



Environmental activists hold a banner and placards during a boat rally at Sawarighat in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon organised the rally demanding steps to save the Buriganga from illegal encroachers.

'Tipaimukh barrage to create environmental disasters'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A barrage on the river Borak at Tipaimukh adjoining Sylhet border would be more disastrous than the Farakka Barrage, said Ferdous Ahmed Koralshi, convenor of the Green Party of Bangladesh.

In a statement yesterday, he said if India implements the project, the flow of the Surma and Kushiara would be hampered severely, causing frequent floods and droughts along with other environmental hazards.

Ferdous Ahmed urged the government to raise the issue at all international forums including the United Nations immediately.



Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Md Shamsuddin Ahmed, a former member of parliament and chairman of Ahmed Group of Industries, died of a cardiac arrest at a city hospital on Thursday at the age of 65.

Vice President of Bangladesh Ceramic Society, Shamsuddin was also the managing director of Naz Boot and Shoe Industries Ltd and Bengal Ceramic Industries Ltd.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and two daughters.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held after Zohr prayers today and qulhwani at his residence after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Md Habibur Rahman

Alhaj Md Habibur Rahman, father of Mohammad Sadek, a deputy director of Rural Electrification Board, died at his home in Bhola yesterday at the age of 100, says a press release.

He is survived by four sons and a number of grandchildren.

Maintain navigability of Buriganga

Speakers urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a rally yesterday called upon the government to take proper steps for maintaining natural flow and navigability of the river Buriganga.

Stressing the need for continued dredging, they urged the government to stop earth filling of the river by illegal encroachers.

The speakers also demanded immediate demolition of all illegal structures from the riverbank.

They said water of the Buriganga is being polluted due to unabated dumping of industrial wastage.

The rally was organised by Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) at Sawarighat on the bank of the river.

Addressing the rally, Prof Nazrul Islam said the climate of Dhaka city

will be changed if Buriganga dies.

He also urged the government to implement the taskforce report on Buriganga prepared by the shipping ministry.

Presided over by Bapa Joint Secretary Mihir Biswas, the rally was also addressed by Dr Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah, Advocate Abul Kalam Azad and Mahbubur Rahman.

Bapa also held a boat rally to mobilise support in favour of their demand.

Tk 50 lakh heroin seized in Satkhira

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A team of BDR seized 500 grams of heroin worth Tk 50 lakh from a bus on Satkhira-Khulna highway at Binerpota in Sadar upazila yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, the BDR personnel, led by Captain Zahir, intercepted a Khulna-bound bus from Satkhira and seized the drug.

A case has been filed with the Satkhira thana.



Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka inaugurates an anti-mosquito drive in the city's Mothijheel area yesterday.

50pc households landless

6.2pc families own 40pc land

BSS, Dhaka

Over 50 per cent of the total households in the country are landless while only 6.2 per cent families own 40 per cent of the total land.

General Secretary of Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) Prof Abul Barkat revealed the data at a working session on 'State, Society and Governance' at the 15th Biennial Conference of the association in the city yesterday.

He said that 12 crore people is directly or indirectly involved in land cases, of which 75 per cent are related to land dispute. It takes nine and a half years on an average to settle a land related case.

The persons involved in land cases lose assets worth Tk 12,520 crore a year while only one per cent of annual expenses on land cases worth Tk 24,860 crore goes to state exchequer.

