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'One house one farm' concept will help eliminate poverty

PM says at inauguration of Rural Poverty Alleviation Foundation

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said that the concept of 'One house one farm' will help turn every rural household into a local point of all economic activities, to eliminate rural poverty, reports BSS.

"We want to make each family self-reliant through united efforts by making optimum utilisation of all the untapped resources in the rural household," she said while launching the activities of the Palli Dardiro Bimochan Foundation (Rural Poverty Alleviation Foundation) at the Osmani Memorial Hall yesterday afternoon.

Established by an Act of Parliament passed in November of 1999, the foundation is to serve as an autonomous, sustainable and self-supporting micro-credit institution dedicated to the cause of eliminating rural poverty and promoting socio-economic advancement of the poor and the disadvantaged.

The prime minister expressed hope that women will derive the benefit of the concept and become economically solvent by actively participating in the project. She said that all the fallow lands should be utilised properly and agricultural products should be marketed through forming cooperatives at local level.

Referring to the setting up of agro-based industries in the rural areas, Sheikh Hasina pointed out that "we have to increase the purchasing capacity of the rural population." She said unless the purchasing power of the people was increased, the industries would run into losses.

She said that the government will make all out efforts to bring those 44 per cent living below the poverty line.

The Prime Minister listed various poverty alleviation programmes including VGD, VGF, Food for Work, Test Relief, Food for Education and Old-age

allowances has had a positive impact in society.

She said her government also embarked upon a work through which rural population would get medical care at their door step. She said 18,000 community health centres would be set up in the rural areas.

The Prime Minister said that the activities of the foundation will be spread in 139 upazilas of 17 districts where over 4.50 lakh families would get loan facilities. She noted that 71 per cent of the beneficiaries will be women.

Sheikh Hasina thanked the Canadian government for financial and technical assistance for the foundation.

Advocate M Rahmat Ali, State Minister for Rural Development and Cooperatives, Amangsu Sen, Secretary, Ministry of LGRD and Cooperative, John Moore, Charge d' Affaires of the Canadian High Commission



Bangladesh Teachers' Association Federation brought out a procession demanding 100 per cent dearness allowance (DA) in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

'Opposition MPs depriving voters by boycotting Parliament'

Jatiya Party leader Advocate Fazle Rabbi yesterday asked the Opposition members including the chairman of Jatiya Party HM Ershad as to what service and benefit they were rendering to the people through boycotting Parliament sessions, reports BSS.

Speaking on behalf of the Opposition at the concluding sitting of the Budget Session, Advocate Rabbi said that the boycotting Opposition members were depriving the nation as well as their electorates through refraining themselves from participating in the proceedings of the House.

Referring to Opposition criticism including that of former finance minister M Saifur Rahman against the budget, the JP member said that they (Opposition) could have enriched the budget and proceedings of the House through their deliberations in the Parliament.

The JP member described the comments of former finance minister about the budget outside parliament as unfortunate.

Jhalakati-2 by-polls EC forms probe body to look into irregularities

The Election Commission has formed two-member electoral inquiry committee to probe into pre-election irregularities and violation of electoral code of conduct in parliamentary by-election to Jhalakati-2 scheduled for July 31, reports UNB.

The committee comprises of District Sub-Judge Shamsul Haque and Senior Assistant Judge Abdur Rab Hawlader.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North will be held today at 6:00 pm at Hotel Sonargaon, says a press release.

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Tender Notice

No. 48/99-2000, Dated: 29/6/2000

The Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), district Pirojpur invites sealed tender for construction and completion of the works listed below under the Project RDP-19, Greater Barisal. This tender is open to all bidders enlisted with LGED and all pre-qualified contractors in different current project of LGED who are enlisted for 2000-2001 financial year.

Sl No	Name of upazila	Name of work	Estimated amount	Completion time	Price of tender document	Class of contractor
1	Kowkhali	Improvement of Subidpur Launchghat to Chirapara Parsaturia road via North Nitty (2nd Call).	=15,00,000/-	90 days.	=750/-	Sp/Ka/Kha & pre-qualified all project.
2	Nesarabad	Improvement of road from Panchabeky Kheyaghat to Panchabeky GPS by HBB.	=5,00,000/-	60 days.	=300/-	Sp/Ka/Kha/Ga & pre-qualified all project.
3	Nesarabad	Improvement of road from Sutiakti FWC to Iluhar road by HBB.	=6,00,000/-	60 days.	=500/-	-do-

5. All tenders must be accompanied by an earnest money of 2.5% (two point five per cent) of the total tendered price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the "Executive Engineer, LGED, Pirojpur." In the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh. Earnest money from any non-scheduled bank or investment companies shall not be accepted and the tenders shall be outright rejected.

6. The tenderer shall quote their price at percent above/below/par estimated amount provided in the bill of quantities both in figures and words in the stipulated paragraph of the Tender Form 2911 attached along with the bill of quantities (Volume-II) erasing, overwriting or corrections of the quoted price without authorised signature shall not be accepted and the tender shall be outright rejected.

7. The tenderer who found to have quoted price more than 5% (five per cent) less than the estimated amount shall be outright rejected.

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9. The tenderer shall submit attested copy of enlistment valid for the financial year 2000-2001.

10. The tenderer shall be submitted attested copy of VAT registration certificate & certificate of Tax-Payers Identification Number (TIN) up to date.

11. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders.

12. In the event of there are more than one lowest responsive tenderers quoting the same rate, the contractor shall be selected by lottery. The place, date and time of lottery shall be duly informed to the notice board.

13. Payment will be made after available of fund.

14. Additional terms and conditions is treated as the part of the tender.

Md Abul Kalam
Executive Engineer
LGED Pirojpur.

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Reza-Dollar group ousted

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ing to return to the hall with the backing of a section of BCL central leadership. Another section of the leadership is supporting the rival group.

A three-member probe committee headed by Prof Rasheed has been formed to investigate the incident. It has to submit its report to the university authorities in a week.

Asked about the incident, Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury said the culprits involved in the incident at SM Hall would not be spared. "I will go for stern action against the trouble makers and it does not matter who they are."

He went on, "When I contacted Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina last night, she advised me to take proper action against the criminals."

Meanwhile, BCL yesterday served showcause notices on two of its central leaders and 24 DU unit leaders for their involvement in the incident and asked them to reply in three days.

They are central committee members Abdul Alim and Masud and DU unit leaders Reza, Dollar, Mahfuz, Pintu, Babla, Hemayet, Jewel, Abdul Shukur, Asadul Galib Khan, Rubel, Raihan, Maruf, Ruhul Kuddus, Mostafa, Mizanur, Ramon, Farooq, Sharif, Asad, Selim, Kahirul Bashir, Zakir, Ehsan and Sarwar.

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