



BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia addressing a public meeting at Paltan Maidan in the city yesterday. — Star photo

JS body meet on land ministry held

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Land was held yesterday at the Sangsad Bhaban with Committee Chairman Muhammad Mojibur Rahman Talukder presiding, reports BSS.

The meeting recommended for taking legal measures against the persons responsible for causing revenue loss due to delay in the leasing out of 104 water bodies in Sunamganj district and also the leasing out of Tangua haor at a very low price.

Earlier, an inquiry report was presented by the sub-committee headed by Abdul Latif Siddiqui after investigating the two cases.

Besides, the meeting discussed different aspects of leasing out Ramgarh Tea Garden, Chaklapunji Tea Garden, Brindaban Tea Garden and Boikanthapur Tea Garden. Committee members State Minister for Land Alhaj Rashed Mosharraf, Enamul Haque, Mohammad Abdul Latif Siddiqui and Sheikh Razzak Ali attended the meeting.

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Find ways to resolve political crisis

FEMA asks govt, opposition

The national committee of the Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) has expressed grave concern at the deteriorating political situation in the country which it holds is marked by escalating mistrust and confrontation between the government and the major opposition political parties, says a press release.

According to the FEMA leadership the present political impasse has put democracy to test once again. They maintained that some political programmes, including frequent hartals by opposition and efforts to thwart those by the ruling party are seriously disrupting the economic and social life causing untold sufferings and loss of earning of the common man and the nation as a whole. Because of lack of understanding between the government and the opposition, even the Parliament which is the vital institution in any democratic city has not been able to play its proper role. The result-

sing situation is indeed "unfortunate," they said. FEMA national committee attributed the failure to the political parties to reach a solution which they described as "a tragedy" and appealed to concerned parties to work together for immediate solution of the crisis.

FEMA leaders have urged the government and the opposition to find ways and means for resolving the political deadlock and initiate fresh dialogue in this direction immediately. Such initiative should be made without further loss of time. "Democracy is a government by negotiation and compromise," it said, "constitutional and democratic path must be pursued at all costs," it further added.

JS told Mymensingh Jute Mills to be owned by workers soon

Transferring of Mymensingh Jute Mills, closed for about seven years, to the workers is under process, Jute Minister, AK Faezul Haq told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS.

He was replying to Mr Nurul Amin Talukder (opposition BNP-Netrakona). The questions-answers were laid as the question-hour is suspended.

The minister said the mills would be handed over to the workers when the down payment of the mills is made under the terms of the tender. Then the opportunity for getting back jobs will be created for the workers who are now jobless due to closer of the mills, he said.

He said the mills were shut down since April 27, 1993 in accordance with the agreement between the government and the World Bank for the reform in the jute sector to reduce additional production capacity.

The opposition BNP member from Netrakona who is absent wanted to know if the government had any plan to assimilate five thousand workers of the Mymensingh Jute Mills who are now unemployed.

Metropolitan DU students launch new movement to fight sexual harassment

By DU Correspondent

A section of Dhaka University students yesterday brought out a procession on the campus and the city to protest against all sorts of sexual harassments, including the assault of a young lady at TSC during the new year's celebration.

The students under a banner of "Students of Dhaka University Against the Sexual Harassment (SDUASH)" started their agitation through yesterday's programme with a view to strengthen the movement against sexual harassment on the university campus and elsewhere in the country.

Starting from the Aparajeyo Bangla of DU, the procession paraded the campus and city thoroughfares chanting slogans.

Later at a rally on the TSC island, the SDUASH leaders called on the government to take up the issue seriously so that culprits are given punitive punishment for their heinous acts.

If such culprits are given exemplary punishment the SDUASH leaders said then others would stay away for such activities.

They also demanded introduction of a "compliant cell" at DU to file complaints regarding harassment on the university campus.

Addressing a rally, the student leaders blamed the ruling Awami League for discouraging the movement against religious fanatics and the anti-liberation forces. "The government's recent moves prove that they are patronising them," the leaders said.

They would hold a protest rally on January 27 and submit a memorandum to the Home Minister on February 3 to press home several other demands.

The demands include restoring the congenial atmosphere at Chittagong University, trial of the culprits involved in assault on a woman on the campus, exemplary punishment to the killers of a Joint Secretary and maintaining the law and order across the country.

The GCO leaders urged the student community to be united to resist the religious fanatics.



The five-day National Flower Show 2000 began at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city yesterday. —Star photo

More coast guard stations will be set up in coastal regions

Tk 35 cr 'Rupashi Bangla' commissioned in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Jan 23: Home, Post and Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim today said the government is planning to set up adequate coast guard stations in each of the coastal region to protect national interest, reports BSS.

"The government has so far taken various pragmatic steps to develop coast guards as a strong force aimed at developing trade and economic activities in the 200 nautical miles vast area of the Bay of Bengal and 700 kilometres coastal regions."

The minister said this while speaking at a function organised here on occasion of commissioning of the coast guard ship 'Rupashi Bangla'.

The 38.5-metre Rupashi Bangla, the modern most ship of the coast guard, was built in Malaysia at a cost of Taka 35 crore.

The minister said that from the economic point of view it is very important to protect our sea, as it is rich with fish and other mineral resources and also the centre point of export and import activities.

He said coast guards should also be developed to protect the resourceful Sundarbans, the biggest mangrove forest in the world, which is situated in the coastal region.

Laying emphasis on building up a strong force of coast guards for protecting national interest, providing security to the commercial ships and curbing smuggling in the sea, he said the work on the expansion of Chittagong Coast Guard base is going on in a full swing.

The minister laid emphasis on a full-fledged organisational structure and recruiting skilled manpower to build a strong force of coast guards.

Lauding the role of coast guards, Nasim said, they are playing an important role in curbing smuggling and protecting national interest in the naval arena.

"It has recovered a huge quantity of smuggled goods worth about Taka 13 crore during the last four years which was lauded by all," he added.

The home minister called upon all members of the coast guard to work with utmost sincerity and devotion to build a happy and prosperous Bangladesh as dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Naval Chief Abu Taher, Malaysian ambassador to Bangladesh Dato Zulkifly A B Rahman and high civil and naval officials, among others, were present on the occasion.

Earlier, the minister handed over "Commissioning Form" to the commanding officer of the ship Lieutenant Commander Golam Kabir Siddique.

A contingent of coast guard also presented a guard of honour to the home minister at School of Maritime and V arfare Tactics here. The minister later went round different sections of the ship. A munajat was also offered on the ship on the occasion.

Chief Justice to attend Indian SC golden jubilee celebration

The Chief Justice of Bangladesh, Justice Latifur Rahman, left here yesterday afternoon for New Delhi to attend the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Supreme Court of India and the Republic Day Parade, reports BSS.

As per Presidential Order the senior most Justice of the Appellate Division Justice Bimalendu Bikash Roy Chowdhury will act as the chief justice till Chief Justice returns here on January 30 and takes his charge, an official handout said.

Work on expansion of Airport Railway Station begins

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Lankan Air Force chief in city

Commander of the Sri Lankan Air Force Air Marshal J Weerakkody arrived in the city yesterday on a five-day visit, reports BSS.

He is accompanied by his wife and a three-member delegation.

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