

JS body told Over 13 lakh tonnes of foodgrains in ready stock

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Food yesterday formed a three-member sub-committee to investigate the reported irregularities in the construction of the boundary wall of the food godown in Bashail thana in Tangail district, reports BSS.

The sub-committee will be headed by Shamsuddin Ahmed, MP.

The sub-committee was formed at a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of the Ministry of Food held in the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with committee Chairman M Saiful Haq in the chair.

The other members of the sub-committee are: Jinal Abedin Bhuiyan, and Srimati Bharati Nandi Sarkar.

Besides, the meeting expressed dissatisfaction over the distribution of cards for selling foodgrains in fair price across the country. The meeting also asked the concerned ministry to expedite the process of distribution of the cards.

The meeting was apprised that more than 13 lakh 11 thousand metric tons of foodgrains are in ready stock at present in the country.

It (meeting) also advised the ministry to take effective measures to increase the capacity of the food godowns to procure

paddy in the next IRRI-Boro season in the country.

Food and Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury, Bangabir Kader Siddique, Bir Uttam, Mohammad Zinal Abedin Bhuiyan, Srimati Bharati Nandi Sarkar, Mohammad Joyanal Abedin Sarkar and Alhaj Shamsuddin Ahmed, attended the meeting.

Deputy Minister for Food Dharendra Devnath Shambhu attended the meeting on a special invitation. Food Secretary Mahub Kabir and other high officials of the concerned ministry were present.

Commemorative stamp on Surya Sen

The Postal Department will release a four-taka commemorative stamp to mark the birthday of Surya Sen today. A six-taka first day cover will also be released and special canceller will be used on the occasion, reports BSS.

The stamps and the first day cover will be available from all principal post offices including the four GPOs. Subsequently this commemorative stamps will be sold from all post offices of the extra departmental sub-post offices.

Hajj delegation leaves for KSA

A seven-member Hajj delegation led by State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana Mohammad Nurul Islam left the city yesterday morning for Saudi Arabia on a 13-day official visit, reports UNB.

During the visit, he will call on his Saudi Arabian counterpart and discuss matters of bilateral interests, particularly of the facilities provided for Bangladeshi Hajj pilgrims.

Islam will take part in the Kaba washing ceremony and also discuss Hajj arrangements with the Bangladesh Ambassador and the officials of the Hajj Mission in Makkah and Madina.

He is expected to return on April 4.

Other members of the delegation included Justice Muhammad Abdul Mannan, Abul Kalam Azad MP, WAQF Administrator Azharul Islam, Syed Moulana Saad Hossain, Sheikh Habibur Rahman and Amin Hossain Khan.

Workshop on wheat seeds ends

A three-day workshop titled "High Yielding Wheat Seeds: Production Technology" concluded at Dinajpur Wheat Research Centre on Friday, reports UNB.

A total of 34 agriculturists took part in the workshop organised by Proshika, a non-government organisation.

The aim of the workshop was to inform the field-level agriculturists of Proshika about the modern technologies to produce high yielding wheat seeds.

What's on today...

Annual general meeting: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) will be held. Venue: VIP lounge, National Press Club. Time: 9:00 am.

Round table: A roundtable discussion on 'Developing Bangladesh's Gas Resources' will be held. Organiser: Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA). Key Speaker: John C Holzman, US ambassador to Bangladesh. Venue: CIR-DAP auditorium. Time: 3:00 pm.

Reception: A reception will be accorded to freedom fighter Usha Rani Debi as part of the programmes undertaken to celebrate the 3rd founding anniversary of Muktiyuddha Jadugar. A cultural programme by Anandadhoni will follow. Venue: Cafe Theatre, Muktiyuddha Jadugar. Time: 4:30 pm.

Exhibition: Henry's Heritage will hold a week-long exhibition of its exclusive Eid collection by designers Shabrukh Shahid and SM Khaled Hasan (Pamir). Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Weather

No change in temp likely

Dry weather is likely to prevail over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period. Met Office said yesterday.

The weather may deteriorate in the next two days, the office predicted.

The country's highest temperature yesterday was recorded at 36.4 degree Celsius at Jessore and the lowest 13.8 degrees in Sri Mongal.

