

ACC to observe graft

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for entire development of the country, he added.
The secretary said the commission has already taken different measures to give the anti-corruption movement an institutional shape.
"We have corruption resistance committee at different district and upazila level and have formed Satata Sangha around 4,500 educational institutions across the country to strengthen the movement," he said.
The countrywide programme includes forming human chain, displaying

posters, seminar, symposium, cultural programme, anti-corruption programmes in the mass media and sending SMS through mobile phone.
While responding to reporters' queries over Transparency International Bangladesh's (TIB) survey on corruption, he said, "The TIB is a non-government organisation. It conducts survey through its own way. This is not our matter."
The commission is looking into some of its officials, as there is some confusion over their

wealth statements. Since its inception, the commission has filed at total of 67 departmental cases against its officials and workers, he said.
About the ACC's role in the government's recent direction to all the ministers and lawmakers to submit wealth statement, the secretary said the commission may investigate anyone's wealth statement, if confusion arises.
He denied the allegation of government's pressure on them and said, "The commission is working independently."

DHAKA-CTG EXPRESSWAY

Govt seeks ADB aid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday sought financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to conduct a feasibility study for the Dhaka-Chittagong elevated expressway.
Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain conveyed the message to a three-member ADB team at his secretariat office in the city.
Sultan Hafeez Rahman, director general (DG) of South Asia Department of ADB, led the team.
The minister also sought ADB's financial help for feasibility study for the Jamuna Railway Bridge connecting Phulchhari and Bahadurabad ghats.
He told the DG that the ADB helped the government a lot to upgrade the communication networks including the railway and highways, urging the donor bank to continue its aid.
The ADB is one of the donors in Padma Multipurpose Bridge construction project, and it is also financing in reforming the railway sector.

Enrich NHCR

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State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku said they are asking Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) to have more patience during exercising their role and are providing them with training on human rights.
He said the government never gave any direction to law enforcers, which can destroy human rights of people.
Law-enforcers may do mistake during carrying out their roles; but they have to account for their mistakes, said the state minister.
UNDP Bangladesh Resident Representative Stefan Priesner and Establishment Secretary Iqbal Mahmud also spoke at the function attended by the representatives from different government and non-government bodies.

Delwar

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Moudud Ahmed, MK Anwar, Sarwari Rahman, Nazrul Islam Khan, Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, and Mirza Abbas, and senior joint secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, among others, also spoke.
Khandaker Mosharrar said taking lesson from the life of Delwar, the party men must be prepared for the movement to bring back democracy by ousting the present government.
Moudud Ahmed said all, inspired by the ideology of Delwar, have to be united to bring the end to democratic autocracy.
Delwar could not be a minister, but did his best to save the party during most crisis points of the party, said Nazrul Islam Khan.
Indicating at the vacant post of BNP secretary general, Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, said they want leader like Delwar who can stand boldly during the bad time of the party.



- Dialogue**
Centre for Policy Dialogue and Brac will jointly organise a dialogue. Venue: Brac Centre Inn, Time: 9:30am.
- Seminar**
Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry will hold a seminar. Venue: Radisson Hotel, Time: 9:30am.
- Roundtable**
Steps Towards Development and Industry will hold a roundtable. Venue: Cirdap auditorium, Time: 10:00am.
- Discussion**
Bangabandhu Parishad will arrange a discussion. Venue: Diploma Engineers Institute, Time: 4:00pm.
- Roundtable**
Zia Sena will organise a roundtable. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 4:00pm.

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Rural areas to bring

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as to keep it within the purchasing capacity of low income group before the boro harvest," said Dr Razzak.
Dr Razzaque said OMS will be expanded in rural areas. From yesterday rice supply is being increased to two tonnes from 1.5 tonnes to each union for sale at two points at subsidised price.
The number of trucks for OMS will be increased from today to 300 from 250 in Dhaka City. Similarly, 15 additional OMS rice carrying trucks will sell rice each at Tongi and Savar and 10 at Narayanganj.
The food minister informed that the OMS will continue till April 30. Besides, operation of fair price card has already

started to provide rice and wheat to some 67 lakh families at subsidised price.
He said that the meeting decided not to procure wheat from local market this year. "If needed we will procure wheat from abroad."
He said that Ukraine would give Bangladesh 5 to 10 lakh tonnes of wheat per year according to the country's demand. They are now ready to give 1 to 2 lakh tonnes of wheat. Agriculture Minister of Ukraine will come to Dhaka shortly to sign a MoU in this regard.
Asked about the progress of procurement of rice from India, the Food Minister said that there are some legal complications.



Guests at a reception programme for language movement veterans and freedom fighters organised by World University of Bangladesh at Institution of Diploma Engineers Bangladesh in the city on Sunday.



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