

Morshed, Annan for sustained efforts to end world crises

BSS, New York
Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan and United Nations (UN) Secretary General Kofi Annan stressed the need for sustained efforts to address the crises in the Middle East, South Asia and other parts of the world.

They also called for continued UN involvement in the task of prevention and resolution of the conflicts.

The agreement came when M Morshed Khan called on Kofi Annan at the UN headquarters in New York on Thursday.

They had a detailed discussion

on the situation in the Middle East, South Asia and different parts of the world having direct bearing on regional peace and security.

Morshed Khan apprised Annan of steps taken by the Bangladesh government to deepen the roots of democracy, eradicate poverty and empower women.

He also discussed with the UN Secretary General the UN peace-keeping operations in different parts of the world.

Kofi Annan appreciated the pro-active role of Bangladesh in support of UN's various initiatives to promote peace, security and

broad-based development benefiting both developed and developing countries.

He also lauded the contribution of Bangladesh to the UN peace-keeping operations.

Annan expressed the hope that Bangladesh and the UN will continue to work together to advance the cause of peace and development in the years ahead.

Dr Saadat Hussain, Cabinet Secretary, and Dr Iltekar Ahmed Chowdhury, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN, among others were present.

Another ferry service on Padma in four months: Huda

BSS, Dhaka
Communications Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday said the ferry service near Dohar between Karikpur and Charvadrason on the river Padma would be opened within the next four months.

He was addressing a function at Karikpur, organised to mark his visit to the ferry service site, as the chief guest.

Huda said the launch of the ferry service would ease road communications between Barisal, Faridpur and Dohar as well as the capital.

He said the government took up a set of epochal measures for the uplift of communication infrastructures and the transport sector.

The steps are aimed at breathing life into the national economy and raising domestic resources, he said.

6th Wage Board demanded

Bangladesh Newspaper Employees' Federation at a meeting recently demanded announcement of sixth Wage Board, policy for newspaper industry and housing facilities for newspaper employees, says a press release.

Secretary general of the federation Matur Rahman Talukder, Shahjahan Talukder, Shahjalul Mian, Mojibor Rahman, Hazi Sultan Mahmud, Rafiqul Islam, Mafizur Rahman, Abu Taher, Abdul Gofran, Mojibul Haq, Selim Uddin, Mostafizur Rahman, Tanvir Hossen, Nazrul Islam and Tapanchandra Das addressed the meeting with president of the organisation Absaruddin Khan in the chair, the press release added.



President Iajuddin Ahmed visited different stalls at the SME Fair organised by the FBCCI at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

Work together for country's socio-economic uplift

President urges all irrespective of party affiliation, faith

UNB, Dhaka
President Iajuddin Ahmed urged all irrespective of party affiliation and faith to work together for the country's socio-economic uplift so that Bangladesh is not left out in the fast-moving world.

"The world is moving fast. We'll have to synchronise our pace with the speed. Otherwise we'll fall behind all. Time is running out. All have to think about it deeply, and this is the right time," he said.

The university teacher-turned President in his first public address said knowledge has to be spread everywhere. "The new discoveries of science will have to be exploited for upgrading standard of living."

Addressing the concluding ceremony of FBCCI-arranged six-day SME Fair here yesterday, he made some observations about the modes of investment now taking place. He said bigger investment is taking place in real estate, business and other fields than in productive sectors like agriculture and industry.

"Raising productivity skills and investment in industrial sector is an imperative and a concerted effort by all in this regard is a heartfelt desire," the President told the function marking the end of the exhibition of domestic industrial products.

He said some urgent measures are needed, such as long-term plans, for exploiting industrialisation as driving force in the free market economy of present world.

The President suggested two-pronged strategy for overall economic management: short-term economic stability or maintaining a balance on the one hand and on the other mid- and long-term self-sufficiency and advancing with poverty alleviation programme.

He emphasised private sector initiatives for expediting industrialisation in the country. "A perfect and strong private sector is needed for expediting industrialisation."

He also praised the present government for extending all kinds of help and cooperation towards flourishing small and medium enterprises.

"Honorable Prime Minister Khaleda Zia assured all cooperation in setting up and flourishing small and medium-scale industries," the President said.

He referred to a government plan for setting up 18 new BSCIC industrial estates in the country with necessary facilities and funding support for private entrepreneurs in a bid to strengthen the national economy.

"Now, if all come forward unitedly, country's economy will strengthen as well as unemployed youths will get employment," he told the cutting-edge gathering of entrepreneurs and businessmen.

In this respect, the President asked the educated unemployed youths to take the opportunity offered by the government in setting up small and medium-scale industries and contribute to national development.

