



The Directorate of Fisheries organised a colourful procession in the city yesterday to mark the Fisheries Week '98. — Star photo

Fisheries week '98 begins

The countrywide Fisheries Week '98 began yesterday with a renewed pledge to increase fish production, reports BSS.

Under an elaborate programme the Directorate of Fisheries organised seminars, symposia and rallies from the capital city to thana levels.

In the morning, a colourful procession carrying festoons and banners, beating musical instruments was brought out from the 'Matsha Bhaban' premises in the city led by State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Shatish Chandra Roy.

The procession paraded different city streets to create public opinion on the need for increasing fish production through organised pisciculture. Fishermen, members of fisheries cooperatives, officials and employees of the Directorate of Fisheries and Fisheries Development Corporation participated in the rally.

Colourful posters were also posted on the walls and the road islands were decorated with the banners in the city to mark the week.

In Chittagong, Minister for Labour and Manpower HA Manan inaugurated the programmes of the week at Muslim Institute Hall yesterday afternoon.

The minister underlined the importance of creating massive awareness among the people to increase fish production, expand pisciculture programmes, and preserve fish for the national economy.

The minister led a big rally which culminated at Laldighi Maidan.

Later the minister released fish fries at Laldighi. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Hasan and fisheries officials were present on the occasion.

A discussion on development of fish and shrimp culture in Khulna district held at the

Zila Matsya Bhaban at Boira with District Fisheries Officer M Rezaul Karim in the chair.

M Tabibur Rahman, deputy director, Fisheries Directorate, Khulna Division, took part in the discussion as chief guest. The week-long programmes chalked out in this connection include rally of fishermen and fish culturists, distribution of booklets on fish culture and preservation, publicity for motivating people for fish culture, fish fair, training on mixed culture of fishes, seminar on prospect and problems of shrimp culture in Khulna region and distribution of prizes among best fish culturists.

Meanwhile, the Fisheries Week '98 began in Barisal in a befitting manner.

In Barisal, the District Fisheries Department took up dif-

ferent programmes to mark the week. The programme of the week included rally, inaugural function, distribution of prizes, fish fry release at Bell's Park Lake, fish fair and seminar on Hilsha fish production.

A procession was brought out from the Aswini Kumar Town Hall premises and paraded the main thoroughfares of the town yesterday.

Presided over by M Alluddin, Deputy Commissioner of Barisal, the inaugural function was attended by Yahia Mollah, Divisional Commissioner, Barisal, as the chief guest and DIG of police, Barisal range, Gazi Abdur Rahman and Director of Health Dr Abdur Rahman as the special guests.

Weather Thundershowers likely

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Khulna and Barisal divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Rajshahi, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

According to Met Office, slight fall in day temperature is expected across the country during the period.

Country's highest temperature 35.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and the lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Comilla.

The sun sets today at 6:46 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:25 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morn	Even
Dhaka	28.5	25.1	91	83
Chittagong	32.0	27.2	82	84
Khulna	29.2	25.6	94	86
Rajshahi	35.5	25.4	92	93
Barisal	25.8	23.4	100	97
Sylhet	28.5	23.9	100	92
Cox's Bazar	32.5	26.8	82	97

Recover arrears, PM asks Biman officials

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wednesday called for drawing up a pragmatic plan for the development of the tourism sector, reports UNB.

"In Bangladesh, we have many things and spots to attract tourists and these should be developed further for making our tourism sector more attractive," she said at a high-level review meeting of the Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry at the Secretariat in the city.

The Prime Minister stressed the need for extensive publicity to attract the tourists.

Referring to the restoration of peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Hasina said through subsequent development of the region tourists could be attracted to this hub of natural beauty.

She also mentioned the longest beach of Cox's Bazar and scenic beauty of Kuakata from where one can see the sunrise and sunset. She said parts of the beach in Cox's Bazar should be kept exclusively for the foreign tourists by increasing various facilities.

Hasina also emphasised the need for imparting proper training to the people engaged in tourism sector to extend the best possible service to the tourists.

She said that the private sector also can participate in this sector through developing different spots in the country.

While reviewing the activities of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, the prime minister said passengers should be provided with the best possible service at the airport. They (passengers) must not face any problem.

Hasina reminded the Biman officials that Biman is the national flag carrier and it should maintain the quality of service and hospitality. She also directed them to recover the huge amount of arrears lying with different Biman agencies.

