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## World Tourism Day today

World Tourism Day will be observed today in Bangladesh as in all other member countries of the World Tourism Organisation in a befitting manner, says ATB.

This year's theme of the day is "Public-Private Partnership: The Key to Tourism Development and Promotion".

In view of the country's devastating flood, the government has decided to observe the day this year in an unceremonious manner.

On the eve of the day, the President and the Prime Minister separately issued messages wishing success of the campaign. The Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister and the Secretary of the portfolio also gave message on the occasion.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed said in exploiting the immense possibilities of tourism in the country there should be private venture alongside government efforts.

The President further said: Flourishing tourism through concerted and planned initiative would bring affluence in our socio-economic life and enhance our image in international arena.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in her message, said tourism is considered as the most familiar, modern and progressive industrial sector in the present-day world.

"Its contribution to international understanding, peace and cooperation is unique," she said.

The PM hopes that tourism industry will deeproot the fraternity and friendship among the nations of the world and open up the horizon of economic emancipation of the peoples.

Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Engineer Mosharraf Hossain said observance of the World Tourism Day would make the people of the country more aware about the enormous contribution of the industry.

Secretary of the Ministry Omar Hadi urged private sector investors to increase investment in tourism.

## ORS project opens at DU

By DU Correspondent

An oral rehydration saline (ORS) project started operation yesterday for helping the flood-affected people at the Bio-chemistry Department of Dhaka University, said a press release.

The project organised by Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA), was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury.

Prof A F M Yusuf Haider, Prof Md Hossain Monsur, officials of the DUTA, Managing Director of Drug Essential, Abdul Mannan Mandol, Plant Manager of Gaco-Zawad Eahia and the teachers and students of Bio-chemistry Department was present during the inaugural ceremony.

## BGMEA to build 80 housing complexes for 2.4 lakh garment workers

Some 2.4 lakh garment workers will get better homes to live in from next year as their owners have taken a house-building programme for them, reports APB.

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) president Mostafa Golam Qudus disclosed the plans yesterday.

He said they in cooperation with BRAC would build some 80 housing complexes, each with the capacity of accommodating 3,000 workers.

"We need around 40 million US dollars to make it a success," he said at a press conference of business leaders with Overseas

Correspondents Association, Bangladesh (OCAB) at Sonargaon Hotel.

Qudus said some 12 houses would be built in Chittagong and the rest in Dhaka and hoped that construction work would begin in the middle of 1999.

Talking about health of the garment workers amidst the devastating floods, he said some 17 medical teams were working in different factories to provide health services. He, however, claimed not a single worker was reported to be affected by diarrhoea.

Focusing on their effort for

easeing up the flood-evoked crisis, the BGMEA president said: At last we have succeeded in averting the feared stocklot situation.

Newsmen were informed that the apparel cargoes worth 264 million US dollars — stuck up in the capital due to communication breakdown — had almost been cleared.

The BGMEA chief also disclosed that their industry's biggest annual exposition — BATEXPO — would be held on October 16-18.

Leading businessmen and leaders of international apparel associations are expected to attend the three-day show.

"The BATEXPO aims to display our best offers in quality, price and other services with our apparels in the international arena," Qudus said.

FBCCI president Yusuf Abdullah Harun, MCCI president Laila Rahman Kabir and DCCI president Rashed Maksud Khan were present on the occasion.

## DU suspends all exams

The Dhaka University authorities have suspended all examinations of the university till October 18 due to the floods, reports APB.

The decision was taken at a meeting of DU Academic Council on Thursday, a university official said.

This was for the third time since the beginning of the floods that the DU authorities deferred the examinations.

Fresh schedules for the suspended examinations will be announced later.

## 350,000 diarrhoea patients recovered so far

Health Minister Salahuddin Yusuf yesterday said so far 350,000 diarrhoea patients have recovered from the illness after treatment, reports UNB.

Relief and medical services are being provided to the flood victims in the affected areas, he said while launching relief distribution and medical activities at Mohammadpur under the auspices of Awami Seccha Shebak League and BMA.

## Famine inevitable, says Mannan

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday said the government has no effective plan to salvage the flood ravaged country, reports UNB.

"It has no plan of rehabilitation, and as a result, famine is inevitable," he said while inaugurating a saline project of BUET Chhatra Dal unit.

Bhuiyan said instead of giving attention to the relief and rehabilitation work, the government is busy in looting relief goods and taking revenge on its political opponents.

He called for engaging the local representatives to the post-flood rehabilitation programmes.

The function presided over by Mohammad Murtuza was addressed by former VC Prof Mohammad Shajahan, Prof Nazrul Islam, Habibur Nabi Sohel, Nasir Uddin Pintu and Engr Sharif.

Earlier, Bhuiyan distributed relief materials among the flood victims at Jagannath University College flood shelter in Dhaka and different affected areas in Savar.

## What's on today . . .

**Seminar:** Goethe Institut Dhaka and Jatiya Press Club have jointly organised a day-long seminar on 'Techniques of literary review in newspapers and periodicals' to help journalists in writing reviews properly. Keynote speakers: Syed Shamsul Haq, Ataur Rahman, Harunur Rashid and Niaz Zaman. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 9 am.

**Rotary club meet:** The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka will be held. Eric Frank, visiting professor to IUBAT from England will speak on human resource development and management as guest speaker. Venue: Officers' Club, Baily Road. Time: 5:30 pm.

