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Razzak seeks int'l support to harness Ganges water

THE HAGUE (Netherlands), Mar 22: Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak today called for international support to harness water of the Ganges for restoring the environment of the Ganges basin, reports BSS.

He said Bangladesh adopted a national water policy last year to ensure integrated water resources management and 'right now we are at the midst of formulation of a 25-year National Water Management Plan to translate the policy into action.'

Razzak said the regional cooperation, side by side with the global efforts of the World Water Forum, was essential for sustainable water management in the South Asia and Pacific Region.

The ministers and the secretaries of different countries and the water experts took part in the discussion.

At the two-day ministerial conference, Razzak presided over the session on South Asia and Pacific Region held at the Netherlands Conference Centre on Tuesday.

Razzak also presented a paper titled 'Water security in the 21st century' today. In his paper, the minister called for assistance to face catastrophic arsenic problems in ground water.

He said, "We require to secure our shares of flows of trans-boundary rivers to cater to the demands of water during the dry season including the demands for prevention of intrusion of salinity from the Bay of Bengal in the South of the country."

On the second day of the World Water Forum, a session on South Asian region and the water management was held with country's leading water expert Dr. Kholluzzaman Ahmad in the chair. Quamrul Islam Siddique, chairman of PDB, and Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, chairman of Commonwealth Environmental Journalists' Association, also spoke.

Without active and sincere cooperation at the regional level, water problem experienced by the countries concerned would not be solved, he added.

Bangladesh's NGO representative Latun Nahar was the coordinator of the session.

Khaleda protests attack on party leaders in Gournadi

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has strongly protested the police raid at the residences of its party leaders and terrorists attacks on them at Gournadi in Barisal recently.

Establishments and shops of BNP supporters at Gournadi.

In statement yesterday, she said police had without any specific reason raided the residence of BNP central leader Zahiruddin Swapan at Agoljara under Gournadi in Barisal.

The BNP Chairperson in her statement observed that the government after being isolated from the people has intensified the degree of repression and suppression on opposition.

Besides, she alleged that police resorted to harassment of BNP leaders and activists even in remote villages at the instruction of the government. The Awami League terrorists also resorted to attacks and lootings of houses, business es-

timulations and shops of BNP supporters at Gournadi.

She warned of dreadful consequences and demanded immediate withdrawal of the false cases and stop of attacks on BNP men. She also demanded immediate arrest of the culprits and exemplary punishment.



Zia Parishad brought out a colourful procession in the city yesterday to mark its 12th founding anniversary. — Star photo

US has finally recognised our Liberation War

Leading personalities all praise for Clinton's remarks

Only a few countries, including superpower USA, did not extend support to Bangladesh's Liberation War, but President Clinton ultimately recognised the Bengalis' crusade for independence under the leadership of Bangabandhu, reports UNB.

This view came from leading personalities of the country over the comment of the US President on Bangladesh's Liberation struggle during his short visit to Dhaka on Monday.

Giving his view over Clinton's comment, Industries Minister Tofiq Ahmed said ultimately it was 'recognition' that the country was liberated under the leadership of Bangabandhu.

That struggle was led by the Prime Minister's father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, whose passion and commitment united the people," said Clinton bestowing praises on Bangladesh's founding father posthumously.

Although people of many countries, including the Americans, have supported Bangladesh's cause, governments of few countries, including the then US administration, did not support it, he said.

However, Clinton's com-

ment convinced us that the governments who did not support the 1971 struggle later realised that the fight for independence was a right decision.

"This month 29 years ago, against extraordinary obstacles, Bangladesh began a lonely fight for existence that did not receive the support it deserved from many countries around the world," the US president said on Monday.

Renowned academic Prof Anisuzzaman termed Clinton's observations on the liberation struggle a positive turn of world views away from misconceptions.

Prof Zaman viewed that while it is a fact that USA had not supported the liberation struggle of 1971, it is also evident that the wartime decision of the then US government was not correct was reflected in Clinton's frank statement.

He said that Clinton had also made it clear that the incidents of 'taking back a shipload of wheat in 1974' and the US involvement in the killing of Bangabandhu were not correct.



The first batch of Hajis returned home yesterday by a Biman flight. Civil Aviation and Tourism Secretary Chowdhury Mohammad Mohsin and Managing Director of Biman Bangladesh Airlines Air Commodore M Rafiqul Islam seen receiving them at the Zia International Airport.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhanmondi will be held today at 5:30 pm at the Dhaka Club Upstairs Family Lounge, says a press release.

All members have been requested to attend on time.

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka will be held today at 5:30 pm at the CIRDAP Cafeteria, says a press release.

Abu Sayeed blasts Khaleda for misleading Clinton

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday blasted BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia saying she tried to mislead US President Bill Clinton through presenting 'untrue and imaginary' allegations against the government with 'heinous political motive', reports BSS.

to mislead the foreigners after their complete failure in befriending the people of the country.

"Through this she has belittled the entire nation and its image," Prof Sayeed said in a statement.

Sayeed said Begum Zia had alleged that the US State Department report on human rights could not reflect the real situation in Bangladesh, which, he said in one sense was true as it did not say anything on the terrorist acts of the BNP activists.

"The killing of truck drivers, bus passengers, police, labourers, rickshaw and autorickshaw drivers, women and children in petrol bombs or setting them on fire by the BNP activists were not written in the report," he said.

He added: "BNP is now trying

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Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Divn-II, Rajshahi PWD Tender Notice No-25 of 1999-2000. Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No-2911 from undermentioned approved contractors of PWD for the undermentioned works. The tender will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Divn-1, Rajshahi/Natore/Naogaon/Pabna/Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division, Nawabgonj up to 12-00 Noon of 6-4-2000 Eng. in the tender box kept for the purpose in the room of their respective offices and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenderer who may like to remain present.

DESA Local Tender Notice Memo No. PS-2/Pro-2/1004 Dated: 06/3/2000. নিয়মিত বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ করুন সন্ধ্যাবেলায় বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহার হ্রাস করুন. Dhaka Electric Supply Authority invites bids for different electrical materials against the following tender. Reputed local manufacturers/their representatives are eligible to participate in this tender.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H) Narsingdi Road Division, Narsingdi Tender Invitation Notice. 1. Tender notice no. : 33/NRD, year 1999-2000. 2. Name of work : Repairing with sealcoat at different kilometres of different roads under Narsingdi Road Division, divided in 3 (three) groups, during 1999-2000 financial year.

Janata Bank Imamganj Corporate Branch 20, Imamganj, Dhaka Auction Notice Dated: 7-3-2000. Sealed tenders are invited from interested buyers for auction sale of the goods mentioned in the following list on 'as it is where it is' basis.

Eating Out Sajina An Exclusive Restaurant Serving full range of Indian dishes. Also available OUTSIDE CATERING TAKEAWAY PARTY FACILITIES. House # 10, South Avenue, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212. Phone # 8811684, 8812458, Fax # 880-8828802 E-mail: sajina@cittecho.net

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H Narayanganj Road Division Shimrail, Narayanganj R&H Tender Invitation Notice. 1. Tender notice number: 69/Narayanganj Road Division, year 1999-2000. 2. Name of work: Work of earth-filling on the road embankment on 2nd (part) KM of the Polder Road under Narayanganj Road Sub-Division during 1999-2000 fiscal year.