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Steps to keep ferry ghats free from traffic jam

The government will take all possible measures to keep the ferry ghats free from traffic jam on the eve of the Eid-ul-Fitr, an official handout said in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Leaders of bus-truck owners and workers association told a meeting of the task force formed to keep the ferry ghats congestion-free that they would work unitedly with the administration to this end.

The meeting, chaired by Shipping Minister A S M Abdur Rab in the city yesterday, was told that 24 ferries will be engaged in ferry passengers between Aricha-Notakholia and Daulatdia.

Besides, a 150-member team of police led by an Assistant Police Commissioner and eight sergeants will be deployed in the ferry ghats to maintain discipline.

Foreign vessel

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The captain and other crew of the ship abandoned the vessel when criminals started stealing rice at gun point, police said.

The High Court earlier passed an order for disposing of the vessel to the highest bidder after floating an international tender.

SKOP

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months and government will take necessary measures for approving the amended law by the Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament).

The government will also take steps to protect the local mills and factories by reforming the labour policy and the policies on tax and tariff. Steps will be taken to reopen the sick industries.

Under the agreement, workers who lost their jobs for organising movement on the 8-point demand of the SKOP will be reinstated. Cases filed against such workers will be withdrawn.

Families of those killed in the workers movement will also be provided with financial grant, the agreement said.

Those who signed the agreement for the SKOP included Abdus Salam Khan, Ahsan Ullah Master, MP, Abdullah Al-Noman, Nazrul Islam Khan, Nurul Islam, Dr Wazedul Islam Khan, Abul Bashar and Khalilur Rahman.

Govt won't be allowed to implement CHT accord: B Chy

Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday threatened to foil the government efforts to implement the CHT accord, reports UNB.

"We will not allow the government to implement the unconstitutional accord ... we will thwart it at any cost," he said.

Badruddoza Chowdhury was addressing a discussion meeting organised by Jatiyatabdali Krishak Dal at its central office, marking the Asad day.

He said BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia will announce fresh agitation programmes against the government after Eid-ul-Fitr and we are determined to make the programmes an all-out success.

The BNP leader observed that the secessionists are being inspired and movement like "Bangabumi Andolan" will get momentum with the signing of the accord.

BNP urged

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them through ballot in the next general elections, he observed.

Refuting an Opposition allegation, he claimed his party does not believe in the politics of revenge. "If we had done that, the government would have sued the BNP for holding the February 15 (1996) farcical elections and would not have spared Begum Khaleda Zia's family members for their large-scale corruption."

Tofael criticised BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia for her recent comment that opposition politics in the country would take an unconventional course if it was not allowed to take the natural course. "Politics is in the right way... Who has obstructed it? They're holding meetings and processes..."

Referring to BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan's call to unseat the government, he said, "No oust-government agitation will be required. We'll surrender power to a caretaker government on completion of our term."

About the CHT peace accord, the minister pointed out that the agreement was signed as a sequence of events that took place during the tenure of the three previous governments.

He said Japan agreed to provide grant for at least 15 projects so far in the current fiscal year (1997-98).

The Planning Commission is preparing the minutes for the bilateral meeting in light of the project concept paper (PCP) to be submitted to the Japanese mission on President Shahabuddin Ahmed's January 14 address.

Fresh cold spell from Friday likely

The city experienced drizzle last night ahead of a fresh spell of cold wave that is likely to hit the country from Friday, reports UNB.

The mercury may fall sharply when the sky will become clear and the cold spell reappear with a similar intensity which the country experienced early this month, said Met Office Director Sajedur Rahman.

He said the cold wave which swept over Rajshahi and Srimangal region on Monday and Tuesday became weak due to cloud and downpour.

Sonia

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In Bihar today, she assured voters that Congress would protect the interests of the poor while accelerating the economic reforms process started seven years ago.

Bihar is the poorest of India's 26 states. Many politicians say that the economic reforms have only benefited the rich in India.

An excited audience asked Gandhi's 25-year-old daughter Priyanka Vadra, who had accompanied her mother to Bihar, to address them as well.

