

ADAB hopes FF ministry to take steps to try war criminals

BSS, Dhaka

The Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB), the apex body of the country's NGOs, felicitated Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for creating a new ministry for freedom fighters and taking decision to ban use of polythene bags.

ADAB's felicitation came at its executive committee meeting held on Sunday with ADAB Chairperson Dr Qazi Faruq Ahmed in the chair, an ADAB press release said yesterday.

Terminating the creation of the Freedom Fighters' Affairs Ministry as a laudable step, the association expressed the hope that this ministry would take prompt steps to try in special tribunal the war criminals.

Lauding the government decision to ban use of polythene bags, the meeting said that the NGOs could extend all-out support and cooperation to materialise the decision.

The meeting deplored removal of vice-chancellors from several universities.

The meeting also deplored removal of the elected chairman of the Muktijoddha Sangsad and arrest of noted writer, columnist and journalist Shahriar Kabir.

It called upon the government to be more respectful to freedom of expression and opinion in the interest of flourishing democracy in the country.

Death anniversary of Mustafizur Rahman today

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The fifth death anniversary of former BNP secretary general ASM Mustafizur Rahman will be observed today.

On the occasion, a discussion meeting and a milad mahfil will be held at city BNP office at 4 pm. BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will attend the programme as chief guest.



Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury speaking at a seminar for the garment factory owners on 'Health Safety and Welfare Services for the Garment Workers' at Sonargaon Hotel yesterday. BGMEA organised the seminar.

Take steps to enhance skills of garment workers

Commerce minister tells BGMEA seminar

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The Commerce Minister yesterday said that garment entrepreneurs should improve product quality targeting mid-to-up markets by upgrading workers' skills.

Lower markets are now more competitive - upgrade the already skilled workforce by giving them more facilities," Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury told a seminar for garment factory owners.

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) organised the seminar on "Health, Safety and Welfare Services for the Garment Workers" at Sonargaon Hotel in the city.

Khasru said that the workforce of the RMG sector has already achieved international standard which with a little more thrust can help build a good reputation as well as explore more markets.

"I don't agree that the RMG sector is going to face a closure," he said adding that he saw a bright prospect of the industry.

He spoke of the country's advantage of experience and skilled manpower over the beneficiaries

of US TDA Act 2000 that allow duty-and- quota-free market access of apparel items from 72 least developed countries of Sub-Saharan Africa and Caribbean basin.

However, he endorsed the concerns of the RMG entrepreneurs as the sector is facing a setback due to international as well as domestic factors.

"We are now passing through a crisis, Khasru said.

BGMEA president Kutubuddin Ahmed apprised the seminar of various health, safety and welfare services provided to the workers to upgrade their living standard.

He said BGMEA in association with donor agencies has fully eliminated child labour from the sector, provided workers with primary and reproductive health services, was carrying at enlistment of over 9,000 child labourers in schools was also giving monthly compensation to retrenched child labour and holding an earn and learn programme.

"We'll be able to make Bangladesh a first choice vendor country in the international market through improving living standards of the workers, increasing productivity and skilled production system," the BGMEA president said.

BGMEA vice president Ershad Ullah, BGMEA director Mohammad Lutfar Rahman and UNFPA assistant representative in Dhaka Mohammad Nurul Aneem also addressed the seminar.

DUJ protests police raid on Al-Amin office

UNB, Dhaka

Journalists' leaders at a protest rally yesterday said they would not tolerate any repression, raid, attack and case against any newspaper or newsman.

They said none could stay in power by resorting to repression and attack on the newspapers and journalists.

Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) organised the rally in front of the National Press Club to protest police raid on the daily Al-Amin office. DUJ president Altaf Mahmud chaired the meeting.

BFUJ president Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, and secretary general Akhtar Ahmed Khan, DUJ general secretary Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, Alhaj Zahurul Haq, Ashraf Ali, Molla Jalal, and Salimullah Selim addressed the meeting.

