

US assistance to continue: Peters

US support would continue and increase in the years to come for the development of Bangladesh, US Ambassador Mary Ann Peters said yesterday, reports BSS.

She said this during a discussion with State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Prof Rafiqul Islam at his office.

They discussed different aspects of bilateral issues including development of gas and power sector in Bangladesh and the damage caused by the flood in the country's southwestern region.

The state minister said the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had taken different welfare-oriented reform programmes by formulating policies for the development of the country's power and energy sectors.

After coming to power, our government had relentlessly been working to change the lot of the people, he added.

The state minister hoped that the US government and investors would continue their contributions to the development activities of the Bangladesh government.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing the inaugural ceremony of a three-day 'Regional Conference of Parliamentarians on Impact of Tuberculosis and Malaria on Poverty' at a city hotel yesterday. - PID photo

Effective laws needed to support indigenous people

By DU Correspondent

The indigenous people in Bangladesh need effective legal support to solve their multiple socio-economic problems.

Speakers made the above observation while addressing the concluding day of a three-day long national seminar on 'Ethnic Minority' held in the city yesterday.

They stressed on effective financial loans with lower interest rate for the indigenous people, terming them the 'most deprived and poorest community' in Bangladesh.

Some of the programmes of different Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) including legal aid programmes have failed, the speakers said, adding that 'the financial loan programmes of NGOs are not always community friendly and

in some areas NGOs don't provide any loan at all.'

Dr. Mesbah Kamal, Fazle Hossain Badshah, Ratan Sarker and Korunamoy Chakma delivered separate papers on 'A Public Hearing on the Problems faced by Adivasis', 'The Problems of Education: An Action Research in the Santal Community', 'The Prospect of Small and Rural Industries in the Garo Population' and 'Customary Rules in the CHT' respectively in the seminar.

The speakers focused on various problems faced by the tribal communities throughout the country, including ownership of land, education, unemployment, religious practices and usage of drugs.

The speakers recommended conduction of a special census of the indigenous communities

as the current figures available are not 'correct' but are misleading.

They also underscored the need for constitutional recognition of the indigenous and creation of mass awareness on multi-ethnic causes across the country, saying, 'Bangladesh is not only a land of the Bangladeshis.'

Among others, Dr. Amena Mohsin, Prof. Monirul Musa, Prof. HK Arefin and Dr. Prodha Nandu Chakma took part in the discussion while Dr. Shamsul Bari was in the chair.

The three-day long seminar, which began on Saturday at the Grameen Bank Bhaban, was organised by Programme for Research on Poverty Alleviation (PRPA) to mark the concluding part of its first phase activities.

British Council timing

The timings of the British Council Library and Information Services will be slightly different during the month of Ramadan, says a press release.

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President, PM greet people on Ramadan

Greeting the countrymen on the eve of holy Ramadan, President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed hoped that the lessons of the sacred month would be reflected in everyone's life as self-purification, reports UNB.

The holy month of Ramadan is unique for its religious sanctity and solemnity, he said in a message yesterday.

The month is incomparable in context of social peace and mutual empathy, he said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called on the countrymen to maintain the sanctity of the holy month of Ramadan showing the sense of proportion and restraint in all spheres of life.

In a message on the eve of Ramadan yesterday, she called for cooperation among each other for establishing peace in national life shunning the path of destruction, egoism, rowdiness, terrorism, anarchy and conspiracy.

Greeting the countrymen and Muslim Ummah on the occasion, Hasina said, 'the lessons of the month are to show full loyalty to Almighty Allah by saying prayers and discarding lavishness, anger, rowdiness and hostilities.'

'We can build a habit of self-purification, sacrifice, frugality and restraint in national life following the lessons of Ramadan,' she observed.

The Prime Minister prayed for continued peace, progress and prosperity of the countrymen and Muslim Ummah.

