

## Safe water & sanitation policy hits snag

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Policy for Safe Water Supply and Sanitation, 1998 has seen little headway towards its implementation, experts said yesterday.

Over the years, the status of implementation of rural sanitation, as viewed by experts, has been nowhere close to being successful.

The experts at a discussion meeting jointly organised by NGO Forum for Drinking Water and Sanitation and Unit for Policy Implementation reviewed the implementation of the policy.

Executive Director of NGO Forum for Drinking Water and Sanitation, SMA Rashid said, "It is very unfortunate that the current projects on water and sanitation are not being implemented in a planned manner in line with the national policy."

"We are far behind in achieving the goal laid out in the national policy."

Presenting a paper on the latest status of the policy issues, Joseph Halder, senior advocacy and information officer of NGO Forum said, "There is lack of initiatives to encourage the use of environment-friendly sanitation technologies."

"There is a lack of awareness among user groups about maintenance of sanitation facilities, and there has been no initiative to give subsidy to the poor, educational and religious institutions and mosques in the earlier decision," said Halder.

The paper was prepared after 12 national-level workshops or-

ganised by the NGO Forum that put forward specific suggestions to fast-track the implementation of the policy.

Some of the suggestions include regular monitoring, quarterly meeting to review the progress and monitoring in coordination with DPHE, Union Parishad and NGOs.

In order to improve the coverage of sanitation and supply of drinking water across the country, the policy called for increased co-ordination, behavioural change, capacity-building, promotion of sustainable water and sanitation services and effective mechanism to monitor and evaluate.

The present rural water supply coverage is over 90 per cent, and the rural sanitation coverage is little over 16 per cent. The sanitation coverage increases to 42 per cent when homemade latrines are included.

About the strategies, the policy called for a sector development framework to expedite co-ordination, planning and monitoring of all activities.

The involvement of local bodies, public, private and community-based organisations, NGOs and the civil society has also been suggested in the policy.

AKM Kamaluddin, joint secretary, Local Division, Ministry of LGRD and C was present at the meeting as chief guest. Also present were SM Abu Muslim, chief engineer of Department of Public Health and Engineering and Dr John Pinfold, sector adviser for Unit for Policy Implementation.



The city's greetings-card shops are swarming with buyers only a few days short of the Eid-ul-Fitr.

PHOTO: STAR

## UNICEF for global efforts to stop sexual exploitation of children

BSS, Dhaka

UNICEF yesterday called for a coordinated global effort to stamp out the commercial sexual exploitation of children, according to a message received from Geneva yesterday.

"Millions of children throughout the world are being bought and sold like chattel and used as sex slaves," declared UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy. "This is an utterly intolerable vio-

lation of children's rights."

"Zero tolerance means ending the trafficking of children, their sale and barter and imprisonment and torture. It means stamping out every horrible facet of the commercial sexual exploitation of children."

Bellamy's comments come as UNICEF releases a new report on the commercial sexual exploitation of children, "Profiting from Abuse." The report details the scope and toll of the problem and includes testimonials from abused and exploited women and children.

It is being released in conjunction with the Second World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, which takes place from December 17 to 20 in Yokohama, Japan. UNICEF is co-sponsoring the Congress with ECPAT International, the NGO Group for the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the Government of Japan.

According to the report, the underlying causes of commercial

sexual exploitation of children include poverty, gender discrimination, war, organised crime, globalisation, greed, traditions and beliefs, family dysfunction, and the drug trade.

Armed conflict creates special risks of sexual violence and exploitation for women and children. Desperation may force women and children into prostitution.

Refugees are vulnerable to demands for sex by camp officials, border guards, police officers, and military personnel. In wartorn Colombia and Sierra Leone, girls as young as 12 have been forced to sexually submit themselves to armed soldiers in order to defend their families.

Commercial sexual exploitation of children, and trafficking are two elements of the more pervasive problem of sexual abuse. Victims are at high risk of unwanted pregnancies and of contracting HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

## Concern over deterioration of law & order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ain O Salih Kendro yesterday urged the government to rein back the deterioration of law and order in the country.

