



Members of Dhvani Kathak Group performed at the National Museum auditorium in the city yesterday as part of the 'Dance and Music Festival' organised by the High Commission of India. -Star photo

BNP chief urges govt to send relief materials to flood-hit areas

Opposition leader Begum Khaleda Zia called for the government to dispatch relief supplies, including food and medicines, immediately for the flood-affected people in the country's northwestern districts, reports UNB.

Devastating flash floods have inundated vast areas in the western and northern frontier districts wrecking havoc on homesteads and crops and affecting millions of people, she said in a statement yesterday.

The BNP chief said many people, marooned by floodwaters, should be evacuated to safer places and those who took shelter in flood centers provided relief, including food and medicines.

"Government's relief materials, drugs and foods have not yet reached the flood-affected areas," she said quoting press reports. Many people have already been affected with intestinal diseases.

Khaleda also directed local MPs, leaders and workers of her party to conduct relief operation in the flood-affected areas.

Discussion on Moyezuddin today

Dhaka City Awami League will hold a discussion marking the 16th anniversary of martyrdom of Shaheed Moyezuddin at its Bangabandhu Avenue office here at 5 pm today, reports BSS.

Ministers as well as central and city leaders of the party will take part in the discussion. All leaders and workers of the party have been requested to attend the discussion, a press release said tonight.

Country to get Tk 55cr from US for agro-industry

Bangladesh will receive Taka 55 crore, equivalent to US\$10 million, from the United States for implementing agro-based Industries and Technology Development Project Phase-II of the Ministry of Agriculture, reports BSS.

A grant agreement was signed yesterday in the Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance, between the government of Bangladesh and the United States.

The grant will be utilized to create competitive markets for agricultural and agri-business inputs, outputs and related technologies which is expected to contribute to the growth of agri-business and small business in Bangladesh and thereby increase production, employment and agri-business enterprises.

Additional Secretary of ERD Faisal Ahmed Choudhury and Mission Director of USAID Gordon H West signed the agreement on behalf of their respective governments.

Contraband seized in Khulna

KHULNA, Sept 26: Police arrested five people along with Indian contraband worth about Tk 10 lakh from the city today, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip off, police chased a pick-up van at Pabla area early yesterday and caught it with smuggled Indian medicine and sarees. They arrested van driver Santos Kumar and Mizanur Shamsur Rahman, Lu'fur Rahman and Arab Ali from the van.

EC adopts duty-free access of LDC products to EU market

The European Commission (EC) has adopted a ground-breaking plan to provide duty and quota-free access for products of LDCs to the European Market, reports BSS.

Bangladesh is one of the 48 LDCs to get this privilege with its products into the EU market, Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed told BSS yesterday.

"This plan will come into effect after the EC council approves the new proposal shortly," he said.

The proposal was taken by the European Commission at a meeting in Brussels on September 20 last. It will cover all goods except the arms trade, EU sources said.

Earlier, the European Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy welcomed the EC's adoption of the proposal saying the access of the poor countries into the European market should be seen in view of the growing marginalization in the current globalized economy.

"Everyone seems ready to make the commitment at the political level. But talk is cheap. We now need to move beyond opt-out clauses. It's time to put access to our markets where our mouth is. That means opening up across the board, and for all the poorest countries. So we want to move to liberalize everything but the arms trade. I hope the council and parliament can adopt this proposal swiftly and that other developed countries quickly follow suit," he said.

Terming the EC's proposal as a great victory of the LDCs

including Bangladesh, the Industries Minister said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during her visit to Belgium in January this year, proposed the EC President Prody to make easier the access of LDC's goods into the European market.

As the Prime Minister of Italy Prody visited Bangladesh and as the EC President he assured the Bangladesh Prime Minister to consider her proposal for full duty and quota free access of all LDC's products to EU market, Tofail said.

He referred to his proposal made on behalf of the LDCs at the WTO's first Ministerial Conference in Singapore in December, 1996 for duty and quota free access of all LDCs goods into the EU market.

Tofail Ahmed said the EU Trade Commissioner first supported the proposal but forwarded by the Minister himself in the Singapore conference for special and differential provision if the LDCs suffered losses during the implementation process.

In 1998, the EU was already the major destination for 56 per cent of the LDCs total exports. However, the existing regime still excludes about 10 per cent of the 10,500 tariff lines in the EC's tariff schedule and 1 per cent of the total trade flows.

The EU signed an agreement in June last with African, Caribbean and Pacific countries triggering a process that will ensure free access for 'essentially all' products from all LDCs by the year 2005 at the latest.

The Industries Minister also said the Singapore conference had adopted a 22-point resolution, which gave due importance to the Bangladesh proposal by incorporating it into the resolution.

He said a high-level meeting with representatives of World Trade Organisation, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, World Bank, International Trade Corporation, United Nations Development Programme and International Monetary Fund was held in Geneva in October, 1997 for implementing the Bangladesh proposal.

"These organisations have made a comprehensive plan of action which was introduced and supported by the EU in the Seattle conference late last year," he said, adding Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina earlier wrote personal letters in this regard to the heads of government of the developed countries including the G-7 countries.

