grammes on the campus.

They said several committees

and sub-committees have been

formed for smooth holding of the

artistes and cultural activists will

cultural organisations around the

country to celebrate the day being

imbued with the spirit of the Lib-

deep concern over the death un-

der army custody during the joint

impartial role in discharging their

Nasir Uddin Yousuf, the press

conference was addressed by

Hasan Hafiz, assistant general

secretary, Ramendu Majumdar

drive against the criminals.

They urged different socio-

The Jote leaders also expressed

They urged the army to play an

Presided over by SSJ president

METROPOLITAN

Buy more goods from Bangladesh

Bhuiyan requests Bhutanese envoy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday urged Bhutan to buy more goods and products from Bangladesh to remove the existing trade gap.

Embassy in Dhaka Dasho Dophu him at his Secretariat office.

During the meeting, Bhuiyan said the trade balance is quite in minister for his cordiality and favour of Bhutan and urged the ambassador to take initiative to reduce the gap through purchas- tions. ing more goods from Bangladesh.

Bhutan as one of the most closest neighbours and relation between together for global peace. the two countries is excellent.

President, PM greet Sultan of Oman

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday felicitated the Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Al-Said on the occasion of the national day of the Bangladesh and Korea." Sultanate of Oman.

In a message, President Iajuddin Ahmed expressed his conviction that the excellent bilateral relations that so happily existing between the two brotherly countries would grow further to mutual benefits.

Khaleda Zia in a separate message said "the government and the people of Bangladesh join me in conveying to you and through you to the government and the brotherly people of Oman our heartiest greetings on the happy occasion of the national day of the Sultanate of Oman."

Both Bhuiyan and Tshering recalled the contribution of late President Ziaur Rahman towards strengthening trade relationship between Bangladesh and Bhutan.

The LGRD minister assured al out cooperation to the new am He made the request when the bassador during his diplomatic Ambassador of Royal Bhutanese assignment in Bangladesh and hoped that he would take personal Tshering paid a courtesy call on initiative to boost bilateral as well as trade relations.

The ambassador thanked the assured him to work for further strengthening of bilateral rela-

They also discussed regional He said Bangladesh considers and international issues of com mon concern and hoped to work

Bangladesh envoy honoured by ROK

BSS, Dhaka

South Korea has awarded Iftikha rul Karim, former Bangladesh Ambassador in Seoul, the Order of Diplomatic Service President Iajuddin Ahmed and Gwanghwa Medal for his "great contributions towards enhancing the friendly and co-operative relations in various fields between

South Korean Ambassador, on behalf of the South Korean President, conferred the award on Karim, who is now Bangladesh Ambassador to China on Saturday in a solemn and dignified ceremony at the South Korean Embassy in Beijing.

South Korea has honoured a desh. Bangladeshi Ambassador, a press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said here yesterday.

Karim served as Bangladesh Ambassador to South Korea before his appointment as Ambassador to China in July 2002.

Safe custody centre for women opens in Sylhet

BSS, Sylhet

Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammed Muzahid yesterday formally inaugurated a safe custody centre for women, children and adolescent at Bagbari

He also addressed a gathering in connection with the inaugural ceremony on the premises of safe custody homes.

Nazrul Islam, Divisional Commissioner, presided over the meeting.

The women, children or adolescents ordered by court to be in the safe custody homes will be accommodated in the centre.

Now 17 persons are living at homes which accommodate 50 persons.

WFP, SDC sign LOU to provide emergency aid to flood victims

BSS, Dhaka

World Food Programme (WFP) and the government of the Swiss Confederation, represented by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), has signed a Letter of Understanding (LOU) regarding emergency assistance worth US 135,000 US This is for the first time that the | dollar to flood victims in Bangla-

Coordinator of the SDC, and Douglas Casson Coutts, Representative of WFP in Bangladesh, signed the LOU on behalf of their organisations on Thursday, a WFP press release said here yesterday.



BNP leaders offer munajat at the mazar of Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani at Santosh in Tangail yesterday.

Rich tributes paid to Bhasani

BSS, Tangail

Thousands of people from across the country converged on the mazar of Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani here yesterday and paid homage to the great son of the soil on the occasion of his 26th death anniversary.

