

Tk 300cr funds allocated for road repairs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The communications ministry yesterday allocated around Tk 300 crore for immediate start of repair and reconstruction of over 500 roads and highways without waiting for approval of the Planning Commission.

Of the amount, Tk 1 crore each was allocated for 92 roads and highways of public importance and Tk 50 lakh each for 416 roads linking districts, which were severely damaged by the month-long floods and recent driving rain across the country, ministry sources said.

The allocation was made at a high-level meeting chaired by

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CNG SCAM PROBE JS bodies get yet another extension

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary investigations into various alleged irregularities at the communications ministry get yet another one-month extension yesterday.

The standing body on communications ministry reset the deadline as its three sub-committees failed to submit reports in time.

The sub-committees have been

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Spare car in PM's motorcade catches fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A spare car in Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's motorcade charred yesterday after its engine suddenly caught fire in Chaudhagram area of Comilla on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

The PM travelled by the vehicle from Dhaka and changed it in front of Chaudhagram Police Station on her journey to Noakhali in the morning.

The driver restarted the car left by PM after a brief check-up at around 11.45am. When it reached Jagannathdighi, eight km south of

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Robbers raid house, abduct one in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A gang in the early hours yesterday robbed a house and abducted the owner's brother in Farakpur village in Daulatpur upazila of the district.

They demanded a ransom of Tk 5 lakh for release of the kidnapped, a Higher Secondary student of Khas Mathurapur People's Degree College.

The robbers posing as policemen entered the house of Dr Sahin R e z a

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PHOTO: STAR

Oikya Mancha President Dr Kamal Hossain and Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury hold their hands aloft after a joint declaration yesterday.

B Chy, Kamal to visit districts for 2 months

Formulate people's manifesto

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) and Jatiyo Oikkamancha yesterday in a joint declaration said both parties will work for a national consensus to rid the countrymen of the present situation.

They will formulate a people's manifesto as part of which BDB chief AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury and Oikya Mancha President Dr Kamal Hossain will visit every district of the country for two months

starting from October 1.

The joint declaration was announced at the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh auditorium yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Kamal said, "Successive governments deceived the countrymen by making false promises before every general election."

He said the country's image is being tainted as one riddled with corruption and criminal activities being actively supported by the

government.

"The country's educational institutions are about to collapse as a handful of criminals have held the general students hostage," he added.

"Let us pledge to elect honest people through elections to put the country on track of development," Dr Kamal said.

The Oikkamancha president maintained that the people's manifesto would be formulated by incorporating opinions of a wide

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HSC results today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The results of the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations, 2004 under seven education boards will be published today.

Results of Alim, Fazil and Kamil under Madrasa Education Board, business management under Technical Education Board, diploma in business studies and diploma in commerce under Dhaka Education Board will also be published simultaneously today, said a press release of the Education Board Computer Centre.

About 6.29 lakh examinees sat the examinations.

The results will be posted on the education board's

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35 more villages deluged in Magura

Situation worsens in Satkhira

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Floodwaters rolling from upstream India yesterday swamped 35 more villages in Shalikha upazila of Magura while the deluge took a serious turn in southwestern Satkhira district leaving about 50,000 people marooned.

Our correspondent from Magura says surging waters from the river Fatki have inundated roads, croplands and homesteads in five unions of Shalikha upazila while the flood situation in Sadar upazila remained unchanged.

The most affected villages are Amian, Bogra, Koatbagh, Debila, Chatkabarila, Noorpur, Khilgati, Vulbaria, Gazdurba, Sangdha, Gobindapur, Digholgram, Saogati, Bhatoail, Tiorkhali, Dorisoloi, Anandanagar, Krishnapur, Hatbaria, Nalia, Katoli and Dewadanga.

Bogra-Amian, Singra-Alamkhali, Shalikha-Katoli, Chatkabarila-Natopara and Naghosha-Singra

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roads went under two feet deep water disrupting movement of vehicles.

The government has opened 30 flood shelters in Shalikha where more than a thousand families have taken shelter. Thirty educational institutions have been declared closed due to waterlogging and for sheltering the homeless people.

Scarcity of safe drinking water has worsened the sufferings of the flood-hit people as most of the tube-wells have gone under water.

The flood-hit people complained of lack of relief operation. When contacted, district relief officer said 32 metric tons of rice have been distributed among the affected families.

Our correspondent from Satkhira says flood situation in three upazilas in the district has worsened with more than 50,000 marooned people still living under open sky in absence of any flood shelter for the homeless people.

'ILLEGAL' APPOINTMENT

JU computer science students confine teachers

JU CORRESPONDENT

The students of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) department of Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday confined twelve teachers of their department including the chairman for five hours demanding immediate cancellation of the appointment of a teacher.

