

Eviction drive along Buriganga in dry season

BSS, Dhaka
The government will start a massive eviction drive in the next dry season to free the Buriganga river from encroachers.

"The last caretaker government had started the eviction process but a total of 237 illegal installations still exist on the banks of the river Buriganga," Shipping Minister Akbar Hossain told newsmen yesterday while visiting the Buriganga to see the latest position of illegal structures on

Japan to provide Tk 74 cr debt relief grant

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Japan will be providing Tk 74.36 crore in debt relief grant to Bangladesh for import of different commodities except weapons and luxurious items.

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Jiro Kobayashi and Secretary of the Economic Relations Division Anisul Huq Chowdhury signed the Exchange of Notes relating to the grant on behalf of their respective governments.

According to a release of the Embassy of Japan, this will be the third installment of Japanese grant aid for debt relief during the Japanese fiscal year 2002 (April 2002 to March 2003).

"For the least developed countries, the Japanese government, instead of reducing the debt, offers grant aid, which is the same amount of the debt repayment," the release said.

This grant is to be utilised by the government of Bangladesh for import of commodities except weapons, luxurious commodities as well as the banned and restricted items in accordance with the Bangladesh Import Policy of 1997-2002, it added.

both sides of the river.

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation and Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Sadek Hossain Khoka and the leaders of 'Bangladesh Parishad Andolon' and 'Buriganga Bachao Andolon' including Prof. Muzaffar Ahmed, former two advisors of the caretaker government Dr Wahid Uddin Mahmud and A M Shahjahan and environmentalist Prof. Abdullah Abu Sayeed accompanied the shipping minister.

Akbar said the local administration would take a coordinated eviction drive and other steps when the dry season starts to free the river from encroachment, increase its water flow, make it pollution-free and above all for improvement of environment.

"Encroachment has become a social problem across the country since long and eviction drive should be a continuous process to protect the rivers and public lands," Akbar replied to a query.

He also mentioned the government plan for dredging the canal connecting Jamuna and Buriganga to increase flow in it and said that they were thinking of making a water route around the capital city.

Sadek Hossain Khoka said massive eviction was essential to free the Buriganga for the interest of the city dwellers as this river is the window of the capital city, built centering the river.

"About 25 per cent in different parts of the river has been grabbed by the encroachers and water flow can't be increased without eviction," the mayor said.

The shipping minister and the mayor said that they would look into how some people got registration of their encroached lands.

Replying to a question Sadek Hossain Khoka said that the problem is a social one, not political, and it accumulated over the last three to four decades.



Workers dismantle shanties erected on the land of T & T Board in Malibagh area of the city yesterday as part of the eviction drive against the illegal occupiers.

Bangladesh on course to meet Montreal Protocol target

UNDP release says

BSS, Dhaka

Despite a steady industrial growth over the past decade, Bangladesh has successfully reduced the production of ozone depleting gases and is now one of the few nations on course to meet targets set out under the Montreal Protocol.

According to a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) release issued here yesterday, a major breakthrough was achieved recently under a joint government and UNDP initiative that would have been impossible without strong support from the private sector.

More than 60 per cent of the ozone-depleting chemicals, known as Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) produced in Bangladesh were eliminated with the dismantling of the biggest and oldest aerosol factory in the country.

The factory belonged to Advanced Chemical Industries (ACI), the country's largest producer of mosquito sprays and pesticides, the release said.

"We knew that CFCs would be banned, but we were in the dark about how to make the change to CFC-free technology, so when UNDP and the government approached us we were very keen to work with them," the Executive Director of ACI, FH Ansary said.

Seeing the benefits to their industry, ACI agreed to cover half the cost of converting to the new technology, while the Montreal Multilateral Fund covered the balance.

The company is now producing more environment friendly aerosols, consumers in Bangladesh have the option of purchasing locally manufactured aerosols

that are CFC-free, and the nation is one of the few on target to meet goals set out under the Montreal Protocol.

The protocol was drawn up in 1987 to reduce ozone-depleting substances. Bangladesh signed in 1995, agreeing to rid the nation of all CFCs by 2010.

"Our main target was converting aerosol production and now we will focus on eliminating the other 40 per cent of CFCs, which is mainly in use locally in refrigerators and cold storage," the Director of the Department of Environment, Md Abdus Sobhan said.

Already, with support from UNDP, the government has drawn up plans to train technicians in service shops that deal with refrigerators on how to recover and recycle harmful ozone-depleting substances.

Amend law to ensure standard auditing

WB study suggests

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The World Bank (WB) has suggested for amending legislation to make accounting and auditing standard mandatory on all public companies for the sake of financial accountability for good governance.

The Bank in a recent country study on "Bangladesh Financial Accountability for Good Governance" also suggested for setting up an Audit Committee in every listed company having adequate participation of minority shareholders.

The study said a National Accounting Standards Board should be constituted with representation from the users of accounts and regulators as well as with legal teeth and capacity to enforce standards.

It said the board should represent regulatory bodies and users of financial statements such as the National Board of Revenue, Registrar of Companies, Chambers of Commerce and other stakeholders.

The study said that Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh could provide secretariat services to the Board.