The leaders also condemned the arrest of columnist Shahriar Kabir and repression on other intellectuals and politicians, minority people and opposition leaders and workers.



Dhaka Union of Journalists staged a demonstration in the city yesterday protesting police raid on the office of the daily Al-Amin.

Seven firearms recovered

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Police seized seven firearms, 16 other weapons and 17 bullets during the countrywide combing operation in the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

Police also arrested 1325 people and seven listed terrorists.

The terrorists are Akbar Ali of Khulna, Mohammad Habib of Rajshahi, Basmet Mollah and Habibur Rahman Montu of Dhaka city, Mahubul Alam, Abdul Zabar and Mohammad Gasuddin of Chittagong.

AKTEL donates cell phones to 3 organisations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

AKTEL mobile of TM International Bangladesh Limited (TMIB) yesterday donated three standard mobile connections with hand sets to three social welfare organisations in recognition of their contributions to the society and to facilitate people better access to its services.

AKTEL Managing Director Dato' Ezanee Bin Ab Aziz handed over the mobile phones to the representatives of Anjuman Mufidul Islam, Lions Eye Hospital and Sandhani Blood Donation at a simple ceremony at its office. Quazi Jahangir Alam, Editor of the Weekly Arthanakha, and Sayem Ahmed, Manager, Corporate Affairs of AKTEL, attended the function.

The mobile numbers could also be accessed from fixed phones. The numbers are: 018-284838 for Anjuman Mufidul Islam, 018-284870 for Sandhani Blood Donation and 018-284808 for Lions Eye Hospital.

WEATHER TODAY

No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle may occur at one or two places along Sylhet division and the regions of Tangail and Mymensingh in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country with light to moderate fog over the river basins and the coastal belt in the morning.

Night temperature is expected to remain nearly unchanged over the country. Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 31.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 12.9 degree at Srirongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5.11 pm today and rises at 6:24 am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in the divisional headquarters yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	Max 17.2 Min 6.7	Morning 76 Evening 58
Chittagong	31.0 18.5	72 58
Rajshahi	28.8 15.6	75 58
Khulna	30.5 18.5	84 69
Barisal	29.5 17.8	95 91
Sylhet	29.0 17.0	68 75
Cox's Bazar	30.3 18.5	74 71

