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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 to ferry passengers between Aricha-Notakhola 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 Cases filed against such workers will be withdrawn.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 Jatiyatabadi 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 outright success.

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

He alleged that the Awami League does not believe in the sovereignty and independence of the country as it "sacrificed the interest of the country" while signing the accord.

Turning to the 1969 mass upsurge, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition said Asad had embraced martyrdom for establishing democracy in the country and his supreme sacrifice will always inspire the nation in marching forward the democracy.

He urged the BNP leaders and workers and its front organisations for making the movement to be launched after Eid a success, imbued with the spirit of Asad.

Chaired by Krishak Dal acting president Mahbubul Haq Tara, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Sham-suzzaman Dudu MP, Ehsanul Kabir, Mofiqul Hassan Tripti, Jamaluddin Khan Milon, M A Taher and Shajahan Mia Samrat.

Abducted jeweller yet to be rescued

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Jan 20: Police is yet to rescue the jeweller who was abducted by unidentified persons on Sunday night from Deanjipukurpur in the city.

Consultation meet

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January 23: Director of the grant aid division of Economic Cooperation Bureau of Japan Takeshi Yagi will lead the six-member delegation.

Other members are Tatsuhito Imamura, Noriharu Masugi, Kazuhisa Ito, Hiroshi Niinou and Masashi Kinoshita.

The Japanese delegation will leave Dhaka on January 26.

BSS adds: JICA sources yesterday said Japan is likely to provide financial assistance to implement the Rupsa bridge project.

"The possibility of conducting a feasibility study on the proposed Rupsa bridge may come up for discussions at the consultation meet," said an ERD official.

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.

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 division 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

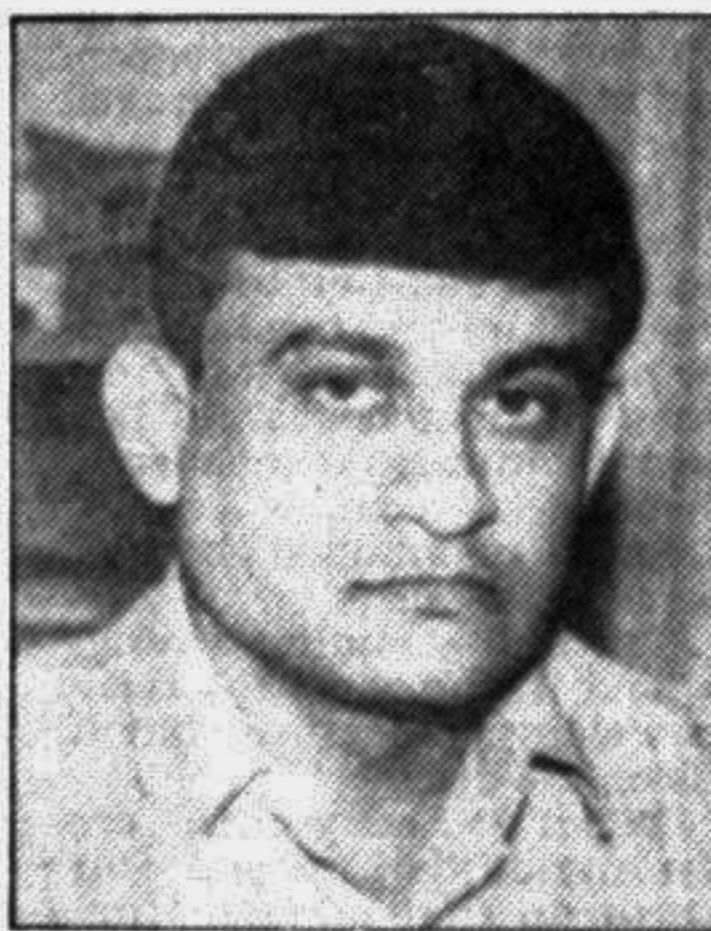
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Sadique introduced the Private University (Amendment) Bill 1997 seeking several amendments to the Private University Act, 1992.

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 (ret'd) 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 Alirtek and Baktaboli thanas, entire areas of Joydevpur and Tongi thanas of Gazipur district excluding Konabari and Kashempur unions and Pirojoli village of Mirzapur union.



