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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) called for an alternative "democratic, left-leaning, development-oriented, patriotic, honest, and transparent" political force to enter the bipolar political equilibrium of Bangladesh.

The call was made as per recommendations of a three-day seminar of CPB's Central Committee held from July 23, chaired by CPB President Mujahidul Islam Selim.

"Under the patronage of BNP, communalism and fundamentalist terrorism are on the rise in the country while attempts are being made to free the war criminals," stated a CPB press release dated July 25.

"Awami League continues to tolerate all this so as to appease the sentiments of the US," it added.

Referring to the shipbreaking industry, Ticfa deal and Rampal power plant project near the Sundarbans, it said Bangladesh's sovereignty was under threat because both political parties determined the country's welfare as per interests of international stakeholders.

"Both Awami League and BNP failed to reign in the looting, discrimination, oppression, bribery, extortion, unemployment, crime and corruption that goes on in the free market economy, leaving citizens in acute economic crisis."

CPB fears that the bipolar situation could give rise to such levels of political instability, that an undemocratic takeover might occur, going against the country's democratic interests, stated the press release.

CPB added that in a situation like this, an alternative political power might be the only way out.



Former adviser to a caretaker government Sultana Kamal at a photography exhibition on the 1971 Liberation War she inaugurated in the capital's Shahbagh yesterday. Gonojagoron Mancha, in association with Bangladesh National Museum and Drik, organised the event, "Portrait of History", to project sacrifices of freedom fighters and the Pakistani army's atrocities. The organisers said they extended the exhibition from two days to five.

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Train ticket sale starts in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Advance sale of tickets of inter-city trains started at Chittagong Railway Station yesterday ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

Adequate measures have been taken to resist any kind of irregularities like ticket scalping and other crimes during the sale at the station, said Chittagong Railway Station Manager AA Shamsul Alam.

Two pairs of special trains will run on Chittagong-Chandpur route on August 6, 7 and 8 ahead of the Eid to tackle the huge rush of homebound people, he said, adding that the trains will also ply on the same route for a week after Eid day.

The authorities will also add extra coaches to the intercity trains, he said.

Alam said the tickets for August 4 were sold out yester-

Similarly, advance tickets for August 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be available for four days starting today and every day the tickets will be sold from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

One person is allowed to buy a maximum of four tickets. Hundreds of people were seen standing in queues to collect tickets.

2 lakh marooned as flood grips Bhola

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bhola

More than two lakh people are left stranded in water, many of them without enough food and safe drinking water, due to the last five days of tidal surge flooding in 80 villages of the coastal district, Bhola.

The suffering has been intensified by the heavy downpour, which started Thursday night leaving barely any high place where the villagers can take shelter and cook food. All seven upazilas have been flooded due

to the 20 kilometre-long damaged embankment. The worst-hit are Tazumuddin, Borhanuddin and the sadar upazilas.

In Tazumuddin, all the roads have gone under water, while the roads connecting Tazumuddin-Borhanuddin and Bhola-Char Fasson have also been inundated.

People were seen taking shelter on the highways or heading out to the upazila

headquarters. In Borhanuddin, the entire region along the Borhanganj-Raniganj road was swamped except a bridge where several families were seen cooking food by turns.

Abdus Salam, a 70-year-old villager in Pokkhia union, Borhanuddin, said he had never seen such a high tide before. He said they had been demanding repair of the embankment for the last four years.

Meanwhile, the affected people are yet to receive any relief.

Md Khayrul Hasan, upazila nirbahi officer of Tazumuddin, and Jahangir Hossain, UNO of Borhanuddin, said it became difficult to start relief work as there was hardly any high place where the victims could cook food like rice.

Deputy Commissioner of Bhola Khondokar Mostafijur Rahaman told The Daily Star by phone that 200 tonnes of rice and Tk 5 lakh had been allocated as relief for the victims.

Arial Khan Bank Erosion 300 families uprooted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

At least 300 families of Shibchar and Madaripur sadar upazilas have become homeless due to erosion of the banks of the Arial Khan river in the last one month.

