

Metropolitan

Consensus among political parties sought to face challenges of trade liberalisation

By Staff Correspondent

Minister for Labour and Manpower M A Mannan yesterday called for a consensus among all the political parties to formulate plans to effectively face the challenges of globalisation and trade liberalisation which posed a threat to the nation's existence.

Stressing the quality of products, congenial labour-management relations and efficiency of workers, the minister said the country should start preparation to generate huge employment opportunities just now to cope with serious consequences if the garments goods and shrimps lose international market.

The minister was addressing the concluding ceremony of the 4-day national tripartite seminar as chief guest on "Globalisation and its Impact on Industrial Relations in Bangladesh" at a city hotel yesterday.

At least 15 papers on various

matters relating to globalisation, its impact and labour problems were presented in 10 working sessions of the seminar.

Jointly organised by ILO, Dhaka, Ministry of Labour and Manpower and Ministry of Commerce and Industries, the seminar was widely attended by labour leaders, employers, government officials and industrial relations specialists from home and abroad.

The concluding ceremony of the seminar was preceded by a working session on the paper "Linking Wages with Productivity" by Prof Momtaz Uddin Ahmed of Dhaka University with the Joint Secretary of Labour and Manpower Reza-e-Rabbi in the chair.

Minister M A Mannan said the developing countries should raise voice for ensuring free movement of labour in the wake of trade liberalisation for

their own existence.

The seminar also approved a number of recommendations seeking formulation of government policy.

The recommendations include, promotion of joint consultation between employers and workers, checking politicisation of trade unions, implementation of labour laws, ensuring greater autonomy to management of public enterprises, strengthening of trade unions as responsible partner of the management, social safety for entrenched workers, modernisation of labour laws, fixation of minimum wages and recognition of SKOP as the national federation of trade unions.

Among others director of ILO, Dhaka, MA Hassanain, New Delhi chapter of SAAT specialist A Sivanantiran spoke at the concluding ceremony.



Police resorted to baton charge on the pickets in Bangshal area of the city during hartal hours yesterday. — Star photo

Flats for CHT govt officials to be built

RANGAMATI, July 16: The government plans to start construction of the housing project of the government officials in the Chittagong Hill Tracts at a cost of Taka five crore from Sept next, official said, reports BSS.

The selection of sites has already been completed.

Founding anniversary of Mohakal to be observed today

The 15th founding anniversary of Mohakal Natya Sampradaya, a drama group, will be observed today, reports UNB. A discussion meeting will be held at 5 pm at Guide House auditorium on the occasion. Deputy Minister for Food Dharendra Devnath Shambhu will attend it as chief guest.

BAU academic activities facing set-back

Academic activities of the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) in Mymensingh have been facing setback due to inadequate budget allocation for the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

University sources said Tk 35 crore was approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as budget of the university for fiscal '98-99 against the demand of Tk 46 crore 46.34 lakh proposed by the authorities.

Of the amount, grant from the government is Tk 33.20

crore while another Tk 1.80 crore will be earned from the university's own sources.

Head-wise allocations include salary, leverage, income tax, group insurance and recreation allowance Tk 27.35 crore, general contingency Tk 4 crore 68.74 lakh and academic activities Tk 2 crore 96.26 lakh.

The budget for the new fiscal year and the supplementary budget of the last year were discussed in the Finance Committee meeting of the university on June 30. Vice

Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Hussain was in the chair.

Officials said the committee recommended to approve a revised budget of Tk 34 crore 99.68 lakh for the 1997-98 fiscal year against Tk 34 crore 19.88 lakh approved by the UGC.

They observed that academic activities of the university including research will be hampered further if the existing deficit is not covered up in the revised budget.

DMP yet to set up six new thanas as proposed earlier

By Masud Arif

Six new thanas in the city, as proposed by the Dhaka Metropolitan Police a year ago, are yet to be set up.

The DMP submitted the proposal to the higher authorities as population density in the city is increasing day by day, resulting in the rise of crime incidents.

Police officials say that in terms of physical coverage, it is too difficult to reach all areas in the city for "effective policing" with the existing manpower at the 15 thanas. The six proposed thanas will strengthen policing specially in the crime prone peripheral areas of the metropolis, they claimed.

The new thanas have been proposed to set up in Khilgaon and Shamspur in DMP's East crime division; Rasulpur (Kamrangchar) and Hazaribagh in South; Badda in North and Kafrul in West division.

The field level policemen in the existing 15 thanas could hardly give proper attention to problems of general people as they are burdened with various routine duties, a senior police official said.

