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Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad held a rally in front of the Jatiyo Press Club yesterday in support of their various demands. —Star photo

Kibria seeks Canadian help to recoup losses

Finance Minister SAMS Kibria has sought expanded cooperation of the Canadian government to overcome the damages caused by the century's worst flood in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

He made the request in a meeting with Canadian State Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade Raymond Chan in Ottawa on Tuesday.

During the meeting, they discussed bilateral and international issues, said an official handout on Thursday.

Kibria also requested the Canadian minister to increase Bangladesh's quota for readymade garments export.

Mentioning the traditional friendly relations between the two countries, Raymond Chan said the matters would be decided through discussion between the representatives of the two nations.

He hoped that Dhaka-Ottawa relations will be strengthened in future.

Later, Kibria had a meeting in Ottawa with the Malaysian Deputy Finance Minister and discussed bilateral and international issues.



Mirza Taher Ahmad, head of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, recently handed over a cheque for 100,000 US dollars to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the PM's Relief Fund for flood victims.

Rajshahi University land Owners yet to be compensated 34 yrs after aquisition

RAJSHAHI, Oct 2: Owners of some 66 acres of land acquired by the government for Rajshahi University have not yet got compensation even after 34 years of acquisition.

Locals alleged that the University authorities had not done anything, save construction of the Art College building and a graveyard on the land during all these years.

The "victims", meanwhile, formed a "committee for recovering the lands occupied by the Rajshahi University" with a view to what they term retrieving the land from the RU authority.

Amiruddin Mondal, convener of the committee, told APB that the then government acquired 65.18 acres of land for the Rajshahi University in face of opposition and objection from the local people in the year 1963-'64.

Concerned authorities had made a verbal commitment to the local people that the owners would be able to use their plots until the university administration constructed any build-

ing on those.

It was also pledged that wards of the owners of these plots would be given preference in matters of admission to the university and to provide them with job opportunities in the university on the basis of a special quota.

The university authorities never fulfilled their commitment during the last 34 years, local people complained.

They further alleged that although the authorities at that time committed to pay compensation of Tk 900 per acre, the lion's share of the allocated money had been misappropriated by a section of dishonest employees of the university.

Death condoled

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman has expressed his profound shock at the sudden death of eminent educationist Moazzem Hossain, reports UNB.

In a condolence message yesterday, the minister conveyed his heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family members.

What's on today....

Anniversary programme: Kendriyo Kochi Kanchar Mela has organised a programme marking its 42nd founding anniversary. A cultural function will follow a discussion session. Venue: Kochi-Kancha auditorium, 37/A, Segun Bagicha. Time: 4 pm.

Musical soiree: An evening of Rabindra Sangeet has been organised by Rabirashvi. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre auditorium, 754, Satmosjid Road. Time: 7 pm.

Blood-donation programme: A day-long voluntary blood-donation programme will be held. Organiser: Boys of Bangladesh, Gulbagh, in association with Sandhani Dhaka Medical College unit. Venue: Deepshikha (Gulbagh Power House). Time: 10 am-4 pm.

Seminar: A seminar on "Save Life, Provide Service" will be held by Lions Clubs under Dist 315 Al. Chief guest: Obaidul Quader, State Minister for Sports, Culture and Youth. Venue: BLF auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 4pm.

Meeting: The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Family Lounge, Dhaka Club Ltd. Time: 1:30 pm

Seminar: International Centre for Study of Bengal Art (ICSBA) will hold its 11th seminar. Venue: Library Hall of ICSBA, Banani. Time: 4:30 pm.

Relief work continues

By Staff Correspondent

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote yesterday distributed relief materials including rice, potato, biscuit and oral saline in different areas of Ruppang yesterday, says a press conference.

Jote leaders Kamal Pasha Chowdhury, Aminul Haque Montu, Jahangir Hossain, Akhtaruzzaman, Mizanur Rahman, Tuhin Dip, Bilkis Nahar Smriti, Alam, Kiron distributed the relief materials.

Manobik Sahajja Sangstha (MSS) and Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) is still continuing their relief activities in the different city areas, says a press release.

In the second phase of their relief activities, the MSS in association with UNICEF, WASA, DPHE have installed eight water tanks in Diabari, Mazar Road, Mirpur Section 1, and Armed Battalion Flood Centre.

A total of eight thousand litres of water is being distributed everyday from these tanks which will be continued for two weeks.

Besides, MSS will distribute a total of 1600 kgs of rice among 8000 members, 2 kgs each from the disaster fund of the Women Loan project of MSS.

RU classes resume today

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Oct 2: Classes of Rajshahi University resume tomorrow (Saturday), reports APB.

The university authorities suspended all classes and examinations from September 10-27 in view of the deteriorating flood situation in the country.

However, from September 28, the university went on Puja vacation. Students, meantime, started coming back to their respective dormitories, campus sources said.

One falls from roof of train, dies

RAJSHAHI, Oct 2: A young man was killed as he fell from the roof of a moving train at Rail-Gate area in the town on Wednesday, police said, reports APB.

The victim, identified as Kazol, 30, was travelling in a local train. He sustained serious injuries when he fell down onto the ground at about 6:30 pm.

He was rushed to the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where he died a few hours after admission.

Film show on Nazrul opens

The show of a full-length Bangla film, "Bangla Mayer Damal Chheley," based on life of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was inaugurated at Shishu Academy in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the show as the chief guest, State Minister for Social Welfare, Women and Children Affairs Dr Kazi Mozammel Hossain said "Nazrul was vocal against any injustice and he had been subjected to repression. For that the works of the rebel poet inspired our war of independence," he said.

Directed by Dr Rafiqul Bari, the film was produced by the Shishu Academy on the occasion of the birth centenary of Kazi Nazrul Islam.

United in donating blood

Leaders of rival political parties joined a blood donation programme at Bashabo in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Muktijoddha Sangsad Central Coordination Council organised the blood donation programme attended and addressed by present and former ministers.

They included Deputy Minister for Shipping and local MP Saber Hossain Chowdhury and BNP leader and former State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka, MP.

Former State Minister for Information of Jatiya Party government Syed Didar Bakht and Major General (ret'd) M Ibrahim BP also addressed the function.

Relief goods from UK arrive

The first consignment of relief goods donated by Bangladeshis living in the United Kingdom arrived in the city yesterday by British Airways World Cargo, reports BSS.

State Minister for Sports, Youth and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader received the relief materials, which included four tons of clothes, dry food and medicines. He handed over the materials to officials of the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.



Dhaka Youth Foundation organised a post-flood cleaning up campaign in the city yesterday.

Body of 8-yr-old boy recovered from jheel

By Staff Correspondent

The body of an eight-year-old boy was recovered from a jheel in city's Pallabi area Thursday, police said.

The dead was identified as Shabbir Chowdhury alias Shabuj, son of Sahin Chowdhury, a resident of 34/3, Pallabi residential area.

Shabuj had been missing since Wednesday afternoon.

Some fishermen found the boy's body floating in jheel at about 7 am.

An unnatural death case was filed with Pallabi thana in this regard.

Results of JU admission tests Oct 11

By JU Correspondent

Results of admission tests for Honours courses at Jahangirnagar University in 1997-98 session will be announced on October 11, official sources said.

Admission will begin on October 25 and continue till November 5.

A total of 650 male and 203 female students will be enrolled in 20 departments under three faculties and one institute this year. Besides, 25 students will be enrolled under freedom fighters' ward quota, 10 under players' quota and another 10 under tribal quota.

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