

PM addresses function at Kotalipara Govt pledge-bound to bring smiles on faces of poor

KOTALIPARA, June 26: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said her government is pledge-bound to arrange two-square course of meals for the poor and bring smiles on their faces for which Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had made sacrifices and suffered throughout his life, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister was speaking at a function, organised by the Social Welfare Department for distributing old-age allowances among 1,080 men and women from 108 wards under 12 unions of Kotalipara thana.

An amount of Taka 324,000 against three months' pension was distributed among them. Besides, each recipient was given an extra amount of Taka 20 as tiffin money as they came here from far-flung areas of the thana to receive their allowances.

State Minister for Social Welfare, Women and Children Affairs Dr. Mozammel Hossain, Awami League Gopalganj district General Secretary Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, Deputy Commissioner of Gopalganj Nasiruddin, and director of the Social Welfare Directorate Mir Shahuddin also spoke on the occasion.

While receiving, the envelopes containing the three months' allowances most of the elderly persons became emotional and some of them could not drive back tears. The prime minister very affectionately hugged and encouraged them to overcome all hurdles of life.

Bent by the burden of age and painful experiences of life, the 65-year Jyotin Howladar told BSS after receiving the allowance that he would pray for the prime minister for taking this decision in favour of the aged people who have nobody to look after.

In a choking voice he said, "sometimes by heart cried for a silver-colour hilsia fish or a ripe jackfruit, but I could not buy those as I had no means," a confident Howladar after receiving the money said that now he would be able to buy not only a hilsia fish or a jackfruit but anything he wants to eat at this stage of his life.

Almost similar views were expressed by Abdul Hai Kazi of Baidyabari Union, Imdad Khan, Nasar Bibi and Sajju Bibi, who all said that once they had happiness and pleasures. But today they are penniless and they have nobody to look after. "My grandson will definitely take some extra care of me as I have now at least some cash in my hand," said Sajju Bibi obligingly.

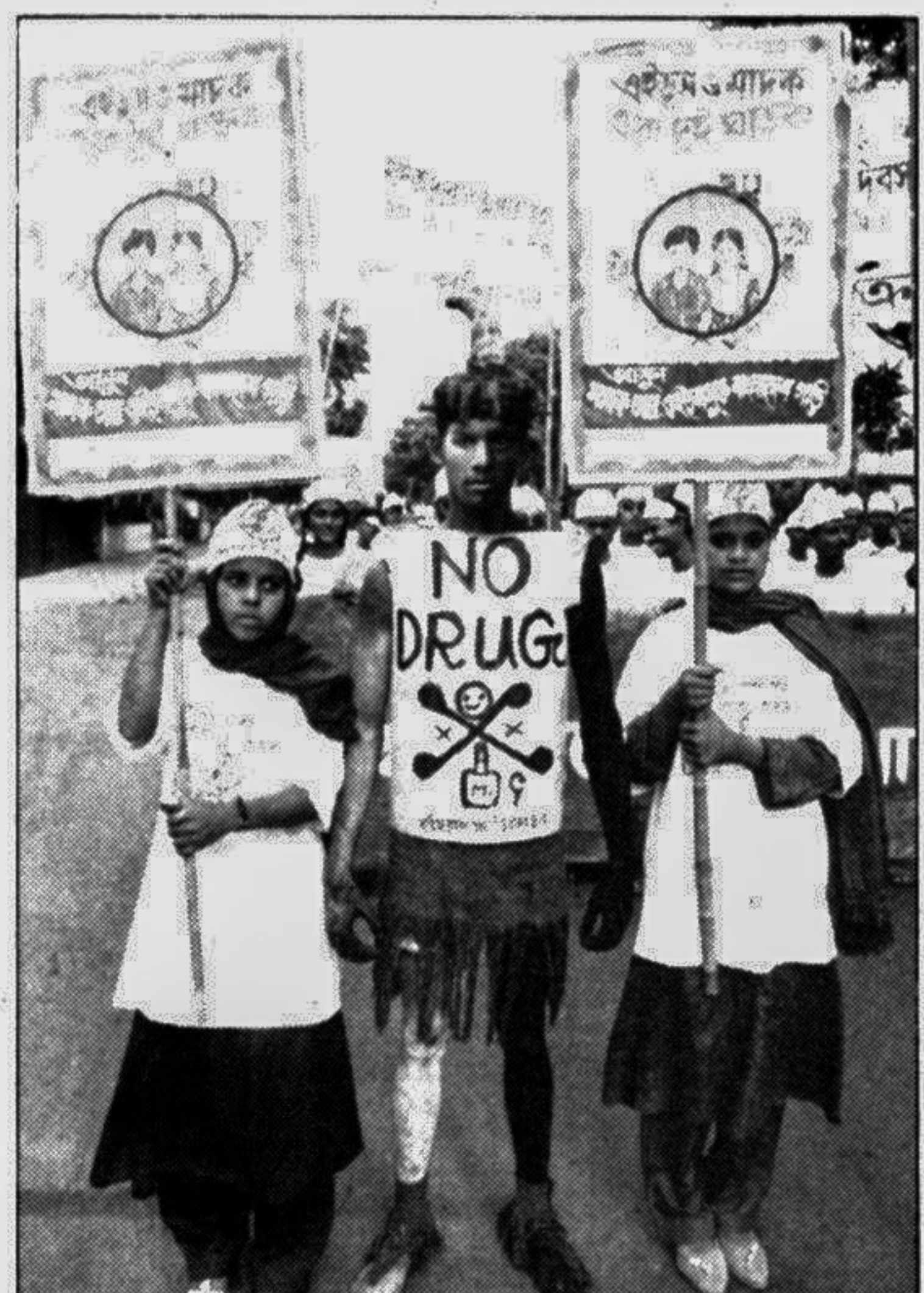
The Prime Minister said that it is her government's commitment to see the welfare from the new-born babies to the old-age people as her party was always for the cause of the downtrodden. "My government's policy is to alleviate poverty and making people self-reliant," she added.