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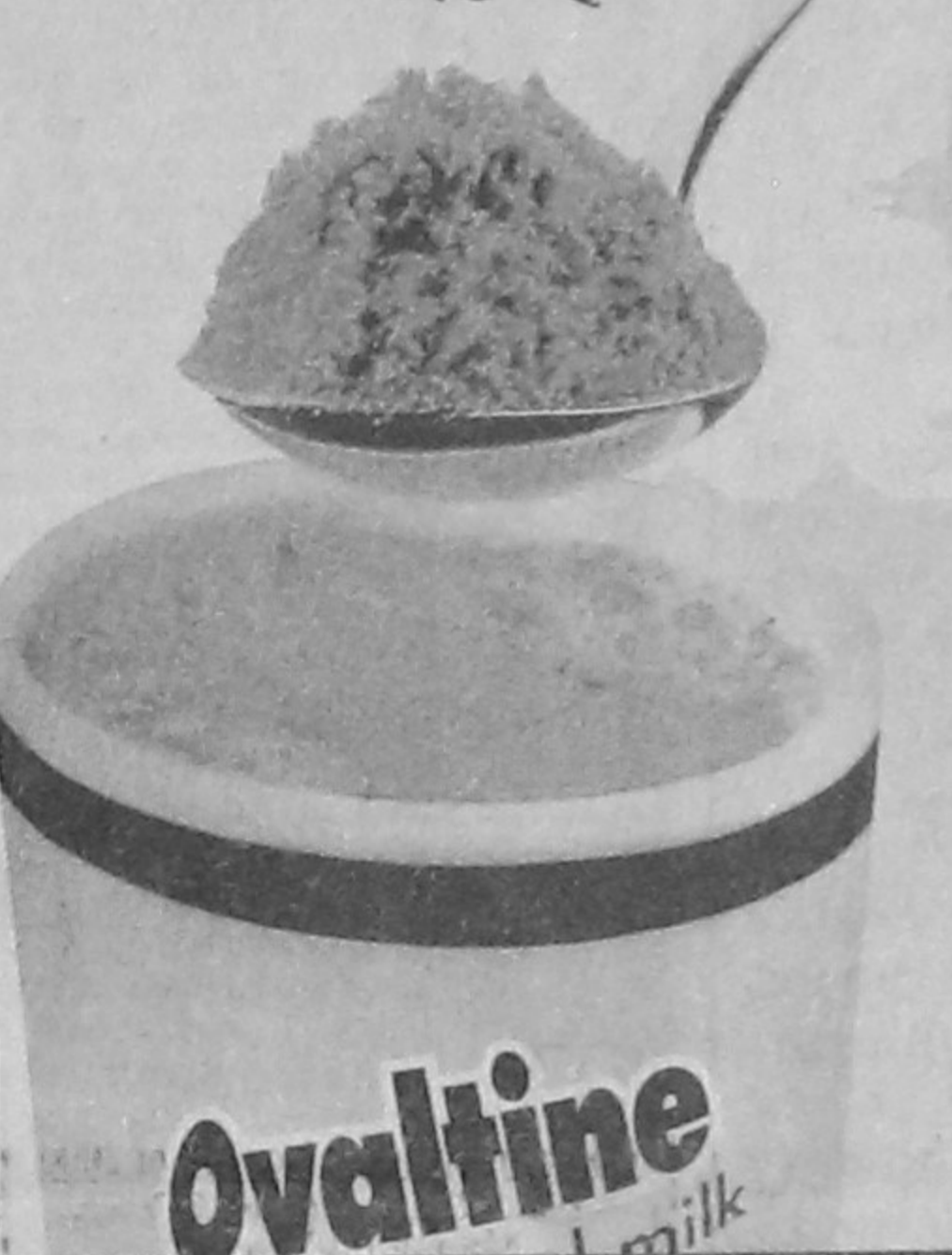


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All application with CV, sealed in an envelop with marking of interested area, addressed to the Chief, HR Section, UNICEF, Bangladesh Country Office, BSL Office Complex, 1, Minto Road, Dhaka 1000, must be submitted in the tender box of HR Section by December 07, 2000.

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Theatre presented a portrait of Munier Chowdhury to the National Museum for preservation yesterday on the occasion of 75th birth anniversary of Shaheed Prof Munier Chowdhury. Theatre president Prof Kabir Chowdhury handed over the portrait to DG of National Museum Shamsuzzaman Khan.

PM opens Patuakhali digital phone exchange

Patuakhali district headquarters was brought under digital telephone network yesterday with the opening of a 3000-line digital telephone exchange, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina formally inaugurated the

exchange from Ganobhaban by talking to Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim in Patuakhali.

With this, 33 district headquarters have so far been linked with digital network under a project that would install 216,000 digital telephones in the district headquarters.

Besides setting up the new 3000-line digital exchange, some 1,500 analogue phones of Patuakhali exchange were converted into digital lines.

The Prime Minister said her government has fulfilled almost all the election pledges committed to the people in Patuakhali.

She said the digital telephone exchange would enable Patuakhali to have direct access with capital Dhaka and foreign countries, giving a boost to the district's trade and economic activities.

Hasina said her government wants to bring about development in neglected southern districts with the implementation of more programmes.

The Prime Minister said she is quite aware of various problems of the people of this country and working hard to resolve those in phases within limited resources.

Hasina thanked the people of Patuakhali for electing Awami League candidates from all the seats in the district and hoped that AL would secure all the seats in the next elections also.

BNP city unit meet today

By Staff Correspondent

A meeting of the city BNP will be held at its new office at Navapattan at 11 am today.

City BNP president Sadek Hossain Khoka MP will preside over the meeting. Vice-presidents, joint secretaries, thana unit presidents and general secretaries, and BNP ward commissioners at the Dhaka City Corporation have been asked to attend the meeting.

Meanwhile, the city BNP has declared the month of Holy Ramadan as 'organising month' and has taken up elaborate programmes aimed to strengthen the party and expedite organisational activities.

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