Iajuddin also asked the SME entrepreneurs to develop agro-based industries. "Our national economy will get a positive impact if processing of agro-products is modernised besides industrial production and their marketing."

The function was also addressed by IGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry president Yussuf Abdullah Harun and FBCCI vice-president Mohammad Ali.

Later, the President distributed awards to outstanding entrepreneurs and visited some stalls.

Plan to check children, women trafficking

BSS, Dhaka
Action Against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ATSEC), a non-government organisation, has taken a six-month long working plan to check children and women trafficking from the country.

The working plan will be executed with the help of as many as 20 grassroots level NGOs working against children and women trafficking, said a press release.

The working plan was finalised at a meeting of exchanging of views between the officials of ATSEC, Bangladesh chapter and the executives of the NGOs on Wednesday.

According to ATSEC, it will provide technical and moral support to strengthen the activities of grassroots level NGOs and to take initiatives for building awareness against trafficking of children and women throughout the country.

25 arrested at Fatulla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ngonj
Police held 25 people during raids in Fatullah thana area on Wednesday night.

Fourteen of them were arrested and produced before court on Thursday and the rest were released as charge could not be brought against any of them.

The raids were conducted in Masdair, Kashipur Dewang, Dharmaganj, Balbural and Panchabati areas of the town.

Police claimed that six of those arrested are listed criminals. Five of them were arrested in connection with cases and one under Section 54 of CrPC.

Meanwhile, local people alleged that police raided houses indiscriminately and held innocent people. False charges were brought against those who could not give bribe.

Hashem Mia, a shopkeeper, said police held his 17 year-old son Alam when he was returning home after night shift work at a garments factory. Sub-inspector Sajedur demanded Tk 15,000 for his release. He gave Tk 12,000 but his son is yet to be released. Hashem alleged, Sajedur could not be contacted till yesterday evening.

An SI of Fatullah thana was suspended two days back for links with terrorists.

Birth registration to ensure social security of new born children

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Participation at a workshop in the city Thursday emphasised on the birth registration of the new-born children to ensure their social security.

At a follow up workshop on 'Birth Registration', organised by Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA), the grassroots level participants stressed the need for simplification of the birth registration process.

Ferdous Ara Begum, joint secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, was present at the workshop as chief guest.

She said due to lack of birth registration it becomes very difficult to provide legal assistance to oppressed women in the society.

In her welcome address, Advocate Salmia Ali, executive director of the BNWLA, called upon the people to ensure birth registration of their children so that they can maintain a decent life in future.



The Sunbeam and the Manarat International School confronted each other at 'The Daily Star-Vigarunnisa 2nd English Debate Championship 2002' at the Vigarunnisa Noon School and College auditorium in the city yesterday.

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Notice for Sale of Mortgaged Assets and Properties of M/s Mermaid Limited, Chittagong

The mortgaged assets and properties of M/s Mermaid Limited, Chittagong, which will be sold in terms of Article 34 of Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha Order, 1972 read with the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (Direct Sale of Mortgaged Property) Rules, 1981 on "as it is where it is" basis and on the basis of "Cash Payment" to realise the BSRS's outstanding loans and dues of Tk. 93.175 million (Principal 12.085 million & interest and others 81.090 million) as on 01-01-2002 together with further interest and charges till realisation from the above named company and its directors listed at para-4 hereinafter.

02. The tenderers may submit their tender for the purchase of the entire properties mortgaged with BSRS as a whole or for land, building and machinery separately.

03. Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha will not assume any legal obligation whatsoever on behalf of the company and/or its directors in respect of any dues/claims of government and/or autonomous bodies such as WASA, local municipality, electric and gas supply authorities, land revenue and other creditors for which the company is liable.

04. The following persons are the directors of the company :-

- (1) Mr. A H M Kamal Uddin
S/o. Late Fazlul Karim;
- (2) Mrs. Lutia Kamal
W/o. A H M Kamal Uddin;
- (3) Mr. Zakiuddin Ahmed
S/o. A H M Kamal Uddin;
- (4) Mr. A H M Nizam Uddin
S/o. Late Fazlul Karim;
- (5) Mr. Dr. A H M Jamal Uddin
S/o. Late Fazlul Karim;
- (6) Mr. A H M Tajuddin
S/o. Late Fazlul Karim;
- (7) Mrs. Narun Nessa
W/o. Late Fazlul Karim;
- (8) Mr. Iqbal Hassain
S/o. Late Motaheer Hossain.

05. Description of Properties:
About 22,600 sft. of land situated at Mouza Char Rangamati, BSCIC Industrial Estate, Kalurghat, Chittagong together with 2 stored factory building, machineries and all superstructure of a fish processing plant.