Listing some of the welfare-oriented measures of her government, the prime minister said under the integrated rural development programme an amount of Taka 121 crore would be spent while for destitutes and orphan children another amount of Taka 77 crore has been sanctioned.

Seventy-seven shishu sadans would turn into shishu pallies while six centres would be set up at six divisional headquarters for socially retarded persons.

Fifty-seven new centres would be set up across the country for the blinds while river erosion victims would be provided housing facilities under Asharyan Prakalpa.

The prime minister referred to the setting up of employment bank and other income generating programmes of the government, which she said, would help improving the lot of the poor.



The Department of Narcotics Control staged an anti-drug rally in the city yesterday.

Bangladesh mission in Bonn takes part in festival

Bangladesh embassy in Bonn took part in a one-day festival organised by Deutsche Welle TV (Voice of Germany) yesterday at Kunst Museum in the German capital, message received here yesterday said, reports BSS.

This was the fifth such festival sponsored by Deutsche Welle TV, the message added.

'Govt, opposition equally responsible to make JS effective'

Deputy Speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid yesterday said both the Treasury Bench and the Opposition are equally responsible to make parliament effective and meaningful, reports BSS.

"There is no alternative to parliament for continuing democratic practice," he said while addressing as the chief guest of an annual prize distribution ceremony of Rural Life Insurance Project under Delta Life Insurance Company Limited in the BCIC auditorium in the city yesterday evening.

The function, chaired by Chairman of Delta Life Insurance Company Limited Dr Syed Mokarram Ali, was also addressed by Parliamentary Affairs adviser to the Prime Minister Saranjit Sen Gupta, MP, and introducer of Rural Insurance Saafat Ahmed Chowdhury as the special guests.

The Deputy Speaker said the current parliament has provided scopes to discuss on matters of various issues by raising point of order from the opposition to make the house more fruitful.

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He said, "We called a 12 hour strike Wednesday in all hospitals across the country in protest against the proposal for autonomy. We have given a deadline of upto July 2 for a written assurance from the chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on health ministry. If he fails to give us the assurance, we will announce a action programme in our scheduled July 11 meeting."

When contacted Dr Kazi Abu Yusuf, Chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on health ministry, said, "The government has already give assurance through TV and radio coverage that there is no plan for privatisation (part of autonomy) in the health sector. So, there is no need for fresh assurance from me."

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On the occasion, Department of Narcotics Control organised a cycle procession from Manik Mia Avenue at 6 am. It was followed by a procession by rickshaws and roller-skaters.

