

Experts at BUP seminar No alternative to admn reform for economic dev

Experts at a seminar in the city said there is no alternative to administrative reform for establishing human rights, empowerment of people and the country's rapid economic development, reports UNB.

They told the seminar that the initiative taken by the government for administrative reform to bring about a qualitative change in society is a bold step.

Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP) organised the seminar on 'Transparency, Efficiency and Accountability in Public Administration' at the BUP office. BUP chairman Dr Qazi Kholiquzaman Ahmed was in the chair.

Chairman of Public Administration Reforms Commission ATM Shamsul Haq, former Finance and Planning Minister AMA Muhiit, Prof Sayed Gias Uddin Ahmed of Dhaka University, Ayesha Khanam of Mohila Parishad, former PSC Chairman Al Hussainy, Sultan Md Monsur Ahmed, MF, Hasanul Haq Inu were, among others, addressed the seminar.

"At least an environment has been created to reform the administration with the assuming of power by the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina," Shamsul Haq said.

He said there was no need to reform the administration if the existing laws, rules and regulations can be implemented effectively. "Nearly 80 per cent problems can be resolved by the existing laws," he observed.

About the discretionary power, he said the more the power would be exercised, the more the people would have to bear the affliction.

He said an international seminar on public administration is expected to be held in Dhaka on March, 1999.

Hasanul Haq Inu said, "It's a matter of political decision to ensure transparency, efficiency and accountability."

He said size of the government will have to be downsized and the bureaucracy will be limited at the Joint Secretary level.

"During the last 10 years, size of the cadre service has been expanded by at least 10 times," he added.

Inu said each and every ministry should have an expert cell which could be formed by hiring people on a contract basis.

The speakers also stressed the need for strengthening parliamentary committees to ensure accountability and suggested formation of a professional cell for each of the committees.



Demra thana unit of BNP brought out a procession in the area yesterday demanding smooth supply of gas and electricity. Dr AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, among others, led the procession. —Star photo



Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) brought out a procession demanding the release of BNP leader KM Obaidur Rahman, MP in the city yesterday. —Star photo

Police bans pro-govt rally in Kuala Lumpur

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 6: Police said Wednesday they will not allow Malaysia's governing coalition to organise a giant rally at the capital's new national stadium, reports AP.

The rally Saturday, intended to bolster support for Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, would have been the latest move in the political rally that developed after Mahathir fired his deputy on Sept 2.

An opposition group had said it would organise a bigger rally. All public gatherings of more than five people in Malaysia require a police permit.

Mahathir said he dismissed Anwar Ibrahim, his deputy and finance minister, because he was morally unfit to lead.

About 150,000 people had been expected to attend Saturday's pro-Mahathir rally, organised by the youth wing of the United National Malays Organisation.

Kuala Lumpur's police chief, Kamaruddin Ali, said a permit was denied "for reasons of security," the national news agency Bernama reported.

"Any attempt by anyone including the organisers and members of the public to attend illegal gatherings or rallies is an offence and action will be taken against them," he warned.

Kamaruddin also said police would not issue permits for any other rallies in the city that day.

This would deter a fledgling coalition of opposition parties, called the Malaysian Justice Movement, from applying for a permit to organise a rally of 50,000 in downtown Kuala Lumpur that evening.

The speakers also stressed the need for strengthening parliamentary committees to ensure accountability and suggested formation of a professional cell for each of the committees.

JCD demands release of BNP leaders

BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) yesterday brought out a procession in the city protesting the arrest of two BNP leaders, reports UNB.

They also demanded immediate arrest of the culprits involved in the rape incidents took place on the Jahangirnagar University campus.

The procession, which started from Sideshwari Balur Math at 5 pm, terminated in front of Jatiya Press Club after parading through Mouchak, Malibagh, Kakrail, Purana Palta areas.

The processionists chanted slogans demanding release of the BNP leaders and asked the Prime Minister to stand aside forthwith.

