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LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan inaugurating the 11-day programme in observance of the 66th birth anniversary of late President Ziaur Rahman at Ramna Batamul yesterday.

KATTC literary, cultural week concludes

The Literary & Cultural Week 2001 of Khanbahadur Ahsanullah Teachers' Training College (KATTC) ended on January 13 amidst enthusiasm, says a press release.

Prof Abdul Momin Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of the National University was present as the chief guest.

Presided over by chairman of the KATTC governing body Prof Mohammad Ferdous Khan, the function was also addressed by Principal of the College Prof Ashraf Ali, President of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Alhaj Munsef Ali, Former Chairman of the National Curriculum and Text Book Board Prof Eltas Uddin. Students of BEd and MEd being divided into various groups called Agnibina, Rangdhenu, Agni Shikha and Dhumkatu installed five stalls with self-made items. Guests went round the stalls and highly praised works of the students.

Prof Momin said the prevailing state of education in Non-Government Teachers' Training Colleges is not worth mentioning. Students only need to get admitted and as if they come to these institutions to obtain certificates only. Due to degradation in education, students are unable to write a few lines in Bengali or in English correctly, he added. Prof Momin urged all to come forward with determination to overcome the present situation. He also stressed the need of imparting computer education to the students of Teachers' Training Colleges.

Later, he distributed prizes among winners of various competitions. Principal Ashraf Ali inaugurated the week-long programme on January 4. The programmes included Extempore speech, Debate, Indoor Games, Singing Competition, Recitation, Solo Acting, Stall decoration and Report on Education tour.

British minister meets FM

Economic prospect of Bangladesh discussed

UNB, *Dhaka*

Visiting British Minister in the Department for International Development (DFID), Hilary Benn MP, called on Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan at his office in the city yesterday.

They discussed bilateral relations and economic prospects of Bangladesh and exchanged views on important regional and international issues, including SAARC, Afghanistan, Commonwealth and UN peacekeeping operations.

The Foreign Minister outlined the socio-economic activities of the country including readymade garments and emphasised on British support in Bangladesh's efforts on trade-related capacity building and diversification of export.

The British minister assured the Bangladesh government of their cooperation in these sectors.

Morshed Khan appreciated the British development assistance to Bangladesh aiming at poverty reduction.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Reaz Rahman, Director General (Europe) Shahed Akhter, British High Commissioner in Dhaka Dr David Carter and Head of DFID in Bangladesh Paul Ackroyd were present, says an official handout.

DFID to provide aid for training of policemen

BSS, *Dhaka*

The UK-based Department for International Development (DFID) yesterday expressed its keen interest to provide assistance to Bangladesh to train police personnel for developing their professional skills.

Visiting Parliamentary Under Secretary of State of the UK Hilary Benn MP, evinced this gesture when he called on Home Minister Air Vice-marshal (retd) Altaf Hossain Chowdhury at the latter's secretariat office here.

They held free and frank discussions on the last general elections under the caretaker government, the post-election situation, role of opposition in parliament, police activities to control crimes, registration of cases in thanas, separation of the judiciary from the executive, repeal of the Public Safety Act, police training system and the effective measures being undertaken by the present government to curb terrorism in the country.

Altaf told the British under secretary that the present government in its first three months sincerely worked to curb terrorism in society. "Neither we have spared ruling party lawmaker nor the corrupt police personnel to that end," he said, adding that the criminals are being nabbed and brought to book without considering their identity.

He also said that judicial inquiry commission has been formed to probe all bomb explosion incidents during the last government. Another judicial inquiry commission is working to investigate the political killings, terrorism and crimes as well.

State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfuzzaman Babar and DFID Bangladesh Chapter Chief Paul Ackroyd were present during the meeting.

Childhood Cancer Day observed in Ctg

BSS, *Ctg*

The 1st International Childhood Cancer Day was observed here as across the world yesterday with a vow to unite for a common cause in helping children with cancer to get the best possible treatment.

The day's programme included seminar, children's rally, voluntary blood donation and distribution of newsletters and stickers to create public awareness.

Children Leukemia Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) in cooperation with Rotary and Rotaract Club of Islamabad organised a seminar on "child cancer and care" at the city's Zia Memorial auditorium.

Earlier in the morning, City Mayor A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury inaugurated a colourful rally of school children that paraded different streets of the port city.

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Award recipients with local MP Abdul Mannan at the concluding function of the golden Jubillee celebration of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College yesterday.

Govt firm to impose ban on polybags from March 1

BSS, *Dhaka*

Minister for Environment and Forest Shahjahan Siraj yesterday said the government as per its commitment was not in a position to consider extension of the time-limit for already imposed countrywide ban on the use of polybags from March 1.

"The nation has demonstrated an unprecedented support to this historic step and we are not in a position to give a second thought on it by accepting the demand of poly-bag producers to give them more time," he said. But he assured that the government will sincerely consider alternative arrangements for the affected polybag producers through discussion.