STOCK

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Company	FV/ML (Tk./No.)	DSE			CSE			Financial Performance		
		Price	Change	Turnover	Price	Change	Turnover	Last AGM	EPS	DPS
BANK										
AB Bank Ltd.	1005	217.75	1.40	344.75	9155	211.00	Not Traded	26/10/00	21.6	12.5
City Bank Ltd.	1005	240.00	5.88	255.00	30	123.00	Not Traded	25/11/00	90.0	—
IFIC Bank Ltd.	1005	324.25	-4.98	341.25	5	333.00	Not Traded	05/07/99	23.3	—
Islami Bank BD Ltd.	10001	273.00	0.78	271.00	25	273.00	Not Traded	02/08/01	35.6	25.0
National Bank Ltd.	10021	247.25	1.54	243.50	15140	248.75	2.05	243.75	20.0	23.0
Pubali Bank Ltd.	1005	220.00	2.33	215.00	81	220.00	Not Traded	30/09/00	99.8	—
Rupali Bank Ltd.	10010	78.75	0.00	78.75	1220	80.00	Not Traded	12/05/01	24	—
UCLB	1005	186.00	2.76	181.00	5465	187.50	3.00	182.00	36.0	15.0
Utas Bank Ltd.	1005	354.75	1.65	349.00	468	—	Not Listed	19/12/00	19.0	—
Al Baraka Bank Ltd.	10061	250.00	0.55	253.00	6	—	Not Listed	23/06/01	22.1	—
Utas Finance and Inv.	10050	260.00	0.83	261.00	240	485.00	-1.42	492.00	20	22.0
Al Arafa Islami Bank	10005	255.00	-1.67	256.00	200	262.25	Not Traded	29/05/01	28.3	20.0
Prime Bank Ltd.	10050	354.50	2.24	346.75	12550	353.00	3.29	341.75	37.0	37.0
Southeast Bank Ltd.	10050	269.25	3.16	261.00	4850	269.50	4.97	256.75	59.0	59.0
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	10050	377.50	2.30	369.00	1330	345.00	6.15	325.00	30.0	26.0
N C C Bank Ltd.	10050	214.50	2.26	209.00	9500	200.00	11.11	180.00	58.0	28.0
Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd.	10050	392.00	3.50	378.75	1500	51.00	Not Traded	—	14.8	—
INVESTMENT										
5th ICB Mutual Fund	10010	229.25	1.33	226.00	10	196.50	Not Traded	02/11/00	26.6	21.0
8th ICB Mutual Fund	10010	140.25	0.79	139.00	40	150.00	Not Traded	02/11/00	22.4	15.0
14th ICB Mutual Fund	10050	130.00	4.47	124.00	8	133.00	Not Traded	02/11/00	15.0	12.5
18th ICB Mutual Fund	10050	77.00	1.32	76.00	800	93.00	Not Traded	—	52.0	60.0
19th ICB Mutual Fund	10050	77.00	1.32	76.00	800	93.00	Not Traded	—	52.0	60.0
AIMS FUND	12500	0.93	1.09	0.92	100000	0.93	1.00	0.93	80000	—
ENGINEERING										
Atiba Automobiles Ltd.	1005	203.00	-0.73	204.50	95	220.00	Not Traded	14/12/00	18.9	16.0
Azz Pipes Ltd.	1005	140.75	1.08	139.25	950	140.00	4.87	133.50	25	31.0
Olympic Industries Ltd.	1005	105.00	0.50	104.00	1565	99.75	Not Traded	09/10/00	-2.5	—
Bangladesh Lamps Ltd.	1005	385.00	-0.26	386.00	75	450.00	Not Traded	12/09/00	2.26	15.0
Padma Cables Ltd.	1005	139.50	0.72	138.50	1573	139.75	1.27	138.00	110	23.0
Monno Jutea Ltd.	1005	63.00	1.43	63.00	5	—	Not Listed	23/06/01	10.7	12.0
Singer Bangladesh Ltd.	1005	195.00	-0.47	197.00	30	212.50	Not Traded	28/05/00	77.2	80.0
BD. Autocare Ltd.	1005	22.50	2.27	22.00	30	21.25	Not Traded	31/12/00	-3.2	—
Quessen Drycells Ltd.	1005	18.20	2.82	17.60	59600	18.10	2.84	17.60	6000	14.00
Renwick Jewellers Ltd.	1005	19.50	14.71	17.00	405	—	Not Listed	—	—	—
National Tubes Ltd.	10010	560.00	0.72	556.00	30	—	Not Listed	31/03/00	85.2	34.0
