

Malnutrition status in the country down to 1.3 per cent

BSS, Dhaka
Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, the Minister for Health and Family Welfare, said yesterday that malnutrition status in the country has drastically declined to 1.3 per cent from 13 per cent.

He said this while inaugurating the Taka 640-crore National Nutrition Project (NNP) yesterday morning.
The minister said that the present government has undertaken the National Nutrition Programme with an aim to improve the nutrition situation in the country.
The Minister hoped that the coordinated efforts of NGOs and development partners would contribute significantly to the improvement of the nutrition of women and children.

"We want to tackle the problems of deficiencies in protein, iron, iodine and vitamin A among our growing children, adolescent girls and pregnant and lactating mothers," he said.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Prof M Amanullah, Dutch Ambassador to Bangladesh JL Ijzerman, UNICEF Coun-

try Representative, Shahida Azfar and World Bank country Representative Fredrick T Temple also spoke on the occasion while Health Ministry's Additional Secretary, Mohammad Moniruz-zaman chaired it.

Sheikh Selim expressed his concern about one fourth of the total population who are compelled to take food less than 1800 calories while 15 per cent take 1500 calories per day. "Women are the worst victims in calorie deficiencies," he said adding that as a result the malnourished mothers also give birth to malnourished children.

He, however, said the government is fully committed to develop country's human resources by arresting poverty. "The NNP is a true reflection of our sincere commitment," he said adding that the introduction of NNP, which is aimed at Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) Programme, poultry rearing, nutrition gardening and various income-generating activities for women, will substantially enhance the standard of their nutritional status.

Prof Amanullah said the number of malnourished children in our country is highest in the world. "More than 40 per cent of children are born underweight," he said. However, he said, iodised salt, vitamin tablets and massive awareness have turned the situation to a far better position in the last few years.

Shahida Azfar observed that malnutrition is a big problem for the country, which can be reduced through community based approach and other programmes.

She said UNICEF will continue to support the nutrition programmes including the NNP for its successful implementation.

Manarat Int'l University gets permission

Manarat International University (MIU) has been accorded permission by the Ministry of Education to function as a private university under the Private University Act of 1992 and Amended in 1998, says a press release.

All preparations for functioning of MIU have been completed and the classes of the first batch will begin in April/May 2001 at its own campus, plot # 16, road # 106, Gulshan.

In the first semester, Manarat International University will offer four-year undergraduate programmes in Business Administration (BBA) and Computer Science & Technology (CST). It has plans to offer Master in Business Administration (MBA), BSc (Hons) in Environmental Science, BSS (Hons) in Economics, BA (Hons) in English Language & Literature etc in the near future.

Annan praises Dhaka's role in UN peacekeeping missions

BSS, Rajendrapur

United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan yesterday lauded Bangladesh's contribution to the UN peacekeeping troops and assured of his full support to Dhaka's endeavour for promoting its role in the peacekeeping missions.

"You have my full support," he said while visiting the Peacekeeping Operation Training Centre (PKOTC) of Bangladesh Army.

The UN Secretary General said he was 'impressed' with the performance of Bangladeshi peacekeepers as he witnessed some field training exercises during his visit to the PKOTC.

"This is a wonderful establishment. You should be proud of the work you do here," Annan wrote in the visitors' book.

Bangladesh currently is the largest contributor to the UN peacekeeping assignments with more than 4,000 personnel in 10 missions, followed by Nigeria with 3,525 personnel and India with 2,738.

Since 1992 to till date 8948 personnel were deployed in 26 missions while 13 army officers and soldiers lost their lives during their duty.

Chiefs of the three services - Lieutenant General Harun-ur-Rashid Bir Protik, Rear Admiral Abu Taher and Air Vice Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed, among others, accompanied the UN secretary general, who also laid the foundation stone of Academic Building of the centre.

Annan, who also during the visit met the wives of the martyred peacekeepers and the family members of the personnel currently deployed abroad, was briefed on the specialised training courses including the peacekeeping technique and negotiation skills studied at PKOTC and the future plans of the centre.

Chiefs of General Staff Major General Ahsan N Amin gave an outline on background of the Bangladesh's contribution to the UN forces while PKOTC commandant Colonel Monwar Hossain briefed him on the activities of the centre.

The UN secretary general later witnessed two practical classes with one projecting operations and deployment of Heliborn Quick Reaction Force (QRF) to rescue a group of peacekeepers from armed militants in an imaginary spot.

Pays tribute to '71 martyrs

United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan yesterday paid tributes to the martyrs of the country's 1971 Liberation War and placed wreaths at the National Memorial at Savar.

Annan, accompanied by Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, was flown to the National Martyrs Memorial at Savar and stood in solemn silence for some moments recalling the supreme sacrifices of the 1971 heroes, as three chiefs of defence services and a contingent stood by.

He later planted a sapling of Indian Medlar (Bakul) at the memorial premises to mark his visit here.

