

Bangladesh, India to protect Sundarbans jointly

UNB, Dhaka

India and Bangladesh are working on a joint-management plan to protect the Sundarbans spanning both sides of the Indo-Bangladesh border.

"For the Sundarbans' tigers, international borders will cease to exist," reported an Indian daily.

1339 more held

BSS, Dhaka

Police recovered six firearms and two other types of weapons and six bullets in the countryside operation during the last 24 hours ending at 6:00 am yesterday.

Police also arrested 1,339 people, including five identified criminals, during the period.

Of the arrested, 656 were wanted by police and 667 accused in different cases under investigation.

Nine persons were arrested in connection with the arms seizure and six cases filed under the Arms Act, a police headquarters press release said.

During the drive, Gazipur district police and Chittagong Metropolitan Police recovered six explosives and arrested two persons.

The arrested identified criminals are Mithu Mollah of Khulna, Pravat Mondal, Yunus, Qudus and Lat Miah of Dhaka city.

The Asian Age, in its April 18 issue.

It said a UNDP sponsored project would formulate the line of action after a tour of the Project Tiger area by UNDP and Bangladesh teams jointly.

On April 20, officials of India and Bangladesh met at Kolkata and discussed conservation problems and trans-border mechanism to counter poaching and smuggling, sources here said.

"It's a two-country approach project to be funded by UNDP to protect the Sundarbans, declared as a world heritage site by UNESCO, a top official of the Ministry of Environment and Forest told UNB.

He said India has gone long way in tiger conservation, but Bangladesh really does not have any experts in the field. He, however, added that the project is still in the formative stage.

Earlier, in last May a seminar on ecological sustainability was held in Dhaka, where Indian officials presented satellite photos showing some areas inside the Sundarbans becoming barren.

Sixty per cent of the Sundarbans' total area of some 10,000 square kilometres falls in Bangladesh territory. Its tiger population is estimated between 300 and 400.

Indian officials told the Asian Age that the project will also aim at curbing poaching and piracy in

the region. "While poachers and pirates are blocked by Indian forces, the border is permeable through Bangladesh side. This has to be controlled," said a forest officer of West Bengal.

Meanwhile, a workshop of the project scheduled for April 25 in Dhaka has been postponed due to the elections of the three city corporations. It will now be held in the first or second week of May.

Programmes to strengthen JP activities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party led by Ershad has taken up elaborate programme to strengthen its organisational activities.

As part of the programme, the party will hold several meetings of its leaders and activists in all the six divisions of the country next month.

Party Chairman Hussain Muhammad Ershad will attend the meetings as chief guest.

Meanwhile, Ershad has expressed his profound shock at the death of 19 people in a Nor'wester that swept over the northern part of the country two days ago.

He urged the government to send relief for the affected people.



The Primary and Mass Education Department organised a book fair that began at the National Press Club in the city yesterday on the occasion of 'Education for All' Week.

BCL marks 'Partha Day', JCD terms it 'Repression Day'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) brought out separate processions and held rallies on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

BCL organised the programme in observance of the 'Partha Day' to mark the 5th death anniversary of its former leader Partho Pratim Acharya while JCD observed the day as 'Repression Day' on its workers by the then police and BCL activists.

Partho Pratim Acharya, a central leader of BCL was killed during a gunfight between JCD and BCL men on the campus on April 23, 1997.

Addressing the rally at the main gate of the Arts Building, BCL leaders said the present government is continuing its policy of repression on the leaders and workers of the opposition Awami League and its front organisations.

They said the BNP-led four party alliance government has created a new record of violence, rape and murder across the country in five months of its tenure.

They also urged the student community to come forward to protest the misdeeds of the ruling party and take fresh vow to put an end to their autocratic rule.

The rally was addressed by Baram Poddar, Abdul Wadud Khokan, AKM Azim, Khan Moynul Islam Mostak and Beg Shahin.

Earlier, BCL leaders placed wreaths at the place where Partho was killed.

Meanwhile, JCD leaders said Partho was killed in the internal feud of BCL.

Addressing the rally at the Bat Tala of the Arts Building, they

blamed BCL activists and the police for repression on the JCD workers after the killing.

