

## Low over east central Bay likely to intensify

UNB, Dhaka

The well-marked low formed over the east central Bay and adjoining area is likely to intensify further as it persisted there at 6:00pm yesterday.

"It's likely to intensify further," said a Met office special bulletin on the low, 11 days after a terrible cyclone, 'Nargis', blew over the Bay and made a landfall in neighbouring Myanmar.

"Under the influence of the well-marked low, deep convection is taking place over the North Bay. Squally weather may affect the maritime ports," the Met office warned.

Maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been advised to keep hoisted local cautionary signal number three.

All fishing-boats and trawlers over the North Bay and deep sea have been advised to come close to the coast and "proceed with caution till further notice".

The tropical storm 'Nargis' that developed on April 27 over the central area of the Bay of Bengal hit Myanmar on May 3, leaving 28,458 people dead by the latest count.

## Build attitude to hate corruption to establish HR

TIB chairman urges all

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Chairman Prof Muzaffer Ahmad yesterday called on all to build an attitude to hate corruption for establishing human rights in the country.

"Corruption is a crime that violates human rights and to remove the crime we will have to build such mentality among all of us that we will hate and resist corruption, as it is not possible to curb corruption only by Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) or educational institutions," he said while addressing a seminar at chief guest.

World Human Rights and Development (WHRD), a New York-based human rights organisation, organised the seminar titled 'Corruption is the bar to human rights' at the National Press Club in the city. Prof Muzaffer said, "The entitlement that it is possible to be benefited more by committing corruption and the tendency to defy laws for gaining more are leading us towards the way of corruption day by day."

"We demand to ensure punishment to those who commit corruption, as the influential people become more influential as they go unpunished," he added.

He further said "We will have to take active stance against corruption in individual, family, organisational and state levels and also have to show respect to other's rights for establishing human rights as well as removing corruption from the country."

Prof Muzaffer said social and psychological change is a must to remove corruption and we have to keep trying for bringing such changes.

The speakers also urged all to build a social movement to curb corruption.

Presided over by WHRD President Shah Shahidul Haque, the seminar was also addressed by Centre for Development Research Bangladesh Chairman Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly, Southeast University Vice Chancellor Prof M Shamsur Ali, Skyway Media World Chairman Abidur Rahman, former state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury and Maj Gen (Retd) Amin Ahmed Chowdhury.



Sheri-Nouane Johnson, director, PHN Team, USAID, feeds complementary food fortified with MoniMix to a child at the SMC micronutrient programme launching ceremony at the SMC Head Office in the city yesterday. Jalaluddin Ahmed, chairperson, Board of Directors, SMC, was also present.

## Dhaka now important player in many int'l issues

### Outgoing British envoy tells CA

UNB, Dhaka

Outgoing British High Commissioner Anwar Choudhury yesterday said Bangladesh has become an important international player in many international issues like climate change and poverty alleviation.

He said the UK values Bangladesh's partnership, as its intellectual and moral values are important to the United Kingdom.

The high commissioner made the remarks while he paid a farewell call on Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed at the CA's office.

The CA appreciated the contributions of the outgoing envoy in expanding multifaceted relations between the two countries and congratulated him for successfully completing his tenure in Bangladesh.

He mentioned that a number of high level visits took place between the two countries during the tenure of the high commissioner, which helped to further deepen the bilateral relation between Dhaka and London and taking it into new heights.

Fakhruddin said Bangladesh can share its experiences in women empowerment and poverty alleviation with whoever in the world so wants.

The envoy said Bangladesh and the UK have now a strategic partnership.

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Three UK ministers would visit Bangladesh within next six months, he informed.

He appreciated the caretaker government's positive steps and welcomed the chief adviser's latest address to the nation.

Anwar said he leaves Bangladesh with positive feelings and notes.

He said he would be able to work closely with Bangladesh after assuming his new assignment in London when he will work for the UN and Commonwealth affairs.

Fakhruddin sought cooperation of the outgoing high commissioner so that the Bangladeshi curvy industry in UK could adjust in the interim period against its new immigration system.

He said Bangladesh is now sending skilled manpower abroad by imparting training.

The envoy explained the UK's new five-tier immigration system, saying that Bangladesh can take advantage of it. The five-tier immigration system covers immigration for the professional, skilled, unskilled and student.

During the meeting, the upcoming Conference on Climate Change to be held in London in May was discussed.

Anwar said the British prime minister would be present at the conference. He hoped that the CA would attend the conference.