It also suggested that Office of Registrar of Companies should be computerised for effective operations and strengthening its infrastructure.

The Registrar is the official holder of all statutory reports submitted by companies. Any member of the public may apply to inspect any company's file for a small fee. There are approximately 42,000 companies.

The Registrar has neither the systems nor the personnel to

monitor compliance across the board. The SEC regulates the 221 listed public companies, but the unlisted public companies are an uncontrolled sector. The Registrar has statutory authority to penalise companies for failure to file their annual reports, but penalties are too small.

Most of these are private companies that are exempted from the obligation to file their financial statements. There are about 2,400 public companies, which are obliged to file their financial statements annually in prescribed formats.

Even if returns have been made, the files cannot always be readily located. 'Speed' money has to be paid. The Registrar's office urgently needs computerisation and strengthening and corporate penalties should then be increased to effective levels.

Nanda Kumar joins IJSG as secy general

BSS, Dhaka

T Nanda Kumar, a member of Indian Administrative Service, yesterday joined as the first Secretary General of the newly-formed International Jute Study Group (IJSG).

IJSG is the successor of International Jute Organisation (IJO). IJO with its headquarters here had its liquidation process began in April 2000.

Before being appointed to this coveted post, Nanda Kumar served as the Joint Secretary of Jute, PSUs and Fiscal Policy Division of the Ministry of Textile, government of India. He is credited with a large number of initiatives in jute, a press release said.

The Council of IJSG has chosen Kumar in late June for a three-year stint.

Revival of the jute sector through diversification, market promotion and product development will be the agenda for the year, the press said adding the immediate priorities for the new chief would be to increase the membership of the Group and the setting up of the Private Sector Consultative Board.

The IJSG comprises Bangladesh, India, Switzerland and European Union.



Moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporarily gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over the country with moderately heavy falls at places during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met offices said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Sylhet and the lowest of 24.8 degree Celsius at Chittagong.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:34 pm today and rises at 5:33 am tomorrow.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	29.3	25.3	87	83
Chittagong	29.2	24.8	83	77
Rajshahi	30.7	26.6	97	93
Khulna	29.5	26.0	100	--
Barisal	29.6	26.0	98	--
Sylhet	33.2	26.0	93	77
Cox's Bazar	28.6	25.0	92	89

Johannesburg Summit to consider SAARC recommendations

Hopes Thimpu conference

BSS, Thimpu

The just concluded SAARC Environment Ministers' Conference in the Bhutanese capital sought international cooperation to alleviate poverty, the prime cause of environmental degradation in the region.

The two-day meeting of the Environment Ministers of SAARC countries concluded here on Sunday adopting "Thimpu Resolution" for consideration of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) due to begin in Johannesburg, South Africa on August 26.

The ministers at the meeting reaffirmed their commitment to the implementation of the international and regional agreements on the protection of environment and the sustainable use of natural resources in the region.

Minister of State for Forest and Environment Jalrul Islam Chowdhury led a 3-member Bangladesh delegation at the meeting, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister of Bhutan Lyonpo Khandu Wangchuk.

The ministers hoped that the WSSD would take into account and reflect in its outcome the rec-

ommendations of SAARC member states.

While identifying poverty as the prime cause of environmental degradation, the meeting stressed the need for international cooperation and collaboration. It fixed "contribution of youth on environment" as the topic for environment for the year 2002-03.

It noted that over one-fifth of the world's population lives in SAARC region where poverty and water scarcity are the two major factors contributing to environmental degradation in the region.

Reiterating that alleviation of poverty is the overriding priority in all countries of the SAARC, the conference emphasised the need for an enabling international environment to support the efforts of the SAARC countries for the eradication of poverty. It also called for the international community to increase their support and assistance for these efforts.

The SAARC ministers also emphasised the need for adoption of policies, programmes, measures and standards for the protection of environment and natural resources management in the region.



The road from Mouchak market to Malibagh level crossing in the city has been in a very bad shape for long. Even four-wheelers have to struggle through the potholed roads at a snail's pace, clogging traffic along the congested stretch.

Re-rolling mill manager robbed of Tk 2 lakh in city

BSS, Dhaka

A group muggers looted Tk two lakh from a manager of a re-rolling mill at Mirsharibag in the city yesterday.

The muggers numbering about five riding on two motorcycles stopped the private car in which the manager Morshed Alam of New Lion Re-Rolling Mill at 432 New Jurain, was proceeding towards the mill after withdrawing the money from a bank at Shaheed Faruk Road.

They snatched the key of the car from the driver and the money from the manager at gunpoint.

A case was filed with Demra thana in this connection.

Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla)
Construction Cell, Petro-Centre
3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka

গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ, এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন
Memo No. 34.03.20/ Date: 11-08-2002

Tender Notice

1. Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited from the "B" class enlisted contractors of Petrobangla and its subsidiary companies & second class enlisted contractors of govt, semi-govt & autonomous body having similar work experience and financial capability for the construction of Cubicles at 7th floor of 15-storied Petro-Centre Building at 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.

