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Discharge duties with more devotion, PM asks health workers

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the health workers to discharge their duties with a deep sense of service to the people of the country, reports UNB.

The government has laid special emphasis on ensuring health for all by the year 2000, she said, addressing the leaders of Bangladesh Health Field Workers Association at the International Conference Centre (ICC).

Hasina said every citizen should be brought under healthcare services to utilise their potential, talent and intellect for the interest of the nation.

On various problems of the health sector, she said introduction of the national health policy would help resolve the problems of this most vital sector.

"Progress in the health sector is a continuous process," the Prime Minister said adding that the government is taking both short and long term programmes for the development of the sector.

Earlier, Association secretary general M M Harunur Rashid apprised the Prime Minister of the various problems of the health workers at the field level.

Responding to various demands of the health workers, the Prime Minister said the government would look into the problems with utmost sympathy and consideration.

Association president Lutfar Rahman Khan also spoke on the occasion. Shamsur Rahman Sharif, MP, and association adviser Mohammad Monsur Ahmed were present.

Tk 329.19 cr paid as foreign debt service, JS told

Government paid Tk 329.19 crore as foreign debt service from July 1 to December 31 last year, reports UNB.

Finance Minister Shah A MS Kibria said this in parliament during the question hour yesterday replying to Prof Panna Kaiser (women seat).

Responding to another question, he told parliament that the government had received ADB grants of Tk 1278.18 crore from July 1, 1996 to October 31, 1997.

SC vacation: Justice Roy to hear cases

Justice Bimalendu Bikash Roy Chowdhury will hear the cases for disposal of urgent matters before the Appellate Division during the Supreme Court vacation from January 25 to February 3, reports UNB.

Justice Roy Chowdhury will take the hearings from January 28 to February 1 at the court chamber everyday from 10.00 to 11.00 am, said an official handout yesterday.

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prices go below what fundamentalists say they should be," the finance minister was quoted as saying in response to the brokers' plea.

Amir-ul-Mulk said the Banking Division would formally communicate today the Cabinet Committee clearance to 10 applicants for merchant banking to the Securities and Exchange Commission, which would do the rest.

"Those who fulfil the requirements will get licences from the SEC as early as possible," he said.

While the process of bringing in the merchant banks was hastened, the brokers' other demands such as waiving tax on dividend income and rationalising corporate tax structure were also taken into consideration.

The DSE councillors have long been asking for a 10 per cent gap between a listed and a non-listed company.

DSE sources quoted the finance minister as saying that the decisions on dividend income tax and a favourable tax for a public company would come through the next budget.

The Banking Secretary ruled out chances of these decisions announced through statutory regulatory orders (SROs).

In the wake of the DSE index falling to a 44-month low last Saturday, the meeting reviewed the stock market situation, focusing on the Dhaka bourse reforms as a major element in restoring investors' confidence.

The DSE authorities are already facing a deadline to finish automation by March. The finance minister also asked the councillors to expedite implementation of an independent management of executive business of the bourse.

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Activists of Greenpeace and other parties perform a play in New Delhi yesterday, protesting the recent US decision to allow the US Navy and Maritime Administration to export toxic-laden ships to India, Bangladesh and Pakistan. The Indian government is depicted holding the feet of the United States. The ships, to be broken at the shipbreaking yards of these countries, are seriously contaminated with asbestos, lead and polychlorinated biphenyls.

JS body decides Local MPs to oversee implementation of WDB project

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources Ministry was held yesterday at Sangsab Bhaban with committee president Abdul Momin in the chair.

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