



Firefighters spray water to put out a fire at a city slum in Mohamadpur embankment area yesterday.

38 shanties gutted in city slum fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 38 shanties and 30 vehicles were gutted in a devastating fire at a slum in Muhammadpur embankment area in the city yesterday afternoon.

Five people received minor injuries in the fire incident. The fire originated from a shanty in the slum around 1:30pm and engulfed the others shanties and eight automobile workshops adjacent to the slum where the vehicles were damaged. Seven units of Fire Brigade doused the fire around 3:00pm.

Shahid Mia, a rickshawpuller, said he sud-

denly felt heat when he was sleeping inside the shanty and saw fence of his house had caught fire. "I ran away from the house immediately to save myself, leaving all of my belongings," a sad Shahid told The Daily Star. Muhammad Babul, owner of BK Motors, said the fire spread very fast and he couldn't bring out any of the car from the workshop. "Four cars were burnt in my workshop," he said. Other workshops situated on three big plots, are GP Motors, New Reliance Motors, BM Motors, Akash Enterprise, Shawon Motors, New Hossain Motors and Sohel Motors.

DEATH OF ABUBAKAR Fair probe demanded

DU CORRESPONDENT

Pro-BNP and Jamaat teachers of Dhaka University (DU) formed a human chain on the campus yesterday demanding proper investigation into the death of DU student Abubakar Siddique and punishment to the people responsible.

They also condemned 'terrorism and anarchy' at the educational institutions across the country.

Over a hundred teachers under the banner of white-panel formed the human chain at the feet of Aparajeyo Bangla.

Talking to the reporters, the teachers expressed grave concern over the incidents that had taken place at different educational institutions recently.

They called upon the government to take effective steps to bring an end to such incidents immediately.

There are many students in the public universities who have come from poor families. If the atmosphere at public universities worsens, everything will be ruined, said Prof Sadrul Amin, convener of the white-panel.

He demanded proper investigation into the deaths of two students at DU and Rajshahi University and called upon the government to control such violence with an iron hand for the greater interest of the educational institutions and the nation as well.

Former DU pro-vice chancellor Prof AFM Yusuf Haider said a student of DU was killed in a violent incident recently and such violence is happening one after another at the educational institutions across the country. Such incidents should be stopped immediately, he added.

Prof Tazmeri SA Islam, Prof Ashraful Ismer Chowdhury, Prof Aminur Rahman Mazumder, Prof Sirajul Islam, Prof Laila Noor, Prof M Abbas Ali Khan and Prof Borhan Uddin Khan were present on the occasion.

Climate change obstacle to ensuring food security, FM tells agriculturists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday said the adverse impacts of climate change are the main obstacles to ensuring food security in the country.

The government has to spend a lot to face the climate impacts like floods and cyclones which ultimately create a bar to carrying out development projects.

Agriculture will face the climate change challenges seriously, the minister said.

Dipu said this at a seminar on 'Global warming, climate change and impact on agriculture in Bangladesh' organised as part of a two-day convention of Bangladesh Krishibid Institute

on its own premises in the city.

The government has taken the climate issue seriously and has also taken steps to fight climate change challenges will take in future too, she added.

The minister called on the agriculturists to join their hands with the government to fight the climate change impacts.

Speakers at the seminar urged the government to focus more on researches to combat the impacts of climate change on agriculture.

Presenting a keynote paper, M Zainul Abedin, representative of International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), said Bangladesh will face problems because of rise in temperature due to the impacts climate change

which will result in drought, sea-level rise, frequent flash floods and erratic rainfall.

Crops, livestock, fisheries and thereby food security and livelihood will be seriously affected by the climate change challenges, he added.

"Since more than 60 percent people are directly dependent on agriculture for their livelihood, any negative impact of climate change will seriously affect the food security and livelihood of the poor."