A reverberating atmosphere terday noon prevailed around the Santosh Islamic Engineering and Technological University premises as people from all walks of life including ministers, leaders of different political parties and sociocultural organisations wearing black badges and carrying banners Minister for Water Resources Ad-Markus Waldvogel, Resident | poured into the mausoleum since early in the morning to pay trib-

utes to the late leader. mazar of Moulana Bhasani who anniversary observing national was conferred the title 'Mozlum committee Mujibur Rahman and to the cause of the downtrodden organisations were present. people. They vowed to implement

A newly evolved simple rice

cultivation technique has proved

to be very effective for increased

yields without extra inputs

space between the hills and use

balanced volume of water for

irrigation," Mofizur Rahman, a

senior agricultural researcher of

Life-Nopest project of Care

which was evolved in rice

producing Madagascar only some

15 years ago, could produce 32 to

46 per cent more yield for Boro

cultivation and 12 per cent for

Aman crops without any extra

Rice Intensification (SRI), was

tested by Life-Nopest project of

Care Bangladesh through farmer

level field experiments in 2000 and

2001 and found it to be very

effective in boosting the yields of

particularly Boro and Aman

2001 to May 2002 tests were

selected in Kishoreganj,

Mymensingh, Sherpur, Rajshahi

and Chapainawabganj districts

where the production was 28, 36,

The locations for the December

The method called System of

He added that the method,

Bangladesh told BSS.

inputs.

seedling in one hill, take a wider varieties too.

BSS, Dhaka

the ideals and dreams of the late ganised a discussion meeting on

formation Minister and convenor of the National Committee for observing the Bhasani's 26th death anniversary Tariqul Islam paid homage to the late leader by placing wreath at the mazar yes-

Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman, State Minister for Housing and Public Works Alamgir Kabir, State Minister for Labour and Employment Lutfor Rahman Khan Azad, State Minister for Agriculture Fakrul Islam Alamgir, State vocate Goutam Chakraborty, Deputy Minister for Education Advocate Abdus Salam Pintu, They placed wreaths at the General Secretary of the death Jananeta' for his life-long devotion senior leaders of BNP and its from

BNP, Tangail district unit or- the mazar.

New cultivation tech ups rice yield

42, 16 and 22 per cent higher

In view of the successy the is

respectively over the conventional

Department of Agriculture

out with encouraging results

SRI method the young seedlings

are preferred for extraction of their

full genetic potentials to produce

more viable tillers and root

given wider spaces to reduce

competition between hills and

keep the soil well-aerated

condition to consume more

nutrients. And balanced use of

water is wanted for drying and

wetting of soil in an alternative

order to allow the plant to intake

methods the farmers use 40 days

Under the conventional

maximum nutrients, they said.

the traditional practice.

Plants with single seedlings are

Care officials said under the method.

practice, Care officials said.

prompting growing number of Extension of the government also

farmers in north and northwestern took interest in replicating the

parts of the country to practice the method in many areas and came

younger seedlings, plant one the SRI method for other rice

"The technique is simple -- use prompting farmers to undertake

the mazar premises. Information Ruling BNP leaders led by In- Minister, Food Minister, State and Deputy Ministers took part in the

In the morning, the Santosh Islamic University Trust held milad mahfil and prayed at the mazar seeking eternal peace of the departed soul of the great leader.

President of Krishak Sramik Janata League Bangabir Abdul Kader Siddiqi, MP, Chairman of Jatiya Party (JP) Hossain Muhammad Ershad, central leaders of Jatiya Party (Monju), pre sidium members of JP Shafiul Alam Pradan and Sheikh Sowkat Hossain Nilu, leaders of different local unit of political parties, professional bodies, teachers and students of different educational

University Trust placed wreaths at

a distance of 30 to 35 cms between

the hills, balanced use of water to

keep the soil aerated and plant

calculated the average gross

Agriculture Extension Dep-

artment and Bangladesh Rice

Research Institute have also

extended their hands for the

the country.

Care agriculturists

one seedling in one hill

to be Tk 22,679 per hector.

Govt to help insolvent overseas job seekers

ties to allow them to hold the pro- and Mofidul Haque.

SSJ programmes to

celebrate Victory Day

programmes to celebrate the Vic- programmes in which around 200

eration War.

BSS, Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

December 13.

rium yesterday.

The Sammilito Sangskritik Jote

(SSI) has taken up a four-day long

Air Vice-Marshal (Retd) A K

Khandaker, deputy chief com-

mander of the Liberation War, will

inaugurate the programmes on

on the premises of Central Sha-

heed Minar, Dhaka University

Campus and other places in the

This was announced by the

leaders of the Sammilito Sangskri-

tik Jote at a press conference at

Dhaka Reporters' Unity audito-

would urge the university authori-

The Jote leaders said they

The programmes will be held

State Minister for Repatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Major Mohammad Kamrul Islam (Retd) said the government would extend financial help to insolvent overseas job seekers for enhancing income and reducing emigration cost in the manpower export sec-

He said this while addressing as chief guest a workshop titled "National Consultation Workshop on Labour Migration Process in Bangladesh" here.