BD. The Aluminium Ltd.	10011	172.75	0.54	172.00	30	178.00	Not Traded	27/09/00	9.18	20.0
Key & Ore (BD) Ltd.	10050	154.00	0.00	154.00	500	168.00	Not Traded	28/09/00	1.61	—
Wooden Lath Toys Ltd.	10050	37.50	-1.32	38.00	100	34.00	-6.85	36.50	30.0	20.0
Renover Framing Ltd.	10500	19.60	1.05	19.40	80500	19.60	3.16	19.00	2500	02/08/01
FOOD & ALLIED										
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	10050	46.10	0.22	46.00	100	46.50	Not Traded	20/03/01	2.92	3.00
Ape Foods Ltd.	1005	262.50	2.14	257.00	380	258.00	0.00	258.00	15	09/10/00
Tript Industries Ltd.	1005	40.00	2.56	39.00	265	38.00	Not Traded	09/10/00	-2.5	—
Bangas	1005	173.50	-4.14	181.00	5	280.00	Not Traded	21/01/00	12.4	15.0
Zoal Bangla Sugar Mills Ltd.	10050	4.90	-2.00	5.00	—	—	Not Listed	24/10/00	-7.5	—
Tulip Dairy & Food Ltd.	10010	60.00	7.14	56.00	170	—	Not Listed	05/03/00	-8.8	—
Bengal Biscuits Ltd.	10020	42.50	0.00	42.50	520	42.00	Not Traded	27/05/00	7.3	5.0
Meghna Shrimp	10020	113.25	1.80	111.25	10200	201.20	Not Traded	20/12/00	13.9	15.0
Raspi Inc (bd) Ltd.	10050	6.40	1.59	6.30	261500	6.60	4.76	6.30	6322500	23/10/00
AMCL (Pvt) Ltd.	10010	37.75	2.13	36.50	490	414.00	Not Traded	14/12/00	4.22	20.0
Dhaka Fisheries Ltd.	10050	48.75	-7.14	53.00	450	55.00	Not Traded	14/12/00	4.28	—
Shampur Sugar Mills Ltd.	10010	3.00	0.00	3.00	500	—	Not Listed	26/09/00	-1.6	—
Rahima Food Corp.	10050	38.00	-2.56	39.00	100	40.50	Not Traded	18/12/00	-1.4	—
Gulf Foods Ltd.	10050	73.25	2.09	71.75	3850	70.00	Not Traded	10/10/00	3.11	—
Mona Food Int. Ltd.	10050	40.00	0.63	39.75	1950	40.00	Not Traded	26/10/00	3.16	3.00
Gachhata Aqua	10050	28.00	0.00	28.00	500	28.25	Not Traded	18/12/00	-5.8	—
Bionic Seafood	10050	8.30	1.22	8.20	262500	—	Not Listed	17/08/00	1.73	10.0
Fu-Wang Food Ltd.	10050	10.60	0.00	10.60	30000	10.40	0.97	10.30	30000	10/12/00
Meghna PET Industries	10050	10.70	2.88	10.90	91500	—	Not Listed	—	—	—
Rangamati Food	10050	9.10	2.25	8.90	52000	9.10	7.06	8.50	1000	1.16
German Bangla Food	10050	8.60	2.38	8.40	54000	8.70	1.16	8.60	15500	0.11
Meghna Condensed Milk	10500	9.40	1.08	9.30	147000	—	Not Listed	—	—	—
FUEL & POWER										
BOC (BD) Ltd.	10050	96.40	1.15	95.50	550	95.20	Not Traded	17/02/01	13.3	40.0
Padma Oil Co. Ltd.	10050	170.00	Not Traded	—	100	165.00	3.13	160.00	100	01/03/01
Bangladesh Welding	10050	4.80	2.13	4.70	500	4.70	4.44	4.50	1000	12/09/00
JUTE										
Sonal Ash Ltd.	1005	200.00	-1.89	212.00	20	—	Not Listed	18/12/00	-4.2	—
Saleh Carpet Ltd.	10020	2.00	0.00	2.00	1800	—	Not Listed	30/09/98	-13	—
TEXTILE										
Ashtor Textile Ltd.	10050	8.90	0.00	8.90	5600	8.60	Not Traded	14/12/00	-1.6	—
Quasen Textile Ltd.	10050	4.00	-0.98	4.00	—	—	Not Listed	21/06/01	-4.4	—
Stylers Textile Ltd.	10050	51.00	2.83	53.00	10	—	Not Listed	09/11/00	23.0	25.0
Eagle Star Textile Ltd.	10050	3.30	-5.00	4.00	500	3.70	Not Traded	14/12/00	-5.8	—
Eagle Star Textile Ltd.	10050	84.00	1.82	82.50	530					