Visits Bangabandhu museum

United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan yesterday paid tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as he visited the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum in the city.

He was accompanied by his wife Nane Annan.

They went round different rooms of the Bangabandhu's residence, now turned museum, and viewed some historic pictures of the leader with deep curiosity and interest.

Annan stood in solemn silence for some moments at the spot

where Bangabandhu was shot dead as a mark of his respect to the leader.

The UN Secretary General in his comments in the visitors book called Bangabandhu an "exceptionally great leader" saying the leader sacrificed his life for the nation and the people.

Bangabandhu's youngest daughter Sheikh Rehana earlier welcomed the couple with bouquet and guided them through different parts of the house.



UN Secretary General Kofi Annan unveiling the foundation plaque of the Peace Keeping Operation Training Centre (PKOTC) at the Rajendrapur Cantonment yesterday.

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NOTICE OF THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that, 17th Annual General Meeting of W. RAHMAN JUTE MILLS LTD., will be held at its Registered Office at 52, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 on Saturday, the 31st March 2001 at 12-00 Noon to transact the following business:

AGENDA:

- To confirm the minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting held on 29th December, 1999.
- To consider and approve the Audited Accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th June, 2000 and to adopt the Directors Report thereon.
- To elect Directors.
- To appoint Auditors for the next financial year 2000-2001 and to fix their remuneration.
- To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

By Order of the Board
Riazur Rahman
Director

March 15, 2001
Please Note:

- Members entitled to attend and vote at the above Meeting appoint a PROXY to attend and vote on his behalf. Such a PROXY must be a member of the company. A PROXY FORM is attached herewith.
- The Share Transfer Book of the Company shall remain closed from 28th March, 2001 to 31st March, 2001 (both days inclusive).

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Local Government Engineering Department
Office of the Executive Engineer
District: Netrakona
Memo No. LGED/XEN/NET/2001/882 Date: 01-03-2001

Invitation for Bids

Invitation No: 34/2000-2001 Date: 01-03-2001
IDA Credit No: 3276-BD IDA Credit Name: 4th Fisheries Project

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association towards the cost of 4th Fisheries Project and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for re-excavation of Jal Ghagaha Beel of sadar upazila under Netrakona district (contract package No. W1-HR2).

2. The Local Government Engineering Department, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh represented by the Executive Engineer, LGED, Netrakona invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for re-excavation of Jal Ghagaha Beel of sadar upazila under Netrakona district.

3. Bidding documents (and additional copies) may be purchased at the office of the (i) Executive Engineer, LGED, Netrakona, (ii) Deputy Commissioner, Netrakona, (iii) Project Director, Aquaculture Development Project, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 for a non-refundable fee of 750/- (Taka seven hundred fifty) only for each set. Interested Bidders may obtain further information at the same addresses.

4. The provisions in the instructions to bidders and in the conditions of contract are the provisions of the Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Works (SBD), National Competitive Bidding (Trial Edition) January 1998, Revised February 1999 and September 5, 2000, issued by the World Bank Dhaka Office.

5. Bids shall be valid for a period of 84 days after bid opening and must be accompanied by security of Tk 60,000/- (Taka sixty thousand) only and shall be delivered to the office of the undersigned on or before 2:00 pm on 08 April, 2001.

6. Bidders may deliver their bids by any means including Courier Service, Registered Mail etc. which must reach the above office before the deadline for submission of bids. Bids received after the deadline will not be accepted.

7. Bids shall be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 2:30 pm on 08 April to the office of the undersigned.

8. A pre-bid conference will be held on 02 April 2001 in the office of the undersigned at 11:00 am. All bidders are requested to attend the conference in time.

Executive Engineer
DFP-6192-11/3 Local Government Engineering Department
G-475 District: Netrakona

New building of Sylhet rly station to be opened in Dec

BSS, Dhaka

The two-storied modern Sylhet Railway Station is likely to open in December this year at a cost of Taka 14.60 crore.

Concerned officials at the construction site said this while Mohammad Abdur Rahim, Director General of Bangladesh Railway visited the site on Tuesday. General Manager of BR Eastern Region A Z M Sazzadur Rahman and high officials concerned were present.

About 55 per cent construction work of the station, started on March last year, has already been completed.

The ground floor of the station will be equipped with modern waiting room, book stalls, flowers and stationery shops, widened waiting hall, VIP room, bank, post office and ticket counter.

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I, on behalf of my family, express my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all my relatives, colleagues, friends and well wishers for their kind support and sympathy for my early recovery from serious injury that I suffered in a road accident.

In the same accident I lost my beloved father Md. Ayet Ali Mazumdar. I am indebted to all for expressing condolences and praying for eternal peace and salvation of my father's soul.

In order to pray for divine blessings of my father a "Doa Mahfil" has been arranged in my residence on Friday the 16th March after Asar Prayer. All my relatives, friends, colleagues and well wishers are requested to kindly attend the program.

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