

Members of Dhwani 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.

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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 BSS.

Devastating flash floods have inundated vast areas in the western and northern frontier districts wreaking 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.

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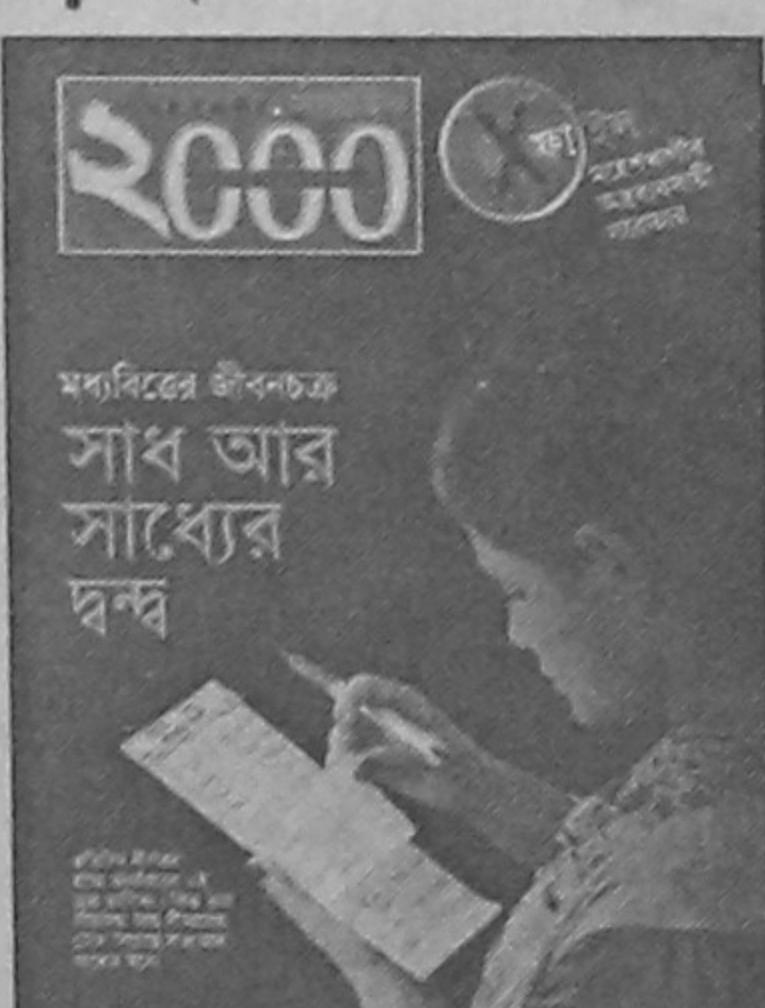
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EC adopts duty-free access of LDC products to EU market

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 LDCs' goods into the European market.

As the Prime Minister of Italy Prody visited Bangladesh and as the EC President he assured the Bangladeshi Prime Minister to consider her proposal for full duty and quota free access of all LDCs' 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 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 to recovery and development.

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.

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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.

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 10k 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 medicines and sarees.

They arrested van driver Santos Kumar and Mizanur, Shamsur Rahman, Lufur Rahman and Arab Ali from the van.

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.

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Name of work/supply: Supply of 4 RS duplex cable for this division (manufactured by Eastern Cables). Eligibility of contractors: All classes of contractors/suppliers/bonafide traders/ABC licence holder electrical contractor/ civil contractor/ bonafide motor repairing establishment. Cost of tender: Taka 200/- (two hundred) (non-refundable). It will have to be deposited in the form of Pay Order in favour of the Deputy Director, Regional Accounts Office, CES, PDB, Chittagong. Place of availability of tender and date: Chief Engineer, Distribution, Southern Zone, PDB, Biddut Bhaban, Agrabad, Chittagong/Superintending Engineer, Operation and Maintenance Circle (east) Ctg Metro, PDB, Chittagong/Manager Rupali Bank Ltd, Bibirhat, Chittagong. Can be purchased till 09/10/2000. Date of receiving and opening tender: In the said offices (except bank), in the office of the undersigned on 10/10/2000 at 12:00 Noon and tenders will be opened the same day at 12:30 PM before the tenderers present (if anyone remains present). Estimated expenditure: 1,98,000/- (one lakh ninety-eight thousand taka) only. All other terms and conditions and all rules and regulations must be followed properly.

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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.

The Corrigendum Notice will be treated as a part and parcel of the notice.

The other terms & conditions will be remain unchanged.

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