Another procession was brought out from Engineers' Institution at 7 am. Officials of Narcotics Control and different NGOs joined the procession.

Jamaat demands resignation of AL govt

Jamaat-e-Islami has demanded immediate resignation of the government accusing it of misrule and failure during its two-year rule, reports UNB.

The demand came from a meeting of the Jamaat Majlis-e-Shura, chaired by party chief Prof Golam Azam, on the second day yesterday, said a press release.

A resolution of the meeting said the government has no right to remain in power any longer as the nation has become "disgusted with the Awami misrule and corruption" for last two years.

It said people have already shown no-confidence in the government by their spontaneous participation in the Long March, hartal and demonstrations.

The meeting condemned the government policy of recognising hundreds of non-government primary schools, colleges and madrasas "from partisan outlook" and urged it to accept the just demands of the teachers.

Meanwhile, a meeting of thana and ward unit presidents of Jamaat has urged the people to hasten the government's fall by attending the scheduled mass procession on July 1.

Presided over by City Jamaat Ameer ATM Azharul Islam, the meeting said the civic life has become unbearable due to persisting local meddling, short supply of water and gas, price hike of essentials, extortion, killing, rape and the deteriorating situation of law and order.

Trial of all war criminals demanded

Discussions at a meeting in the city yesterday demanded a ban on communal politics and trial of all war-criminals including Ghulam Azam.

Jatiya Samantah Committee of MuktiJuddher Chetona Bastobayon Committee and The Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee yesterday arranged the discussion meeting in observance of fourth death anniversary of "Shaheed Janani" Jahanara Imam.

Begum Zohra Tazuddin gave the inaugural speech at the meeting held at TSC auditorium yesterday afternoon. With Syed Hasan Imam in the chair, the commemorative discussion was also participated by, among others, Awami League president member Amir Hossain Amru, poet Shamsur Rahman, Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Faiz Ahmed, Barrister Shaikat Ali, Nurul Islam Nahid, MP, Principal Abdul Ahad Chowdhury, Shahriar Kabir, Shamsunnahar Siddique, Moshed Ali, Aminul Islam Badsha, Golam Kuddus, Dilip Barua, Kazi Mukul and Kamal Fasha.

The discussants urged the new generation to imbued with the ideal of "Shaheed Janani" and lauded the role of electronic media for airing special programme in memory of Jahanara Imam for the first time.

They called upon all pro-liberation forces to get united for implementation of the spirit of Liberation War and noted that party that led the war in 1971 is in power now thereby opening up scopes for translating Liberation War's ideals into reality.

Three-wheelers BRTA ready to issue route-permits if applied by June 30

The mechanised three-wheelers, registered with the Dhaka office of the BRTA, would get route-permits without fine, if the owners concerned apply for them by June 30.

The BRTA is now ready to issue route-permits, without fine, to the autorickshaws, auto-tempos and mishukes that have been registered with the Dhaka office earlier, a BRTA press release said adding: "If applied by June 30."

The three-wheelers concerned must be of less than nine-year old, the release added.

BELA concerned at attempt to import 320 2-stroke engine tempo

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) has expressed concern over an attempt to import 320 two-stroke engine vehicles known as tempo violating the government decision.

In a statement last night the BELA said though the second meeting of the national environmental committee under chairmanship of the prime minister prohibited importation of two-stroke engine vehicles, various irregularities were reported in different dailies on sanctioning loans for it from state owned banks.

Hun Sen won't take part in polls campaign

Cambodian leader Hun Sen said Friday he will not take part in a month-long campaign for elections he is highly favoured to win, preferring to stay on the sidelines as his challengers vie for votes, reports AP.

Hun Sen, whom opponents accuse of stacking the July 26 polls in his favour through violence and packing electoral bodies with his supporters, told reporters that he does not see any of rivals as a real threat to his chances.

The chief opponents are Prince Norodom Ranariddh, whom Hun Sen ousted as his co-prime minister in bloody power grab last year, and prominent dissident Sam Rainsy, a former finance minister.

Hun Sen said that actively participating in the race, which officially opened Thursday, could create unwanted tensions among his challengers and perhaps lessen his position of strength.

"I don't look down on my competitors," Hun Sen remarked. "But they are not fit enough to draw me into a face-to-face confrontation."