The erosion is occurring as the water level of the river continues going up amid tidal flow. Locals said the river had devoured homesteads, cultivable land, and many academic and religious institutions in about 14 unions of the two upazilas. The affected areas are Charjanajat, Kathalbari, Dattapara,

Sannasirchar, Bondorkhola, and Nilukhi under Shibchar upazila and Dhurail, Charnachna, Kalikapur, Farajirhat, Mohisherchar, Panchkhola, Kazirtek, and Chilachar under the sadar upazila. The people living on the river bank fear that the river

would devour their homes and agricultural land anytime, while the displaced erosion victims are passing days in an uncertainty on the flood control embankment and in other areas. The erosion is also threatening the existence of Haji

Shariatullah Bridge as huge areas are collapsing into the river near the structure. Some concrete blocks of the bridge have already come loose and fallen into water. On the other hand, the Madaripur town embankment is

now on verge of collapse due to cracks at several places and strong current in the river. Bazlur Rahaman Sarkar, chairman of Charjanajat union, and Murad Hossain, chairman of Dattapara union, said they

had asked the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) to repair the river embankment but to no effect. BWDB Sub-Assistant Engineer Md Touhidur Rahman

acknowledged the fact and said the repair of the embankment was held back because of funding crunch. He said they had asked for fund from higher authorities on an emergency basis.

BGB Drives in 6 Months Smuggled goods of Tk 253cr seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) in the first half of 2013 seized contraband goods and drugs worth around Tk 253 crore while those were being smuggled in and out of the country.

The border force also rescued 407 persons -- 322 women and 85 men -- while they were being trafficked out of the country. BGB men arrested 12 human traffickers and filed 141 cases in this connection, said a BGB press release yester-

Of the total recovered items, goods worth around Tk 236.52 crore were seized while those were being smuggled into the country while goods worth Tk 16.46 crore were seized while being smuggled out of the country, it said.

BGB men arrested 858 people on charge of smuggling goods in the six months from January to June.

The border force seized goods including 275,544 bottles of Phensidyl syrup, 275,065 Yaba tablets and 82,109 bottles of foreign wine.

A total of 12,272 cases were filed with different police stations across the county in connection with the seizure.

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KCC announces Tk 345cr budget

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna City Corporation (KCC) on Thursday announced a budget of Tk 345.04 crore for the fiscal year 2013-14 without imposing new taxes.

Mayor (in charge) Azmol Ahmed Tapon formally placed the proposed budget, with a special emphasis on infrastructural development, in a press conference in the corporation's Shaheed Altaf Auditorium.

For the budget's funding, the KCC expects Tk 121.74 crore from government allocations, Tk 128.70 crore from donor agencies and Tk 94.59 would be mobilised from its own resources.

The proposed budget has allocated Tk 95 crore to five approved projects under the annual development programme and Tk 121.74 crore to six approved projects of different donor organisations including Asian Development Bank, said the mayor in charge.

Last fiscal, the proposed budget was Tk 309.19 crore but the revised budget was Tk 251.52 crore.

"Last fiscal our spending did not cross the proposed budget," Azmol Ahmed Tapon said and sought cooperation from residents of the city, civil society and newly elected KCC officials to attain their goals within the proposed budget of the current fiscal year.

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ইউটিলিটিজ ও পার্কিংসহ, ৬৬ লক্ষ টাকা। ০১১৯৩০৯৫২৯৭

জরুরী ভিত্তিতে ১২ সোনারগাঁও রোডস্থ সোনারতরী টাওয়ারের ১৩ তলায় সুসজ্জিত ডেকোরেশন সহ ৭০০ বর্গফুটের (আনুমানিক) অফিস স্পেস বিক্রয় করা হবে। <mark>যোগাযোগ</mark>ঃ ০১৭৬৮১২৩২৩৯, ০১৮১৫০৫২৬৪০

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ঃ অফিসার (পাবলিকেশন্স)- ১ টি ৩। পদের নাম ঃ সকল পরীক্ষায় ন্যূনতম দ্বিতীয় বিভাগ/ শ্রেণীসহ ইংরেজী বিষয়ে মাষ্টার্স অথবা ঐচ্ছিক শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা

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