Customs official killed in road accident

By Staff Correspondent

A senior Customs official died in a road accident at Sujaganj in Comilla yesterday.

Additional Collector of Customs Dr Azizur Rahman and his housemaid Asma, 15, died on the spot when he lost control of the car which rammed into a tree, police said.

His wife Nurunnahar and two sons were critically injured. They were admitted to the Comilla Medical College Hospital. Later they were shifted to a clinic in Dhaka.

Dr Azizur Rahman was scheduled to leave for Australia with his family on February 1 to take up his new assignment as Commercial Minister in the Bangladesh High Commission in Canberra.

His namaj-e-janaza will be held today after Zohr prayers at the Baitul Mukkaram mosque.

Before joining the Bangladesh Customs service Dr Aziz, who passed from the Faujdarhat Cadet College, served as a lecturer of History at the Dhaka University. He obtained his PhD from East-West Centre of Hawaii. He served in several important positions including Commissioner of Chittagong Customs and First Secretary of NBR.

BMTF

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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.

PM tells JS

Govt has control over foreign aid received by NGOs

The Prime Minister informed the House yesterday that the government has control over the foreign assistance received by NGOs working in the country, reports UNB.

Replying to Hajj Mohd Selim (AL) during the PM's question hour, Hasina said under the existing rules, the government controls the activities of the foreign aided NGOs and the donations received by them.

Till January 13 this year, some 1,229 NGOs were registered as per existing rules.

The Prime Minister praised the works of NGOs in different projects on health, education, poverty alleviation, sanitation and welfare of women and children.

She admitted that NGOs are contributing to the economy to a great extent.

"We want the NGOs to continue their projects, we will extend all possible help from the government," the Prime Minister said.

Gram Parishad

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male and female voters. Voters will be invited in a general meeting to elect their members through ballots. The polling would be held at least 15 days after the last date of withdrawal of nomination papers.

Voting will take place only if the number of contesting candidates exceed the total number of seats in a parishad. Names of the contesting candidates and their symbols will be hung in the notice board of the RO's office and in some other places in area at least one week ahead of the election day.

Any person found guilty of bribing, concealing identity, using undue influence, creating hindrance in maintenance of secrecy in voting may be convicted for six months or fined Tk 500 or punished both ways.

The Gram Parishad Bill 1997 was passed by the Jatiya Sangsad in September last year. The Act, however, was challenged in the High Court on grounds that it violated certain provisions of the Constitution.

Hearing of the writ petition challenging the GP Act is scheduled to begin on January 19.

According to the Act, elected members of the Union Parishads will be ex-officio chairmen of their respective Gram Parishads.

Twelve members including three women members of the Gram Parishad will be elected directly by the people on the basis of adult franchise.

Rights of Bangalees

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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

the police to sternly deal with the terrorists irrespective of party and opinion.

The Prime Minister hoped that the opposition would refrain from "backing the terrorists" and help the government to fight them out from society.

Relief fund

Sheikh Hasina also assured parliament that the PM's Relief Fund must be used on humanitarian ground, "not on partisan outlook."

Replying to a string of queries during the PM's question time, she said, "We're helping the destitute on humanitarian ground from this fund and it will continue... We will not follow the BNP's example of giving Tk 25 lakh from the PM's Relief Fund to each BNP MP."

Adv Fazle Rabbi (JP-Gaibandha), Mirza Azam (AL-Jamalpur) and Abdul Latif Mirza (AL-Sirajganj) put questions and supplementaries to the PM.

The Prime Minister told Fazle Rabbi that a total of Tk 14,29,38,360 were spent from the PM's Relief and Welfare Fund till January 17 this year since her assumption of power.

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 Shamsuddin 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 Shamsuddin 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 thana in this connection on Monday.

A huge contingent of police was deployed in the Bank after Monday's incident.

The Bank officials were reluctant to talk to newsmen and none of the public relations department were available for comment.

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, the 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 Shafiqullah 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 (ret'd) Sultan Shahriyar Rashid Khan.

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

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

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