Unhindered flow of river water can reduce risk of flood

Experts tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Experts at a seminar in the city yesterday called for unhindered flow of water through river and drainage channel across the country to reduce the risk of devastating flood in future.

They also stressed the need for proper flood management and the control of river erosion to reduce the loss of life and property caused by flood every year.

The experts were participating in a seminar on 'Flood-2002', organised by Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP) at its auditorium.

Dr. Qazi Kholoquzzaman Ahmad, chairman, BUP, presided over the seminar while Director General of Water Resources Planning Organisation (WARPO) Giasuddin Ahmed Chowdhury presented the keynote paper.

In his paper, Giasuddin Ahmed Chowdhury said the main reasons of the current flood in the country are heavy rainfall and onrush of water from across the border.

He pointed out that serious water logging due to indiscriminate encroachment of the natural canal and unplanned develop-

JP leaders visit ailing party leader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the Jatiya Party (Erleader Sadek Siddique, who is and property. undergoing treatment at the city's Gastro-Liver Clinic.

the party, has been suffering from Officer of WARPO, SM Shah Alam, jaundice and liver complications. Director of RDB, Hasan Zubair,

Shahidul Islam and organising ATM Ataur Rahman of Dhaka secretary Abu Sayeed Khan were WASA, Dr. M Fazlul Bari of BUET

ment activities also cause flood in for female students after Prime the country.

Dr. ATM Shamsul Huda, former secretary of Water Resource Ministry said the government should concentrate on the control of river erosion to minimise the sufferings of the flood affected

"Erosion protection scheme should be taken with integrated approach," he suggested.

M H Siddiqui, former member | Hasina. of the Water Development Board said 'cross drainage' system should be constructed in different parts of the country. The Road and Highways Department should look into the matter seriously when it constructs the road network, he

of Water Development Board rec ommended initiatives which would be sustainable and according to the 'National Water Management Plan'.

The experts stressed the need for constructing proper drainage channel for quick passing away of rainwater during the monsoon.

They said there is chance of flood every year in the country but necessary measures should be taken up to reduce the flood

The experts suggested that the country's flood forecasting system should be further improved so that advance preparatory measures shad) yesterday visited ailing party could be taken earlier to save life

Dr. Ainun Nishat of IUCN, Dr. Kazi Saleh Ahmed of JU, Abdul Sadek, additional secretary of Halim Mia, Principal Scientific JP secretary general Shekh Project Director of GK Project. among the leaders who visited the and Mohammad Shahabuddin of JRC took part in the discussion.



Visitors at the week-long exhibition of fish that began at the Ramna

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AL protests CU decision to name female dormitory after Khaleda

CU CORRESPONDENT

The leaders of Chittagong south district unit of Awami League (AL) strongly protested the Chittagong University (CU) authority's decision to name the new dormitory Minister Khaleda Zia. They also called upon the CU

authority to name the dormitory after Begum Sufia Kamal or Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib instead.

In a statement yesterday, general secretary of the AL unit Moslem Uddin Ahmed said the funds for construction of the dormitory were allocated during the tenure of former prime minister Sheikh

He said no halls of the CU had been named after any head of the government since independence. "But the opportunists did this for their own interest by making the prime minister happy," he added.



Education Minister Osman Faruk with the meritorious students of Vigarunnisa Noon School & College and the Ideal School & College who were accorded a reception at a ceremony in the city yesterday.

Moinul Hossain, chief engineer Water Development Board rective Which Steps taken to remove inequality in edn system, PM tells Imams

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday urged the country's four lakh Imams and Muazzins to be involved in spreading education and alleviating poverty to help establish human rights.

"In our society, human rights are violated mainly because of poverty and illiteracy," she said at the first national Imam Conference on Human Rights Affairs. The Islamic Foundation and Institutional Development of Human Rights in Bangladesh (IDHRB) jointly organised the conference at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre (BCFCC).

Inaugurating the conference, Khaleda said her government had

One gets 2 yrs' RI in Sylhet for keeping foreign currency

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A man has been sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) on charge of possessing unauthorised foreign currency in Sylhet vesterday.

The Additional District and Sessions Judge-I Shamsul Alam Khan while passing the judgement also ordered a fine of Tk 5000 in default to suffer RI for three more

The case in brief is that, the accused Md Matlubur Rahman Khan, son of Late Abdul Latif, of village Naliuri of Moulvibazar Sadar upazila was caught by the police of Sylhet Detective Branch on January 18, 2001 from Sylhet Railway station area. Foreign currencies including dollar, pound, riyal, dinar and dirham worth about Tk 23 lakh were recovered from his possession.

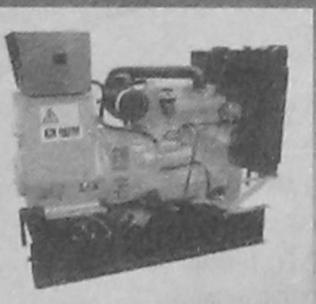
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initiated steps to remove inequality in the education system. Modern training for the Madrassah teachers has already been started, lam took place to bring forth gramme. she said. She also underscored the emancipation, equality, friendship need for making the education and human rights when the husystem suitable to present time.