The elections will be Cambodia's first since 1993, when UN peacekeeping troops were part of a 2 billion dollars effort to usher in a new era of peace and democracy after the Khmer Rouge genocide of the late 1970s, followed by a decade of Vietnamese occupation.

Ranariddh's royalist FUNCINPEC party won in 1993, but agreed under threats of renewed civil war to share power with Hun Sen's former communist Cambodian People's Party.

The tense coalition shattered in battles between their armed supporters last year. As many as 90 of Hun Sen's political opponents, apart from soldiers on the battlefield, have since been killed. No one has

Declaration of Immovable Property

21 Decree, 66 Rule of Civil Procedure Law Site: Sub-Judge and Ortho Rin Adalat-2, Gazipur Civil Decree Suit No-19/95 Original Suit/Civil Suit No-116/88 (Sub-Judge and Commercial Court-1, Dhaka)

Janata Bank, Mohakhali Branch, Dhaka — Decree holder

Versus

- 1. M/s Macnor Textile Printing, Plot No-226, Fakirbari Road, Pagar, near BSCIC, Tongi, Dhaka. 2. Mr AKM Rafiqul Islam, Proprietor, M/s Macnor Textile Printing, father late Mowlana Mozahar Ahmed, Village-Azimpur, PS-Satkania, District-Chittagong. At present House No GPK-170, Mohakhali, PS-Gulshan, District-Dhaka.

As per statement of auctioneer the amount of claim of decree holder — 45,01,003/- (forty-five lac one thousand and three) taka only (till 31/3/98).

It is for information of the members of public, that in order to realise Taka 45,01,003/- (Taka forty-five lac one thousand and three) only in favour of decree holder as mentioned in the civil decree suit of 19/95 at Gazipur Sub-Judge Court, the moveable and immovable property of a debtor as mentioned the following schedule will be sold in public auction at nejarat premises of the Gazipur District Judge Court on 5/8/98 at 12-00 Noon. Intending buyers are hereby requested to participate in the auction as per date and time mentioned above. Successful participants in the auction will be given possession through court and the auctioneer will have to deposit 25% taka instantly.

Schedule

District-Dhaka, present district-Gazipur, police station and sub-registry office-Tongi, Mouza-Pagar, GL-132, CS demarcation (Khatian) No-22, SA khatian No-20, RS Khatian No 113, mutation Khatian No 20/kat, previous demarcation No-266, present-216, total area of land —.02½ (two and a half decimal), vide deed No 3729, 844 and 888 dated - 23/8/84, 5/3/86 and 9/3/86 and total area of land .02½ (two and a half decimal) vide deed No-2353 of 1983 dated-16/6/83) total area of land .05 (decimal five). Houses, building, doors and windows on it etc. Its boundary lines—north-seller, south-graveyard, east-seller, west-Janab Badsha Mian.

By Order Serestadar Sub-Judge Second Court Gazipur.

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Proposal for autonomy in hospital management opposed by leaders

By Staff Correspondent

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Cantonment Board Dhaka Cantonment Appointment Notice

Applications are hereby invited from the bonafide citizens of Bangladesh for appointment of teachers in vacant posts in the following educational institutions controlled by Dhaka Cantonment Board.

Table with 6 columns: Sl No, Name of post, Number, Pay Scale, Educational qualification, Age. Contains two job listings for Assistant Teachers in English and Geography.

Interested candidates will have to send self-written application mentioning all necessary information to the undersigned by 20.7.98. Attested copies of necessary certificates, 02 (two) attested copies of passport size photo, character certificate from class I gazetted officer, nationality certificate mentioning permanent address from the Chairman of Union Council/Commissioner of Paurashava and a Bank Draft/Pay Order amounting to Tk 50/- (fifty) (non-refundable) in favour of the Cantonment Executive Engineer, Dhaka Cantonment will have to be attached with application. Candidates from greater Dhaka district will be given preference for filling up the abovementioned posts. But if suitable candidates from greater Dhaka district are not found, then the vacant posts will be filled in by the candidates from other districts. Incomplete application without training will not be acceptable. Candidates already in service will have to apply through proper channel.

Shafique Alam Mehedi Cantonment Executive Officer Dhaka Cantonment

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