Mirza Abbas, Amanullah Aman, Nazimuddin Alam, Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annie, Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu, Habibul Nabi Sohel, ABM Mosharraf Hossain, Monwar Hossain Rana, Helen Zerin Khan and Saiful Alam Nirbh joined the procession.

Tk 175m Danish grant for post-flood rehabilitation

Denmark is providing Taka 175 million as grants for 'emergency flood relief' and 'post-flood rehabilitation' to several Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) operating in different parts of the country, reports BSS.

Most of the sum, nearly ninety per cent, of the grant money has been earmarked for post-flood rehabilitation that includes house building, and financing winter crops, poultry and pisciculture, a press release of Royal Danish Embassy said yesterday.

The grant assistance to be channelled through the embassy will go to 13 NGOs.

The emergency flood relief, for which Taka 16.4 million has been earmarked, will be given to four NGOs. The funds will be used to procure essential drugs, baby food, water purifying tablets, mosquito nets, clothes and emergency shelter materials for distribution among the flood-affected people. Danish Red Cross provided another Taka 9.9 million in the form of relief materials, the press release said.

The press release said Taka 32.75 million has been provided to BRAC and Taka 32.50 million to Proshika to be used for house repairing, seeds of winter crops and vegetables, poultry and fish culture in 25 severely affected districts.

The embassy is planning to provide additional grants of about Taka 92 million for post flood rehabilitation to Ganoshahajjo Sangstha and three local NGOs to be identified soon. An amount of Taka 1.6 million has also been provided to three NGOs to rehabilitate affected households in the ongoing projects.

Denmark, which earlier committed to donate about 4 lakh dollars in response to the appeal made by the government in the aftermath of the floods, has committed assistance for rehabilitation of the damaged portion of Dhaka-Aricha Highway. The highway was renovated this year before the floods with Danish assistance.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
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Notice for Hiring House

A house with an area of 5000 (five thousand) square feet or two adjacent houses with an area of 2500 (two thousand and five hundred) square feet each on monthly rent basis are urgently required in Lalmita, Shyamoli, Mohammadpur, Agargaon, Rokeya Sarani areas for office of a UNDP-aided development project under Social Welfare Directorate. Interested landlords of these areas are requested to submit quotation/offer to the undersigned by October 15, 1998 during office hours with design and full description of house (with measurement of room, store, garage and other facilities).

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Body of 5-month-old infant recovered