The prime minister noted that Biman should be run more efficiently and laid emphasis on proper maintenance of the

aircraft. She also called for maintaining transparency and accountability in all sectors of Biman.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Engineer Mosharraf Hossain gave a resume of activities of the ministry and said it had undertaken 14 projects in 1997-98 at a cost of Tk 148.05 crore.

The implementation rate of the projects is more than 85 per cent in financial terms and 87 per cent in real terms, he said.

He said Civil Aviation Authority is implementing five major projects, including the Barisal Airport development, turning MA Hannan Airport into an International Airport construction of STOL airports (Khan Jahan Ali and Bogra) and construction of cargo village at Zia International Airport.

The minister said Civil Aviation Authority is implementing five projects with its own resources.

Civil Aviation and Tourism secretary Omar Hadi said Tk 12 crore is allocated for the tourism sector in the Fifth Five Year Plan while in the private sector of tourism the allocation is Tk 300 crore.

In the tourism sector, 17 projects have been taken up including construction of restaurant and rest house near the Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge, construction of tourism centre at Bandarban, construction of entertainment park at Rangamati, tourism centre at St Martin's Island, new tourism complex and entertainment park at Cox's Bazar, and increasing tourism facilities in the Sundarbans.

Principal secretary to the Prime Minister Dr S A Samad, Member of the Planning Commission Kazi Shamsul Alam, Finance Secretary Dr Akbar Ali Khan, Planning Secretary Abdul Hamid Chowdhury, IMED Secretary Saiful Islam and Secretary to the Prime Minister Zakia Akhter Chowdhury and concerned officials were present at the meeting.



Workers Party brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting the government move to sign SOFA. — Star photo

Dacoity in city

By Staff Correspondent

A gang of dacoits at gun point took away gold ornaments, cash and valuables worth about Tk 1.5 lakh from a house at Mohammadpur in the city early yesterday.

Police said about 10 robbers armed with revolvers and sharp weapons cut an iron grille and entered into the first floor house at Mohammadpur camp bazaar at about 3 am.

The attackers, aged between 25 and 30, tied the inmates of the house of customs inspector Enamul Haq at gun point.

The robbers left the scene after about a half-an-hour raid and took away gold ornaments, cash Tk 50,000 and six wrist watches.

Police said they were yet to trace any of the gang members. Enamul Haq lodged complaint with Mohammadpur thana

Dhaka to take part in world anthropology congress

Bangladesh will join the 14th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Science (ICAES) scheduled to be held at Williamsburg in Virginia state in the United States from July 26, says a press release.

An estimated 6,000 participants from different parts of the world will take part in the congress. Dr. Profulla C. Sarkar, Professor of the Department of Social Work, Rajshahi University will represent Bangladesh and preside over one session.

Prof Sarkar will chair the session on "Family Structure and Fertility Behaviour" on July 30. He will also present two scientific papers on "Kinship Structure and the Care of the Aged" and "Marital Rites and Their Symbolic Significance on Fertility Behaviour."

JU admission test results Aug 4

By Staff Correspondent

The preliminary results of the written tests for admission into the first year honours classes of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will be published on August 4, says a press release.

Some 36 students are contesting for each seat in the university this year.

The full-fledged residential university is expected to enroll some 1000 students this year.

JS body for reform of industrial laws

The second parliamentary Standing Committee meeting on Industries Ministry yesterday emphasised the need for reform of the commerce and industrial laws in line with the demands of the present day world, reports UNB.

Presided over by Committee Chairman Dewan Farid Gazi, the meeting reviewed various aspects of the proposed Industrial Policy in which the private sector has been given the priority.

The meeting was told that an accurate Industrial Policy, suitable to the time, has been prepared to attract the foreign investors.

Opinions of industrialists, businessmen, members of Parliament — both from the ruling party and the Opposition — had been sought while formulating the policy.

The meeting also stressed the need for discipline in mills and factories.

Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, Hafiz Ahmed Majumder, Golam Hossain, AKM Mosharraf Hossain attended the meeting.

Industries Secretary KM Izazul Haq and concerned senior officials were also present

Convention of Bangladeshis in NY begins

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladeshis living in North America will hold a three-day convention in New York from September 4 to focus on the culture, tradition, economy, politics and environment of their homeland, reports UNB.

The 12th North America Bangladesh Convention of the Federation of Bangladesh Associations in North America (FOBANA) will deal with issues like application of modern technology, business and investment, water and natural resources and community service learning and education in Bangladesh, its organisers told newsmen at National Press Club yesterday.

A plenary session on "Constitution, Democracy and Student Politics in Bangladesh" will also be organised with the participation of American and Bangladeshi politicians.