06. The details of the mortgaged assets and properties and tender schedule containing the terms and conditions of sale may be obtained on payment of Tk 250.00 (non-refundable) from the Assistant General Manager, Law Department, BSRS, Head Office, Dhaka and/or Sangstha's Branch Office at 87, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. The intending tenderers/buyers who are interested to inspect the project assets may contact the Assistant General Manager, Law Department, Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha, Head Office, Dhaka or Sangstha's Office at Chittagong.

07. The intending tenderers/buyers may submit their tenders/offers in sealed cover in the tender box kept at the BSRS's aforesaid Head Office, Dhaka by 2.00 PM on the 12th October, 2002 accompanied with earnest money @ 5% of the tendered amount (refundable in case the offer is not accepted by the BSRS) in the form of scheduled bank's Bank Draft/Pay Order drawn in favour of the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha and payable at Dhaka.

08. The tender will be opened on the 12th October, 2002 at 2.30 PM at the BSRS above mentioned Head Office, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers, if any.

09. The successful tenderers shall have to deposit 50% of the tendered amount within 7 (seven) days and the balance within 30 (thirty) days from the date of acceptance of the tender. In case of failure in making the payment of the tendered amount as aforesaid within the stipulated time the earnest money, 50% of the tendered amount (including earnest money) or any amount of the tender money deposited shall be forfeited and the mortgaged assets and properties will be eligible for resale.

10. The BSRS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders/offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Notice for Sale of Mortgaged Assets and Properties of M/s. Sapid Seas Limited, Chittagong

The mortgaged assets and properties of M/s. Sapid Seas Limited, Chittagong, which have been taken over by the BSRS and are under its possession will be sold in terms of Article 34 of Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha Order, 1972 read with the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (Direct Sale of Mortgaged Property) Rules, 1981 on "as it is where it is" basis and on the basis of "Cash Payment" to realise the BSRS outstanding loans and dues of Tk. 73.395 million (Principal 10.409 million & interest and others 62.986 million) as on 01-01-2002 together with further interest and charges till realisation from the above named company and its directors listed at para-4 hereinafter.

02. The tenderers may submit their tender for the purchase of the entire properties mortgaged with BSRS as a whole or for land, building and machinery separately.

03. Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha will not assume any legal obligation whatsoever on behalf of the company and/or its directors in respect of any dues/claims of Government and/or autonomous bodies such as WASA, local municipality, electric and gas supply authorities, land revenue and other creditors for which the company is liable.

04. The following persons are the directors of the company :-

- (1) Mr. Anwarul Hoque
S/o. Late Shamsuddin Ahmed;
- (2) Mr. Safiuddin Ahmed
S/o. Late Bazlur Rahman;
- (3) Mr. Md. Yusuf
S/o. Late Jabel Ahmed; and
- (4) Mrs. Hasnara Begum
W/o. Mr. Anwarul Hoque.

05. Description of Properties:
All that piece & parcel of land containing by admeasurement of 15,000 (fifteen thousand) sft. of land or thereabouts together with factory building, office building all superstructures therein situated at Mouza-Kattali of BSCIC Industrial Estate, Fouzdarhat and bearing plot No. A-16 (Part) of Block 'A' P.S. Pahartali, Dist. Chittagong.

06. The details of the mortgaged assets and properties and tender schedule containing the terms and conditions of sale may be obtained on payment of Tk 250.00 (non-refundable) from the Assistant General Manager, Law Department, BSRS, Head Office, Dhaka and/or Sangstha's Branch Office at 87, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. The intending tenderers/buyers who are interested to inspect the project assets may contact the Assistant General Manager, Law Department, Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha, Head Office, Dhaka or Sangstha's Office at Chittagong.

07. The intending tenderers/buyers may submit their tenders/offers in sealed cover in the tender box kept at the BSRS's aforesaid Head Office, Dhaka by 2.00 P.M. on the 09th October, 2002 accompanied with earnest money @ 5% of the tendered amount (refundable in case the offer is not accepted by the BSRS) in the form of Scheduled Bank's Draft/Pay Order drawn in favour of the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha and payable at Dhaka.

08. The tender will be opened on the 09th October, 2002 at 2.30 PM at the BSRS above mentioned Head Office, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers, if any.

09. The successful tenderers shall have to deposit 50% of the tendered amount within 7 (seven) days and the balance within 30 (thirty) days from the date of acceptance of the tender. In case of failure in making the payment of the tendered amount as aforesaid within the stipulated time the earnest money, 50% of the tendered amount (including earnest money) or any amount of the tender money deposited shall be forfeited and the mortgaged assets and properties will be eligible for resale.

