

70m children suffer from iodine deficiency

BSS, Dhaka

Over 70 million children in Bangladesh are suffering from iodine deficiency disorders while half of them have goiter problem and at least 6 lakh became mentally retarded due to iodine deficiency, a

recent UNICEF study revealed. Nearly 50 per cent of the total child population have severe iodine deficiency. The study also quoted a WHO report as saying that this prevalence is higher in girls (53 per cent) than in boys (47 per cent).

The study was recently published in a book entitled "Children of Bangladesh and their Rights" by the UNICEF.

It said iodine deficiency takes a bad shape in the country as the iodine in the soil is being washed away by heavy rains and floodwaters every year.

To reduce the high prevalence of iodine deficiency disorders, a legislation was passed in 1998 and salt iodisation plants were installed in all the 264 salt factories of the country. But only 67 per cent of households are consuming iodised salt.

The study said there is a big disparity between the coverage levels in non-slum and slum areas. In urban areas 85 per cent households consume iodised salt while only 67 per cent households consume iodised salt in rural areas.

In the metropolitan cities, 93 per cent households consume iodised salt.

Mymensingh and Cox's Bazar are on the top of the list where iodine deficiency has become a major health problem among the children. In Mymensingh, 1,415,000 children are suffering from goiter while 65,000 children of Cox's Bazar are suffering from the disease.

US IRC office hours during Ramadan

The Information Resource Center (IRC) of the Public Affairs Section of the US mission in Bangladesh will follow a new time schedule during the month of Ramadan.

Accordingly, the IRC will be open to users from 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday through Wednesday, effective from the first day of Ramadan. After Ramadan, the IRC will go back to its previous schedule, says a press release.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League president Sheikh Hasina visits Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday to see injured Maruf Ahmed, ex-general secretary of BCL Dhaka city unit. Maruf was injured critically when armed goons shot him in the chest, hand and leg at Kalabagan on Wednesday night.

Dhaka regrets inability to host NAM summit

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh has regretted its inability to host the 13th NAM Summit in Dhaka early next year and assured its continued and active association with all aspects of NAM.

Addressing a meeting of NAM foreign ministers in New York on Wednesday, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Reaz Rahman conveyed the regrets and elaborated the developments in Bangladesh and in the region that constrained the new government to take the painful decision, according to a message received in the city yesterday.

However, the Bangladesh minister called upon the members of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)

to focus and refine the discourse within NAM in the areas of conflict, disarmament and peacekeeping.

He drew attention to the need for a mechanism to resolve disputes within a broad framework of the United Nations.

Identifying poverty as a continuing challenge, the minister emphasised the importance of greater South-South cooperation in developing strategies to alleviate it and recalled the particular vulnerability of the LDCs.

He asked the NAM members to support the Brussels programme of action adopted for the LDCs in May this year and thanked the South African Foreign Minister for his very efficient stewardship of NAM.

Khaleda attends office at Armed Forces Division

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, who also holds the defence portfolio, performed her first official function at the Armed Forces Division in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

Principal Staff Officer (PSO) Maj General AM Mahmuduzzaman received her at the AFD office in the morning and briefed her about the activities of the division.

Later, chiefs of the three services called on the PM and exchanged views. Khaleda spent more than an hour in her defence office.

Moon sighting committee meets today

UNB, Dhaka

A meeting of the national moon sighting committee will be held at 6:15 pm today at the conference room of Islamic Foundation Bangladesh.

State Minister for Religious Affairs and chairman of the committee Mosharrif Hossain Shahjahan will chair the meeting, which will receive information about the moon of Ramadan.

The committee requested all to inform it if the moon is sighted from anywhere in the country. The telephone numbers are 9559493, 9555951, 9556407, 9555947, 9559643 and 9558337.

Int'l Day of Tolerance today

UNB, Dhaka

International Day of Tolerance, declared by the United Nations, will be observed across the world today.

As part of the activities of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilisations, being observed throughout the world, the day underlines the importance of dialogue and tolerance among nations, cultures and civilisations.

After the Sept 11 incidents, the

entire idea of dialogue has taken on a new meaning and several heads of government and Foreign Ministers of the UN-member countries decided to be present when the UN General Assembly resumed its plenary session on dialogue among civilisations on Nov 8 last.

Dialogue is an unavoidable choice of our future peace and security. And it must take place with open eyes, clear mind and with respect for humanity, ac-

ording to a UNIC release.

To mark the day, the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Dhaka organised a briefing followed by open discussions for senior journalists yesterday.

Moderated by Kazi Ali Reza of UNIC, the session was addressed by Jorgen Lissner, UN Resident Coordinator, and Director of UNIC and Dr Ansar Ali Khan, UNESCO Representative in Bangladesh.

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12TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the 12th Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held on 20th December, 2001 at 11.00 A.M. at Doel Complex, Karnapara, Savar, Dhaka to transact the following business.

AGENDA

- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th June, 2001 together with the Directors' and the Auditors' Reports thereon and the Auditors' Notes to the Financial Statements.
- To approve and declare dividend as recommended by the Directors.
- To elect Directors in place of retiring Directors.
- To appoint Auditors for the year ended 30th June, 2002 and fixation of their remuneration.
- To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

By Order of the Board
Sd/-
(NUR MUHAMMED)
Company Secretary

Dated: 14th November, 2001

NOTES

- The Share Transfer Book of the Company shall remain closed with effect from 30th November, 2001 to 30th December, 2001 (both days inclusive) and no share transfer will be effected during this period.
- A member entitled to attend and vote in the meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf in the meeting.
- The proxy form duly filled in and stamped with a revenue stamp of Tk. 8/- must be submitted to the registered office of the Company at 69 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000 at least 48 hours before the time fixed for starting the meeting.
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