

Request to pay bonus to workers before Eid

A parliamentary committee requested the authorities concerned to pay Eid bonus to the workers under the Wages Commission before the holy Eid-ul-Fitr. The reports UNB.

The directive came from a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour and Employment held at the Sangsod Bhaban yesterday.

Committee Chairman Abdul Latif Mirza presided over the meeting, which also reviewed the function of the National Wages and Productivity Commission and requested it to submit its report soon.

Providing technical training for overseas job-seekers also came up for discussion.

Committee members Labour and Employment Minister M A Mannan, Shahajahan Khan, Afzal Uddin Ahmad Khan, Fazlur Rahman Khan, Noor Mohammad Mondal, Syed Wahidul Alam, Alhaj Advocate Khalil Enam and Alamgir Haidar Khan attended the meeting.

Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Ahsan Ali Sarkar and concerned high officials were also present.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated extended ICD international container depot of Bangladesh Railway at the Kamalapur Railway Station in the city yesterday. — PID photo

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What's on today

Symposium: Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) will hold a symposium on "Bangladesh Foreign Policy: Direction and Challenges". Venue: Auditorium of BISS. Time: 10.30 am.

Founding anniversary: Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) will hold a re-union to mark its 51st founding anniversary. Chief Guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Venue: Paltan Maidan. Time: 11 am.

Seminar: North South University (NSU) will hold a seminar on "The use of Computer Technology in Teaching Undergraduate Mathematics courses". Venue: NSU campus. Time: 11 am.

Meeting: The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 4.30 pm.

Certificate awarding ceremony: A certificate awarding ceremony of TOT on Disaster Management for PTI superintendents conducted by South Asian Disaster Management Centre. Time: 4 pm. Venue: Auditorium of Academy for Planning and Development, Babupura, Nilkhet. Minister for Law, Justice & Parliamentary Affairs will attend it as the chief guest and distribute certificates.

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966 arrested last year

By Staff Correspondent
Police recovered a total of 761 firearms last year as against 722 ones in 1997.

They also recovered 3146 bullets, 549 cartridges and 4225 bombs and arrested 966 people during the period.

Yesterday, Dhaka Metropolitan arranged a display of illegal arms and drugs they recovered from different areas in the city between October and December.

A total of 201 firearms 404 bullets, 73 bombs and a huge quantity of drugs were put on display at the DMP Headquarters.

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam, Inspector General of Police AYBI Siddeqi, Police Commissioner AKM Shamsuddin and other high officials attended the programme.

The minister expressed satisfaction at police activities while visiting the display.

Speaking on the occasion, the IG of the police directed the police personnel to remain vigilant to maintain law and order situation during the Eid-ul-Fitr.

Zafar, Moazzem inducted in JP presidium

Kazi Zafar Ahmed and Shah Moazzem Hossain were inducted in the Jatiya Party (JP) presidium and nominated as Vice-Chairmen of the central committee of the party yesterday, reports UNB.

Chairman H M Ershad gave the order within a week of Zafar and Moazzem's return to the mainstream of JP on December 28.

Shah Moazzem is now in Dhaka Central Jail. He was arrested in last September for his alleged involvement in the killing of four national leaders on November 3, 1975 in Dhaka central jail.

The nomination of Kazi Zafar and Shah Moazzem would come into effect immediately.

Baroness Pola Uddin calls on Hasina, Samad

Baroness Pola Uddin, member of the British House of Lords yesterday made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official Gonobhaban Residence, reports BSS.

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh David C Walker was present on the occasion.

Baroness Pola Uddin also called on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at the latter's office yesterday and exchanged views on matters of mutual interests.

Baroness Uddin informed the foreign minister about the current activities of the House of Lords and its future reform programmes.

The Foreign Minister thanked the government of the United Kingdom for its assistance during the recent flood.

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh David C Walker, research associate of the House of Lords Nurul Islam, renowned industrialist and social worker Ragib Ali, Kamal Uddin, husband of Baroness Uddin and high officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were present.



Obituary

Kamran Reza Chowdhury, son of the late Murtaza Reza Chowdhury, of Rajshahi House, Magh Bazar, Dhaka died at a clinic in Calcutta on January 2. He was 57, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, two sons, mother, brothers, sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death.

The body of Chowdhury will reach Dhaka this afternoon by an Indian Airlines flight. His *namaz-e-janaza* will be held after Zohr prayers tomorrow at the Circuit House mosque. He will be buried at Banani graveyard.

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