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VGF programme
Directive to
distribute
foodgrains
before Eid

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the officials concerned to reach the foodgrains allocated under the special VGF card programme to the distressed people before Eid-ul-Fitr, reports UNB.

The Prime Minister gave the directive at a high level meeting on distribution of foodgrains among the rural poor under the special VGF card programme.

Under the programme, some 4.29.29.000 metric tons of foodgrains will be distributed among poor families before the Eid. Each family will get 5 kg of rice and 5 kg of wheat.

Some 40,21,200 VGF cards will be distributed in 40,212 wards of the country's 64 districts while 123,600 in 135 municipalities.

Book launched on iodine deficiency
United efforts needed to
combat malnutrition

Speakers at a publication ceremony yesterday emphasised on united efforts to combat malnutrition at a time when some 700 children under six die daily in the country due to the scourge, reports UNB.

It is difficult for the government alone to combat the malnutrition problem that has been prevailing for a long time in the country, said Science and Technology Minister M Noor Uddin Khan.

He said it is not possible for the government alone to cope with the challenge posed by malnutrition. People of all strata and mass media will have to take the responsibility.

The minister was speaking as chief guest at the publication ceremony of 'Iodine Deficiency Disorders' at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday morning.

Dr AMM Anisul Awwal, National Consultant of Bangladesh Integrated Nutri-

tion Programme under the Health Ministry, is the author of the book, which underscores iodine deficiency disorders as still a challenge for the next millennium.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Science and Technology Secretary Fazlur Rahman and Advisory Editor of the New Nation, Alamgir Mohiuddin also addressed the function chaired by Manzoarul Karim, senior advisor of UNICEF.

Presenting the keynote paper, author of the book Dr Awwal said globally 33 per cent of the total population suffer from malnutrition. Of this, South East Asia covers 70 per cent.

Referring to various study reports, he said the prevalence of goitre remained the same at 40 per cent in Bangladesh in 1992, even after 30 years since 1962.

Outgoing Chief
Justice calls
on Shahabuddin

Chief Justice Mostafa Kamal made a farewell call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Justice Kamal, who retires on December 31 thanked the President for his keen interest in overall development of the judicial system of the country. President Shahabuddin praised the long and eventful judicial career of Justice Kamal and said his thoughtful judgment would remain as precedents in the judicial record.

JU teachers protest
activities of
Jamaat-Shibir

Teachers of Jahangirnagar University (JU) brought out a silent procession on the campus yesterday protesting the threat of Jamaat-Shibir to the teachers of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology.

A number of teachers from Shahjalal University also joined the procession.

Jamaat-Shibir activists gave a threat of death to the teachers, declared them *Murtad* and locked them up into classrooms to press them to withdraw the names of different halls and buildings. These were named after national figures a few months ago.

CPA hands over
Tk 3 cr to CCC

CHITTAGONG, Dec 29: Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) has handed over today Taka three crore to Chittagong City Corporation for the development and expansion of the busy port-connecting road, reports BSS.

CPA Chairman Commodore Gulam Rabbani handed over a cheque for Taka three crore to CCC Mayor A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury at the latter's office here, a CCC press release said.

CCC and CPA officials were present on the occasion.

Earlier, the ministry of shipping gave approval for the money, the press release added.

The city corporation has almost completed the development and expansion work of the port-connecting road.

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DU convocation
souvenirs on sale
By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University authorities have begun selling the ties, scarves and coat-pins which were prepared as souvenirs of its 40th convocation, said a press release.

The souvenirs are available at the Publication and Sales Centre of Public Relations Section (Room No. 214) at the Administrative Building, the release added.

BCU demonstration
today
By DU Correspondent

Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) will stage a sit-in in front of the Text Book Board office today to protest the 'irregularities' in publishing the textbooks of secondary level, said a press release.

The BCU will bring out a procession from Mukhtangan in the city at 11:00 am and march towards the Text Book Board office.

BCL condemns
Sylhet incidents
By DU Correspondent

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of the ruling party, yesterday condemned the terrorist activities of Jamaat-Shibir and BNP at Sylhet.

