represented members' professional interests since 1994.

The meeting also transferred all decisions and programmes of the FEJC to the new union which has been registered under the Industrial Relations Ordinance of 1969.

Rare honour for Bangladeshi student

Imran Khan (To-mal) a Bangladeshi student has recently been elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Inter Fraternity Council of the University of Denver in the US state of Colorado.

He is the first Asian to be elected to the post in the history of the university, says a press release.

Imran, the only son of Mr and Mrs Shahjahan Khan, had been the Secretary General of the Bangladesh Debate Federation while he was in Dhaka.

Death condoled

Bangladesh MBA Association yesterday condoled the sudden & untimely demise of Mohammad Shah Newaz Chowdhury Montu, a former Member of the Parliament, and the Managing Director of Saleh Carpet Mills Ltd, Chittagong, on December 28, says a press release.

It recalled with deep gratitude the contributions of the deceased to the society, in particular to the development of management in private sector, industries.



In observance of the Independence and Victory Day a discussion and cultural programme organised by the Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Bangladesh Bank Institutional Unit Command, was held on Sunday in the city. From Right to Left: Bangladesh Bank's Executive Director Abdur Rakib, Deputy Governor Ataul Haq, Governor Lutfur Rahman Sarkar, intellectual Mostafa Nur-Ul-Islam, Deputy Governor Khondokar Ibrahim Khaled and the chairperson of the discussion meeting Abdur Rab are seen in the picture.

Tender Notice

DUZ-4/T-12/1997-1998

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Fresh sealed tenders in Dhaka University form "Tender for works" are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors (Civil) of Dhaka University for the works of "Essential repairing works of RCC Road in front of Science Annex Building of Dhaka University and will be received by the undersigned up to 12 Noon on 8th January 1998 and opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the contractors who may remain present. Contractors will have to deposit as earnest money a sum of Tk 2400/- in Demand Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the undersigned. Tender form, schedule and other particulars may be had from the office of the undersigned on all working days except on the date fixed for submitting the tender and on payment of Tk 100/- (non-refundable) to the Janata Bank, Dhaka University Branch after obtaining permission from the undersigned. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. The contractors are liable to abide by the decision of the authority. Contractors should write the name of the work & their firm's name on the envelope clearly.

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Executive Engineer (1)
University of Dhaka.



ACNABIN & Co
THE URBAN INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET AS ON DECEMBER 31, 1996

SOURCE OF FUND	NOTES	1996		1995	
		TAKA	USD	TAKA	USD
I. Shareholders Fund:					
a. Authorized Capital:	3.0				
12,500 Ordinary Shares of US Dollar 1,000 each (\$12,500,000)	3.1	200,000,000	2,000,000	200,000,000	2,000,000
II. Paid-up Capital:					
a. Reserves and Surplus:	3.2	157,810,000	1,578,100	157,810,000	1,578,100
Special Reserve		30,300,374	303,034	27,401,529	274,015
General Reserve		15,116,385	151,164	13,716,862	137,169
Retained Profit		21,793,241	217,932	20,691,609	206,916
Total		288,109,695	2,881,097	281,408,471	2,814,085
APPLICATION OF FUND:					
a. Fixed Assets					
Fixed Assets at cost		3,290,481	32,905	3,290,481	32,905
Less : Accumulated depreciation		3,135,758	31,358	2,814,229	28,142
Net fixed assets		154,723	1,547	476,252	4,763
b. Current Assets, Loans and Advances :					
Cash in hand	5	225,977,349	2,259,773	221,482,473	2,214,825
Cash at bank	6	100	1	1,474	15
Interest receivable	7	3,644,617	36,446	2,334,384	23,344
Advances, deposits and prepayments	8	100,000	1,000	100,000	1,000
		229,722,066	2,297,221	225,018,251	2,250,183
c. Less : Current liabilities and provisions :					
Liabilities for expenses	9	61,000	610	212,998	2,129
Liabilities for other reasons		5,497	55	13,114	131
Provision for interest on USD loan (unpaid interest)		4,716,629	47,166	4,716,629	47,166
		4,783,126	47,831	4,942,741	49,427
Net current assets		224,938,940	2,249,389	220,075,510	2,200,755
Total		229,722,066	2,297,221	225,018,251	2,250,183

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the balance sheet.

Signature of the Managing Director (M. A. A. AL-AKAB)

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Signature of the Secretary (A. M. A. AL-AKAB)

Signature of the Auditor (A. M. A. AL-AKAB)

Signature of the Treasurer (A. M. A. AL-AKAB)

Signature of the Cashier (A. M. A. AL-AKAB)

Signature of the Receiver (A. M. A. AL-AKAB)

Signature of the Disbursing Officer (A. M. A. AL-AKAB)

Signature of the Officer-in-Charge (A. M. A. AL-AKAB)

Signature of the Assistant Officer-in-Charge (A. M. A. AL-AKAB)

Signature of the Deputy Assistant Officer-in-Charge (A. M. A. AL-AKAB)

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