

Govt urged to purchase jute from farmers

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Leaders of the Shilpa-Shramik-Karmachari Rokkha Samannay Parishad, an organisation working for jute and textile mills workers, yesterday demanded of the government to purchase raw jute from the farmers in due time to run the state-owned 22 jute mills smoothly.

They urged the government to allocate TK 300 crore for the state-owned jute and textile mills and pay arrears of TK 56 crore to 80,000 workers, which has been due for more than six months.

Jatyia Sramik Federation of Bangladesh President Md Abul Bashar said the government cancelled its decision to close the Star Jute, People Jute and Eastern Jute Mills of Khulna, Kawmi Jute Mills of Sirajganj and Amin Jute mills of Chittagong in the face of strong movement of

the workers.

He was speaking at a press conference at the Parishad office in the city.

He said the government is not taking proper steps to stop mismanagement and corruption in the jute mills as it is again trying to close those mills. The government has not earmarked any allocation in the current budget for the jute mills, he added.

Bangladesh Jatyia Sramik Jote President Abdul Kader Hawladar urged the government to invest Tk 300 crore in jute sector to overcome the present crisis that will contribute significantly in the national economy.

Parishad leaders Nurul Islam, Abdul Motin Master, Shafi Uddin Ahmed, Shahid Uddin Chowdhury, Lutfar Rahman and Kamrul Ahmed also spoke at the press conference.

DBBL donation for Hridoy's treatment

Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) yesterday donated TK 5 five lakh to Mohammad Atiqur Rahman Hridoy, a meritorious student of Computer Science and Engineering Department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) who has been suffering from acute leukaemia (blood cancer), says a press release.

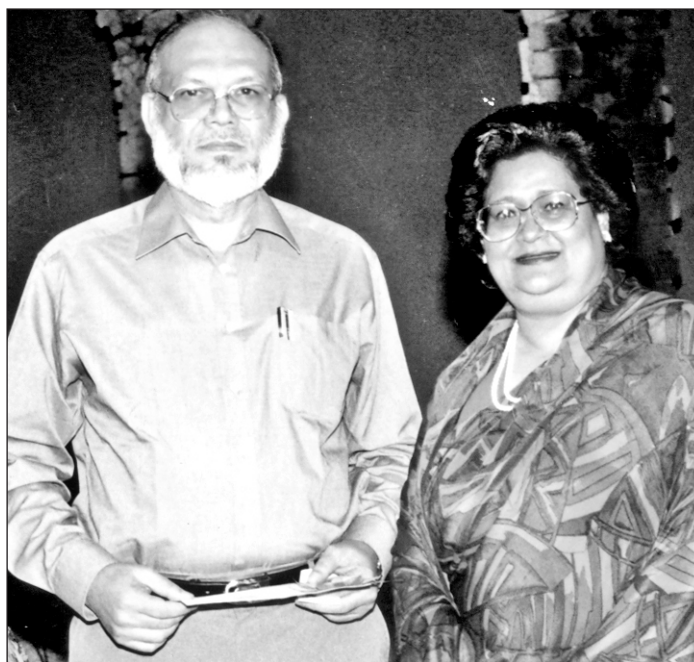
Mohammad Yeasin Ali, managing director of the bank, handed over a payment order of Tk 5 lakh to Buet Vice Chancellor Prof Mohammad Alee Murtaza for Hridoy's treatment at National University Hospital in Singapore.

The DBBL always reaches to the destitute and helpless by way of carrying out a wide range of philanthropic activities.

Electrical and Electronics Faculty Dean Prof M A Chowdhury and medical consultant of the DBBL Mozammel Hossain Khan were present on the occasion.



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Scholastica Chairperson Yasmin Murshed hands over a cheque for Tk 60,000 to Dhaka Ahsania Mission President and Chief Executive Kazi Rafiqul Alam for the Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) at a function on the school premises in the city on July 11.

President, PM greet French counterparts

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President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday greeted French President Jacques Chirac and Prime Minister Dominique De Villepin on the occasion of the National Day of France.

President Iajuddin, in a message to the French President, expressed his hope that the existing bonds of friendship and mutual cooperation between the two countries would further be developed in the years ahead.

In a separate message to her French counterpart, Khaleda expressed her great pleasure and heartiest felicitations to the Prime Minister and the people of France.

Scholastica donation for cancer hospital

Yasmin Murshed, chairperson of Scholastica, a leading English medium school, handed over a cheque for Tk 60,000 for the Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) at the Academic Achievement Award Ceremony at the STM Hall of the school at Uttara in the city on July 11, says a press release.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission President and Chief Executive Kazi Rafiqul Alam received the cheque.

The students collected the money in the last Boishakhi Mela held on the school premises.

Students, faculty and management of Scholastica and the community service club of the school raise funds on different occasions with a view to helping the needy and charitable purposes.