

President apprised of universities' problems

BSS, Dhaka

A 14-member delegation of the standing committee of the Association of Universities, Bangladesh (AUB) called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Chairman of the AUB and Vice-Chancellor of the Islamic University Prof Mohammad Mustafizur Rahman led the delegation.

The members of the delegation apprised the President of various problems and over all educational atmospheres in their respective universities.

The President gave them a patient hearing and said that he will look into it.

Members of the delegation include vice-chancellors of Dhaka University, Rajshahi University, Chittagong University, Khulna University, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), Mymensingh, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST), Bangladesh Open University, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Science and Technology University of Patuakhali, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (Dhaka) and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).



A 14-member delegation of the Association of Universities of Bangladesh made a courtesy call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at the Bangabhaban yesterday.

Risk of natural calamities, acid victims Budget to be doubled in next fiscal: Saifur

BSS, Dhaka

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday announced that the budget for the implementation of Mitigation of Risks of Natural Calamities and Acid Burnt Women and Disabled Rehabilitation Programmes would be doubled in the next fiscal.

Allocations for other welfare programmes will be raised by Tk 200 crore, he said.

The declaration of the minister came when he was presiding over the 9th meeting of the cabinet

committee on old-age allowance, widow and husband deserted destitute women and insolvent freedom fighters' allowance programmes at the secretariat here.

Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujaheed and State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Redwan Ahmed, concerned secretaries and senior officials were present at the meeting.

The meeting discussed, in detail, the old-age allowance, allowance for widows and husband deserted destitute women and insolvent freedom fighters' allowance programmes and increase in allocations and number of beneficiaries of the scheme.

The meeting approved the implementation policies of the Programme for the Mitigation of the Risks of Natural Calamities and Acid Burnt Women and Disabled Rehabilitation Programme after detailed discussion on their various aspects.

Saifur assured that an additional amount of Tk 40 crore would be made for the programmes in the next budget. Tk 40 crore has been allocated for the programmes in the current-budget.

Various poverty eradication activities run by the Social Welfare

Directorate also figured in the meeting.

Saifur appreciated the activities run under the Rural Social Service Programme, Rural Maternity Centre and Urban Social Service Programmes.

He said there was no publicity of the programmes although they made remarkable contribution to social development.

British film week ends in Chittagong

CU CORRESPONDENT

British Film Week was ended at the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) auditorium in the port city of Chittagong yesterday.

Organised by the British Council, the Film Week began at the capital city of Dhaka on October 10 and continued there till October 13.

Later, another three-day film show began at the port city on October 14 and ended yesterday.

Four films were screened at the week. The films are — Strictly Sinatra, Captain Corelli's Mandolin, Purely Belter and Lucky Break.

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Communications sector ROK support sought

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Communications Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday sought more support and assistance from South Korean government to improve the communications infrastructure in Bangladesh.

In the past, Korean government has extended their huge support in the development of railway sector, he told the South Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh Kyu Hyung Lee during a meeting at his secretariat office.

Nazmul Huda said the present

government has taken various pragmatic steps for development of the railway sector by introducing modern technologies and improving the services to passengers.

He urged the Korean government to come forward in a bigger way to invest in the communications sector in Bangladesh.

The Ambassador assured the minister of providing continued support and assistance of Korean government and private sector investment in Bangladesh particularly in the communications sector.

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