

AL conspiring to destroy democracy: Moudud

UNB, Dhaka

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed yesterday accused the Awami League of conspiring to obstruct and destroy the democratic process in the name of national convention.

He was speaking as chief guest at a function organised by the Dhaka University unit of Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangkritik Sangstha (JASAS) to celebrate the golden jubilee of Amar Ekushey at Ramna Batamul.

Moudud said Awami League's politics was "always against humanity" and by introducing the one-party autocratic rule, BKSAL,

on January 14, 1975, it had once suspended the fundamental rights of people.

By stopping publication of many newspapers with the introduction of BKSAL, the Awami League had robbed the people's right to freedom of expression and also undermined the judiciary, he said.

The law minister said the AL, during its rule in last five years, offered the nation a corrupt government and misrule.

They are now trying to establish falsehood and lies as truth in the name of convention, he alleged, saying that people would not accept their falsehood.

'Raise awareness about environmental hazards'

BSS, Dhaka

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday urged the conscious and educated members of the society to help raise awareness about the environmental hazards.

"Come forward to make the people aware of their social and physical environment," he told the government officials while inaugurating a Minabazar on the Officers' quarters premises in Dhanmondi, organised by the Women's

Welfare Association.

The minister also inaugurated the reunion of the association at a simple function there.

Acting president of the association Rawshan Islam chaired the function while Rawshan Ara Zaman and Abul Bashar Mollah spoke on the occasion.

Mannan Bhuiyan assured the residents of the quarters that the government would soon solve the water-logging problem at Green Road area.

Seminar on 'Medical Research'

UNB, Dhaka

Speakers at a seminar laid importance on research and dissemination of findings of scientific seminars to improve the quality of health system and healthcare service facilities.

"To incorporate the research findings in the national healthcare system, more research should be undertaken and more resources should be allocated to R&D of Health," they said at the concluding session of a two-day scientific seminar on 'Medical Researches'.

Bangladesh Medical Research Council organised the seminar at the IPH auditorium in the city on Thursday.

Researchers from 13 medical colleges, 12 post-graduate institutes, BSMMU and Dhaka and Jahangirnagar universities took part in the seminar.



Awami League brought out a procession in the city yesterday to mark the 'Democracy killing Day'.

Tk 750cr project to resolve power crisis in Ctg region

UNB, Chittagong

In a bid to resolve mounting power crisis in greater Chittagong region, Power Development Board (PDB) has taken up a Tk 750 crore ambitious project.

Official sources said the PDB will implement the project in two phases by 2006. In the first phase, it will spend Tk 239 crore to implement seven small projects.

The PDB is currently supplying 220 mw of electricity in the port city against its demand for 250 mw, while 320 mw in the greater Chittagong against the total demand for 400 mw.

Although power generation has been nearly equal to its demand in the region, load-shedding in Chittagong has become a regular feature for lack of infrastructural facilities and the obsolete power transmission system.

According to a recent survey, the demand for electricity in the greater Chittagong will rise to 592 mw a day from its existing demand for 370 mw by 2006.

In an effort to meet the increasing demand, the Power Development Board took 15 projects in 1997 at a cost of over Tk 733.50 crore to boost power production and modernise the transmission

system.

The projects were approved at an ECNEC meeting in April the same year, but the projects could not be implemented in the last six years due to lack of donors.

To fulfil its election pledges, the present government had included the power issue in its first 100-day agenda.

Accordingly, the authorities were directed to implement the 15 projects, involving Tk 733.50 crore, and the revised project profiles were also approved.

To implement the third phase work of the project, Kuwait Fund provided Tk 216 crore under a loan agreement signed in June last year, making it effective from April last year.

The first phase work of the PDB's mega project included construction of three 132/33-KV substations at Bakolia, Julda and Shah Mirpur at a cost of Tk 52 crore.

An agreement was signed with a Chinese Company, M/s CCC, to implement the project. Another deal was signed with M/s Persian of Iran to set up two sub-stations at Muradpur and Rampur at a cost of Tk 15.17 crore.

Another contract was signed with another Chinese firm M/s

Sangji to construct 132-KV double circuit transmission lines, 19-km double circuit Sikabaha-Shah Mirpur-Julda-TCL line and 31-km double circuit line from Bakolia to Khulshi and Halishahar.

Besides, another contract was signed with Italian firm BIT Spare to construct 132-KV double circuit transmission line between Shikabaha and Bakolia river crossing at a cost of Tk 29 crore.

The process is also underway to expand seven-132/33 kv and 21 33/11-KV sub-stations at a cost of over Tk 90 crore.

