

Govt approves 17 climate projects

UNB, Dhaka

The government yesterday approved 17 projects, involving Tk 98 crore, under Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund to cope with the adverse impacts of climate change.

The Climate Change Trustee Board of the Ministry of Environment and Forests approved the projects at its meeting at the Secretariat in the afternoon.

Of the projects, Bangladesh Water Development Board will implement 15 while the remaining two will be implemented by respective Zila Parishads.

Chaired by Environment and Forests Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud, the meeting was also attended by Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan, Disaster Management and Relief Minister AH Mahmood Ali, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation Chairman Qazi Kholiqzaman Ahmad, and Environment and Forests Secretary Shafiqur Rahman Patwari.



Workers of Al-Hamra Garments Ltd in the capital's Malibagh Chowdhurypara block off Malibagh-Rampura road yesterday demanding their arrears.

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KU LIFE SCIENCE SCHOOL Students start fast-unto-death for exams

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Over 100 students of Khulna University's Life Science School yesterday began a fast-unto-death in front of the main gate of the university from 2:00pm demanding teachers restart classes and hold the term finals.

Md Imran Hossain, a final year student of Fisheries and Marine Research and Technology Discipline, said they had already announced their fast-unto-death programme at a press conference on July 3.

"We told the authorities that if they fail to announce a date for our examinations by July 7 then we will go for a fast-unto-death programme at 2:00pm on that day," he said.

The university authorities will have to take responsibility if any untoward situation occurs at the programme, he added.

The final examinations were to be held on July 23.

Students said teachers have been boycotting classes and final examination as they are divided regarding the appointment of the dean of the Life Science School.

Some teachers of the school have been protesting the appointment of Prof Samir Kumar Sadhu as the dean of the school. They have been boycotting all academic activities.

Prof Rezaul Karim, one of the agitating teachers, said the VC appointed Prof Samir violating seniority rules.

Refuting the allegation Vice Chancellor Prof Fayequzzama told the Daily Star that he followed the university rules and appointed Prof Samir Kumar who is the most senior pharmacy teacher.

Mass campaign required to stop food adulteration

Says **Abdur Razzaque**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Food safety law alone is not enough for stopping food adulteration; in addition a mass campaign is required to end the malpractice, said Food Minister Dr Abdur Razzaque yesterday.

Campaign for overcoming malnutrition played a significant role in this regard, and such campaign is required for ensuring safe food as well, Abdur Razzaque told a seminar on "Safe Food for Good Health during Ramadan" in the capital's Daffodil International University (DIU).

"It is not possible to stop eating unhealthy food through implementing law," he added.

Nutrition and Food Engineering and Pharmacy departments of the university in association with Consumer Association of Bangladesh and Agro Bangla arranged the seminar.

Abdur Razzaque said the government was working on the Food Safety Act, 2013 that consisted of a provision of up to 14 years' imprisonment for food adulteration.

DIU Vice Chancellor Prof M Lutfar Rahman said academic institutions could play a role in building awareness among people in this regard. Allied Health Science Dean Prof SM Keramat Ali, among others, also spoke.

BUILDING SAFETY BuEt professors advise regular assessment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Safety assessment of buildings, particularly those housing factories, should be a regular exercise to prevent any disaster, leading civil engineering professors said at a seminar yesterday.

The Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BuEt) organised it on its campus where practicing engineers shared their views to find an appropriate assessment approach.

Prof Md Mujibur Rahman, head of BuEt's civil engineering department, said safety of apparel factory buildings was facing a serious question in the backdrop of Savar Rana Plaza collapse this April, which killed at least 1,131 garment workers.

Following the country's deadliest building disaster, owners of nearly 300 buildings housing factories, residences and institutions in

4 get AAA award

CITY DESK

The American Alumni Association (AAA) conferred the "AAA Awards 2013" on four persons for their significant contributions in their respective areas and recognised them as "Outstanding American Alumni in Bangladesh".

The award recipients are Kamal Quadir (business), Dr Kamal Hossain (public service and development), Catherine Masud (arts and culture) and Dr Rafiqul Islam (education). The ceremony was held in The Westin Dhaka on Saturday.

AAA comprises graduates who have been enrolled for at least one year in an accredited educational institution in the US and obtained a graduation certificate for undergraduate or higher educational degree, states AAA's website.

Prime minister's International Affairs Adviser Prof Gowher Rizvi, as chief guest; US Ambassador Dan W Mozena, as special guest; and University Grants Commission Chairman Prof AK Azad Chowdhury were present while AAA President Tahsin Aman spoke at the ceremony.

AAA members former minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed, Ambassador to Uzbekistan Masud Mannan, and United Commercial Bank Limited Vice Chairman Sharif Zahir were also present, says a press release.

Protect adivasi communities

CHTC urges law enforcers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing concern over increasing incidents of violence in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) region, International Chittagong Hill Tracts Commission yesterday called upon law enforcers to protect indigenous people's rights.

Law enforcers failed to protect indigenous people from eviction, attacks, threats and killings and bring the perpetrators to justice, said the commission in a statement.

On June 18, 40 Tripura families were forced to flee their homes when about 200 Bangalee settlers from Bandorchara near Gomati Bazar allegedly attacked the Tripura village of Takar-Moni Para that night, read the statement.

The commission is also alarmed at the allegations of eviction of 21 indigenous Chak and Mro villagers by land grabbers from their ancestral villages in Naikhyangchhari and Lama upazilas under Bandarban district.

Moreover, about 210 Mro families are allegedly being threatened with eviction from Lulaing area of Soroi union of Lama upazila.

"We have also received media reports that at least 10 people have been killed in intra-party fighting between indigenous political parties from the beginning of this year, 2013," the statement read.

The commission asked the government to form an effective land commission which would ensure land rights to the indigenous people.

Pakistan envoy meets Khaleda

UNB, Dhaka

Pakistan High Commissioner in Dhaka Afrasiab Mehdi Hashmi Qureshi, along with his wife, called on BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in BNP's Gulshan office around 8:35pm yesterday.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, BNP Vice Chairperson Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury said Qureshi handed over Khaleda a letter from Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif thanking her for sending him a congratulatory letter after he was elected premier in May.

During the 50-minute meeting, Khaleda expressed satisfaction over the continuation of the democratic process in Pakistan.

She also hoped that the existing friendly relations between Dhaka and Islamabad will be strengthened further through increased mutual cooperation, said Mobin.

Man held with 11,000 Yaba tablets in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion arrested a man with 11,000 Yaba tablets at Sayedabad bus terminal last night.

The arrested is Nasiruddin, 30.

Rab carried out an operation in the area and arrested him while he was getting down from a bus, said a Rab-10 official.

On primary interrogation, Nasiruddin told the Rab that he was a carrier and the Yaba did not belong to him.

"An acquaintance gave him the Yaba in Cox's Bazar and Nasiruddin was supposed to call the person on his arrival in Sayedabad," said the official quoting the arrestee.



A mobile court of Chittagong City Corporation removes an illegal billboard on Sirajuddoula Road of the port city during a drive yesterday.

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Vacancy Announcement

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces the vacancy for the following posts for Activating Village Court in Bangladesh (AVCB) Project. (Current Project Expires on December, 2013, further project extension till December 2014 is on process.)

1. Monitoring & Evaluation Manager
2. Admin and Operations Manager
3. Project Coordinator
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5. Training Officer

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