By Staff Correspondent

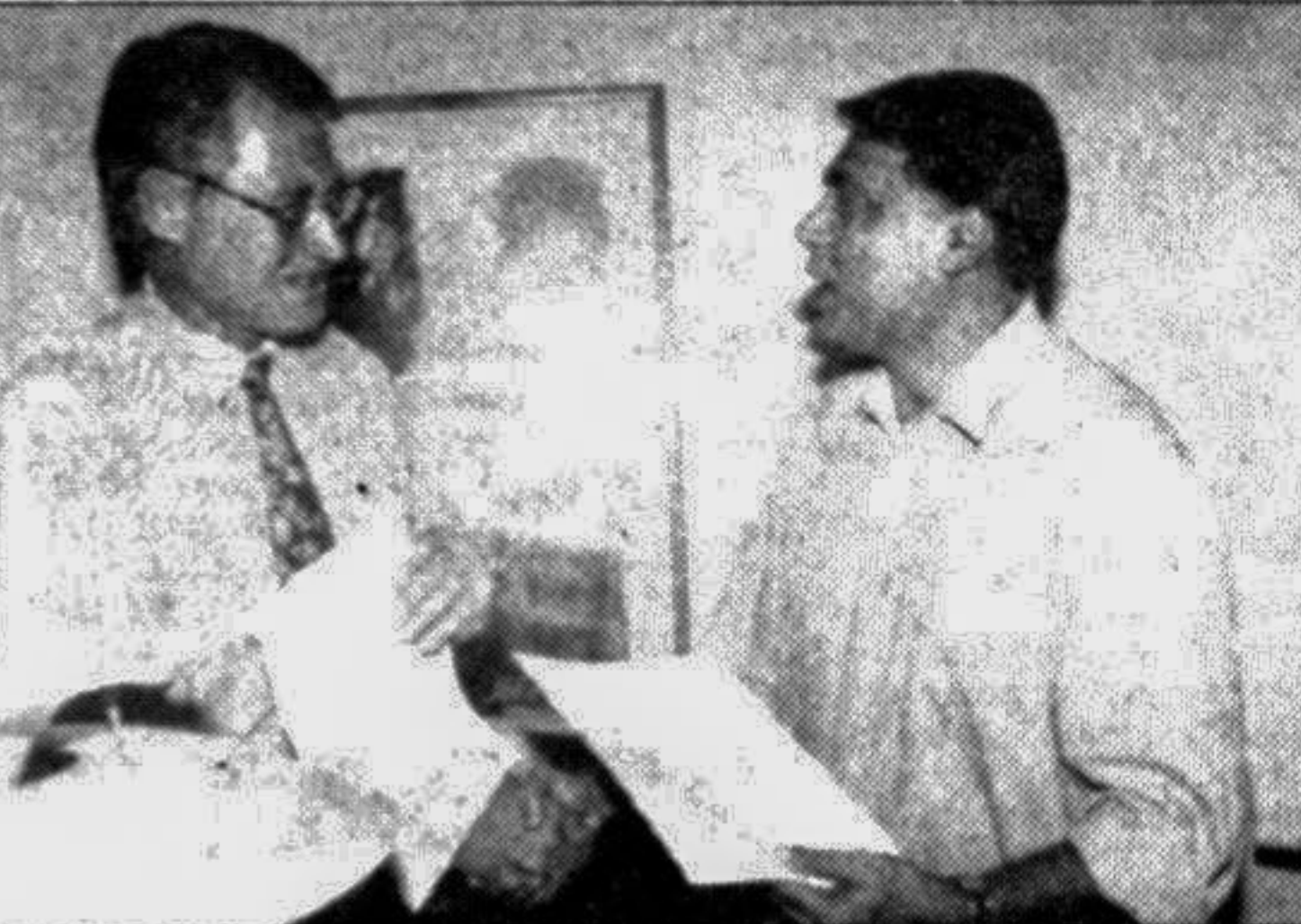
Police recovered body of a five-month-old infant from a jheel at Alibahar under Demra thana in the city yesterday morning.

The dead was identified as Saurav alias Shanta, son of M Mainuddin, a resident of Dhonia, police said. Saurav had been missing from his residence since 7:30 pm Monday.

The victim's father filed a murder case with Demra thana yesterday. The motive behind the killing could not be known immediately.

Police, however, said that there was no injury mark on the body of the boy. The body has been sent to Mitford Hospital for autopsy.

None was arrested in connection with the murder case till filing of this report last night.



Dr Qazi Faruque Ahmed, president of Proshika, and Finn Thilsted, Danish Charge d' Affaires, signed an agreement and project document on a Danish grant of Tk 32.5 million on behalf of their respective sides yesterday.

HERE and THERE

Lions Club Int'l

A seminar was held in Dhaka National Museum here yesterday in observance of 'World Lions Day' and Service Week '98, reports UNB.

State Minister for Jute AK Faezul Hossain attended the seminar as chief guest which was organised by Lions Club International, district 315 B-2.

The State Minister stressed on qualitative and humanitarian approach of the Lions with a view to earning love and confidence of the people.

He said that it was not enough to increase the number of lion members but needed to widen the activities.

Among others, District Governor Salauddin Abdullah, past district governor M Shaful Islam Khan and vice-district governor Ferzur Rahman also addressed the seminar.

Russell Shishu Kishore Parishad

Russell Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad at a meeting yesterday formed a 17-member committee to observe the 34th birth anniversary of Shaheed Sheikh Russell, youngest son of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on October 18, reports BSS.

Sheikh Russell was killed brutally on August 15, 1975 along with most of his family members.

The organisation has also chalked out a six-day programme which includes placing of wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, holding of *milad mahfil* and day-long recitation from the holy Quran.