Name of the work and location	Total estimated value of the work put to tender in Taka	Time of completion	Period for selling of tender documents	Date and time of receiving tenders	Date and time for opening of the tender box	Cost of tender schedule (non-refundal) Tk
Construction of Cubicles of Petro-Centre Building (7 th floor) at Kawran Bazar, Dhaka	3,43,927.90	20 (twenty) days from the date of site handover to the contractor	From 14-08-2002 to 19-08-2002 (during office hours on all working days)	20-08-2002 up to 12:00 Noon	20-08-2002 at 12:30 PM	500/-

2. Intending tenderers shall submit the following documents along with the tenders:
a. Each of the tender is to be accompanied by earnest money of Taka 8,600.00 only in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh validated not less than 6 (six) months from the date of issue in favour of Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (A/C Payee only) without which the tender will be rejected. If the quoted price is less by more than 5% (five per cent) of the estimated amount then further 10% (ten per cent) of the quoted amount will have to be submitted as additional earnest money along with the tender.
b. At least one certificate obtained from the concerned authorities (not below the rank of Executive Engineer/equivalent) regarding satisfactory completion of similar work of Tk 3 lac or above in a single tender and single work order during last five years. Copy of work order of such work also to be submitted.
c. Bank solvency certificate of the firm indicating its investment ability of Tk 3 lac at a time from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.
d. Trade licence, VAT registration certificate and Income Tax clearance certificate up to the financial year 1999-2000.
e. All the documents submitted by the tenderers either in original or photocopies shall be duly attested by class-1 officer.

3. Necessary tender schedule may be purchased in cash of Tk 500/= (Taka five hundred) (non-refundable) during office hours within the time schedule of purchasing tender from the offices of:- (a) Accounts Division, Petrobangla, Petro-Centre, 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka (b) Accounts Division, BAPEX, Shahjalal Tower, 80/A-B, Shiddeshari Circular Road, Malibagh, Dhaka-1217, (c) Accounts Division, Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Co Ltd, 11, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. (d) Accounts Division, RPGCL, BSEC Bhaban, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka.
4. The tenders addressed to the "Chief of Construction Cell, Petrobangla" shall be submitted under sealed cover by the tenderers, in the box kept at the office of the Chief of Construction Cell, Petrobangla, Petro-Centre Building (7th Floor), 3 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka or in any of the abovementioned offices. The tenders will be received up to 12:00 Noon on 20-08-2002 and will be opened at 12:30 PM on the same day in presence of the tenderers who may like to attend the opening. Drawings for this work may be seen at the office of the Chief of Construction Cell, Petrobangla, Petro-Centre Building (7th Floor), 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka during office hours on all working days.
5. No tender documents will be sold beyond the date fixed for selling of tenders.
6. The owner reserves the right not to accept the lowest tender and can reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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Puppet show

The Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) in cooperation with the Goethe-Institut will present a puppet show titled 'Al-Amin'. Venue: Goethe-Institut auditorium. Time: 6:00pm.

Classical music

Mahmudur Rahman Benu and Samina Dey Urmi will perform at a classical music evening. Venue: Liberation War Museum auditorium. Time: 7:00pm.

Film show

The Jahangirnagar Film Society will screen a film titled 'Antarjali Jatra' directed by Goutam Ghosh. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre auditorium, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00pm.

Premiere show

The Steps Towards Development has arranged a premiere show of a fiction 'Abhijatra'. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre auditorium. Time: 5:30pm.

Discussion

The Bangabandhu Society organises a discussion meeting to mark the 27th death anniversary of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, with Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: Engineers' Institution auditorium. Time: 4:30pm.

Discussion on Ahmed Sofa

The Sofa Institute will hold a meeting in memory of Ahmed Sofa to mark his first death anniversary. National Professor Dr. Nurul Islam, Nirmal Sen, Prof. Abul Kashem Fazlul Haq, Prof. Abu Zayed Shikder and poet Asad Chowdhury will take part in the discussion. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 5:00pm.

Memorial meeting

The Association of Development

agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) and the Citizens' Movement for Women Empowerment (CMWE) jointly organise a meeting in memory of Dr. Nileema Ibrahim. Venue: Bangladesh Engineering and Technological Services centre auditorium, House # 55, Road # 4/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 3:00pm.

Talk on dengue

Health Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosharruf Hossain will deliver a talk on 'Dengue: A Medical Emergency', organised by the Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU). Venue: DRU auditorium. Time: 2:45pm.

Seminar

The Pratyasha, an anti-drug organisation, and Dhaka Mahanagari Samity will hold a seminar titled 'We want drug-free Dhaka'. Venue: Dhaka Mahanagari Samity office, Nayabazar. Time: 4:00pm.

Rotary Dhaka

The regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held with Kazi Mahmood Sattar, Managing Director, Eastern Bank Limited, as guest speaker. He will speak on 'Private Sector Banking in Bangladesh'. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30pm.

Rotary Ramna

The Rotary Club of Ramna will hold its regular weekly meeting with Prof Amrul Islam, former vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, as guest speaker. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30pm.

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Democracywatch

The Democracywatch will form a human chain demanding an end to the growing violence against women and children. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 3:00pm.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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