In a statement, Bahadur Bepary and Ajay Kar Khokan, president and general secretary of BCL respectively, protested the incidents and said, "In future we will resist such activities that harm the spirit of Liberation War."

JU winter vacation
from Jan 1
By JU Correspondent

The winter vacation of Jahangirnagar University begins on January 1, official sources said.

There will be no classes and examinations from January 1 to 14 while offices will remain closed from January 5 to 13.

The authorities reduced the 32-day vacation to 14 days as a step towards removing the session jam.

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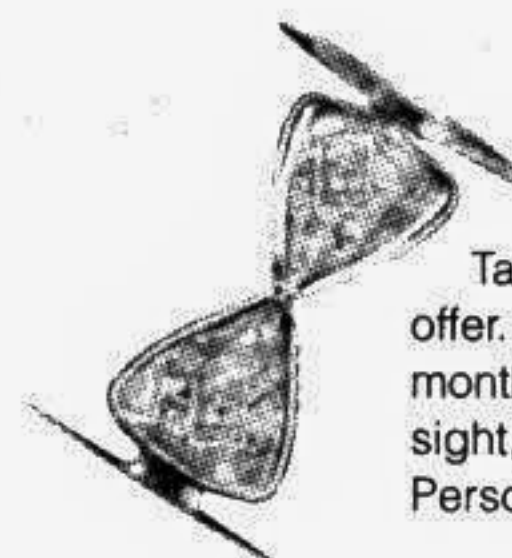
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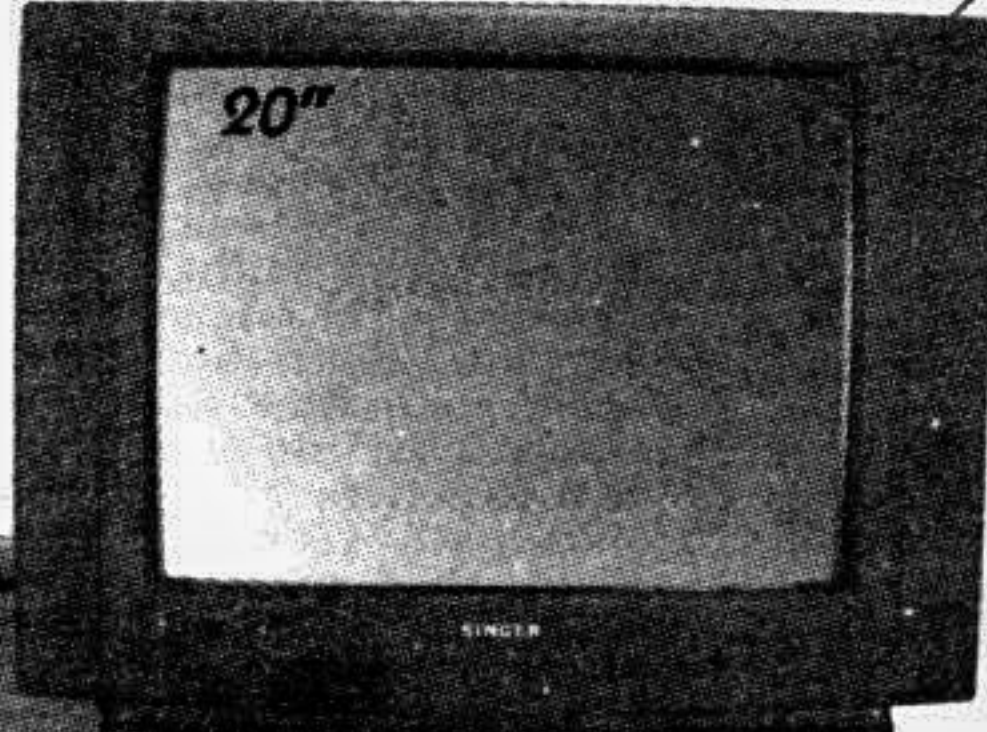
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