

Ban on use of polythene bags Enforcement strategies to be reviewed today

BSS, Dhaka

The Environment and Forest Ministry called an inter-ministerial meeting today to review awareness and enforcement strategies as the ban on use of polythene bags in Dhaka City comes into effect from January 1.

"The meeting will be held at the environment ministry at 11 am to review measures for greater anti-polythene awareness as well as enforcement of the ban," an official of the ministry said.

Meanwhile, Dhaka City Corporation officials and ward commissioners will hold meetings separately today to discuss their role in the campaign.

Earlier the government decided to ban the use of "indiscriminately used and disposed" thin polythene shopping bags in Dhaka metropolitan area from January 1, as the first step to wipe out non-degradable and hazardous element across the country.

A meeting with leaders and activists of different political parties will be held at 10 am tomorrow at the National Press Club auditorium.

Members of the civil society and school and college students will join a procession to be

brought out from Purana Palta Maidan at 10 am on December 27 as part of the campaign.

To motivate the people rallies will be held at different points of the city including New Market, Karwan Bazar, Gulshan and Uttara till December 31.

The Directorate of Mass Communication is to arrange concerts of folk and mass songs at different city streets and shopping places while Bangladesh Television (BTV) and Bangladesh Betar have already begun to air motivational programmes against the use of polythene.

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj, State Minister Zafrul Islam Chowdhury and Secretary Sabihuddin Ahmed will take part in the programmes, the handout said.

Meanwhile, Shahjahan Siraj yesterday held a meeting with the leaders of Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal at his official residence seeking their cooperation in implementing the ban on polythene bags. He cited examples of neighbouring countries including Sri Lanka, the Maldives, India and Pakistan which prohibited the use of polythene bags in city areas or across the country.



BNP candidate Mahi B Chowdhury, son of President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, filing nomination for Munshiganj by-election at the Election Commission Office at Segunbagicha in the city yesterday.

ArcAAB election deferred

The election 2001 to the executive committee of the Architecture Alumni Association of BUET (ArcAAB) scheduled for Friday (December 28) has been deferred till January 25 says a press release.

JU without treasurer for 22 days

JU CORRESPONDENT

The 22-day vacancy for treasurer of Jahangirnagar University (JU) since December 2 has created a logjam in official work at the institution.

Files have been piled up at the office due to the vacancy, sources said.

The JU vice-chancellor, Prof Jassim Uddin Ahmad, has been carrying out the duties of the treasurer since the expiry of tenure of the previous JU treasurer, Prof Sharif Enamul Kabir, on December 2.

It has turned difficult for him to give additional time to the duties of the treasurer, besides his own duties as VC, official sources said.

The Awami League government appointed Prof Enamul Kabir JU treasurer on December 3, 1998 for a two-year term, with one-year extension after the end of his tenure last year.

It has been learnt that some pro-BNP teachers of the university are lobbying with the BNP front-line leaders for appointment to the

Korean envoy meets Speaker

UNB, Dhaka

Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh Young Jo Jung called on Speaker Barrister M Jamiruddin Sircar at his Sangsad Bhaban office yesterday.

The envoy sought the Speaker's cooperation to improve the relations between the parliaments of the two countries and among other friendly nations.

He said a parliamentary friendship group was formed long ago between Bangladesh and Korea.

The Speaker assured the envoy of extending all kinds of cooperation in this regard.

He requested the Korean Ambassador to strengthen his efforts for increasing manpower export from Bangladesh and business facilities in Korea.

Regular activities of the parliament and the issue of women's reserved seats also came up for discussion in the meeting, said a press release of Parliament Secretariat.

Parliament Secretary Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmed was present on the occasion.

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Anyone among Prof Obaidur Rahman of the Department of Philosophy, Prof ABM Enayet Hossen of Botany and Prof Rabiul Islam of Chemistry is likely to be appointed next treasurer, the sources said.

A file has been dispatched to the Prime Minister's Office for approval, the sources said. The PM's office will forward it to the President's Office for appointment.

The JU Act of 1973 empowers the President to appoint vice-chancellor, pro-vice-chancellor and treasurer, as he is its chancellor.

DU admission test for MSS Jan 4

UNB, Dhaka

The admission test for the MSS programme in Peace and Conflict Studies of Dhaka University for the session 1999-2000 will be held on January 4 at 10 am at the Arts Building.

The test was scheduled to be held on December 28 but the authorities changed the date due to unavoidable reasons, said a DU press release yesterday.

ZISAS team meets president

UNB, Dhaka

A five-member delegation of Zia Sangskritik Sangstha (ZISAS) called on President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury at Bangabhaban yesterday.

The delegation led by ZISAS founder and chairman of the standing committee Abul Hashem Rana congratulated B Chowdhury on his assumption as President of the republic.

Other members of the delegation were: Rozi Afari, Ahmed Sharif, Dildar and Shohana, said a Bangabhaban release.

Prof Ashraf Ali passes away

BSS, Dhaka

Prof Md Ashraf Ali, former Associate Professor of Department of Mathematics in Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) passed away on Thursday night, said a press release here yesterday.

He left behind his wife, one son, three daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

His quikhwani will be held tomorrow after Ast prayers at 110, Lake Circus, Kalabagan.

Shanti Dutta

Veteran communist leader Shanti Dutta died in Kolkata on Saturday.

She played glorious role in anti-British struggle, liberation war and Tanka movement as well as different peasants and women movement in the country.

Shanti Dutta, the wife of Barin Dutta who was general secretary of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) during the liberation war in 1971, had been living at her son's residence due to old age complications.

CPB president Manjurul Ahsan Khan and general secretary Mujahidul Islam Sellim in a statement yesterday condoled the death of Shanti Dutta.

FF Saidur Rahman Freedom fighter Saidur Ahman Khan died of cardiac arrest at the residence of his father-in-law in Sherpur on Saturday. He was 54.

He left behind his wife, two sons and a daughter to mourn his death. He was buried at his family graveyard at Dakkhinbag village in Sylhet district with due state honour.

Dr. Chowdhury obtains FRCS



Dr. Chowdhury Iqbal Mahmud (Raju), S/o late Mr. Mokhtesur Rahman Chowdhury of Gulshan-1, Dhaka has passed FRCS from the Royal College of Surgeons, Glasgow, UK. He graduated from Bangladesh Medical College, Dhaka in 1994. He stood first in first and final Professional MBBS examination of Dhaka University. He was awarded KDH Gold Medal from Dhaka University. He is the son-in-law of Professor (Dr.) Shamsuddin Ahmed, country's renowned Orthopaedic Surgeon.

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- Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Bangladesh Office
IDB Bhaban 12F, E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka
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- Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka
- Ministry of Planning, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka
- Ministry of Establishment, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka
- Ministry of Education, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka
- Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAAAB)
Raoshan Tower (6th floor), 152/2/A2 Green Road, Pantho path, Dhaka.
- JICA Alumni Association in Bangladesh
Meherba Plaza (5th floor) Room # H, 33, Topkhana Road, Dhaka.
- DC Offices in Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet
- Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE)
JDS Project Office in Bangladesh (please see below)

*You can also get the information from our JDS homepage: <http://www.jice.org/english/>

Deadline for applications: 5:00 p.m., 17 January, 2002
For further information:
JICE JDS Project Office in Bangladesh, The Pan Pacific Sonargaon, Room # L-261
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