Organisers said former US President Jimmy Carter, Governor of New York State George Pataki, Senator Edward Kennedy and New York City Mayor Rudolph Guiliani are expected to attend the convention.

Leaders of different political parties including Awami League, BNP and Jatiya Party have been invited to attend the convention, an annual event of FOBANA founded 12 years ago.

Body recovered

NARAYANGANJ, July 23: The body of one Amzad Hossen, 22, a farmer, was recovered by the police from a ditch at Baktaboli under Fatullah police station this morning, reports BSS.

According to police sources, the victim remained missing since July 19, after he went out of the house at the call of one of his friends.

BHSTA biennial council 'Govt committed to building modern edn system'

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday said the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is committed to building a modern education system in the country, reports BSS.

"We want to make our next generation worthy citizens so that they could face the challenges of the next century keeping pace with the rest of the world," he said while speaking as the chief guest at the biennial council of Bangladesh High School Teachers' Association (BHSTA) in the city.

Deputy Minister for Shipping Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Alhaj Maqbul Hossain, MP, Director of Secondary and Higher Secondary School Department Dr A T M Sharifullah, Headmaster of the Laboratory School Abdus Sobhan and president of the Teachers' Association Motiur Rahman spoke on the occasion at the Dhaka Gov-

ernment Laboratory High School in the city.

Prof Sayeed said Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman wanted to introduce a people-oriented uniform mass education system in the country to meet the demand of the nation.

Bangabandhu not only dreamt of it but also incorporated this in the constitution.

But military rulers and the autocrats had dropped the system from the constitution and introduced a multiple one.

He said education is not merely a right but also the best investment in human life. Keeping this in view, the government has allocated about Taka seven thousand crore for poverty alleviation and human resources development.

He called upon the teachers to come forward to check erosion of values in the society and translate the dreams of Bangabandhu into reality.

Hearing of suit to receive maintenance till remarriage ends

The hearing of the case regarding the right of a divorced woman to receive maintenance from her ex-husband till remarriage, in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court ended on Tuesday after about two weeks' submission, says a press-release.

The High Court Division had given a decision in January, '95, directing one Hefzur Rahman to pay maintenance to his divorced wife Shamsun Nahar until she remarries. Hefzur Rahman had subsequently appealed against that decision in the Appellate Division and the hearing of the appeal had commenced on July 12th.

The counsel on behalf of Hefzur Rahman was Advocate Abdul Hannan, who made submissions on and discussed various aspects of the Holy Quran, Sunnah and laws of other countries. The submissions on behalf of Shamsun Nahar were made by Barrister Rabia Bhuiyan. She drew to the attention of the learned judges to various interpretations of the Quran, Sunnah, works of noted Islamic jurists and the relevant municipal laws of Malaysia, Indonesia, Iran, Egypt, Turkey, Jordan, Syria, Tunisia and other Muslim countries.

Bangladeshi cultural troupe performs in Germany

The performance of a cultural troupe from Bangladesh enthralled the audience in Germany on Wednesday.

A good number of Germans and expatriate Bangladeshis attended the cultural function held in the university, city of Heidelberg, according to a message received in the city yesterday.

The musical soiree was performed by an eight-member team of Bangla Shur, a cultural organisation, now on a visit to Germany at the invitation of NETZ, a German NGO.

At the function, Tagor-song, palligeeti, baul song and folk dance were presented by Sagor Barua, Anima Mukti Gomes, Agnes Peris Baby, Ashim Jude d'Costa and Abdus Sattar Kalu. Dhiman Barua's tabla playing was appreciated by the audience.

While appreciating the contribution by both NETZ and the cultural troupe in promoting Bangladeshi culture in Germany, Mohammad Amjad Hossain, Counsellor of Bangladesh Embassy, spoke on the cultural heritage of Bangladesh. Wolf Matthias Gallien, Executive Director of NETZ, conducted the programme.

The musical soiree was rounded off with a German song by the cultural troupe.

Egyptian envoy holds reception

The ambassador of Egypt Osama M Tawfik held a reception in the city yesterday evening in celebration of the National Day of his country, reports BSS.

The reception was attended, by Shipping Minister A S M Abdur Rob, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Water Resources Dr Alauddin, Political leaders, diplomats, journalists, high officials and elite of the city.



