

2 control rooms at Ctg port for handling cargoes

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Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) has set up two control rooms to monitor and expedite the handling of import and export cargoes in view of the current devastating floods.

"We opened the control rooms on Monday to work round the clock to help overcome any problem in the transportation of goods to and from this port, said the officials.

CPA Chairman Shahadat Hossain said the opening of the control rooms is a precautionary measure as carrying of goods by rail and road has become very risky.

"Transportation of container by train suffered immense delay to reach Dhaka on Sunday as the railway tracks went under water near the capital, he added.

The chairman said if any problem arises in transporting and handling cargoes due to floods, the control rooms will monitor and take necessary steps in this regard.

CPA Secretary Forhad Hossain said the control rooms would also monitor the arrival and transportation of relief materials from abroad.

"The control rooms are ready to do the needful to ensure rapid

discharge and transportation of relief goods from the port for the flood affected people," he added. According to port officials, transportation of containers to inland container depot (ICD) in Dhaka has slowed down due to floods.

There are now over 13,000 containers at the port against its holding capacity of 12,000 creating space congestion, they added.

The officials have attributed the reason to heavy monsoon rains in Chittagong last week and floods in other parts of the country.

Chittagong port handles country's 80 percent import and export cargo, they added.

JU first year honours classes from August 28

JU CORRESPONDENT

The first year honours classes of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will begin on August 28 instead of August 7 as the flood situation deteriorated.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the admission committee at the administrative building yesterday with Vice-Chancellor Prof Khandekar Mustahidur Rahman in the chair. The university authorities will accord a reception to the freshers on August 26.

Seats have been allocated to the students of this session to different dormitories.

The list of the seat allotment has already been put up on the notice board at the administrative building. The students have been advised to contact provosts of their respective halls.

If any student remains absent in the classes for ten consecutive days without prior permission of the chairman of the concerned department, admission will be cancelled, the authorities said.



Awami Swachhshabak League brought out a procession at the Central Shaheed Minar in observance of its first anniversary of national conference with a call to stand by flood-hit people.

S'Asia Migration Resource Network launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Refugee and Migration Movements Research Unit has launched a regional network to ensure the rights of migrant workers from five South Asian countries and to share information among the scholars and researchers.

The South Asia Migration Resource Network (SAMReN) will collect information from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal and post these data on a website in next three months.

It will also organise workshop, discussion and roundtable in these countries to raise awareness about the rights of migrant workers, said Dr Tasneem Siddique, chairman of the Research Unit, at a press conference in the city on Monday.

At present, over 175 million migrant workers are working in different countries worldwide, she said.

Prof Dr Mahendra Lama of Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, Rashid Memon of Pakistan, Jagannath Adhikari of Nepal and Research Unit Executive Director Dr CR Abrar also spoke.

Obituary



George A. Pecht, Vice-President and Sr. Partner Ammann and Whitney, the New York-based Engineering Consulting Engineers, died recently, says a press release.

George Pecht spent 25 years of his professional career in Bangladesh working on different development projects with Roads & Highways Department, BADC and other government agencies.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, four sons and nine grand children.

Razia Muqit, BSS, Dhaka

Razia Muqit, wife of late MA Muqit, former District Agriculture Officer, died of old age complications here on Monday night at the age of 70.

She is survived by her one son, four daughters, grand children and a host of relations and friends to mourn her death.

Her namaz-a-janaza was held at the Eidgah Maidan at Dhanmondi after the Zohr prayers yesterday. She was buried at the Azampur New Graveyard.

Her qulqhwani will be held at her Dhanmondi residence at House No 93, Road No 9-A (New) after the Asr prayers on Friday.

Death anniversary



Today is the seventh death anniversary of freedom fighter Atia Baghmar, says a press release.

On the occasion, foods will be distributed among the orphans at her Banani residence after Asr prayers today.

Khaled Saiful Islam



Today is the first death anniversary of Md Khaled Saiful Islam Shimul, son of Bagerhat Zila Parishad chief executive officer Mansur Ahmed, says a press release.

Shimul died after eight of years of illness on this day in 2003. On the occasion, Quarkhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his father's house at village Baro Machhua in Pirojpur district after Asr prayers today.

Robber stabbed to death during robbery

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A robber was killed and an army man was injured seriously as he tried to resist a gang of robbers during a robbery at his home at Boalkhali upazila in the early hours of yesterday.

Police and witnesses said some 30 armed robbers stormed into the house of Abul Kashem at Madhyam Charandwipataround 2.30am.

As they started looting, Zainal Abedin, son of Abul Kashem, tried to resist them but the robbers stabbed him seriously.

Zainal, however, managed to snatch a dagger from the gang and stabbed one

of them, forcing the gang to retreat. The gang fled the house along with the injured robber immediately. They also looted gold ornaments and money totalling about Tk 1 lakh and 14 thousand.

The injured robber, Belal Hossain, 25, died in the morning.

At around noon, police intercepted a microbus carrying the body of Belal and arrested six robbers from the vehicle.

The arrestees were Tajul Islam alias Monir, 24, Noor Mohammad, 22, Shahadat Hossain, 26, Md Suman, 22, Md Selim Hana, 22, and Didarul Alam alias Didar, 21.

Proshika staffs' donation for flood victims

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Employees of Proshika, a non-government organisation, have donated seven and a half percent of their salary for flood affected people.

Proshika has also formed a six-member committee headed by Syed Gias Uddin, director of the disaster management division, to conduct the relief.

Meanwhile, the Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB), in a statement yesterday, expressed gratitude to persons and organisations who demanded the release of Proshika chief Qazi Faruque Ahmed.

Tushar, Salahuddin elected AAB president, secy



Tushar Kanti Howlader and Md Salahuddin were elected president and general secretary of the working committee of Alumni Association of BKSP (AAB) at its general meeting recently, says a press release.

Other office-bearers of the committee are Vice-Presidents Alamgir Alam, Masud Rana, Naimur Rahman Durjoy, Hasan Al-Mamun and Sabbir Khan; Assistant General Secretaries Akhtaruzzaman Sabbir, Sohrab Uddin Shourav and Mahubul Hossain; Organising Secretary Syed Rafiqunabi Naquib; Treasurer Shah Newaz Kabir Shuvo; Publicity and Publication Secretary Rabeed Imam; Cultural Secretary Fozia Huda Jui and Sports Secretary Firoze Mahmud Titu.

The committee will make all necessary arrangements for holding a reunion of the old students of the Bangladesh Kriya Shiksha Protishthan (BKSP) on September 10. All former students have been requested to complete registration by August 20. For further information, interested persons have been asked to contact mobile phone numbers: 0171-845018, 0176-110596 and 0175-008912.

Advertisement for DHAKA TODAY featuring various events: Musical evening, Meeting, Seminar on flood, Talk, BISS seminar, ACPF seminar, Buet seminar, Film show, Art competition, and Seminar. Each event includes details like date, time, and venue.

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Continuation of VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT by UNFPA Bangladesh, listing additional positions like Project Assistant - Tea Plantation, National Programme Officer, and Medical Officer, with their respective details.

Advertisement for Sammlita Sangskritik Jote, showing a group of people and text describing their relief distribution efforts for flood-hit people at Rugganj yesterday.

Advertisement for 'আজ ২৮ শে জুলাই সকাল ৯ টায় শুরু হচ্ছে ঢাকা শেরাটন হোটেলে আন্তর্জাতিক শিক্ষা মেলা' (International Education Fair at Sheraton Hotel Dhaka starting July 28th at 9 AM). Includes details about admission, travel loans, and contact information.