allocation for the Imam-Muazzin darkness). Kalyan Trust, set up by her government, to Tk 4 crore from Tk 2 partner of the universal declara-

dressed by Law, Justice and Par-rights culture and the establishliamentary Affairs Minister ment of national human rights Moudud Ahmed, State Minister for commission is under process. Religious Affairs Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan, Secretary of Religious Affairs Ministry Khawaja A lition of slavery and removal of Rahman, US Ambassador Mary disparity between man and man. Ann Peters, UNDP Resident Rep- So, she said, it is not possible for a resentative Jorgen Lisner and Director General of Islamic Founda- rights. tion Syed Ashraf Ali. Moulana Abul Kalam spoke on behalf of the

is a religion of peace and it teaches discipline, tolerance and restraints. It also teaches equality, fellow feeling, friendship, humanity and generosity, she said. Imams had been spreading the great message of Islam among the people through the ages, she added.

is known to the world as a moderate, non-communal, anti-terrorist,

country.

manity was in great distress during She announced doubling the the age of "Aiyame Jahiliat" (age of

tion of human rights, has taken The function was also ad- steps for the promotion of human

She said Islam teaches equal rights and dignity of women, abopious Muslim to violate human She said the Imams, through

this training, would play a vital role in checking violence, devel-The Prime Minister said Islam oping human resources, establishing human rights and dignity of woman as well as for maternal and child health care and prevenin the light of leaching of the

holy Quran, she said, her government was keen to involve the Imams in establishing a happy and peaceful society by integrating them in agricultural development, For this, she said, Bangladesh forestry, planned family and poverty alleviation.

She praised the Imams for their

democratic and modern Muslim sincere work in freeing the poor from the curse of illiteracy through She said the emergence of Is- mosque-based mass literacy pro-

Over 2.50 lakh children have been benefited from this programme during the current year, she said. The government would consider increasing the allocation She said the government, as a from Tk 16 crore, if required, she

. Referring to followers of other religious, she said, "we have social and religious obligation to them while we maintain communal

Khaleda said the government would complete the construction of Islamic Foundation Bhaban at Agargaon at a cost of Tk 10 crore. The project was undertaken when BNP was in power in 1994. She also recalled the start of work on the Hajj Complex at Ashokan during the previous BNP regime.

She said her government could remove irregularities and mismanagement in performing the holy Hajj.

Marry Ann Peters said Imams rean give leadership at the grassroots level of the society and thus can help spread new ideas and thoughts. She urged them to help motivate the people to become more respectful to rule of law.

Jorgen Lisner praised the people of Bangladesh for maintaining communal harmony with followers of other religious faiths.

Mohammadpur double murder

Hearing on charge-framing today

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka will hear the petition on charge framing in the sensational Mohammadpur Double Murder Case to-

Judge Mollah Mostafa Kamal was arrested on May 21, this year. passed the order following a time petition by the prosecution law-

Two brothers -- Syed Asfaq Hossain alias Jewel, 27, and Syed Mohammad Ali alias Ribel, 23 -were called out of their home by Kamal Pasha alias Pasha, a listed criminal at about 8.00 am on May 5, 2000.

Later, they were shot dead by Pasha at Lalmatia under Mohammadpur thana in the city.

Victim's father Sved Amjad Hossain, filed a murder case with Mohammadpur thana accusing

Pasha the same day. The Investigation Officer (IO) of the case, submitted a charge

Japanese scholarship programme

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will receive Tk 15.73 crore in grant aid from Japan under the Japanese Development Scholarship (JDS) programme for the next year.

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Jiro Kobayashi and ERD Secretary Anisul Huq Chowdhury signed exchange of notes in this regard in the city yesterday on behalf of their respective governments.

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sheet against Pasha and his driver Mahbubur Rahman to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM)

Court, Dhaka on June 27, last year. Mahbubur Rahman was arrested after five days of the incident. But Pasha has been absconding since the incident. He

Pasha was produced before the court yesterday while Mahbubur Rahman was not produced.

Sircar, Khaleda greet Karzai

Acting President Muhammad Jamiruddin Sircar and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday greeted Hamid Karzai, president of the Islamic transitional government of Mghanistan, on the eve of that country's Independ-

In his message, Sircar said: "I am confident that the close bonds of friendship and cooperation that so happily exist between our two countries will be further strengthened in the days ahead."

He wished the Afghan leader good health, happiness and wells being and the brotherly people of Afghanistan peace, progress and

prosperity. In her message, Khaleda Zia said: "We firmly believe that relations between Bangladesh and Afghanistan will continue to ex-

pand in the coming days." "I look forward to working in close cooperation with you to further strengthen the friendly relations existing between our two countries to the mutual benefit of our peoples."

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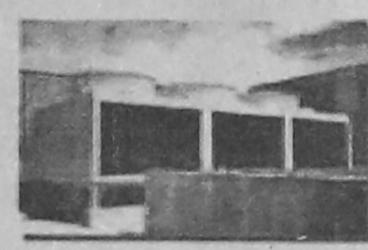
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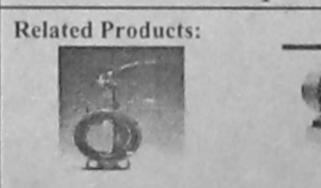
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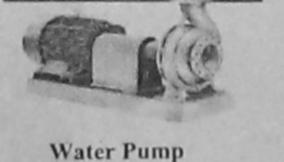


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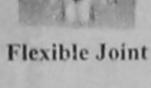
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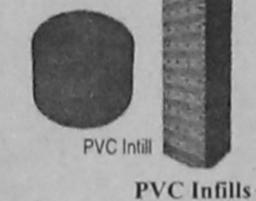




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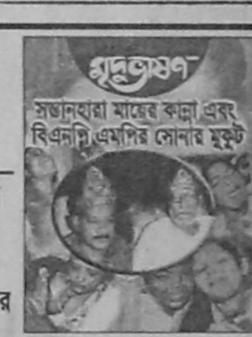
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