The people's tendency to take the law into their own hands has increased due to the ever-deteriorating law and order, the organisation said in a statement.

At least ten people were killed and several others injured in mob-beatings in a short span of time, the statement added.

"It is an outburst of lack of confidence of people in the law, and everybody has the right to justice."

Innocents could be victims of beatings, which are sometimes conspiratorial, if such incidents go unabated.

The organisation also expressed concern over the violation of human rights and urged the government to roll back such incidents.

It also called upon people to refrain from taking the law into their own hands.

## Attack on minorities condemned

CU CORRESPONDENT

Rights Implementation for Social Emancipation (RISE) condemned attacks on the religious minorities and the arrest of Shahriar Kabir, a noted writer and columnist.

The RISE, a human rights centre at the Chittagong University (CU) protested repression on the minorities across the country, said a press release issued here yesterday.

Shahriar Kabir was arrested on charge of "anti-state activities" on November 22 after he returned home from India. Later, a case on sedition charge against him was filed on December 8.

Such repression by the government is a violation of human rights, the press release said. They demanded the government immediately drop all charges against him. They also demanded his unconditional release.

## Students stand by the poor

SHAMEEM MAHMUD

Students and volunteers of some socio-cultural organisations at the Dhaka University have come forward to stand by the poor in times of cold wave, setting aside their political differences.

They collected warm clothes from different residential halls of the Dhaka University (DU), Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Dhaka Medical College, Eden College, Textile Engineering College and some other educational institutions and residences in the city.

The warm clothes will be distributed among the poor in the most cold-hit districts, including slum-dwellers and the floating masses in the city, volunteers said.

The Progotir Paribrajok Dal (PPD), a DU-based organisation, has been involved in this charity programme since 1996. Usually, the volunteers set up booths on the campus to collect clothes.

Last year, the PPD distributed

about 3,000 pieces of used clothes among the slum-dwellers of Paribrajok, Mirpur Shial Bari, Maghbar and Karwan Bazar rail gate in the city.

Ehtesham, executive member of the PPD, who graduated from the Department of Marketing, said the organisation started the social work with an objective of establishing an organised social movement for the welfare of the poor.

This year, the distribution of clothes will begin after the Eid vacation in the same areas where they distributed last year.

About 2.50 crore people of the northern districts have no warm clothes, Ehtesham continued.

The poor in the city who sleep in the open are the worst sufferers of cold wave.

Fakhrul Islam, a student of the Department of International Relations, said Civil Liberties Union of Bangladesh (CLUB) collected about 1,500 pieces of clothes to distribute among the slum-dwellers of the city.

## BCL protests graft cases against Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of Awami League, demonstrated in the city yesterday protesting filing of corruption cases against AL president Sheikh Hasina and six other AL leaders.

BCL brought out a procession from AL central office at Bangabandhu Avenue in the afternoon and marched towards the National Press Club.

Later, the BCL leaders at a rally strongly condemned the government for filing "false" cases and demanded immediate withdrawal of the cases.

They alleged that it is a part of a conspiracy of the BNP-led four-party government to root out opposition.

The BCL threatened to launch a tough movement after Eid-ul-Fitr if the cases are not withdrawn.

BCL president Bahadur Bepari, general secretary Ajoy Kar

Khokon, Bolram Poddar and Liaqat Ali Sikder, among others spoke at the rally.

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption filed the graft cases against Hasina and six former ministers of previous AL government.

## Death anniversary of 3 martyred brothers today

BSS, Dhaka

The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of deaths of martyred brothers Selim Reza, Nasir Uddin and Nazmul Hossain of Pubal under Gazipur district will be observed today.

On this day in 1971 the Pakistani occupation forces in collaboration with their local agents picked up the three brothers from their residence at House No 19 of Siddheshwari Lane, Dhaka. Since then their whereabouts were not known.