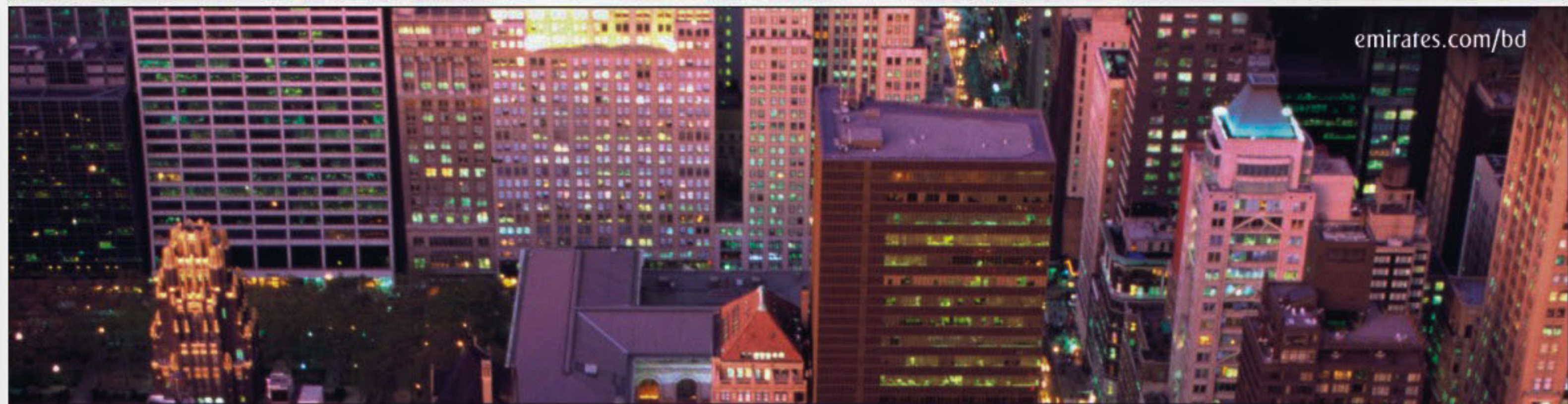
Citing an estimate of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Zainul said rice production in Bangladesh might decline by 8 percent by 2050 and wheat by 32 percent as compared to the level of

1990. He urged the government to gather knowledge from the farmers' experience, which they have gained over the years, and do comprehensive researches to combat the impacts.

Executive Director of Centre for Global Change Dr Ahsan Uddin Ahmed said, "We must act now to combat climate change."

"We need to do extensive researches to establish a strong database and invent newer crop varieties which will be salinity- and flood-tolerant."

The seminar was presided over by Dr Nitish Chadra Debnath, vice chancellor of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University.



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Notice of the 15th Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given to all Members of Dhaka Bank Limited that the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held on **Sunday March 28, 2010** at **The Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Agargaon, Sher-e-Banglanagar, Dhaka** at 11:00 a.m. to transact the following business:

AGENDA

- To receive, consider and adopt the Profit and Loss Account of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 2009 and Balance Sheet as of that date together with the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
- To declare dividend for the Shareholders out of the profits of the year ended 31st December 2009 as recommended by the Board of Directors.
- To elect/reelect Directors in place of those who shall retire by rotation as per the Articles of Association of the Company.
- To appoint Auditor of the Company for the term until the next Annual General Meeting and to fix their remuneration.
- To transact any other business with the permission of the chair.

February 11, 2010.

By order of the Board

Sd/-

Arham Masudul Huq
Executive Vice President &
Company Secretary

NOTES :

- The 'Record Date' shall be on Wednesday, March 03, 2010.
- The Shareholders whose names would appear in the Register of Members of the Company on the **Record Date** will be eligible to attend the meeting and qualify for dividend.
- A member eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. Proxy Form must be affixed with revenue stamp of Tk.10.00 and submit at the Registered Office of the Company not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the Annual General Meeting.
- M/s. **ACNABIN, Chartered Accountants**, the current auditors will retire from office in the 15th AGM. Since they have audited the accounts of the company for three consecutive years, as such M/s. **ACNABIN** are not eligible for re-appointment as per Bangladesh Bank letter no BCD (P) 748/3-544-561 dated 31.03.1991. Members are requested to send nomination for appointment of new auditors from the list of audit firms of Bangladesh Bank on or before March 04, 2010. Auditors should not be shareholders of the Company.
- Election of Directors will be dealt in terms of Articles of Association of the Company and relevant Rules/Circulars in force.
- Shareholders and proxies are requested to record their entry in the AGM well in time. No. entry will be recorded after 12.00 noon.
- Members are advised to update change of address (if any) through their respective Depository Participant.

PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Dhaka Bank Limited in its 152nd Meeting held on February 11, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Bank at Head Office, Biman Bhaban, 100 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 took the following decisions:

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| a) | |
| i) Proposed dividend for the year 2009 | : 25% Bonus Share |
| ii) Date and time of Annual General Meeting | : Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. |
| iii) Venue | : Bangabandhu International Conference Center, Agargaon, Sher-e- Banglanagar, Dhaka. |
| iv) Record date | : March 03, 2010 |
| v) Earning Per Share | : Tk. 45.09 |
| vi) Net Asset Value (NAV) &NAV per share | : Tk. 496.57 crore & Tk 233.38 |
| vii) Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share | : Tk. 70.01 |

The Shareholders whose names would appear in the Register of Members of the Company on the Record date will be eligible to attend the meeting and qualify for dividend.

b) To open Exchange Houses in abroad specially in Singapore, Malaysia, UK, USA, Canada, Italy, KSA, Kuwait, UAE & other Countries under 100% ownership or joint venture basis subject to obtaining approval from all competent authorities and favourable feasibility studies.

By Order of the Board of Directors
Sd/-

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