

Tk 80 cr project for dev of haors

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Water Resources Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmed said the government would spend around Tk 80 crore with the support of the World Bank for the development of haors of the country.

"The haor areas are the 'food stores' of Bangladesh. So, the government has taken up the project for the development of haors," he said.

The minister was exchanging views with chairman of the project implementation committees (PICs) of Sunamganj district on Monday at the Sunamganj Circuit House.

He said the Water Development Board (WDB) spent around Tk 6.62 crore last year for the development of 28 haors in Sunamganj district to protect crops of Tk 400 crore from flashflood.

This year, we have taken initiative to implement the haor development projects in a more effective way, he said, adding that primarily about Tk 4.67 crore has been estimated for the work.

Earlier, he visited the Decar Haor of Sunamganj.

Tribute paid to Prof Asgari

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) held a meeting yesterday at the University Club to commemorate late Prof Syeda Asgari Hossain of chemistry department.

The teachers said her contribution in chemistry especially in synthetic organic chemistry would greatly benefit the researchers in the field.

The meeting expressed deep condolence at her death and paid tribute to her memory by observing one-minute silence standing on feet.

DUTA President Prof AAM S Arefin Siddique chaired the meeting.

RAB RAIDS HOTEL

Cleaner dies while fleeing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A cleaner died while he was trying to flee during the raid on a residential hotel by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) at Maghbazar in the city early hours of yesterday.

Md Babul, 30, cleaner of Hotel Punam, slipped and fell from the roof while he was trying to cross onto a

neighbouring hotel and the extended rods of an under-construction building pierced his body, police said.

Acting on a tip off that unsocial activities are going on, Rab surrounded the hotel prompting the boarders to run helter-skelter. Many managed to pass onto the neighbouring building through a covert path, but Babul slipped off and met a brutal death.

Babul, who hails from Narayanganj,

joined the hotel around three months ago, the hotel management said.

Police arrested 26 people, most of whom are women from the scene.

Meanwhile, police sent the body to Dhaka medical College Hospital for autopsy.

