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Russian envoy
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Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh Eugeniy P. Ivonov called on Science and Technology Minister Lt. Gen. (Retd) Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan at his office yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed matters relating to mutual and bilateral interests with special trust to further strengthening cooperation in the field of science and technology.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina reviewing the post-flood rehabilitation activities at Jamalpur Circuit House yesterday.

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PM asks officials to utilise resources in planned way

JAMALPUR, Jan 13: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today asked the officials to utilise the country's scant resources in a planned way to ensure balanced development of the nation, reports UNB.

"If we can use whatever resources we have in a planned manner, if we can remove corruption and wastage, then we'll certainly be able to stand on our own feet," she said.

Reviewing the District Flood Relief and Rehabilitation activities in a meeting at the local Circuit House, the Prime Minister directed the officials to check corruption and wastage in implementing the post-flood programmes.

She praised the officials and the people of all sections of society for their tremendous work during the flood in the country and hoped that the nation would also overcome the effect of the prolonged flood with the sincere and dedicated service of all.

She said: "We've created an example in facing the devastating flood. Though a poor nation, we fought the flood with our own resources and succeeded in saving millions of lives with the grace of Almighty."

Hasina said the government has allocated Tk 3,270 crore as agricultural loan and also distributed some 42 lakh VGF cards to ensure food grains for the flood affected people.

"Even in the holy month of Ramadan, we are continuing the VGF cards to help the distressed people and increased the amount of wheat."

The Prime Minister asked the officials to monitor the process of distributing food grains

under the VGF cards and also the agri-loan disbursement.

She said that to overcome the losses wrought by the flood, the government is taking steps for infrastructural development and also long term plan to save the country from flood in future.

"We'll have to live with flood, cyclone and other natural calamities. So, we'll have to make future plan keeping these in mind," she said suggesting to make separate design for construction of government-funded roads, bridges and buildings in the flood and cyclone prone areas.

Expressing concern over the low literacy rate in Jamalpur district (19.65%), the Prime Minister urged all concerned to take effective steps to raise literacy and mentioned the government plan for massive expansion of education.

She wanted to know from the officials about the present fertiliser stock in the district

and asked them to ensure adequate fertilizer at fair price to the farmers.

Hasina said: "If we work together with sincerity and dedication, we'll be able to build a happy and prosperous nation as dreamt by the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman."

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman, Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim, State Minister for Land Alhaj Rashed Mosharraf, State Minister for Religious Affairs Maulana Nurul Islam, Mirza Azam MP, Rezaul Karim Hira MP, Abul Kalam Azad MP, Begum Tahura Ali MP, district officials and local leaders attended the meeting.

Deputy Commissioner of Jamalpur Achyutapada Goswami apprised the Prime Minister about the development activities of the district and the post-flood rehabilitation works.

JCD, BCL support ICMAB students

By Staff Correspondent

Six mainstream student organisations have expressed their solidarity with the 20-point demand of the students of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh.

In a statement, the top leaders of the organisations urged the authorities of ICMAB to restore peaceful academic atmosphere through realising the demands that include withdrawal of fee hike, arrangement for internship, common room for girls, appointment of a student advisor, and arrangements for three examinations in a year.

Meanwhile, the ICMAB students have threatened to lock the doors of the institute if the authorities failed to realise their demands by this noon.

The student leaders who signed the statement include JCD president Habibun Nabi Sohel, Chhatra League president Bahadur Bepari, JCD-backed Chhatra League convenor Obaidur Rahman Chunnu, Chhatra Union president Hasan Hafizur Rahman, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front general secretary Sufur Rahman and Chhatra Moity general secretary Dipangkar Dipu.

JS body on establishment meeting held

A meeting of Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Establishment was held at Sangsab Bhaban yesterday with committee chairman Khandaker Asaduzzaman in the chair, reports UNB.

The meeting discussed various matters relating to upgrading 321 posts of BCS (administration) cadre and the report of Prokrishi-BCS Central Co-ordination Council regarding equalisation of salaries of various cadres in 1977-78.

Committee members Abdul Mannan, Deepangkar Talukder, Ahsan Ahmed, Mohammad Abu Hena and Shah Mohammad Abul Hossain were present. Adv. Rahmat Ali, MP, attended the meeting as representative of the Prime Minister.

Additional Parliament Secretary Amiangshu Sen, Additional Secretary of the Establishment Ministry Azizur Rahman and concerned officials were also present.

Jamaat to stage protest rally

Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh will demonstrate across the country on Friday demanding punishment of the Vice Chancellor of Islamic University for his alleged blasphemous acts against Quran, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday, Jamaat leader Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami alleged that IUC Prof Quaeasuddin Ahmed had printed a verse from the holy Quran under the monogram of Dev. Saraswati in the invitation letters of Bani Archana to be celebrated on January 22.

Nizami said Prof Quaeasuddin had undermined the holy Quran and thus hurt the religious sentiment of Muslims by his heinous efforts.

Demanding immediate removal of Prof Quaeasuddin from the university, Nizami asked his party's all front organisations and supporters to make its Friday's programme a success.

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What's on today

Workshop: A training workshop on "Promotion of Ozone Layer Protection in Bangladesh" will be held. Chief Guest: Minister for Environment and Forest Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury. Venue: Ball Room, Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 10:00 am.

Discussion: Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) will hold a discussion session on "The Study of the Universe and its Philosophical and Social Implications" under its lecture series of Agenda 2000. Venue: Seminar Room of BILIA, House No 22, Rd No 7, Dhamondi R/A. Time: 11:00 am.

Seminar: A seminar on "Alternative Approaches to Flood Control: The Case of Bangladesh" will be held. Organiser: Bangladesh Academy of Sciences. Venue: SPARRSO auditorium, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 12:00 noon.

Discussion: Theatre for Development Working Group of Bangladesh will hold a discussion on "Theatre for Development: Thoughts and Strategy." Venue: Mukti Juddho Jadughar. Time: 3:00 pm.

Meeting: The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhamondi will be held. Venue: Family lounge, Dhaka Club Ltd. Time: 4:00 pm.

Theatre: The Touring Repertory Theatre of Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) will stage the premier of its second production Bunohans, an adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's Wild Duck. Venue: Public Library auditorium. Time: 7:00 pm.

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