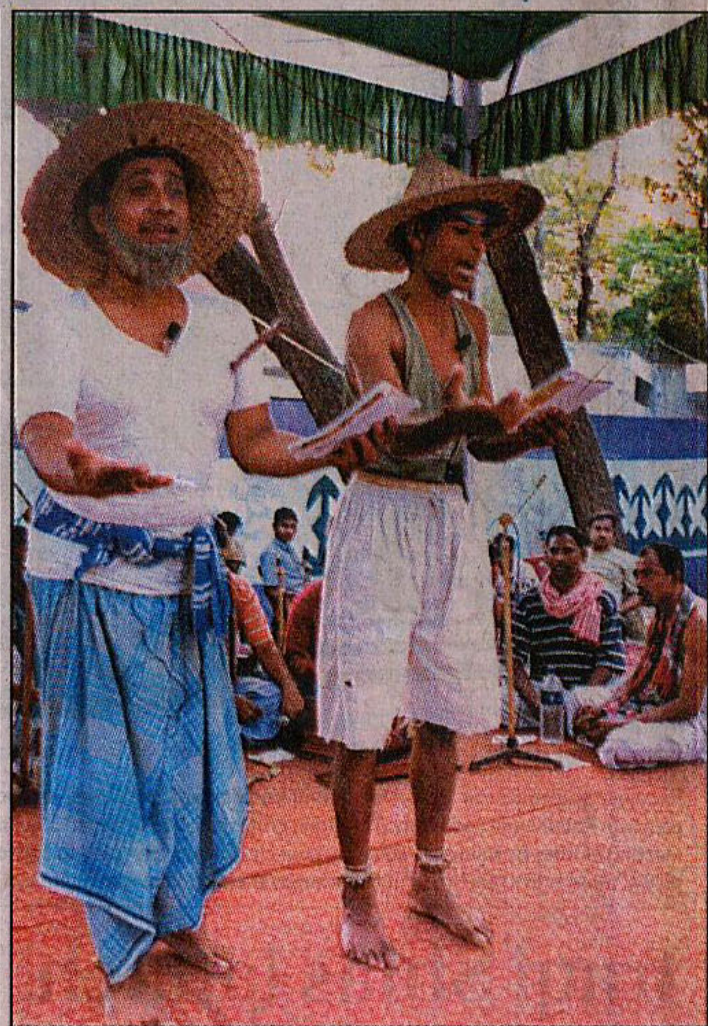
Prof Barkat said some 90 per cent of the total one crore bigha khas land of the country is grabbed by crimi-

nals who are closely linked with the government as well as state.

He described the land-water situation as a reflection of gradual increase in politico-economic criminalisation in the country. He stressed the need for land, agrarian and aquarian reforms as a national important agenda with special emphasis on substantive public action.

He also placed more than 70 recommendations divided into five broad categories -- khas land and water bodies, vested property, land and forest of indigenous people, land dispute and land related laws and administration and management.

Prof K Mustahidur Rahman presided over the session. Tofail Ahmed, Shahidul Haque, Mir Nazmul Karim, Dhiraj Kumar Nath, Md Abdur Rahman, M Zainul Abedin, Gour Gabinda Goswami, Mizanur Rahman, Khandaker Quadrat-El-Elahi and Mohammad Ali Akbar also spoke.



Artists render folk songs at a Human Rights Fair on the National Press Club premises in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Human Rights Advocacy Programme organised the fair to mark the World Human Rights Day.

Iranian film wins Golden Peacock at IFFI

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Iranian film 'The Beautiful City', depicting the plight of a teenager boy sentenced to death for murder and his only sister, won the two of the top three awards at the Asian competitive section of the 35th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

The film was adjudged the best out of over 60 entries, including Bangladesh's 'Lalon' by Tanvir Mokammel, and earned Golden Peacock award for its director Ashgar Farhad for 'masterpiece of storytelling'. The award carries Rs 5 lakh and a citation. The film also won a special jury award for actor Faraz Garbani.

The Silver Peacock prize went to Thailand's film 'Beautiful Boxer' by Ekachai Ukkrongtham. It is a story of a man who feels he is actually a girl, trapped in a boy's body.

The prize distribution ceremony was held at the concluding function of the ten-day festival on Thursday.

The festival ended with the screening of Oliver Stone's film 'Alexander'.

A total of 174 films from 48 countries were screened during the festival.

Meet on border problems Dec 18

UNB, Dinajpur

A district level official meeting between Bangladesh and India on border problems will be held at Mohonpur in Sadar upazila on December 18.

District administration sources said a seven-member delegation from each side will sit to settle the ways and means to settle the long-standing border disputes.

DHAKA TODAY

Street drama

As part of its Victory Day programmes, Liberation War Museum will stage three street dramas titled 'Shakun Samachar' by Natyathirha, 'Ekattorer Prothom Prohor' by Sayannika and 'Footpath' by Theatre Mahala. Venue: Museum premises, Segun Bagicha. Time: 6:00pm.

Drama

Samoy, a theatre group, will stage a drama titled 'Bhager Manush' directed by Aly Zaker. Venue: Mahila Samity Auditorium, Bailey Road. Time: 6:30pm.

Film show

Chobi Mela 111- International Festival of Photography- will screen a film on HIV/Aids by Gideon Mendel of the UK. Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:45pm.

Cultural function

In observance of Victory Day, Bangladesh-Bharat Sampriti Parishad organises a discussion and cultural function. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 5:00pm.

