

Canal digging from next dry season

Minister tells erosion-hit people

BSS, Dhaka

Water Resources Minister L K Siddiqi said the government would launch again the canal digging programme initiated by late president Ziaur Rahman from next dry season.

Whip Jahed Ali Chowdhury, Dr Mahamudul Haq Rubel MP and officials of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) were present.

The Brahmaputra and its tributaries the Moharashi, Chellagati and Bhogai eroded a large part of the Sadar upazila, Jhenagati and Nalitabari areas of the district.

The minister asked the BWDB officials to take all-out measures to control erosion of Moharashi, Chellarkhal and Bhogai rivers and repair the damaged 17 kilometre flood control embankment from Kamarerchar to Sherpur.

He also distributed sarees, lungis, rice and other relief materials among the flood victims in Kamarerchar, Nakugaon and Narayankhola.

14 commodities marketed in Tongi illegally: BSTI

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A surveillance team of the Bangladesh Standard Testing Institute (BSTI) identified 14 illegally marketed commodities, including food items during a drive at Tongi Bazar on the outskirts of the capital on Tuesday.

The BSTI conducted the special drive in 35 shops of the market to check whether any commodity without the mandatory certification mark (CM) was being sold.

Meanwhile, the BSTI team examined, in its mobile lab, iodised salt of four companies and found iodine in all the brands -- Molla Salt, BRAC Salt, Malek Salt and Uttara Salt.

The commodities found in shops without CM included edible oil of Tongi Oil Mills Ltd, Lal Surja (Uttara), Regional Oil Mills (Tongi), Gharoa Food and Beverage (Dhaka), Liberty Chemicals Industries (Demra) and Diamond Food Products; and soap of Farabi Soap Factory (Tongi), Uzala and Jet Ball; noodles of United Food Products, Cocola Food Products; and tins of Jet Man and Padma Enterprise.

The BSTI officials directed the shopkeepers concerned not to sell or keep the commodities in their shops.

They also requested consumers not to buy the illegally marketed commodities, said the BSTI press release.

State University academic session begins Sept 1

UNB, Dhaka

Yet another private university styled State University of Bangladesh is scheduled to start academic session from September 1 to meet a growing need for higher and specialised studies.

Prof Ijajuddin Ahmed is the Vice-chancellor and owner of Lab Aid Dr Shamim is the President of the State University at Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi.

The university will start with BBA, MBA, BSC in Computer Science & Engineering and BSC in Computer Science & IT course and later on introduce MSC/BSC in Biomedical Engg, BSC in Nursing, BSC in Medical Technology (Laboratory, Dental, Physiotherapy and Radiography).

Talking to senior journalists from national dailies and news agencies yesterday, Prof. Ijajuddin said one of the basic philosophies behind the setting up of the State University is to stop brain drain for the larger interest of the nation.

He said the university authorities would recruit full-time teachers from BUET for computer science and IBA of Dhaka University for business administration to produce brilliant graduates from this university.

The authorities will also try to have links with foreign universities so that the graduates from the State University could get admitted into foreign universities for higher studies.

"Outstanding students would be given free tuition or half-free tuition while 5 to 10 per cent students would be given scholarship on the basis of merit," he said.

The State University would be different from other private universities for its teaching techniques and disciplines, he added.

Vice-president Dr Mahbubur Rahman and Head of Department of Planning Development & Public Affairs Shamsuddin Ahmed also explained aims and objectives of the new university. The State University will be the 30th in private sector in Bangladesh.



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ROK urged to cut trade imbalance

BSS, Dhaka

Outgoing South Korean Ambassador Young-Jo Jung called on acting President Mohammed Jamiruddin Sircar at Bangabhaban yesterday.

The acting president expressed his satisfaction at the excellent bilateral relations that exist between the two countries.

He, however, mentioned that the existing volume of bilateral trade between Bangladesh and South Korea did not reflect the full potential that exists in this field.

The acting president stressed the need for increasing imports from Bangladesh to South Korea and providing easier access of Bangladesh items through tariff reduction in order to cut the trade imbalance against Bangladesh.

Barrister Sircar said South Korea may consider recruiting more manpower from Bangladesh. He expressed satisfaction that many Korean companies are involved in construction of various infrastructure projects in Bangladesh.

Young-Jo Jung thanked the acting president for receiving him. He hoped that the economic relations between the two countries would be further deepened and diversified in future.

He appreciated Bangladesh's economic development, saying that both the countries can cooperate each other for common benefit.

Secretary to the acting president Mohammad Abdul Huq and Additional Foreign Secretary Anwar-Ul-Alam were present on the occasion.

Sircar greets ROK President Jung

BSS, Dhaka

Acting President Muhammad Jamiruddin Sircar has greeted South Korean President Kim Dae Jung on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic.

In a message on the eve of the day, Sircar said: "I firmly believe that the friendly relations that exist between our two countries would be further strengthened in the days ahead."

He wished good health and happiness of Jung and continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of South Korea.

Obituary



Abdul Matin, a former government official died of old age complications at Belview Hospital in New York, USA on August 12 at the age of 85, says a press release.

He is survived by four daughters and three sons. His namaj-e-janaza will be held at Wapda Road Jame Mosque of Rampura in the city after Jhor prayers today.

A milad mahfil will be held at his Rampura residence in the city after Asr prayers on Friday.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the milad mahfil and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Qulkhwani

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The Qulkhwani of Lalema Khatun, mother of Ershadul Haque, a news editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), will be held at her Bancharampur upazila in Brahmanbaria district on Friday after Juma prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani. Lalema Khatun, wife of late Abdul Jabbar, died of old-age complications at her village home on Monday.

She is survived by five sons and a daughter.

Advertisement for 'সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি' (Warning Notice) regarding the use of petrol pumps and safety measures.

Advertisement for 'Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh' regarding R&D proposals for financial support under special allocation for science and information technology.

Advertisement for 'বাংলাদেশ রপ্তানী প্রক্রিয়াকরণ এলাকা কর্তৃপক্ষ' (Bangladesh Export Processing Authority) regarding a public notice for the liquidation of a company.

Advertisement for 'Biman Bangladesh Airlines' regarding a 'Re-Tender Notice' for the dry lease of DC10-30 and A310-300 aircraft.

Advertisement for 'Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited' regarding a 'Re-Tender Notice (2nd Call)' for the killing of riser and removal of service line of disconnected customers at Chittagong region.

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