A chess tournament, cultural competition, painting competition for children and a children's rally will also be arranged on the occasion.

BMET

Labour and Employment Minister MA Mannan has stressed the need for improving skills of the country's labour force to accelerate the pace of national development, reports APB.

He said training programmes will have to be strengthened at all levels to exploit the vast demand of skilled manpower at home and abroad.

The minister was addressing a meeting of National Skill Development and Training Council at the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) at Kakrail in the city yesterday.

Different programmes being conducted at 11 technical training centres under the BMET were reviewed in the meeting.

BCL Jasimuddin Hall

A two-member committee of the ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League's Kabl Jasim Uddin Hall, Dhaka University unit, has been formed, reports APB.

The student organisation's central leaders announced the new committee following an annual council of the hall Sunday night.

Joyanal Abedin Joy and Ahsan Kabir Tutul have been made the president and the general secretary. A full-fledged committee will be constituted soon.

More donation to PM's fund

More organisations and individuals donated about Tk 42.40 lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund to assist the country's flood victims, reports UNB.

SOS Children's Village International in Bangladesh donated Tk 23.45,500 while Deputy Commissioner of Jhenidah donated Tk 7.5 lakh to the PM's fund.

Islampur Cloth Businessmen Association donated Tk five lakh, Bangladesh Cold Storage Association Tk Two lakh, Prof Mohammed Ali, MP, Tk 1.52 lakh and Bangladesh Stone Businessmen Association and Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krirachakra donated Tk one lakh each to the fund.

Besides, Prime Lather Export donated Tk 39,000, Protasha Shamobal Samity Tk 20,000 and Barguna Press Club and Model Academy of Paikpara, Mirpur each donated Tk 10,000 to the fund.

Other donors included, Meherpur District Puja Committee, Rajshahi City Awami League Ward No. 14, Tax Inspection Directorate of Dhaka and Customs Excise and VAT (Appeal) of Chittagong.

Mujib Sena Parishad of Dhaka donated 10,000 packets of oral saline and Kaliganj Flood Relief Committee donated 656 pieces of clothes for the flood affected people of the country.



MD of Moni Group Gaus Uddin Khan and its director Rezira Gaus distributed relief materials among flood victims of Galimpur and Boxnagar Union in Nawabganj recently.



Mirpur thana unit of Welfare Association of Repatriated Bangladeshis Employers distributed relief materials at the flood shelter at Sher-e-Bangla Primary School in Mirpur recently.

JS body on Land concerned at fall in revenue income from hat, bazars

The parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Land at a meeting yesterday expressed concern over the fall in the revenue income from leased out *hat*-bazars and water bodies in the country, reports BSS.

The committee, in the meeting held at the Sangsad Bhaban with its chairman Mujibur Rahman Talukder in the chair, decided to form a five member sub-committee to find out the causes for the fall of revenue as well as their solution.

The meeting formed another five-member sub-committee with Abdul Latif Siddiqui as its convener to report back a recommendation to the main committee on ensuring land reforms and better as well as management of quarry.

Besides, the committee also formed a sub-committee with Suranjit Sen Gupta, advisor to the prime minister on parliamentary affairs, as convener to investigate into the causes of alarming fall of revenue income from leased out water bodies in Sylhet division especially in Sunamganj district.

Govt urged to form nat'l committee to prepare FFs' list

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka City unit of the Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad Central Coordination Council called upon the government to form a National Committee to prepare a list of the freedom fighters.

The call was made at an extended meeting of the city unit of the Sangsad held yesterday with its convener Amir Hossain Molla in the chair. They said the committee should be comprised of freedom fighters who led the Liberation War in 1971, says a press release.

The meeting expressed deep concern at the announcement of Ahad Chowdhury that listing of the genuine freedom fighters will start next month. It observed that the preparation of the list of freedom fighters is not an easy task and its success depends on the sincerity of the government. In another resolution, the meeting thanked Acme Lab Limited, Pharmadesh Lab, Sabujmoti Shasthya Seba and the freedom fighters living in Dhaka for their cooperation in running the medical camp at Sabujmoti thana for the flood-hit people.