The minister was addressing as the chief guest a discussion on "Industry Sector and Environment Protection" at the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) yesterday afternoon. State Minister for Environment and Forest Jafrul Islam Chowdhury and Director General of the Environment Directorate Hedayetul Islam also spoke as special guests.

With the FBCCI Presjdent Yussuf Abdullah Harun in the chair, the discussion was participated by former Secretary Al-Hussainy, FBCCI Directors and affected polybag producers including K M Alamgir Iqbal, Abdus Salam, Abdul Motaleb and Amir Hussain Khan. Chairman of the FBCCI Sub-Committee on environment issues and President of American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) Aftabul Islam conducted the discussion.

The speakers welcomed the ban on polybags in Dhaka city and subsequently all over the country from March 1 but urged the government to extend the time up to a tolerable limit to help them overcome their losses.

Yussuf Abdullah Harun described the ban as a bold one and timely but urged the government to rehabilitate the affected small polybag producers with due compensation. "We are ever ready to stand by the government in any future such step for environment protection but we expect the small polybag producers to be properly rehabilitated," he said.

Shahjahan Siraj said the BNP and the Awami League governments in the past took this decision twice, giving a certain time-limit to the producers but no appreciable response had come from them. "I can not say why the decision could not be implemented during the past two regimes," he said but reiterated that the government would not shift from its present decision since environment was given top priority for development.

He said the government did not ban all the plastic products but only the polybags with 20-micron diametre, which were largely responsible for intolerable hazards in all disposal systems and waterbeds in and around Dhaka city and elsewhere in the country. "As we are sincere enough to consider the agony of affected producers, they should rather, join us in this noble step," he said.

DU female student hurt as bus hits her on campus

DU CORRESPONDENT

A third year female student of the Dhaka University was injured when a university bus hit her in front of the Institute of Modern Language on the campus yesterday afternoon.

The victim was identified as Shaila Parvin, a student of the Philosophy Department. She was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with fracture on her right leg.

The bus named Shraban hit her when she was standing by the side of the road at around 4:30pm.

Sources said, the helper of the bus was driving and he fled away soon after the accident.

Hasina condoles death of Sylhet AL leader

UNB, *Dhaka*

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed shock at the death of Sylhet Awami League leader and freedom fighter Siraj Uddin Ahmed.

In a condolence message she said Siraj Uddin was a leading organiser of the liberation war. He was involved with many social, cultural and welfare activities.

"With the death of Siraj, we have lost an honest and dedicated leader and the people have lost a social worker and freedom fighter," Hasina said.

Hasina conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

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6. Clarification, if any, may be sought from Director Engineering, latest by 1500 hrs BST on 05 March 2002 through Telephone: 880-2-8914460, Fax: 880-2-8913338 or SITA: DACDEBG.
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Director Engineering
Biman Bangladesh Airlines

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Public Works E/M Division-8, Mirpur, Dhaka
Tender Invitation Notice
No-2 E 20/2001-2002

1) Tenders on itemwise rate quote basis in Bangladesh Form No-2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate's enlisted Special Class/1st Class (combined)/1st Class E/M contractors' firms/ Electrical Sub-Station machinery manufacturer firms and local agents of manufacturer firms having valid ABC Electrical license and supervisory license issued by the Govt Electrical Licensing Board, VAT Departments registration TIN certificate for the undermentioned work.
2) Last date of selling tender : 23-01-2002.
3) Date & time of submitting tender : 24-01-2002 up to 12:00 noon
4) Date & time of opening tender : 24-01-2002 at 12:30 pm.
5)

sl No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time for completion of work
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6) Firms interested to participate in the tender should possess past experience of supply, installation and successful commissioning of minimum one 300 KVA indoor Electrical Sub-Station for any govt/semi-govt/autonomous organisation under a single work order. Certificate of past experience of work should be issued by an officer (not below the rank of an Executive Engineer) of the respective organisation in prescribed form (collectable free of cost from this office) and attested by the respective Executive Engineer of Public Works Directorate.
7) Application for purchasing tender with attested copies of the said valid ABC Electrical license and Supervisory license, Value Added Tax Department's registration certificate, TIN certificate, past experience certificate and enlistment book/certificate as manufacturer/certificate as local agent etc should be submitted to the Additional Chief Engineer, E/M Zone, Public Works Directorate, Purta Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka, through the undersigned, minimum 7 (seven) days before the last date of selling tender. After receiving permission tender can be purchased on cash payment of the prescribed price Tk 775/- (seven hundred seventy five) only (non-refundable) from this division as well as office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/Public Works E/M Division-2, Chittagong under Public Works Directorate, Chittagong Zone/Public Works E/M Division-2, Khulna under Public Works Directorate, Khulna Zone/Public Works E/M Division-1, Rajshahi under Public Works Directorate, Rajshahi Zone/Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7, Dhaka/Public Works E/M Workshop Division/Public Works Timber Workshop Division/Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka/ Public Works Sub-Division-5, Purta Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka under Public Works Division-4, during office hours.
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10) The tender receiving authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason and is not bound to accept the lowest or any other tender.

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