The workshop, organised by International Organisation for Migration (IOM), was presided

Dhaka College Ex-students' reunion on Dec 20

The second reunion of Dhaka College Ex-students' Association will be held at Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex in the city on December 20, says a press

margin from SRI at farmers' level The date for registration has been extended to November 30. Intending ex-students of the

The researchers said the SRI college have been requested to has already created enthusiasm collect the registration forms and among the farmers and a large number of peasants beyond the submit the same within November project areas also adopted the 30.

Persons to be contacted in this regard are: Nasim Mahmud-8612504, 0171825799, Gazi Ashraf Lipu- 0171523570, Nakibul Islam-7113489, 019352542, Nurul Hudaexpansion of SRI practice across | 8619358 and Ajmal Hossain-011043551.

over by UNDP Resident Representative Jorgen Lissner. It was also addressed by BIARA President M A H Selim, MP, and Secretary of the Ministry Mohammad Dalilud

din Mondol.

Kamrul said the government has opened separate channel at the airports to ensure the safe transit of the expatriates. "The government will also introduce bus services for transportation of the expatriates from airports," he said adding that 4000 plots land would be allocated to the expatriates at RAJUK Purbachal Residen-

Five research papers highlighting the problems related to emigration procedures and their possible solutions were presented at the workshop.

Bangladesh envoy to Cuba presents credentials

BSS, Dhaka

Mohsin Ali Khan, ambassador of Bangladesh concurrently accredfred to Cuba (with residence in Ottawa), presented his credentials to Vice-President of Cuba Juan Almeida Bosque at the Presidential Palace in Havana recently.

Accepting the credentials, the Vice-President welcomed the new Bangladesh ambassador and conveyed to him the greetings and best wishes and regards from the president of Cuba to the President and the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, a press release of Ministry of Foreign Affairs said here yester-

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Former foreign minister Abdus Samad Azad leads a human chain formed in front of the Awami League central office on the Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday in demand for release of the party leaders and activists arrested in the army-led anticrime operation.

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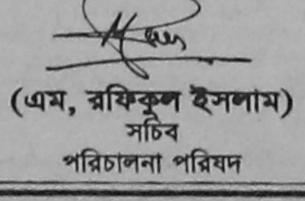
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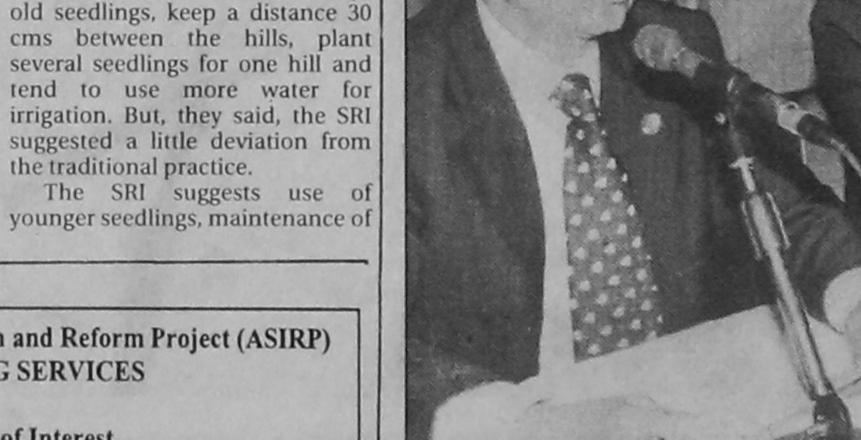


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The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for Evaluation of ASIRP -Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) Component. The services will include the provision of the following specialists: (a) A Socio-Economist(Team Leader) - 5 person weeks, (b) An Agricultural Extension Specialist -3 person weeks (c) An Agronomist - 3 person weeks and (d) A Gender Specialist - 3 person weeks. The services will be provided in a period between December 2002 and February 2003 The Project Director of ASIRP, DAE now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide information that they are qualified to perform the services ,including an explanation of why they have a competitive advantage in undertaking this evaluation, a brief summary of evaluations they have managed during the last 5 years and brief summary CVs of potential candidates, who all need a postgraduate qualification, relevant experience and a minimum of 15 years experience (Team Leader -20 years). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedure set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers January 1997, (Revised September 1997, January 1999 and May 2002). Interested consultants may obtain further information from the address below during the hours (09.00-14.00) .Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below by 2 p.m. on December 3rd 2002 The Project Director, ASIRP, Dept of Agricultural Extension(DAE). 3rd Floor, Middle Building, Kamarbari, Farmgate

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Shifting of Branch

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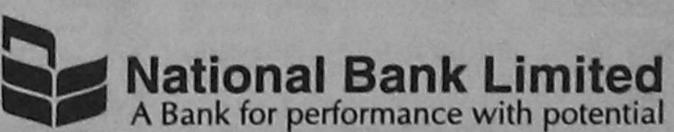
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