The council has been providing free treatment and medicine for flood affected people since September 23. The medical camp will remain open till October 23.

Different organisations distribute relief goods

Moni Group is carrying out relief operations in Galimpur, says a press release.

Distribution of relief goods including cash money, cooked food, bread etc. among the flood affected people of Galimpur and Boxnagar Unions of the Nawabganj district.

Managing Director, prominent industrialist and a philanthropist of the country Gaus Uddin Khan and Director Rezina Gaus have also distributed cash money and flour among flood victims who were taking shelter in various schools, colleges and flood centres. They urged the flood victims to face the natural calamity with courage and fortitude.

Betila Sarbajanin Puja Parishad of Manikganj district curialed its durga puja expenses this year, says a press release.

The money thus saved was utilised to distribute 110 sarees among the poor of the area. 40 tons of high protein biscuits arrived yesterday at Zia International Airport by air freight from UNICEF, says a press release.

This is the 1st delivery of 118 tons biscuits expected to arrive in Bangladesh over the next 10 days in three phases.

Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief, Mr Md Shamsul Islam, received the biscuits from Dr Aung Tun Thet, Officer-in-Charge, UNICEF.

Our Staff Correspondent adds: **Abahani Relief Committee** distributed a huge quantity of relief goods among the flood affected people of slums around the Narayanganj city suburbs yesterday.

The relief goods included rice, potato and oral dehydration saline.

Among others, Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chunnur, footballer Monem Muhsin, president Abdul Guadir, Vice President Faezuddin Ahmed, Labu Jahangir Alam, Monir Hossain, Saiful Hossain, Hasibul Islam Shanto, Enayet Hossain Badal were present during the relief distribution.

BCIC
Notice for Appointment of C&F Agent

The Managing Director, Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd., Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur hereby invites sealed tender from the experienced C&F Agent holding valid Licence from Custom Authorities for appointment as C&F Agent for clearance of imported consignments and forwarding exportable goods from Zia International Airport, Dhaka/Benapole Land Port, Jessore against Tender Enquiry No. JFCL/FP/SHIPPING/C&F/1.00/226 dt. 21.9.98. C&F Agents who have not worked with Govt./Semi Govt. Agencies/Corporation and big companies for minimum period of 3 years need not offer. Tender will be received up to 11.00 AM on 21.10.98 and be opened immediately afterwards. Tender documents with detail terms & conditions will be available on payment of Tk. 500.00 (Five hundred) only in cash (Non-refundable) during office hours from the Office of the (i) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (ii) Sr. General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong (iii) General Manager (A&F), JFCL, Tarakandi, Jamalpur. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.

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Bangladesh Sugar and Food Ind. Corporation
Adamjee Court, 115-120, Motijheel
Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000
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International Tender Notice for Purchase of Tractor and Trailer

Sealed tenders are hereby invited by Bangladesh Sugar and Food Ind. Corporation, Purbarga Bhaban (2nd floor), 3, Dilkusha Comm. Area, Dhaka from bonafide suppliers/manufacturers for supply of TRACTOR & TRAILER on free delivery basis. Earnest money @ 1% of the total value should accompany the tender in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft.

Tender schedule along with detailed specification and other terms and conditions will be available during office hours with (1) Additional Chief Accountant (Cash), Bangladesh Sugar and Food Ind. Corporation, Adamjee Court (4th floor), 115-120, Motijheel Comm. Area, Dhaka and General Manager (Shipping), BSFIC, Shipping Office, Arag Chamber, 68, Agrabad Comm. Area, Chittagong on cash payment of Tk 750/- only (non-refundable) on all working days between 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Tender will be received on 20.10.98 up to 12:00 noon and will be opened at 12:10 PM on the same day in presence of tenderers, if any. No tender document will be sold on the opening day of the tender. Corporation reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Additional Chief (Purchase)

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