

BCL leader released

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rafiqul Islam Kotwal, vice-president of the Bangladesh Chhatra League, was released yesterday morning.

The BCL acting president and acting general secretary and other central leaders received him at the Gazipur jail gate.

Former state minister advocate Rahamat Ali and general secretary of Sramik League Ahsanullah Master MP were also present there.

Rafiqul Islam and several other BCL leaders were arrested by plain-clothes men from outside the Dhanmondi residence of the Awami League chief on February 25. They were later shown arrested in different cases.

Of the arrested, BCL president Liaquat Sikdar and general secretary Nazrul Islam Babu were released on September 21.

Workshop on CCTLD concludes

BSS, Dhaka

A two-day workshop on country code-top level domain (CCTLD), aimed at bolstering efficiency and effectiveness of server management, ended at Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) here yesterday.

The two-day workshop covered different topics including introduction to DNS, DNS security, server management, server security, ICANN (The Internet Cooperation for Assigned Names and Numbers) root server, IANA functions and multilingual DNS and ICANN.



A procession paraded through the city streets yesterday urging all to keep the city clean.

Druk Air to operate Dhaka-Paro flights twice a week

BSS, Dhaka

Druk Air, Bhutan's national airlines, will operate Dhaka-Paro flights twice a week from next month.

Newly appointed Bhutanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Dasho Dophu Tshering said this when he

called on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday.

Druk Air now operates one flight a month between the two countries.

The decision to increase Druk Air flights between Dhaka and Paro followed Bangladesh's positive response to a request by Bhutan to reduce airport handling charges at Zia International Airport.

The increase in Dhaka-Paro flight frequency of the Druk Air will help promote trade ties between the two countries, the Bhutanese Ambassador said.

The prime minister expressed the hope that trade and economic relations between the two countries would be further strengthened.

She urged Bhutan to import more Bangladeshi goods to reduce the existing trade gap between the two countries, which is now in favour of Bhutan.

In fiscal 2000-2001, Bhutan imported jute, goods, melamine products, ceramics, condensed milk, ready-made garments, soft drinks, potato chips, biscuits, pharmaceuticals and toiletries worth US dollar 1.18 million.

During the period, Bangladesh's imports from Bhutan including fruits, food products,

boulders, marbles, limestone, mango juice and pickles, stood at US dollar 5.65 million.

In 2001-2002, Bangladesh's export to Bhutan declined to US dollar 1.14 million due to imposition of supplementary taxes and its import from Bhutan also dropped to US dollar 2.95 million.

Khaleda hoped that relations between the two SAARC countries would be further consolidated in the days ahead.

The Bhutanese Ambassador lauded Bangladesh's gesture of providing scholarship to Bhutanese students in medical colleges. He said it would contribute a lot to the improvement of health sector in Bhutan.

Tshering expressed special interest in training of Bhutanese police officers in Bangladesh. He also lauded the present government's steps to improve the socio-economic situation in Bangladesh.

The envoy appreciated the programmes undertaken by the four-party alliance government for empowerment of women, enhancement of facilities for female students, development of health services and reduction of poverty.

Tshering conveyed the Bhutanese King's invitation to Khaleda Zia to visit Bhutan.

MK Alamgir granted anticipatory bail

UNB, Dhaka

Former state minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir was granted anticipatory bail for six months by the High Court in a criminal case yesterday.

Tahsilder of Bitara Union under Kochua Police Station filed the case accusing Alamgir of grabbing a plot of khas land in his home village and illegally transferring it to a high school named after him when he was in power.

The case, 8th in a row against Alamgir, is now pending before the First Class magistrate of Chandpur. He secured bail in all the previous cases, including one charged with sedition.

S Korean envoy presents credentials

UNB, Dhaka

The newly appointed ambassador of South Korea to Bangladesh Kyu-Hyung Lee presented his credentials to president Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Welcoming Lee, President Iajuddin recalled the establishment of diplomatic relations with South Korea in 1972 and expressed satisfaction at the excellent bilateral relations between Bangladesh and South Korea.

He hoped that the existing close and cooperative relations would be further deepened and diversified in future.

The president said the present government attaches great importance to strengthening bilateral ties and cooperation with South Korea in the field of economic, technical, trade and investment.

He observed that there exists much scope for increasing bilateral trade and reducing trade imbalance against Bangladesh.

He hoped that Korea will invest more in Bangladesh in the fields of leather goods, gas exploration, tourism, fertiliser, composite textiles, jute, deep sea fishing and information technology.

Kyu-Hyung Lee said that the people of Korea considers Bangladesh as their good friend.

He referred to the existing friendly and cooperative bilateral relations between the two countries, saying that there is ample opportunity to develop the relations.

He said that both the countries can share each other's experience for the betterment of their people. He hoped that bilateral relations especially in the field of economic cooperation would be deepened and diversified in future.

Earlier, on his arrival at Bangabhaban, the ambassador was given a guard of honour by the President's Guard Regiment. He took salute and inspected the guard.

Secretary to the president M Abdul Huq, Foreign Secretary Shamsur Mobin Chowdhury and MSP Major General A M Mansur Ahmed were present on the occasion.

Dhaka hails UN resolution

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh yesterday welcomed the UN Security Council resolution passed with the votes of 14 out of 15 members calling on Israel to immediately lift its siege of the Palestine Headquarters in Ramallah.

Bangladesh hopes that the Security Council will ensure full and immediate implementation of the resolution, says an official hand-out.

1404 more arrested

BSS, Dhaka

Police recovered five firearms, one weapon and nine bullets from across the country during the last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday.

They also arrested 1404 people, including two identified criminals during the period, a police headquarters press release

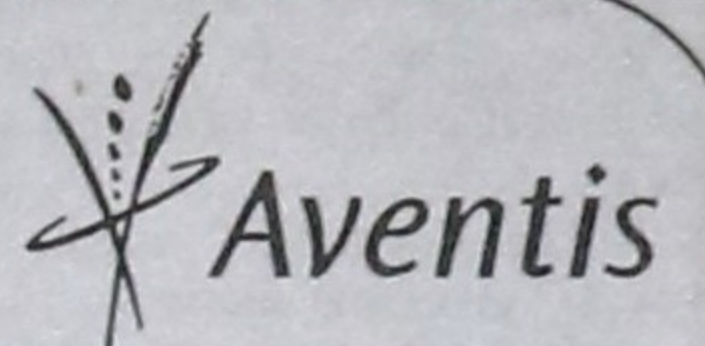
said. Of the arrested, 775 were wanted by police and 614 accused in different under-investigation cases.

Nine persons were arrested in connection with the arms recovery and police filed four cases against them under the Arms Act.



Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) president ASM Abdur Rob inaugurating the JSD Dhaka City unit's convention 2002 at the Mahanagar Natya Mancha in the city yesterday.

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