

PM tells Christian community delegation We are all Bangladeshis

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday called upon all irrespective of religious faith to work together to advance the country overcoming various problems, particularly economic slowdown.

Her call came when a big delegation led by chief of the Christian Community of Bangladesh Arch Bishop Michael Rozario met the prime minister at Prodhannomri

Bhaban yesterday evening on the occasion of merry X-mass festival. "From state point of view, we don't see anyone as Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or Christian. Everybody is the citizen of Bangladesh," Khaleda told the delegation adding that Bangladeshi is the only identity of all.

She said everybody is the citizen of Bangladesh and has the equal civic rights and responsibilities as well as equal religious

rights. The prime minister said, "We believe in communal harmony. All will perform their respective religious rituals maintaining cordial relations."

She hoped that prevailing communal harmony would be firm up in the days ahead.

Focusing on present global scenario Khaleda said all have to work unitedly to resolve various problems, including economic ones, to elevate the nation to a self-esteem stature in the international arena.

On tensions and violence on global plane, she said ideal of peace, tolerance and cordiality would have to be further strengthened to overcome the strife.

Marking Jesus Christ's birthday celebrations, the prime minister cut a big cake along with Sister Marian Teresa, principal of Holy Cross College, and Bishop Michael Rozario.

She also conveyed happy X-Mass Day greetings to all in the country and elsewhere in the world.

Bishop Michel Rozario congratulated the Prime Minister on her party's massive victory at the last general election and hoped that the present government under Khaleda's leadership would ensure peaceful life of all citizens of the country.

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan who was present on the occasion said some quarters had tried to destroy the communal harmony after last general election but they overcame the problem under the guideline of the prime minister.

The Christian delegation members included Bishop Theotônio Gomez, Father Stephen Gomez and Father Prosanto Rubel Paul and Louis A Costa.

Home Minister Ataf Hossain Chowdhury, State Minister for Religion Mosharrar Hossain Shahjahan, State Minister for Home Luffuzaman Babar and political secretaries to PM Haris Chowdhury and Mosaddek Ali were also present.



A colourful procession was brought out in the city on the occasion of Nataraj Drama Festival that began yesterday.

PLA team leaves Dhaka

BSS, Dhaka

The six-member delegation of the Chinese Peoples' Liberation Army (PLA) headed by Deputy Chief of General Staff Lt Gen Zhang Li left Dhaka yesterday after a four-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh, an ISPR press release said.

Chief of General Staff, Bangladesh Army, Maj Gen Ahsan Nazmul Amin and other senior army officers saw them-off at the Zia International Airport.

During their stay in Bangladesh, General Zhang Li and members of his entourage laid floral wreath at the Shikha Anirban (The eternal flame) at the Dhaka Cantonment to pay homage to the armed forces personnel martyred during the War of Liberation in 1971.

They paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia. They also called on the Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M Harun-Ar-Rashid, Bir Protik, Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Abu Taher and Chief of the Air Staff air Vice Marshal M Rafiqul Islam.

Govt move to export gas protested

JU CORRESPONDENT

A human chain was formed in front of the Bishmail gate of the Jahangirnagar University (JU) on the Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday to protest the government's move to export gas to India and the United States.

The present and former students of the university including the local people carrying placards, posters and banners took

4 held with firearms in city

UNB, Dhaka

Four terrorists were arrested along with two sophisticated firearms from the city's Mohammadpur area last night.

One of them was identified as Monir Hossain who was arrested from the PC Culture area with a revolver loaded with seven bullets.

Later, police arrested Dulal Hossain, Rafiqul Islam Rafiq and Nahidul Islam of his group from Sheikh Tek area.

Police said they were involved in terrorist activities. The arrested are being interrogated.

position on both sides of the highway at 11.00 am. They stayed there for half an hour. Earlier, a silent procession was brought out from JU school and college which terminated at the Bishmail gate.