10. The BSRS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders/offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Auction Notice (3rd Call) No. 02 of 2002-2003

1. Quotations under sealed cover are hereby invited from interested Public Works Directorate enlisted all class contractors and person for as it is where it is basis auction sale of the undermentioned materials. Quotations will be received by the undersigned as well as Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Comilla/B'baria/Lakhipur/Noakhali/Chandpur simultaneously up to 12-00 Noon of 02-10-2002 and the quotations will be opened on the same day at 12-15 hours in presence (if any) of the quotationers. Each quotation under sealed cover stating the name of work should be dropped in tender box kept at the office chamber of the Executive Engineer concerned.
2. A) Name of work : Auction sale of materials unfit for use kept at store/stock under Feni Public Works Division. Year 2002-2003.
B) Earnest money : 10% (ten per cent) of the quoted rate.
C) Time for removing the materials : 7 (seven) days.
3. Condition of materials and other information can be seen at the office of the undersigned as well as Executive Engineer, Comilla/B'baria/Lakhipur/Noakhali/Chandpur & Sub-Divisional Engineer (Civil E/M), Feni Public Works Sub-Division during office hours and tender schedule, terms of conditions & form can be purchased on payment of the price Tk 400/= per set up to 01-10-2002. Original money receipt should be submitted with the quotation. Enlistment registration book of the respective Directorate should be produced at the time of purchasing auction schedule.
4. Earnest money at the rate 10% (ten per cent) of the quoted amount should be submitted with the quotation in the form of BD from scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Feni Public Works Division. Otherwise quotation will be treated as cancelled.

S A M Fazul Kabir
Executive Engineer
Feni Public Works Division
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DHAKA TODAY

Film show
The Arganta International Film Society, the Shuvechha Film Society and the Satyajit Ray Film Society have jointly organised a four-day long special film session on Film 'Devdas'. On the opening day, a seminar will be followed by the screening of Sanjoy Lila Banthali's 'Devdas'. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.

Photo exhibition
'A glimpse of Bangladesh Heritage', the first solo photography exhibition of Babu Ahmed, a photojournalist, will be inaugurated. Venue: Drik Gallery, House-58, Road-15 A, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm. The exhibition will remain open from 3.00pm to 8.00pm daily till September 30.

TIB workshop
The Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) will hold a two-day workshop on national honesty. Venue: CIRDP auditorium, 17 Topkhana Road. Time: 9.00am.

Discussion on environment
The Bangladesh Environment Movement will hold a discussion on 'Global environment and the role of civil society of Bangladesh'. Environmentalist Dr. Safimul Haque will present the keynote paper. Venue: Bangladesh Environment Movement office, Lalmata. Time: 5.30pm.

Seminar on IT
The Daffodil International University (DIU) organises a seminar on Evolution of computing and computer technology. Prof. Dr. Lutfar Rahman will be the keynote speaker. Venue: DIU premises. Time: 11.00am.

Solaiman Smriti Parishad
The SM Solaiman Smriti Parishad organises a two-day programme to mark the first death anniversary of SM Solaiman, former secretary general of the Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation. Venue: Guide House auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

Award ceremony
The third Gold and Silver Medals and Scholarship Award Ceremony 2002, organised by the Bhuiyan Computers.

will be held with State Minister for Education A N M Ehsanul Haque as chief guest. Venue: auditorium of the Institution of Engineers. Time: 5.00pm.

Calligraphy exhibition
The inaugural ceremony of a calligraphy exhibition by Bashir Mesbah will be held with Health Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain as chief guest. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 3.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till October 1.

Discussion
The Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Forum organises an open discussion for the entrepreneurs in the readymade garment sector on the present crisis faced by the industry. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 4.00pm.

Memorial meeting
A two-day discussion meeting in memory of Dr. Muhammad Enamul Haq, former director of Bangla Academy, will begin. Venue: Seminar Room of Bangla Academy. Time: 11.00am.

Rotary Dhaka Central
Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Rotarians are requested to attend the meeting for fellowship and make-up. Venue: RAOWA Club, Mahakhali. Time: 1.30pm.

Rotary Dhaka North West
The Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will hold its regular weekly meeting. Members have been requested to attend the meeting on time. Venue: Gourmet Garden Restaurant, House # 24/A, Road # 16 (New), Dhanmondi. Time: 1.30pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Training
The inaugural ceremony of 'Training on Occupational Safety & Health for Transport workers', organised by the Development of Traffic-sense and Road Awareness, will be held with Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: DCCI auditorium, Motijheel. Time: 5.00pm.