**Club meet:** A joint meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown and Rotaract Club of Dhaka Midtown will be held. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Rd 7, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:45 pm.

## Most of flood-hit people at Araihazar back home

Most of the 2.5 lakh flood-hit people who took shelter in eighty relief camps in Araihazar thana have returned to their homes with the recession of flood waters, reports BSS.

Talking to a group of journalists at Emdadul-Ulam Dakhil Madrasa at a relief distribution session, the Araihazar Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) Mohammad Nasiruddin said that rest of the people in the camps and in both sides of Araihazar-Tongi high way would return home after return of normalcy of flood which engulfed 12 unions of the thana.

The relief distribution was arranged by Proshika, a leading NGO of the country as part of its Taka five crore second phase relief programme in the flood-hit areas of the country.

Senior programme coordinator Mahbul Alam told the newsmen that apart from distribution of six kgs of rice and one kg of 'dal' for each of 9,475 families, 1640 babies were given three packets of biscuits each in the thana.

Explaining other aspects of the relief distribution endeavours, Proshika's zonal coordinator, Nahida Parveen and area coordinator Sabikunnahar informed that six medical centres were set up in six unions of the thana where over 2000 people would be given free treatment and medicines.

Besides, five mobile centres

for treatment of animals are working in the thana.

The newsmen, who visited Maruadibazar Medical Centre at about 3 pm, found that the medical team of Proshika headed by doctor with the full support of the thana health officers, staff were providing treatment to a large number of people including men, women and children. Thana health officer told the newsmen that he had deployed his total strength with Proshika's medical teams as they have sufficient stock of medicines and other facilities. Besides, about 84 cows and goats and 300 poultry were given treatment in the animal medical centres at the Araihazar sadar today.

The TNO told the newsmen that since the flood situation took alarming turn all relief distribution and medicare services were being given to the affected people of the thana.

## Medical teams to prolong stay in flood-hit areas

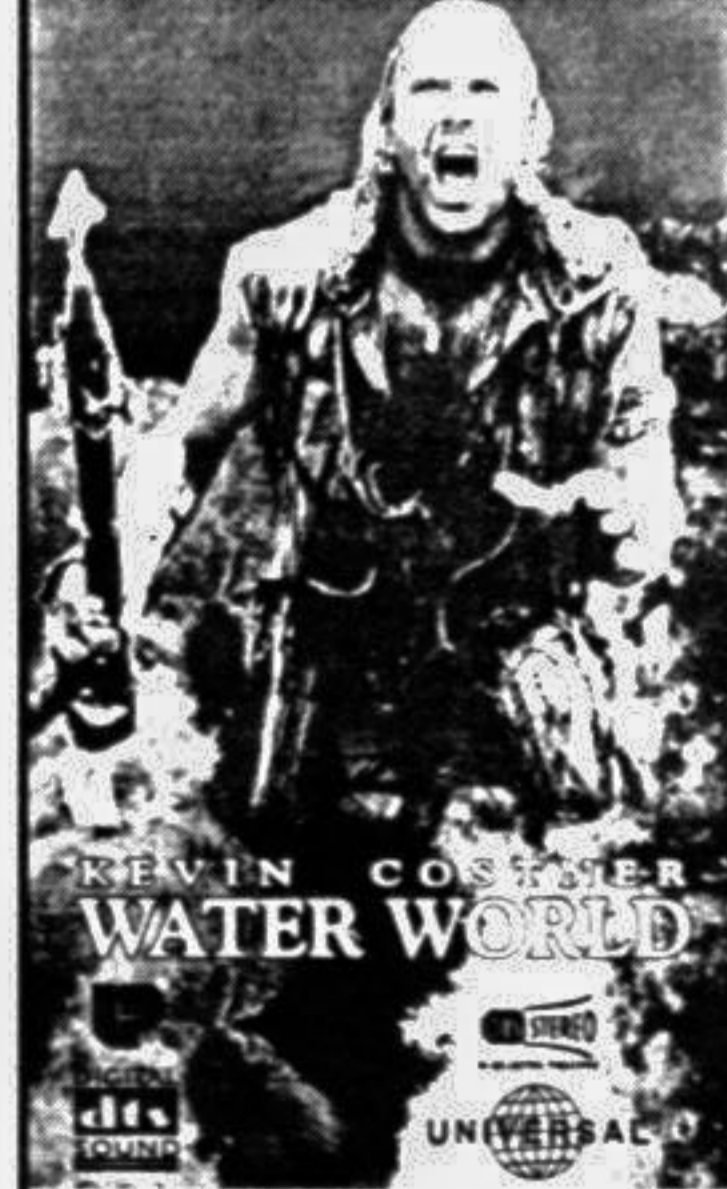
The medical teams working in the flood affected areas will remain there for the next two months to ensure post-flood medicare to the people, Health Minister Salahuddin Yusuf said yesterday, reports BSS.

Talking to the news agency, the minister said a control room is working at the office of the Director General of Health to assess the needs. The operation of the teams is being supervised by the civil surgeons of the affected districts, he said adding the government is planning to form surveillance teams to monitor the functions of the teams working at the grassroots level.

Salahuddin Yusuf said his ministry had put in all its strength to ensure so that no single person dies without treatment, as directed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

He said the country has received a huge quantity of medicines from friendly countries and international organisations, and the stock of medicine and saline is enough.

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