

More donations to MP's Relief Fund

Expatriate Bangladeshis and friendly countries continue to respond to the call for extending assistance to the victims of current year's devastating floods, official sources said, reports BSS.

Members of Bangladesh community in Qatar sent Taka 4,63,147 to the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund through nine bank drafts.

South Korean ambassador to Bangladesh yesterday handed over papers about Seoul's assistance to the flood victims of Bangladesh to the Secretary for Disaster Management and Relief. The relief goods are 22 tons of flour, 6 tons refined sugar, 10,000 tins of Tuna fish each weighing 165 gram and 4000 tins of powdered milk of 1 kg each.

The goods are expected to reach Chittagong by ship by the end of the current month, sources added.

President told More judges needed for speedy disposal of suits

A 12-member delegation of the Bangladesh Bar Council, led by its Vice-Chairman Barrister Amirul Islam, made a courtesy call on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

The members of the delegation apprised the president of the various problems of the courts and said that shortage of number of Judges in the district courts has caused delay in disposing of cases.

They also stressed the need for inspection of those by High Court Judges. The members also suggested that ad-hoc judges may be appointed for short period to gear up disposing of long-pending cases in the Supreme Court.

President Shahabuddin appreciated the role of the Bar in mitigating the sufferings of the litigants in the close cooperation with the bench.

Earlier, a four-member delegation of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), led by its president R Maksud Khan, called on the President.

The members of the delegation apprised the President of the role of the chamber and other private bodies in enhancing the capabilities of the private sector of Bangladesh in achieving its goal of economic development.

They also apprised the President of the training programme of the Association of Overseas Training Scholarship in Bangladesh for developing professional, managerial and technical skill of personnel employed in various institutions.

Former adviser Sayed Manzoor Elahi was also present.



A delegation of Bangladesh Bar Council led by its Vice Chairman Barrister Amirul Islam called on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. —PID photo

Weather

Moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places over Khulna, Rajshahi and Barisal division.

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

Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and Jessore and the lowest 24.4 degree Celsius at Dinajpur.

The sun sets today at 5:28 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:59 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	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.7	27.4	81	82
Chittagong	35.0	26.5	79	75
Khulna	33.0	25.4	80	81
Rajshahi	32.5	26.5	86	91
Barisal	33.8	25.0	75	85
Sylhet	32.0	26.1	92	92
Cox's Bazar	34.0	26.0	78	78

5 injured in internal clash of BCL at Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 19: At least five people were injured during an internal clash of BCL at a farewell function of students today at Agrabad Commerce College here, police and witnesses said.

The injured were admitted to private clinics.

Gunshots and blasts of crackers marked the clash at 2 pm today between two rival groups of Bangladesh Chhatra League, police said.

Later, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

One stabbed to death

A young man was stabbed to death by his rivals who allegedly attacked him over previous enmity at Sarulia under Demra thana on Sunday night, reports APB.

Police said the attackers had called Shamsul Haque, 30, out of his residence at West Bokshnagar and stabbed him repeatedly. He died on the spot.

Police recovered his body from a nearby field at about 10 pm and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

CU VC says Amartya Sen dreamt of poverty alleviation

CHITTAGONG, Oct 19: Vice Chancellor of the Chittagong University Prof Abdul Mannan today said that Nobel laureate Amartya Sen dreamt of alleviation of poverty through infusing humanism to economics, reports BSS.

The whole life of Prof Sen was dedicated to the cause of welfare economics and the best way to pay honour to this Nobel laureate is to follow his research works as well as to go to understand deeply his creativity. Prof Mannan paid this tribute while addressing a seminar at Chittagong University, presided over by departmental Chairman Prof Sayeda Tahera.

Dr Harendra Kanti Dey, Prof Mahub-Ullah, Prof Sekandar Khan, Prof Mahfuzul Haq, were among the discussants in the seminar.

Vice-Chancellor said the knowledge of a world celebrity cannot be confined by any boundary and thus Prof Sen is the pride of the whole world.

The speakers said Prof Sen worked with the very reality of the third world like famine and poverty which brought him laurels.

They said Amartya Sen projected the name of Bengal before the world civilisation and we the people of the third world and moreover as Bengali nationals, boast of this great award conferred upon Prof Sen.

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FSRDP overview Farmers don't get fair prices of their produce

Poor infrastructure for agricultural marketing affected the farmers as well as overall agricultural development, experts said, reports APB.

"Due to lack of organised market, warehouses, road communications, farmers do not get fair prices of their produce," an overview of the Farming System Research and Development Programme in Bangladesh (FSRDP) said.

The overview was presented at the opening of a three-day workshop at BARC auditorium yesterday.

Farming enterprises should be made more profitable for further increase in production, the overview said suggesting "serious efforts in the promotion of agri-business in the country."

The experts stressed on the need for involving interested growers in producing inputs like improved seeds and seedlings in rural areas which would create an environment for large-scale technology diffusion among the farmers.

The overview identified manpower and fund release problems as major constraints for the farming system research programme.

BARC executive chairman Dr Z Karim inaugurated the workshop. The opening session was addressed, among others, by Member-Director (Crop) Dr MA Bakr, and Chief Scientific Officer (Crop) Dr MA Razzaque.

One killed in road mishap

An unidentified man was killed in a road accident in the city's Rampura area yesterday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the 60-year-old man was seriously injured when a speeding micro bus ran over him in front of Pizza hotel in Rampura at 2 pm.

He was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the attending doctors declared him dead.

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