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মহান বিজয় দিবস উপলক্ষে আগামী ১৬-১৮ই ডিসেম্বর, ২০০১ইং এই ৩ (তিন) দিন দুপুর ২টা হইতে সন্ধ্যা ৭টা পর্যন্ত শাহবাগস্থ ঢাকা কেন্দ্রীয় শিশু পার্ক শিশুদের জন্য বিনা দর্শনীতে উন্মুক্ত থাকিবে এবং আগামী ১৯ ও ২০শে ডিসেম্বর, ২০০১ইং সকাল ১০টা হইতে রাত্র ৭টা পর্যন্ত শিশু পার্ক সর্বসাধারণের জন্য যথারীতি খোলা থাকিবে।

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**Dhaka WASA Tender Notice**

Tenders are invited from Dhaka WASA enlisted 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> class civil contractors for construction of interim manhole at 37/1, Rajani Chowdhury Road under MODS Zone-1. Amount of the estimated cost of work is Taka 35,615/-.

Tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon of 24.12.2001 and will be opened on the same day at 02:00 PM in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if any).

Schedule of tender will be available at the office of the Chief Accounts Officer of Dhaka WASA, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka and all MODS Zone Offices of Dhaka WASA. Other details will be available at the office of the undersigned.

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**Executive Engineer**  
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No tender documents will be sold on the opening date.

BCIC-440-5/12/2001  
DFP-30469-8/12  
G-2282

**Vacancy Announcement**

The Agricultural Services Innovation and Reform Project (ASIRP) works with Government of Bangladesh to promote the implementation of the New Agricultural Extension Policy (NAEP) by encouraging cooperation between government and non-government agencies in the provision of integrated extension services.

We have a vacancy for a consultant to facilitate integrated extension activities and build working relationships at District and Upazila level.

The successful candidate will be professionally qualified in a relevant natural science and will have extensive practical experience of facilitating, motivating and training preferably in the context of both government agencies and NGOs. During the project activities the consultant will reside in the pilot District of Rangamati.

The applicant should have considerable recent experience of working within the Chittagong Hill Tract. Candidates from Chittagong Hill Tract, Bandarab & Khagrachhari will be given preference. Women are particularly welcome to apply.

Application along with CV and photograph must reach the undersigned on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2001.

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**২০০২ শিক্ষাবর্ষের ৬ষ্ঠ থেকে ৯ম-১০ম শ্রেণীর পাঠ্যপুস্তক সংক্রান্ত জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

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**"Legal Notice"**

In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh  
High Court Division  
(Original Civil Jurisdiction)  
Matter No. 96 of 2001  
Md Ataur Rahman.....  
Petitioner  
Versus  
M/s Edruc Ltd... Respondent

Notice is hereby given for all concerned that an application u/s 241 (v) read with section 242 (1) (i) of the Companies Act 1994 for winding up of "M/S EDRUC LTD" was moved on 4-12-2001 and his Lordship Mr Justice K M Hasan was pleased to admit the application fixing 5-2-2002 for hearing.

If any member of the company interested to oppose the same, may appear either personally or through an advocate and contest the matter.

Copy of the application will be available from the undersigned on payment of costs thereof.

**Sultan Ahmed**  
Advocate  
Supreme Court of Bangladesh  
Bar Association Building  
South Hall No. 1. C-1918

**Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB)'s International Tender Notice**

International sealed tender is hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) for procurement of 11KV Single Phase Potential Transformer and 11 KV Current Transformer under Greater Rajshahi Power Distribution Project (Phase-II), financed by KFAED (Kuwait) Loan No-582; Bangladesh against Tender Enquiry No-Pur-154/2001 dated 6-12-2001.

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All bids must be accompanied by bid bond in the prescribed bid format at the rate of 2% (two per cent) of the total bid price from a bank in accordance with instruction to the bidders. Tenders will be received on 7-2-2002 up to 11:00 AM BST and shall be opened on the same day at 11:15 AM in presence of the interested bidders, if any. Tender documents will be sold up to 3-2-2002.

No tender document will be sent by post and no Telex/Fax offer will be acceptable.

Biddat/Jan-1154(5)/2001-2002  
Director of Purchase  
BPDB, Dhaka.