He said a fund would be created in the conference and the UK already pledged US\$100 million for the fund.

The diplomat also informed the CA that the UK had financed rehabilitation of a cyclone Sidi-hit village, Majhirpur in southern Bangladesh, at a cost of US\$600,000.

UK Deputy High Commissioner in Dhaka Duncan Normal, Secretary to CA's office Kazi Aminul Islam and CA's Press Secretary Syed Fahim Munaim were present at the meeting.

Anwar meets Iajuddin Anwar said a number of senior ministers of the UK are expected to visit Bangladesh ahead of the general election.

The British envoy stated this when paid a farewell call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Anwar expressed his satisfaction over the present government's various reform programmes to strengthen democracy and curb corruption and hoped that the next general election would be held by December.

The president told him that Bangladesh attaches great importance to her relations with the United Kingdom (UK) and considers it to be a "dependable trade, development and strategic partner".

## SMC launches micronutrient programme

Social Marketing Company (SMC) launched its micronutrient programme in the city yesterday through introduction of 'MoniMix' -- a micronutrient powder which can be easily mixed at home to fortify foods to address childhood Iron Deficiency Anaemia (IDA), says a press release.

Sheri-Nouane Johnson, director of PHN Team, USAID, Dhaka and Jalaluddin Ahmed, chairperson, Board of Directors, SMC, were present at the launching ceremony at SMC Head Office.

The objectives of the micronutrient programme are to help improve nutritional status of under-five children, particularly of those with childhood Iron Deficiency Anaemia (IDA), to increase knowledge and awareness among parents and health service providers about the importance of micronutrient containing food and adequate dietary intake, and to promote exclusive breastfeeding and proper complementary feeding of nutrition rich foods.

In Bangladesh, about 64 percent of children aged 6 to 23 months and 42 percent of children aged 24 to 59 months suffer from Iron Deficiency Anaemia (IDA).

The increased burden of anaemia, particularly among infants and children, calls for urgent action, especially in view of the devastating impact on cognitive and motor development of an entire generation of children and the vast economic losses at present as well as in the future.

Responding to the challenge of devastating consequences of IDA, Sprinkles Global Health Initiatives (SGHI), University of Toronto, Canada developed 'Sprinkles', which was supported by global research and strong advocacy activities from leading international development agencies.

In Bangladesh, Social Marketing Company (SMC) introduces 'Sprinkles' in the brand name of 'MoniMix' in manufacturing partnership with Renata Ltd. MoniMix is a small packet of micronutrient powder containing iron and some other essential vitamins and minerals.

In many countries, including Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, home fortification of complementary foods with powdered micronutrient powder has been adopted as a new public health strategy to control IDA among infants and children.

## Nine Ctg BCL activists held over clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested nine activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of Chittagong Commerce College unit yesterday following a factional clash over admission in vacant seats.

Police said activists of the two

factions of BCL were locked in a clash at around 12:00pm that created panic among general students. Four students were also injured in the clash.

Sources said one of the factions was trying to arrange admission for some students belonging to their group in the vacant seats. Another

faction protested it that resulted in the clash.

The arrestees were identified as Sirajul Maola, Hasan Mahmud Tuhin, Sabbir Chowdhury, Haris Md Sikder, Ridwanul Hasan, Md Humayun Kabir, Salahuddin Ahmed, Mahfujur Rahman and Jahangir Hossain Shanta.

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Southeast University Vice Chancellor Prof Shamsur Ali speaks at a seminar on 'Corruption is the bar to human rights development' at the National Press Club yesterday. On his right are Sirajuddin Ahmed and Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly and on his left is former state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury.

## EWU summer freshers' reception held

East West University (EWU) accorded a reception to the freshers admitted in summer 2008 at the university premises yesterday, says a press release.

A total of 648 students get enrolled in eight disciplines in summer semester.

Jalaluddin Ahmed, president, Board of Directors of EWU, attended the programme as the chief guest.

He said that East West University offers quality education, and therefore the newly admitted students are very lucky to have the opportunity at EWU.

EWU Vice Chancellor Prof Mohammed Sharif advised the students to be serious about their studies, emphasising on developing character and moralities. He also emphasised on abiding by the rules and regulations of the university strictly.

Prof Md Abdul Hye, dean of faculty of Business and Economics, Prof Anisul Haque, dean of faculty of Science and Engineering, Col (ret) Shah Murtaza Ali, registrar, also spoke on the occasion.

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