

PM for optimum use of farmland

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the agricultural researchers to conduct more research to fix cropping zone for optimum utilization of farmland.

"We should cultivate crops suiting our land and those crops which are produced more at a low cost," she said when a five-member delegation of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Rahman Agriculture University of Gazipur paid a call on the premier at her office.

Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof Dr Md Abdul Mannan Akanda led the delegation.

During the meeting, the prime minister also emphasised the need for increasing production of wheat and maize and encouraging people to change their food habit to reduce pressure on rice, said PM's Press Secretary

Abul Kalam Azad after the meeting.

She also asked all concerned to take appropriate measures to diversify cultivation of crops.

Regarding age problem of the researchers to continue research, the premier said her government is think-

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ing about the matter so that age could not be a bar for the researchers.

The government will provide allout support so that they could conduct research smoothly for increasing food production to make the country self-sufficient in food, she added.

She said her government has taken various pragmatic measures including providing subsidy on agri-inputs to boost food production as her government doesn't want to be dependent on food import from other countries.

During the meeting, the delegation members expressed gratitude to the premier for her government's initiative to fix the retirement age of university teachers at 65 years.

They also raised various problems of the teachers and sought the PM's cooperation to solve those. Hasina assured that her government would take necessary measures to solve those problems for the development of the university.

Principal Secretary to the PM M A Karim and Secretary to the PM's Office Molla Waheeduzzaman were, among others, present on the occasion.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Abdul Aziz Bagmar, an organiser of the Liberation War, passed away at his residence at Banani yesterday at the age of 68, says a press release.

He left behind his two sons. Aziz was also a writer and politician.

He was buried at Banani graveyard after namaz-e-janaza at Banani Jame mosque.

His quirkhwanai will be held at his residence on Saturday.



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Death anniversary

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Today is the second death anniversary of Syed Mohammad Sajjad, a former Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) official, says a press release.

On the occasion, qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held on the premises of Syed Mokarram Ali (R) at Agla, Nawabganj in the city.

Saif-ud-Dahar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 13th death anniversary of Comrade Dr Saif-ud-Dahar, a communist leader of subcontinent and theorist, says a press release.

On the occasion, Saif-ud-Dahar Smriti Rokhha Committee will place wreath at his graveyard at the Mirpur Intellectual's Graveyard in the morning today.



The Star magazine this week is a special 64 page issue celebrating The Daily Star's 20th anniversary. Due to the Pahela Boishakh holiday on April 14, there will be no newspaper on Friday. The Star will be published on April 16th. Don't miss it!

