

Anti-polybag drives in major cities soon

BSS, Dhaka

Whirlwind drives will be conducted in all major towns across the country to stop the use of polythene shopping bags.

It was decided at an inter-ministerial meeting here with Environment and Forest Minister Shajahan Siraj in the chair, official sources said.

Obituary

Noted academician Shamsul Alam died of cardiac arrest after Juma prayers on Friday in the port city at the age of 62.

He left behind wife, five sons, one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Shamsul Alam was laid to rest at his village graveyard.

AIUB admission test results

The American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) has published the results of admission tests for the Summer Semester under its various disciplines, says a press release.

Table with columns for Discipline and Roll No. listing successful candidates for M.B.A., B.B.A., COE, FEE, and CS.



LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addressing a seminar on 'Water problem of Dhaka city and its solution' at the Institution of Engineers in the city yesterday.

'Save Buriganga, Shitalakhya for pollution-free water'

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LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday called for strengthening the local government bodies for achieving self-sufficiency in utility services.

'We all have to work for building strong local government bodies for achieving self-sufficiency in utility services like water, gas and electricity,' he said while addressing as chief guest a seminar on 'Water problem of Dhaka city and its solution' at the Institution of Engineers in the city.

Mannan Bhuiyan, who is also secretary general of BNP, urged the engineers to help save the rivers Buriganga and Shitalakhya with a view to supplying pollution-free water for the people of Dhaka city.

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The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) organised the seminar on the occasion of its 54th founding anniversary with Engineer Qamrul Islam Siddiqui, President of IEB, in the chair.

Managing Director of Dhaka WASA Dr Engineer Khondakar Azharul Hoque also spoke as guest of honour. BUET Professor Dr Engineer M Feroz Ahmed presented a keynote paper on the occasion. Engineers Al Hossainey, Nurul Amin and Azharul Hoque took part in the discussion.

The IGRD minister called upon the engineers to come forward with a zeal to serve the people.

'Engineers have to play a role in checking system loss of water, gas and electricity,' he said.

Khondakar Azharul Hoque sought help and cooperation from the residents of Dhaka city to overcome the problem of supply of pure drinking water.

He hoped that all water-related problems would be solved by 2005 to 2007 after the completion of the Fourth Water Supply Project Phase-II, Fourth Water Supply Project Phase-III, Pagla Water Treatment Plant and Water System Expansion and Rehabilitation Programme.

Dhaka WASA is now producing around 1210 million liters water per day (MLD) against the estimated requirement of 1800 MLD.

HC stays SEC order removing DSE CEO

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The High Court yesterday stayed the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) order removing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), Md Rezaur Rahman, from his post.

The court gave the order following a writ petition filed by Rezaur Rahman who challenged the SEC order dated April 17, 2002.

The HC bench comprising Justice Abdul Matin and Justice Marzi-ul-Haque also issued a *rule nisi* on the finance secretary, SEC, SEC chairman, SEC enforcement director and the DSE.

The SEC removed the DSE CEO over allegations of damaging investors' confidence, suppression of facts, and failing to ensure a transparent market.

The SEC accused the former CEO of trying to mislead the capital market regulators by providing them with faulty surveillance software.

The Commission in a handout said in line with the election laws all candidates must submit their return in the prescribed Form-D in 15 days of gazette notification of the election results.

The handout said the candidates were already informed about the matter. The commission warned that the failure to submit the return within the stipulated time frame would be treated as a 'punishable offense' according to the election laws under which one might face seven years of rigorous imprisonment in addition to fines.

SASP nat'l confce May 16-17

BSS, Dhaka. Sammilito Anjibhi Samannoy Parishad (SASP) will hold its national conference in the city on May 16 and 17.

The inaugural function of the two-day convention will be held on the Supreme Court premises at 3 pm, a SASP press release said yesterday.

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