Talking to the Daily Star, one of the organisers Wahidul Haq Khokon said, "We want our gas and other resources to be used for improving the standard of life of our people and turning them into skilled manpower."

We will soon start a signature campaign in support of our movement and observe other programmes by turns."

The participants of the human chain also vowed that they would not cast their votes in any national elections in future if the government decides to export gas.

Doctor's car hijacked at N'ganj

BSS, N'ganj

A private car and mobile phone of a physician were hijacked from near Dhaka-Narayanganj link road on Monday night.

Police said, a group of four miscreants stopped Dr Faysal Hasan, a gynaecologist of the Institute of Child and Mother Health Care near the under construction stadium adjacent to the Dhaka-Narayanganj link road at about 10 pm. The miscreants broke the windwindowpane of the car and dragged out Dr Faysal from the car and took over its control.

Ban on use of polybags BJMC units produce 50,000 jute bags daily

BSS, Dhaka

Some 35 industrial units of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) have started producing 50,000 jute bags everyday to meet people's demand as deadline for permanent restriction on thin polythene shopping bags is getting closer.

BJMC Chairman ASM Abdul Halim told the news agency that the jute bags of the corporation

Siraj seeks support of politicians

BSS, Dhaka

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj yesterday urged all irrespective of party affiliation to come forward to check the use of polythene.

He was exchanging views with leaders and workers of different political parties at the Jatiya Press Club on prohibition of polythene bags.

He said the widespread use of polythene has made the life of city people miserable.

Chaired by State Minister for Environment and Forest Jafarul Islam Chowdhury, the meeting was attended by Agriculture Minister Moulana Motiur Rahman Nizami as special guest.

Secretary of the city BNP Abdus Salam, Jatiya Party presidium member Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar and leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami, Jubo Dal, Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association, Environment Journalists' Association, Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal, Mukti-joddha Sangsad, Bangladesh Communist Party and Bangladesh Workers Party were present.

Moulana Motiur Rahman Nizami said banning the use of polythene bags is not the decision of any particular political party. The decision has been taken considering the greater national interest, he added.

The environment minister urged all to make the anti-polythene procession due to start from the Paltan Maidan on December 27 a success.

were already distributed to different markets in the capital. The bags are also available in the BJMC display centre at its headquarters here.

He said the price of the bags would be ranging from Taka 4.75 to Taka 2.75 each.

Experts on jute and natural fibre have opined that the historic return to the jute era would boost the fragile industrial units and bolster the economic strength of the jute once popular across the world as Golden Fibre of Bengal.

Researchers said jute was prime export item of the country in the last couple of decades. But in 2000-2001 the country earned only US \$67.14 million while in 1990-1991 the export earnings from raw jute was US\$124 million.

They said country's jute production has lowered down from 40 lakh bales to 30 lakh bales. Local use of raw jute in Bangladesh is below 10 per cent while India ensures 90 per cent local use of raw jute.

The experts said jute bags would be environment-friendly and bio-degradable alternative to the hazardous polythene bags which have already emerged as a potential threat to the urban ecological balance.

Over 1,200 held, six firearms recovered

BSS, Dhaka

Police seized six firearms and arrested 1,215 people during the countryside operation in the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

A Police Headquarters press release said four people were nabbed for possessing illegal arms.

Eight identified terrorists were also held during the drive. They are Ali of Jessore, Kamal Fakir and Mansoor Ali of Pirojpur, Emdadul Islam alias Shuman of Dhaka city, Mohammad Jashim of Feni, M Jahirul Huq and Mohammad Phuli alias dacoti Phuli of Narshingdi and Jannan alias Shagar of Kushia.



Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj exchanging views with the leaders of different social organisations on 'the ban on polythene bags in the city from January 1' at the National Press Club yesterday.



