

JS meet held Proposal to raise SKS welfare spending

The parliamentary standing committee on Defence Ministry at a meeting yesterday proposed to raise welfare spending to 50 per cent of the profit of Sena Kalyan Sangstha (SKS) from the existing 10 per cent, reports UNB.

The Sangstha earned a profit of Tk 150 crore in last 10 years, including Tk 32 crore last year. Of this, the organisation has spent Tk 27 crore for welfare purposes, the meeting was told.

The Sangstha provides financial assistance to former and retired members of the armed forces and their dependents for educational and professional stipends and medical treatment as per decision of the management.

Committee chairman Maj Gen (ret'd) K M Safiullah presided over the meeting at the Sangsad Bhaban. Committee members Col (ret'd) Shawkat Ali, Muhammad Faruq Khan, Golam Mohammad Kader, Maj (ret'd) Akhtaruzzaman, chiefs of three services and officials concerned were present.

The members also proposed to make the Sena Kalyan Sangstha an independent trust and appoint retired personnel from the armed forces instead of anyone in the service so that they could give full time for the organisation, the meeting sources said.

The meeting also expressed deep shock at the death of S J M Akramuzzaman, former managing director of Mukti Joddha Kalyan Trust, and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Baitul Mukarram complex earns Tk 79 lakh a year

A meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on Religious Affairs Ministry discussed the matters relating to Baitul Mukarram complex yesterday, reports UNB.

Presided over by committee chairman Shah Haduzzaman, the meeting was told that the complex's annual income is Tk 79.93 lakh which comes from rent paid by 458 shops in the complex.

The meeting reviewed the report on the 28-acre Abdul Hamid Shah Waqf Estate of Dinajpur and suggested measures to resolve the problem of appointing 'Mutawali' of the estate.

Committee members State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana M Nurul Islam, M Shahadat Hossain, Panchanon Biswas, M Lutfar Rahman Chowdhury, Prof M Abdullah, Abdul Wahab Khan and Haji Abdul Majid attended the meeting.

Sirajganj accident Death toll rises to 53

From Our Correspondent SIRAJGANJ, Apr 30: The death toll in the Sirajganj road accident rose to 53 today with the death of another unidentified passenger.

Sources at Sirajganj General Hospital said that 8 out of the 17 admitted to the hospital have been released so far.

The identified dead bodies have been handed over to their families, the sources added.

Meanwhile, Ekok Sangha, a social organisation buried 11 unidentified bodies at Malshapara graveyard last night.

AL rally tomorrow

Dhaka City Awami League will hold a rally at Paltan Maidan tomorrow at 3 pm demanding the execution of the judgement in the Bangabandhu murder case, reports BSS.

Central and City Awami League leaders will address the rally.

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Collection of garbage from city's garbage bins is a work that is never done on time. After the collectors' bins get filled up, the waste materials spill over to the adjoining areas, sometimes taking up large portions of the road itself. The above picture, taken from in front of the Rajarbagh police line, shows a scene typical in our metropolitan life.

Fire damages Barisal T&T MDF: 5000 phones inoperative

A fire burnt down the main distribution frame (MDF) of Barisal T&T rendering some 5,000 digital telephones in the southern town inoperative, reports UNB.

Divisional Engineer of local T&T hoped that they would be able to restore the telephone lines in 10 days.

But other local officials said it might take about a month to restore the telephone lines. While confirming Saturday night's fire incident, T&T officials in Dhaka said the phone lines would be restored "very soon."

The technicians of the Board have been putting all-out efforts to repair the MDF which was severely damaged in the fire that broke out at 9:25 pm Saturday, a T&T press release said yesterday.

All the digital phones bearing the number beginning with 5 are now out of order in Barisal town. However, the phones bearing the numbers beginning with 7 are working as usual, the release said.

Sources said that the MDF room of Italte Digital Exchange in the town was locked during the fire during which all the cables, optical fibres, machinery and furniture in the room went up in flames.

On being informed by PDB and police, fire service men came to the spot and the flames under control after 90 minutes.

The fire service could not give any exact figure about the extent of damages, but a local T&T official, on condition of anonymity, told UNB that the loss could be around several crore taka. He could not say anything about the origin of fire.

High officials of T&T from Dhaka have already left to visit the spot.

BDR hands over BSF men

MYMENSINGH, Apr 30: Bangladesh Rifles following a deputy commander level flag meeting with BSF today handed over a BSF man caught by the local people, reports UNB.

Birol Mohan with another BSF personnel intruded into the Panchgaon village in Kalmakanda thana of Netrokona district Saturday. Birol was caught by the villagers while trying to harass a woman of Garo community. His colleague managed to flee away.

BDR at the flag meeting held at pillar no 1184, BDR strongly protested the incident and demanded that the BSF man be tried for his offence. Birol was handed over to BSF after its deputy commander gave assurance of a trial.

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1. Name of items : (1) Car. 2. Cost of tender : Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) schedule (non-refundable) 3. Schedule available : Police Headquarters, E&T Section, Room No-107, Dhaka. 4. Last date of selling : Up to 10-5-2000 (during office hours) on all working days. 5. Place, date & time : Tenders will be received on 11-5-2000 at Police Headquarters, E&T Section, Room No-107, Dhaka up to 12:00 Noon and will be opened at 12:30 PM on the same date & same venue in presence of tenderers, if any. 6. Earnest money : @ 2% (two per cent) of total quoted value in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft. 7. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/tenders without assigning any reason.