They also urged the government to make a fresh inquiry into the killing.

The rally was addressed by Monir Hossain, Mostafizul Islam Mamun, Haider Ali Lelin, Nurul Islam Nayan, Omar Faruk Shafin and Sarder Nuruzzaman.

Photo exhibition opens at DU Journalism Dept

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A two-day photo exhibition titled "Miles to go through your mind" began at the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of Dhaka University yesterday.

Prof. Ahaduzzaman Mohammad Ali, Chairperson of the Department, inaugurated the exhibition at 10:30am while Assistant Professor Mafizur Rahman and noted photographer Nasir Ali Mamun attended the programme as special guests.

A total of 71 photographs taken by 12 MA students of the 'Photo-journalism course' of the Department were put on display.

The students are Farah Jabin Shammil, Khaleida Parvin, Fakrudin Jewel, Raihan Obaidullah, Kulsum Akther, Saleha Begum, Shahria Hossain Ria, Anwar Mujumdar, Shahnaz Chowdhury, Benzir Ahmed, Bashir Ahmed and Shameem Al Amin.

The exhibition will remain open today from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

NDI to observe city corp polls

UNB, Dhaka

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), an international NGO for strengthening and expanding democracy worldwide, will observe city corporation elections here tomorrow.

Four NDI observer teams will visit polling centres in Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi.

NDI has been active in Bangladesh since 1987 and observed the parliamentary elections in addition to organising the visit of President Carter and conducting a training programme for more than half a million party polling agents.

Take programmes for growth of export

Directive to EPB officials

BSS, Dhaka

Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury yesterday directed the officials of Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) to take specific export-oriented programmes for the growth of export.

EPB must not remain confined to its old and traditional routine activities to increase growth of export, it must turn to the expansion of markets on priority basis for the implementation of the programmes," he told the EPB officials at its board meeting here.

State Minister for Commerce Barkatullah Bulu, commerce secretary Sohail Ahmed, EPB vice chairman Abu Saleh and other board members attended the meeting, according to an official source here.

The commerce minister said EPB should work sincerely as a supportive institution to export and directed the officials to meet with the entrepreneurs sector-wise every month to identify the problems and take steps for their solution. He also asked them to formulate separate practical programme for each sector.

The meeting discussed in detail the country's export earnings and export activities of the first eight months (July-February of the current fiscal).

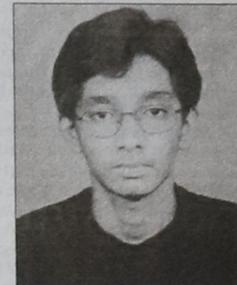
The meeting also reviewed the last months' single country exhibition and Bangladesh festival at Yangon and decided to hold similar exhibitions in other prospective countries in view of the success of the fair.

EPB organised 22 trade fairs and three single country exhibi-

tions in different countries of the world during the current fiscal for the expansion of export markets, the meeting was told.

Besides, EPB will take part in eight fairs in different countries including USA, Germany, Belgium, Japan, Malaysia, and will organise single country exhibition in nine countries in the next financial year.

The meeting also decided to open a multilingual website at Bangladesh embassy in Germany.



Congratulations

Danish Anwar, a student of Marie Curie School, secured the highest position in English language in the 'O'-level examinations scoring 80 per cent marks among all the candidates of Bangladesh who appeared in January 2002, says a press release.

He has been studying in this school since 1996. The students and staff of Marie Curie School congratulated Danish Anwar on his outstanding achievement.

NOTICE

Due to the City Corporation Election, **AKTEL** Services will be suspended in Dhaka City Corporation and its adjacent areas in accordance with the Government order, from 0000 hrs. of 25th April to 0600 hrs. of 26th April 2002.

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The Management of Prime Bank Limited is pleased to inform all its valued Shareholders that the Dividend Warrant for the year 2001 is ready for delivery. All the Shareholders are requested to collect their Dividend Warrants either personally or by duly authorized person from our Share Department at the 3rd Floor of Adamjee Court Annex Building-2, 119-120 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 from April 27 to May 16, 2002 during office hours of all working days from Saturday to Thursday.

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