However, the European Commission has expressed the hope that the recent proposal would strengthen the will of LDCs to adopt policies across the board to help it put their countries on the road recovery and development.

Tofail said the Prime Minister during her coming visit to US would focus upon the issue for access of the goods from Bangladesh to the US market. "Had the Seattle Conference been successful, we could reach the US market much earlier," he said.



Indian State Minister for Water Resources Bijoya Chakraborty called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office in the city yesterday. -PID photo

PM shocked at West Bengal flood

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep distress to learn about the devastation in West Bengal caused by current flood which had already claimed so many lives and damage of property, reports BSS.

"The people and the government of Bangladesh join me in expressing our deepest sympathies to the people and the government of India," she in a message to Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said.

The prime minister hoped that the calamity stricken people would be able to withstand the loss with courage and fortitude.

She conveyed the Bangladesh government's heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families.

'Allegiance to truth must for a lawyer'

CHITTAGONG, Sept 26: Acting Chief Justice B B Roy Choudhury today underscored the need for quick dispensation of civil cases saying that sloth and tardiness in disposal of the cases breed criminal propensity, reports BSS.

"Today no country is considered civilized and democratic without quick dispensation of justice to those who come and crawl before the court," Justice BB Roy Choudhury said while addressing the members of Chittagong Bar Association here.

Presided over by the President of Chittagong Bar Association Ahmed Sagar the function was addressed, among others, by general secretary of the association Delwar Hossain Chowdhury.

Justice Roy urged the lawyers to be imbued with true concept of the profession. A lawyer's first allegiance is to truth and justice, he added.

"Conceptual difference between law profession and that of a business or trade is personal gain which should not be the prime motive of the lawyers," he said adding this shift in the attitude accounts for the change in the behaviour pattern of the lawyers.

Justice Choudhury said, hard work, knowledge, fidelity and fearlessness blended with courtesy are the prime traits of character of a successful lawyer.

Tourism Day programme at Sheraton

Dhaka Sheraton Hotel takes up a programme to celebrate the first World Tourism Day of the new millennium today, says a press release.

On the occasion, the hotel will feature a day-long traditional pitha festival at the Lobby cafe. It will also host a snake charmer show, demonstration of Nakshi Kantha stitch, live flute and Dotara music, fortune-telling by parrot and other colourful programmes.

Bangladesh Buffet Lunch and Buffet Dinner will be hosted at the Bithika restaurant. The Sheraton chefs will prepare a magnificent array of authentic dishes from different regions of Bangladesh.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga will hold its regular weekly meeting at Hotel Sonargaon at 5.30 pm today, says a press release.

Mid Nurul Huda, Inspector General of Police (IGP), will speak on Law and order situation in Bangladesh as guest speaker.

Members have been requested to attend the meeting on time.

Body formed to observe Russel's birth anniversary

Russel Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad yesterday formed a 19-member committee with Mahmud-Ul-Samad as its convenor and M Shahid Ullah as member secretary to observe the 36th birth anniversary of Shaheed Sheikh Russel, the youngest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports BSS.

The committee was formed at a meeting of the parishad with chairman of the organisation Mohammad Raquibur Rahman in the chair, a parishad press release said.

A week long programme have also been announced in observance of the death anniversary of Russel, who was killed along with most of his family members including Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the fateful night on August 15, 1975.

Filing of 'false' cases against BNP leaders protested

By Staff Correspondent

BNP's joint secretary general Ashraf Hossain has strongly protested filing of "false" cases against Narsingdi district unit leaders and activists under the Public Safety Act.

In a statement yesterday, Ashraf, who is now in-charge of BNP secretary general, said the government filed false case under the PSA against nine people, including Narsingdi town unit BNP convenor Babul Sarkar, Shamsuddin Ahmed Eshak MP and his six children, district BNP treasurer Mohammad Selim and others to divert the attention of people and suppress the terrorists attack at a market in the district.

He said identified terrorists attacked and looted a market in Narsingdi town on September 15 and subsequently the businessmen filed a case against the attackers. The local businessmen also held rallies and brought out processions in support of their demands.

But the terrorists themselves damaged their own shops in the town and blamed that the shops were ransacked when the procession of businessmen was passing through the area and filed a case against BNP leaders and activists to cover their misdeeds, the BNP leader added.

Ashraf Hossain demanded immediate withdrawal of the false case filed against the BNP leaders and also to stop harassment on them.



Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Federation staged a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding distribution of khas land among the landless people. -Star photo

Obituary

Alhaj Md Mojammeel Hoq, a senior lawyer of Comilla Bar, died on September 24 at his residence at Comilla Race Course. He was 74, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

He was buried at his village home at Payalgachha, Barura. His *qulqahani* will be held after Asr prayers today at his Race Course residence.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Government Engineering Department
Rangpur

Memo No. LGED/XEN/Rangpur/4511 Date: 24-09-2000

Corrigendum

It is for general information to all concern that due to unavoidable circumstances, the date of Tender Purchasing and Receiving for Tender Notice No. 06/2000-2001 vide Memo No. LGED/XEN/Rangpur/4683 invited on 04.09.2000 will be 02.10.2000 & 03.10.2000 instead of 26.09.2000 & 27.09.2000 respectively.

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