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BNP activists brought out a procession in the city yesterday to drum up support for oust govt movement. —Star photo

Discussion on vote of thanks

Khaleda urged to return to parliament

Senior ruling party leader and Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak yesterday urged Begum Khaleda Zia to return to parliament to strengthen the hard-earned democracy, reports UNB.

"Let us sit and resolve all the problems, if any," he urged the Leader of the Opposition, who is boycotting parliament sessions and waging a street movement for resignation of the government and fresh elections.

The minister's call came during general discussion on presidential speech in parlia-

vowing that someday these "killers and war criminals will be tried on this soil."

The minister also urged the international community to try the war criminals at the international war criminal court.

Razzak welcomed the business community's move to mediate between the government and the opposition to end the standoff that is also taking a toll on the economy.

"Let us try to save our economy which are being hampered by opposition-sponsored acts and other destructive activities."

Earlier, the minister apprised the House of the activities of his ministry. He said the government was now trying to resolve the Teesta water-sharing issue with India.

There will be another ministerial meeting during the first half of this fiscal year to resolve the Teesta water-sharing problem with India, he informed the lawmakers.

Meanwhile, the government has achieved some progress in constructing the Ganges Multipurpose Barrage. "We are now discussing the World Bank for funding."

Panchan Biswas said he could not understand why the opposition members were absent from the House. He urged the opposition to put in joint effort to strengthen the democracy and achieve economic progress.

Newly-elected MP Dr Alaudin Ahmed said that the present bureaucracy-dependent administration should be restructured into a pro-people one to enjoy real democracy.

Corruption in the administration must be eliminated so that people get the benefit of a democratic society, he added.

Shahin Monwarah Khan Tipu Sultan and Jalaluddin Talukder also spoke thanking the president for his New Year address to the Jatiya Sangsad.

PIB DG gets one year extension

The government has extended the contractual appointment of Dr Sheikh Abdus Salam for another year as Director General of the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) effective from September 25, 1999, an official handout said yesterday, reports BSS.



People seen streaming into the capital city after enjoying Eid holidays at their home districts with near and dear ones. —Star photo

Road connecting Bangabandhu Bridge to be widened

Communications Minister Anwar Hossain Manju yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that feeder road connecting Bangabandhu Bridge would be widened and improved as a part of national highway project, reports BSS.

Making a statement on a call attention notice by Mohammad Wajiduddin Khan (Pabna-3), the minister said that as part of the project financed by the World Bank, a road link between Pabna and the bridge via Tebuna, Atgharia, Handia and Hatikanrum would be completed by year 2002.

He said work of the proposed road would start in December this year.

The minister also observed that opening of Bangabandhu Bridge is considered as a milestone in national economic pursuit. He said all future road networks have been designed to connect the bridge.

Computer graphics design exhibition begins today

By DU Correspondent

The first sole Computer Graphics Design Exhibition of Ahdin Shahriar begins at the Russian Cultural Centre today.

The two-day long exhibition, the first of its kind in the country, will be inaugurated by the noted artist Imdad Hasein at 5 pm on the first day, said a press release.

The inaugural session will also be attended by prominent artist Mokshed Ali Farid, managing director of the Colour Scan Ltd and Sergey M Fuskin, the first secretary and head of the Cultural Department of the Embassy of Russian Federation in Bangladesh.

Some 60 computer graphics designs will be exhibited for sold at the show which will remain open for all from 3 pm to 7 pm everyday.

BMA welcomes proposal for one day holiday in hospitals

Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) yesterday welcomed the health minister's proposal for one day weekly holiday instead of two days in all hospitals for providing more services to the patients, reports BSS.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim made the proposal while addressing the members of the Executive Committee of BMA at the Health Ministry.

A detailed discussion was held on the implementation and progress of the Health and Population Sector Programme (HPSP) in the meeting.

The meeting took a proposal for opening an emergency unit for referred patients in every medical college hospital including all specialised hospitals, and such units will be bound to provide all sorts of treatment to the referred patients.

Another proposal was also taken to open day-and-night drug shops inside the medical college hospitals including all specialised hospitals in the country. The meeting also agreed on a proposal to set up restaurants and fast food shops to minimise sufferings of the attendants of patients in this regard.

The meeting also discussed to turn Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University into an ideal seat of higher studies and reviewed the on-going activities in this direction.

The BMA leaders also assured the health minister of providing all out cooperation for the successful implementation of the HPSP.

Health Secretary Syed Alangir Faruq Chowdhury, noted eye specialist Prof Modasser Ali, BMA President Prof Rashid-e-Mahboob, Secretary General Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Vice-President Dr Badruzzaman Bhuiyan, Prof Mozammel Hossain and senior officers of the Health Ministry were also present at the meeting.

Anwar new envoy to Morocco

The government has decided to appoint Major General Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Bir Protik (BP), PSC as Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Kingdom of Morocco, an official handout said yesterday, reports BSS.

A valiant freedom fighter, General Anwar was General Officer Commanding in the Infantry Division before his new assignment.

He was commissioned in the then Pakistan Army in 1968. He participated in the country's Liberation War and received the Bir Protik award.

He held various command and staff appointments including commandant, School of Infantry and Tactics, deputy director general of Bangladesh Rifles, defence attaché in China.

BCS cadre promotion test rescheduled

The senior scale promotion test of BCS cadre officials scheduled on February 6 and 7, will now be held on February 27 and 28 for unavoidable reasons, reports UNB.

The timetable of the test and seating arrangement will be announced later on, said an official handout.

Prices of essentials stable

Prices of essential commodities are now stable and within the buying capacity of common people. Parliament was told yesterday, reports UNB.

Responding to ABM Abdul Kashem (Ctg-2), Commerce Minister Abdul Jalil said prices of essentials, including soybean oil, onion, garlic, salt, spices, pulse and sugar are stable.

He said adverse weather and flood in the last season contributed to a little price-hike of rice, onion and spices. But withdrawal and reduction of import duties on onion and spices have kept the prices of these items normal.

The Commerce Minister said prices of rice continued to show a downward trend and remain within the reach of the people following its record production.

He informed the House that the process is underway to import 10,000 mts of salt and buy another 10,000 mts through TCB from internal markets to create a buffer stock of salt.

The Commerce Minister said the country earned 96.06 million US dollar during July-November of the current fiscal by exporting leather and leather goods.

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