Apart from the above projects, the PDB will implement 10 other projects involving over Tk 410 crore in phases in the Chittagong region.

The projects are installation of 1400 transformers, renovation of 0.4-KV line over 650 kms, installation of 0.4-KV line over 700 kms, renovation of 11/0.4-KV line over 167 kms, installation of 11/0.4-KV line over 200 kms, renovation of 11-KV line over 182 kms, installation of 11-KV line over 225 kms, renovation of 33-KV line over 275 kms, installation of overhead line over 82 kms and installation of 132-KV transmission line over 160 kms.

Permanent structure to be built for trade fairs

Dhaka Int'l trade fair concludes

UNB, Dhaka

The Dhaka International Trade Fair, a month-long trade show that provided the biggest annual meeting place for producers and customers, concluded yesterday amidst high hopes for turning it into a permanent venue for trade fairs round the year.

Thousands of people, in groups and families, started thronging the fair venue from the morning to avail of the clearance sale of the last day that eventually coincides with the weekend.

This year's fair, which began on January 12, witnessed a "remarkable response" from foreigners, including a delegation from OIC visiting the business bunge, organisers said.

Addressing a brief concluding function at the Sher-e-Bangla Nagar fair ground, Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said the government is actively considering building a permanent structure at the fair ground.

"A permanent fair place will stop huge wastage of money spent for temporary arrangements every year and facilitate specialised fairs, round the year to exhibit various manufacturers and handicrafts,"

he said.

"The Prime Minister has already given her consent to the plan for a permanent fair ground."

LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, who was the chief guest at the closing ceremony, also gave the assurance that his ministry would do everything needed to implement the plan.

The minister said in the era of globalisation Bangladesh would have to sustain tough competition. "The fair helps local and external manufacturers interact with each other," he said, advising local manufacturers to try to promote their products abroad to help reduce trade imbalances.

This year fair housed 35 pavilions, 55 min-pavilions and 312 stalls displaying a wide range of both local and foreign products, from textiles to engineering, cosmetics to electronics, leather to furniture.

A total of 42 foreign companies from 22 countries participated in the international trading bazaar.

The LGRD Minister gave away prizes to the best business performers in pavilion, mini-pavilion and stalls, selected separately from local and foreign participants.

Concord Ready-mix and Concrete Products Ltd won the first prize in pavilion category for its model of 'fantasy kingdom'. Second prize went to Bashundhara Papers and Uttara Motors, while Dandy Dyeing and Akhtar Furnishers shared the third prize in pavilion category.

Golden Teak of Mirpur got the first prize in mini-pavilion category while BRB Cable and Fu-Wang Group jointly obtained second prize. Padma Textile (Bexi Fabrics) and Nastele Bangladesh got the third prize.

In stall category, Artisti Collection of Gulshan was adjudged first, Sattar Metal and Super Door second, and Bay Tanneries and BFIDC third.

Among the foreign participants, the pavilion of Sharp Corporation of Japan was adjudged best. Mini-pavilions of Arla Foods of Denmark, Norim Ltd of South Korea and Shenzen Flying of China were selected first, second and third respectively.

Stall of Jordana Cosmetic of USA was the best among the foreign stalls while Malaysian Palm Oil and Thai Consumer Products stood out second and third.



Bangabandhu Sangkritik Jote brought out a colourful procession in the city yesterday to mark the birth anniversary of poet Upananda Das.

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Obituary



Mosammet Azirunnisa (75), mother of former DG EPB Md. Akmal Hossain and Ambassador of Bangladesh to Morocco Maj. General Md. Anwar Hossain, B.P., died of heart attack on the 8th Feb '02 after Esha prayers (Innan... Razin).

She was buried beside her husband late Altafur Rahman at their family graveyard in Janipur, Kushtia. Her qukhani was held there.

She left behind five sons, four daughters, many grandchildren and well-wishers. A Milad and Dua Mahfil will be held on the 17th Feb '02 after Asr prayers at her eldest son's residence (Anwara Apartments), H # 126, R # 9/A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka (near Shankar Bus Stand).

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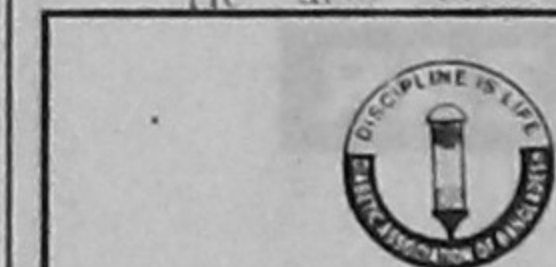
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