"I don't know how to make a political speech," Vadra said shyly into the microphone and thanked people for attending the rally.

3 bills placed

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Sadique introduced the Private University (Amendment) Bill 1997 seeking several amendments to the Private University Act, 1992.

The bill provides for amendments to the act regarding the rules on reserved fund (minimum Tk five crore) of any university, naming any new private university and appointing its pro-VC or vice-Rector.

Energy Minister Lt Gen (retd) Noor Uddin Khan introduced the bill on DESA to amend the Dhaka Electric Supply Authority Act 1990 for reorganising the areas of DESA.

As per the amendment, the "greater Dhaka area" as mentioned in the previous act will now mean the areas of all thanas in the Metropolitan area, entire Narayanganj thana, excluding Alirteek and Baktaboli unions, Fatiulla and Siddhirganj thanas, entire areas of Joydebpur and Tongi thanas of Gazipur district excluding Konabari and Kashempur unions and Pirojali village of Mirzapur union.

BMTE

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The Khulna Shipyard was set up in 1957 at Rupsha in Khulna. It was used mainly to repair and refurbish ships, said a high official of the PB. The company has been incurring losses over the years and its accumulated losses stood at Tk 52.25 crore during the 1996-97 fiscal year.

The shipyard now has a total liability of Tk 68.19 crore including 11.60 crore in long-term loans.

The industry located on 202 bigha of land and it possesses Tk 18.92 crore worth of other assets.

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international donors have welcomed the CHT peace accord.

Terrorism

Sheikh Hasina yesterday informed parliament that more tough laws are under process to curb women and child repression and combat terrorism.

"Practical steps are being initiated to fight terrorism and ensure peace in public life," she said replying to a question from Dr Mohd Rustam Ali Farazi (JP-Pirojpur).

Hasina said new posts of 5,000 policemen have been created and the process is underway to recruit for those posts at different levels of the police administration.

Besides, the police forces will be well equipped with necessary transports and radio sets. Besides, six more thanas will be set up within the Dhaka Metropolitan areas, she told the House.

"No terrorist group is getting patronisation from the government," the Prime Minister said, adding that she had asked

BB employees

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of the CBA and some top officials of the bank.

He said they had been demanding removal of GM Sham-suddin for the last few days and on Monday when they went to the Governor to press their demand the CBA supporters attacked them.

He alleged that GM Sham-suddin was harassing their people for quite sometime through transfers. He said the GM is in this department for six years, but as per rules of the bank, none can stay in a particular department for more than three years.

He also alleged that all the three Deputy Governors of the Bank were kept out of administrative function and administrative responsibility is being carried out through a junior most Executive Director violating the Bank's rule.

The employees association leader questioned how they could be suspended by the authorities before the submission of the report by the enquiry committee.

Two separate cases, one by the employees association and another by the Bank authorities, were filed with Motijheel court, keeping the cross-examination incomplete.

The then BDR chief, Major General (retd) Khalilur Rahman, or Mokhles, an employee of Bangabhaban, will make deposition as PW-46 after the completion of Shafield's cross-examination at the court which resumes at 9:30 am today.

Bangabandhu

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the army personnel on Sheikh Mujib's assassination, the PW said, "I think that there were contradictory statements as they didn't witness the incident."

The then army chief said that before the gruesome killing of father of the nation he had no contact with Brig Rauf, then chief of DGFI, by red telephone on August 14 night.

"This is totally false that Brig Rauf had informed me everything on that midnight," he asserted.

General Shafield also said that he could not seek any clarification from Brig Rauf as the DGFI was not under his direct command at that time.

The incomplete cross examination of the PW-45 resumed in the morning with questioning by advocate Abdur Razzaq Khan, lawyer for accused Lt Col (retd) Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan.

Later, advocate Khan Saifur Rahman began examining the witness, but the court of Dhaka District and Sessions Judge Kazi Golam Rasul was adjourned, keeping the cross-examination incomplete.

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