DFF-9987-26/4 Syed Bazul Karim, BPM G-798 AIG (E&T) Bangladesh Police Bangladesh, Dhaka.

Namaj-e-Janaza Namaj-e-Janaza for Osman Ghani Khan, former Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh, will be held tomorrow at Baitul Mukarram Mosque after Zohr prayers, says a press release. Another Namaj-e-Janaza will be held at the premises of CGA's Office at 12 noon.

BRAC signs MOU with Silk Foundation

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for development of Sericulture was signed between BRAC and Bangladesh Silk Foundation (BSF) at the BRAC Centre in the city yesterday, says a press release.

Dr SA Hossain, Managing Director of BSF, and Md Anisul Alam, Deputy Executive Director of BRAC, signed the MOU on behalf of their respective organisations. Fazole Hasan Abed, Founder Executive Director of BRAC, was present on the occasion.

Under the MOU, BRAC will participate in training, extension, 'chauki' rearing, product promotion and development of the Silk Development Project. BSF is implementing the Silk Development Project (SDP) under the IDA credit of the World Bank to promote sericulture activities in Bangladesh.

The main objective of the 5-year SDP is to assist in increasing incomes of small scale silk producers, most of whom are poor women, through improved technology.

HSC examinee killed in Mymensingh MYMENSINGH, Apr 30: An HSC examinee was killed allegedly by his cousin in Fulpur thana Saturday night, reports UNB.

Police said Abdul Motaleb, a student of Fulpur Degree College, was killed near his house in a sequel to a family feud. He hailed from a village in Chandpur.

His body, recovered by police this morning, bore marks of stabbing. It was sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

A case was filed in this connection.

Police havilder closed for torturing a young man

JHALAKATI, Apr 30: A police havilder was closed to the district police lines on Saturday from Nalchhiti thana on charge of torturing a young man, reports UNB.

Sources said havilder Mozammel Hossain called Quamruzzaman Babu, 18, in his thana office and tortured him as he refused to marry a 16-year-old girl despite having an affair with her.

The higher authorities took action against the policeman on complaint lodged by Babu, son of Abdul Rob Mollik of Surjapasha village.

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MUNSHIGANJ, Apr 30: One person was electrocuted at Ranchha Howlapara under Sadar Upazilla of the district this morning, reports BSS.

The victim was identified as Abdul Matin, 40, a deed-writer at the district sub-registrar's office.

According to sources, the incident occurred as Matin came into contact with a live wire at his house at Ranchha Howlapara under Sadar Upazilla.

Liquor seized from boat near Ctg port

CHITTAGONG, Apr 30: Coast Guards recovered 378 bottles of beer and 32 bottles of whisky worth over Tk one lakh from an engine boat at the outer anchorage of the port today, reports UNB.

The guards while patrolling the estuary of river Karnaphuli in the morning, chased the boat and found the liquor in it. The smugglers, however, managed to flee. The boat along with the liquor were handed over to the customs officials.

Govt firm to ensure women's right: Mannan

Minister for Labour and Employment M A Mannan said yesterday that the government is pledge-bound to ensure the rights of women workers in all spheres, reports BSS.

He was speaking as chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of a workshop entitled 'a worker in the context of Bangladesh's labour market,' jointly organised by International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Bangladesh National Council for Women Workers Development (BNCWWD) in observance of the May Day at a city hotel.

Presided over by Chairman of BNCWWD Prof Jahanara Begum, the function was addressed by ILO Director Clodia Coenjaerts and Chairman of National Coordination Committee on Workers' Education Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan.

The Minister said the government had supported the ILO Convention-100 relating to equal wage for equal works to protect the rights of the women workers. He said the government is continuing its efforts to implement the Convention in all spheres.

He stressed the need for establishment of good relations between owners and workers in the industrial units.

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World Education Forum ends 'Dev partners need to invest for quality edn'

Education Minister ASHK Sadique has said that the implementation of 15 years Dakar Framework of action on education for all would necessitate huge financial resources, reports BSS.

The development partners need to invest significantly greater resources to ensure quality education for all, he said and appealed to the donor community to join their hands with the national governments to achieve the goals set in the Dakar Framework of action.

The Education Minister was addressing a press conference, convened after conclusion of the World Education Forum on April 28 in Dakar, as the representative of the developing nations.

Sadique was optimistic about achieving the goals set at World Education Forum in view of the solidarity forged between the developed and the developing countries. Canadian education minister represented the developed countries.

The three-day World Education Forum in Dakar adopted the Dakar Framework of action for promotion of basic education for all. The meeting was attended by delegates from 182 countries led mostly by their ministers of education. About sixteen hundred delegates attended the forum. Heads of UN agencies, inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organisations also attended the conference which was inaugurated on April 26 by the President of Senegal Abdoulaye Wade.

Sadique emphasised the need for imparting quality basic education which ultimately would lead to productivity, economic development, alleviation of poverty and reducing inequalities within the society.

He also emphasised the need for involving political leaders, people's representatives, parents and philanthropists for formulating policies and plans of the country. Sadique added that increased financial assistance was not only needed for basic education but also for tertiary level of education to ensure quality education at primary and secondary levels of education by providing quality teachers.

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Rotary News Weekly meeting

The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Rajshahi will be held tomorrow at 5:30 pm at Dhaka Club (Guest House Restaurant), says a press release.

AM Mesbah Uddin, Retired Secretary of Labour, will be the guest speaker. He will speak on the significance of May Day.

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