Jatiya Ganatantrik Front staged a demonstration in the city yesterday protesting the government decision to raise prices of electricity, gas and all sorts of petroleum products.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority
WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue
Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215

Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Procurement of Fork Lift & Crane under 4th Dhaka Water Supply Project (IDA Credit No. 2926-BD)

Corrigendum for Time Extension for Submission of Bids

This is for information to all concerned that due to some unavoidable circumstances the last date of submission of the bid has been shifted from 30.12.2001 to 20.01.2002 up to 12:00 Noon and the same will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM at the office of the Managing Director, WASA Bhaban (2nd floor), 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged except some clarifications on the specification. These clarification will be communicated to all the bidders who have purchased/will purchase tender document.

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DFP-31344-19/12 Addl Chief Manager (Pur)
G-2350 For Managing Director

BJMC Advertisement International Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited by Manager (project chief), Juto-fibreglass Industry, Tarab, Rugganj, Narayanganj from importers & their nominated different agents/dealers & suppliers for supply of various kinds of chemicals (Industrial Raw Materials) resin, pigment, glassfibremat, lumiroy film nylon chips (white), acetone & rubbing compound etc. C&F Chittagong basis.

Tenders will be received in tender box kept at (1) Juto-Fibreglass Industry, Tarab, Rugganj, Narayanganj & (2) BJMC Dhaka Regional Office, 99, Motijheel C/A, Karim Chamber (4th floor), Dhaka on 10-01-2002 up to 12-00 noon and opened on the same day at 12-30 hours in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Tender schedule consisting detailed description as well as terms & conditions and rules & regulations can be purchased from (1) Deputy General Manager (Accounts & Finance), BJMC, Dhaka Regional Office, 99 Motijheel C/A, Karim Chamber (4th floor) Dhaka (2) Chief of Accounts Department Juto-Fibreglass Industry, Tarab Rugganj, Narayanganj, on cash payment of Tk 100/= (one hundred) only per set (non-refundable) during office hours (except the date of opening) up to 09-01-2002. Earnest money at the rate 1% of the total amount but not less than Tk 1000/= (one thousand) only (refundable) should be submitted with each tender through DD/Pay-Order in favour of this project. Other terms & conditions and rules & regulations of tender will be available in the schedule.

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10.	Electroplating	* 3,500
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12.	Plastic Processing Technology (3-week)	* 2,000

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TTC/vocational trade course/diploma in engineering.
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Admission Schedule: 05-01-2002 to 10-01-2002.
Course Duration: 13-01-2002 to 18-01-2002.
13-01-2002 to 31-01-2002 (for Plastic Processing Technology).
Intending individuals, institutions, organizations and industrial enterprises for sending their nominees may please contact to the Training Division of BITAC.

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Munshiganj PWD Division
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PWD Tender Notice
No. 08/Munshi/2001-2002

- Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the special class-I, class-I enlisted bldg. contractors of PWD contractors of PWD class-II, enlisted bldg. contractors of Dhaka Zone, Dhaka, class-III enlisted bldg. contractors of Dhaka PWD Circle-IV, Dhaka for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, Motijheel PWD Division, Dhaka/Azimpur PWD Division, Dhaka/Resource PWD Division, Dhaka/Eden Bldg PWD Divn, Dhaka/Narayanganj PWD Division, Narayanganj/Narsingdi PWD Division, Narsingdi in their respective office chambers up to 12:00 Noon of 10-1-2002 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. The tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it. No tender schedule will be sold to the contractors who has no VAT registration, TIN & trade licence.
- Name of work : Repairs & re-construction of boundary wall, road and drain attached to Fire Station at Munshiganj during the year-2001-2002.
- Estimated cost : Tk 4,69,943/-
- Earnest money : Tk 9,500/-
- Time allowed : 3 (three) months from the date of issue of work order.
- Contract documents consisting of Bangladesh Form No. 2911, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and purchased from the office of the undersigned and from the office of the Executive Engineers mentioned above during the office hours on payment of usual charges (non-refundable) up to 9-1-2002.

Md Abu Taher
Executive Engineer
Munshiganj PWD Division
Munshiganj

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