Finance Minister SAMS Kibria presiding over a high-level meeting on jute price, held at the conference room of the ministry yesterday. — PID photo

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Rajbari

Notice Inviting Tender No RAJ, E/M 1 (one) of 1998-99

- Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from enlisted contractors/firms under PWD according to their eligibility and financial limit for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Faridpur/Magura/Kushtia/Narail/Jhenidah/Meherpur/ Chuadanga and Jessore up to 12:00 Noon of 11/8/98Eng and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it. The tender form will be sold up to 10/8/98 Eng.
- Name of work : i) Providing and installation of 50 KVA Emergency Power Generators in the Modernised Sadar Hospital at Rajbari.
ii) Construction of Generator room attached to Sadar Hospital at Rajbari.
- Estimated cost : i) Tk. 9,97,769/-
ii) Tk. 1,58,737/-
- Earnest money : i) Tk. 20,000/-
ii) Tk. 3,200/-
- Time allowed for completion of work : i) 6 (Six) months.
ii) 3 (Three) months.
- Tender papers and other connected papers where available : The tender papers and other documents can be purchased during the office hours at the office of the U/S and all the Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Jessore on cash payment of usual charges (non-refundable) up to 10/8/98 Eng.

Executive Engineer
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First class first

Ashraf Mahmood Dewan alias Hamid, son of Mohiuddin Dewan, stood first in the MSS (Thesis) examinations of 1994 from the Department of Geography of the Dhaka University, says a press release.

Ashraf, an eminent handball player, also stood first in his BSS examinations. He led the Dhaka University handball team to the national championship in 1997. He is regular player in the Premier Handball League.

Bangladesh Handball Federation and Bangladesh Handball Referees' Association congratulated him for his success.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Facilities Department, Ministry of Education
Naogaon Zone, Naogaon

Tender Notice

Tender Notice No-56(T)/Development/Pri/EE/FD/Naog-Z/98-99 Date: 13-7-98

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No-2911 are hereby invited from enlisted/renewed A-1 and A-2 classes of contractors of Facilities Department for executing extension work of the following government primary schools under a project titled Reconstruction and Renovation of Government Primary Schools during 1997-98 fiscal year.

Group No	Name of educational institutions	Thana	District
1	Bhabanipur Government Primary School	Sadar	Naogaon
2	Pachurchak Town Government Primary School	Sadar	Joypurhat

- Estimated cost of each group : 13,84,011/- (thirteen lakh eighty-four thousand eleven) only.
- Amount of earnest money of each group : 27,685/- (twenty-seven thousand six hundred eighty-five) only.
- Time limit for completion of work : 06 (six) months.
- Last date of purchasing tender : 11-8-98 (till office hours).
- Last date and time of receiving tender : 13-8-98 (till 12:00 Noon).
- Date and time of opening tender : 13-8-98 (at 12-30 PM).
- Offices where tenders documents can be purchased and received : Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi Zone, office of the undersigned, Executive Engineer, Facilities Department Rangpur/Dinajpur/Panchagarh/Pabna/Rajshahi/Kurigram and Bogra Zone office, Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Naogaon and Joypurhat district office on all working days during office hours on payment of Taka 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) per set.
- Earnest money in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Naogaon Zone, Naogaon must be submitted along with each tender.

Terms and conditions:

- Receipt of depositing of fee till 1997-98 fiscal year, registration book and original copy of certificate of VAT registration etc. will have to be produced at the time of purchasing tender documents and the attested copies of all these papers will have to be submitted alongwith tender at the time of submitting tender.
- If any error in information is found any time, the tender will be regarded as cancelled. Even if the work order is given and the works began, the work order will be cancelled.
- Copy of certificate, income tax return for 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 (for whom it is applicable) will have to be submitted alongwith tender.
- Participating contractors will have to submit their bank statement of 1997-98 alongwith tender. The contractor should have a balance of Taka 3.00 (Three) lakh on any 1 (one) day in the concerned bank.
- Photocopy of registration book of licence will have to be submitted with tender after attestation.
- Contractors who could not complete the work in the stipulated time without any reasonable ground during last fiscal year and could not make satisfactory progress of that work are not eligible to participate in the tender.
- Tenders of contractor/contractory firm will be considered as cancelled if any wrong information is provided in "Eligibility Evaluation Form".
- Income tax and Value Added Tax (VAT) will be deducted from all types of bill as per government role.
- If the lowest rate in tender is of less than above 5%(five per cent) of estimated cost the tender will be considered outright rejected.
- The contractor will not be able to claim any financial benefit if the name of educational institution is changed or dropped due to unavoidable circumstances.
- Bill will be paid subject to the availability of allocation. The contractor will be obliged to complete the work within stipulated time.

The authority reserves the right to accept any/all tenders or reject without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Md Afzal
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