The students termed the appointment of Sayeed Mohaimeenul Khaled Mahmud, a graduate from North South University, to the post of a lecturer illegal.

The agitating students confined Associate Professor Akram Hossain, chairman of CSE, and eleven other teachers of the department to the chairman's room at around 12:00noon after a departmental meeting failed to bring any solution to the problem.

At 5:00pm the students withdrew the programme when the department's teachers expressed their solidarity with the students' class and examination boycott programme since Saturday last, protesting the recruitment.

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PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Residents of Basila, which has witnessed massive erosion by the Buriganga in the last 40 days, block waterways yesterday demanding immediate government steps to stop the destruction.

No room for Partha at BSMMUH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shaibal Saha Partha, one of the four accused in the August 21 grenade attack case, was refused admission to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital (BSMMUH) yesterday despite a High Court (HC) order.

The doctor who attended to Partha yesterday referred him for admission to the hospital, but the BSMMUH declined to admit him citing shortage of seats in the hospital prison.

The authorities took him back to

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Shaibal Saha Partha

Mass arrests condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different political parties yesterday condemned the government's latest 'undemocratic' and 'preparatory' crackdown on the main opposition leaders and activists, terming the move an expression of 'fascist' character.

The parties said the mass arrest of the Awami League (AL) activists ahead of its October 3 rally will not be able to save the alliance government from being ousted from power.

Left-leaning five-party alliance at a rally described the countrywide mass arrest as undemocratic, which shows the government's fascist approach.

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Khulna cops on alert as outlaws get together

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Members of all law enforcement agencies have been put on high alert after information about the arrival of top leaders of the Janajuddho faction of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) including its founder Abdur Rashid Malitha (Tapan) in the Khulna region.

According to police intelligence sources, the Janajuddho faction of PBCP now considers itself unrivalled in the south western region after the death of Monoranjan Goshai Mrinal, founder of the outlawed New Biplobi Communist

Party (NBCP). Consequently, PBCP (Janajuddho) has decided to intensify its operations opening new fronts in the Khulna, Jessore and Bagerhat districts.

A recent bomb attack on patrol police in the town of Jessore is looked upon as a threat by PBCP operatives who, in spite of Rab operations, seem to maintain much of their strength.

Many important places, hotels and houses of some political leaders, leading NGO officials and business leaders are now watched by intelligence agents who are to track down PBCP operatives hiding in different guises with plans to carry

out criminal and killing missions. Many clinics and private rest houses are also under watch.

Meanwhile, police sealed the office of the Khulna City Corporation Contractors' Welfare Association on September 21 at the order of its Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman on information from intelligence agencies that armed cadres of PBCP frequent there in connection with some contractors.

Some armed cadres of PBCP (Janajuddho) are enlisted contractors of KCC, PWD, LGED and RHD

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2 PBCP leaders held in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Two leaders of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party's (PBCP) Janajuddha faction and suspect killers of journalist Humayun Kabir Balu were arrested from Barandianthpara in the town yesterday.

Acting on a tip off, police raided a rented house in the early hours of yesterday and picked up Mijan alias Kamal and Reaz, listed top criminals of Khulna. Three others, Swadhin, Chanchal and Hikmat, escaped arrest, while police managed to nab three women including Asha, Swadhin's wife.

Sources said top criminals of

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PHOTO: STAR

Dhaka City Corporation yesterday demolished a large slum at Agargaon. The dwellers pick through the rubble to put life together again.

Unite to topple govt

Opposition leaders urge from Sylhet rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The opposition leaders from a grand rally in Sylhet yesterday called on the people to be up against the alliance government and force it to quit.

They blamed the ruling coalition for making the country a terrorist and dysfunctional state and demanded an international enquiry into the 21 August grenade attacks.

The Sylhet City Corporation Mayor and city Awami League (AL) President Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran chaired the rally held at the City Point yesterday afternoon. AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil MP, Suranjit Sengupta MP, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Inu) President Hasanul Haque Inu, Bangladesh Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon, Bangladesh Samyabadi Dal Chief Dilip Barua, AL leaders AMA Muhit, Dewan Farid Gazi MP, Sultan Mohammad Mansur, Barrister Arosh Ali, among others, attended the rally.

Abdul Jalil said the Leader of the Opposition in parliament Sheikh

Hasina will announce a united programme of agitation to oust the government from the October 3 grand rally in the capital.

He described the opposition's unity as people's unity and said it would not falter no matter how much effort the ruling alliance put.

Referring to the ongoing probe into the 21 August carnage, Jalil said the government is but indulging in a mockery in the name of judicial commission.

AL Presidium Member Amir Hossain Amu said the August 21

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Prayer Timing		
September 27		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	6-00	6-05
Esha	7-30	8-00
Source: Islamic Foundation		