On an average, an Investigation Officer, mainly Sub-Inspector level police official in

the city thanas, deal with 25 to 30 criminal cases at a time. As a result, they do not get enough time for investigation after performing their regular duties, he said.

There are some 75 policemen at each thana with 10 others at each police outpost. Generally, each thana has at least two outposts within its designated area.

Each of the proposed thanas will be manned by 72 people including one Inspector, 11 sub-inspectors, six Assistant SIs, one head constable, two naiks, 50 constables and one sweeper. Initially, there will be no outpost in these thanas.

Police sources, however, said the authorities concerned have already approved mobilisation of manpower for the proposed thanas. They hoped that the thanas would be set up in a few months.

According to statistics, a total of 17,879 cases were filed with the 15 city thanas in 1997 and 15,951 in 1996. These included cases relating to murder, rape, repression on women and children, rioting, robbery, enmity, kidnapping, stealing, possessing illegal arms and narcotics and smuggling.

Urs of Nizamuddin Awlia in Delhi from Aug 10

The 694th annual Urs of His Holiness Sultanul Mashaikh Hazrat Khawaja Nizamuddin Awlia Mehbub-e-Elahi (RA) will be held at Dargah Sharif from 16th to 20th Rabius Sani, 1419 Hijri (August 10 to 14, 1998), said Hajj Syed Danyal Nazami, Sajjadahmishin and Moallim of Dargah Sharif of Hazrat Khawaja Nizamuddin Awlia (RA), New Delhi, in a statement. Special prayers will be held on all the five days. Qul Sharif (special fateha) will be held on August 11 at 9 pm (after Namaj-e-Esha) and special qul will be held on August 12 at 11 am.

BAF passing-out parade held

The passing-out parade of the 23rd batch of the Ministry of Defence Constabulary (MODC) of the Bangladesh Air Force was held at BAF Base Bashur yesterday, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

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Contractor who have successfully completed the same nature of work depth more than 100 meter are eligible to participate in the tender. The contractor must produce original document of the work order and the completion certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of an Executive Engineer, as a proof of eligibility at the time of purchase of the tender documents. Otherwise no tender document will be sold to the contractor and photocopy of the same attested by the 1st class Govt. Gazetted Officer should be submitted with the tender.

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The schedule of said work will be available on payment of Tk. 1500/- (one thousand five hundred) only by cash (non-refundable) for each set up to 29-7-98 during office hours from the office of (i) The undersigned (ii) The Executive Engineer, PHE, 18-DTP, P&D Divn, Dhaka/Manikgonj Divn, Manikgonj and (iii) The Executive Engineer, PHE, Meherpur Divn, Meherpur. The tender will be received in the tender box kept at the abovementioned office up to 1-00 PM of 2-8-98 and be opened at 12-00 noon of 5-8-98 at the office of the Project Director, DPHE, Dutch Assisted Projects, 190-Arambagh, Inner Circular Road, Dhaka in presence of the tenderer(s) (if present).

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 - Project Director (Chief Engineer), 210MW Siddhirganj TPS Construction Project, PDB, Siddhirganj, Narayanganj.
 - Addl. Chief Engineer (PSC), PDB, Biddyt Bhaban, Dhaka.
 - Superintending Engineer (Civil), 210MW STPS Project, PDB, Siddhirganj.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security of Tk. 15,000/- (fifteen thousand) in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh drawn in favour of Dy. Director (Accounts), RAO, PDB, Siddhirganj, Narayanganj.
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 - Project Director (Chief Engineer), 210MW Siddhirganj TPS Construction Project, PDB, Siddhirganj, Narayanganj.
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The tenderers shall have to deposit the following documents with the technical offer.

- Attested photocopy of the Trade Licence.
- Attest photocopy of the certificate stating that current Income Tax return has been submitted with TIN.
- Attested photocopy of VAT registration certificate.
- Financial solvency certificate from any scheduled bank indicating OD limit, if any from the applicants bankers.
- Attested photocopy of the current enlistment (only for contractor).
- Detail technical specification of the proposed Automatic Voltage Stabilizer with catalogue/brochures.
- Previous experience certificate.

Tender documents will be available from the office of the Asstt Manager Accounts (Cash & Banking), Balaka, Biman at ZIA, Dhaka on cash payment of Tk 500/- (five hundred) only per set (non-refundable) on all working days up to 27.7.98 during office hours. No tender document will be sold on the day of opening of the tender.

Tenderers shall have to deposit earnest money @ 2.5% (two and a half per cent) of the total quoted amount in favour of Bangladesh Biman Corporation in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order (from scheduled bank) with the financial offer.

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