The sun sets today at 6:10 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:00 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

| City/Town | Temperature in Celsius | Humidity in percentage |
|------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dhaka | Max 35.5 Min 17.5 | Morning 28 Evening 22 |
| Chittagong | Max 35.0 Min 20.0 | Morning 72 Evening 43 |
| Rajshahi | Max 35.4 Min 15.2 | Morning 40 Evening 35 |

Post office holiday Mar 28-30

All post offices across the country will remain closed on March 28, 29 and 30 on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, reports UNB.

But the post offices, which have GEP and EMS services, will remain open during the Eid holidays, except the Eid day.

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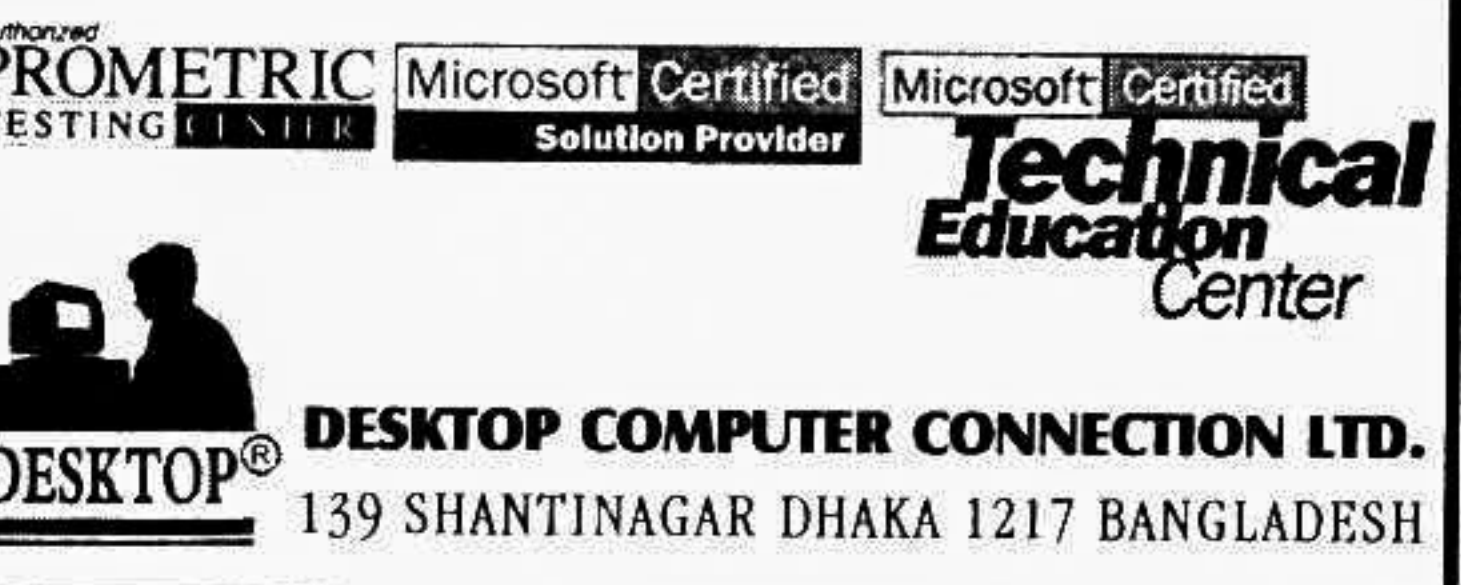
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Resist smuggling Nasim tells BDR personnel

Members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) are the watchdogs to safeguard the country's sovereignty and 4,427 km borders, said newly appointed Home Minister Mohammad Nasim, reports UNB.

The BDR members are not only protecting the country's borders, but also contributing to the national economy by resisting cross-border trade, he told BDR officials and jawans at its headquarters in the city yesterday.

BDR Director General Maj Gen Mohammad Azizur Rahman was present on the occasion.

Nasim asked the BDR men to put in their extra efforts to resist smuggling and trafficking of women and children. "Smuggling is a vice in our society," he said.

BDR director general informed the minister about the overall management of BDR and its activities throughout the country.

Nasim paid tributes to the martyred BDR members placing wreaths at the mausoleum of the BDR headquarters.