Education fair

A two-day first International Cross Country Education Fair Bangladesh-2004, organised by Visa International, will be inaugurated. Venue: Royal Laguna, Rifles Square, Dhanmondi. Time: 9:00am.

BSLF fair

The opening ceremony of Bangladesh International Export Services and Logistics Fair-2004 will be held with Advisor for Commerce Ministry Barkat Ullah Bulu as chief guest. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 10:00am.

Cardiac conference

The inauguration of the national conference of Bangladesh Cardiac Society will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 9:30am.

Health conference

Monowara Hospital Limited organises a conference on 'Hospital hygiene, infection control and medical waste management'. Venue: Sheraton Hotel.

Time: 9:15am.

Seminar

The University of South Asia will hold a seminar on 'Diploma in optometry and low vision'. Venue: University auditorium, Banani. Time: 11:00am.

Rotary Dhaka Central

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club, Shahbagh. Time: 1:30pm.

Rotary Dhaka North West

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club, Shahbagh. Time: 5:30pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Painting exhibition

A special exhibition of paintings by Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin will be inaugurated to mark the 90th birth anniversary of the artist. Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Bangladesh National Museum and Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts. Time: The exhibition will remain open till January 7 from 11:00am to 7:00pm daily except Friday from 3:00pm to 8:00pm.

French film festival

Zahir Raihan Film Society, in collaboration with the Alliance Francaise, will screen a film titled 'The Fire Within' (1963) by Louis Malle, and 'The Soft Skin' (1964) by Francois Truffaut. Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 5:00pm and 7:00pm.

Exhibition

A three-day exhibition of building materials, organised by the Institute of Architects Bangladesh, will be inaugurated. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 10:00am.

Award giving ceremony

Darpan-Uttaran organises an award giving ceremony for artists and intellectuals. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 4:00pm.

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No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country with chances of light rain or drizzle at places over Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours till 6:00pm today.

Light to moderate fog is likely to occur in the early morning, Met Office said, adding that night temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 30.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar, Sandwip and Peni and the lowest of 13.4 degrees at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:12pm today and rises at 6:32am tomorrow.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	28.1	17.6	78	69
Chittagong	29.8	17.5	64	58
Rajshahi	27.5	15.7	71	75
Khulna	27.5	16.7	87	73
Barisal	28.2	16.2	94	96
Sylhet	29.4	17.5	77	68
Cox's Bazar	30.0	18.5	73	75

NOTICE OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Seventh Annual General Meeting of Daffodil Computers Limited will be held at Daffodil Institute of Information Technology (DIFT), House No.07, Road No.14, Dhanmondi R/A, (West of Sobhanbagh Mosque) on Thursday, the Dec 30 2004 at 10:30 A.M. to transact the following business:

To receive, consider and adopt the Directors' Report, for the year ended June 30 2004
To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Accounts of the company and the Auditors' report thereon for the year ended 30 June 2004.

To elect Directors;
To declare and approve Final Dividend @ 10% for the year 2003-04 (including 8% Interim dividend declared and approved earlier)

To consider appointment of Auditors for the year 2004-2005 and to fix their remuneration;
To transact any other business of the Company with the permission of the chair.

By order of the Board of Directors

Sd/-

M. Raquib Sultan

Chief, Finance & Accounts

Company Secretary

Dated: Dhaka, Dec 09 2004

Notes:

- The Share Transfer Register of the company will remain closed from Dec 24 to Dec 30 2004 (both days inclusive)
- A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her stead. Such proxy shall be member of the company
- The Proxy Form duly signed and stamped should reach at the Registered office of the Company at least forty eight hours before the meeting
- Entry to the Annual General Meeting is reserved only for Shareholders or their proxies.

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02.	Physical Education Teacher	Bachelor Degree with Diploma in Physical Education & Experience	Tk. 5,000/-
03.	Art Teacher	Bachelor in Fine Arts and Exp.	Tk. 5,000/-
04.	Sc Lab Assistant	H.S.C (Sc), Exp. in School /College Sc. Lab.	Tk. 3,500/-
05.	Class Room Attendant (Female)	SSC with 2 yrs. Exp.	Tk. 2,200/-
06.	Peon/ Messenger /Daftari/ Aya	SSC with Exp.	Tk. 2,000/-
07.	Cleaner	Can Read & Write, Exp.	Tk. 1,500/-

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