

DNCC launches upgraded Mirpur slaughterhouse

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) yesterday inaugurated an upgraded slaughterhouse in Mirpur-11.

The slaughterhouse now comprises facilities that produce biogas using remains of slaughtered animals, harvest rain water, and continuously check health condition of animals prior to slaughter, said officials of the city corporation.

Besides, the slaughterhouse has modern equipment for skinning cattle and preserving blood and animal waste, they added.

An official of Islamic Relief Bangladesh, a development organisation, said it is possible to kill 80 to 100 animals at the slaughterhouse every day.

Islamic Relief Bangladesh upgraded the slaughterhouse with funds from Islamic Relief USA.

Rakhal Chandara Barmon, administrator of the city corporation, at the inaugural ceremony, said they have plans to build more modern slaughterhouses in the city to ensure healthy meat for residents of Dhaka.

Brig Gen AKM Masud Ahsan, chief health officer of DNCC, said they would construct a modern slaughterhouse in Mohakhali and have a plan to establish slaughterhouses in every ward under the city corporation.

He said currently there are two slaughterhouses under DNCC, including the one in Mirpur-11. The remaining one is in Mohammadpur.

There were four slaughterhouses under DNCC, but two of them -- in Mirpur-2 and Gulshan -- were shut down as they were in poor condition, he added.

Baul Mela begins in Manikganj

BSS, Manikganj

A four-day Baul Mela started on Manikganj Govt High School playground on Sunday evening.

Social Welfare Minister Sayed Mohsin Ali inaugurated the fair organised by Mother Foundation on the occasion of its six founding anniversary. Afroza Ramjan, chairman of the foundation, presided over the function.

Many Baul singers took part in the fair.



An elderly man with hearing impairment receives treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital after his leg was wounded in a cocktail attack at the capital's Jatrabari yesterday.

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QATARI JOBS Agencies to only process departure

Govt to get demand from employers, make selections, Minister Khandker Mosharraf tells reporters; female jobseekers of Dhaka Division must register online between Thursday and March 11

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Local recruiting agencies catering to Bangladeshis seeking Qatari jobs will be only dealing with the sending process, including ticket purchase and medical tests, for "a certain amount" as service charge.

Meanwhile, the expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry will select the appropriate candidates after going through demands employers will be placing at the Bangladesh embassy. "The employers will bear all costs - for visa procedure, air tickets and others. So, the jobseekers need not go to brokers or middlemen," Khandker Mosharraf Hossain told journalists at a press briefing in the capital's Probashi Kalyan Bhaban yesterday.

The move was to cut irrational costs the agencies charge from jobseekers and end their "visa trade" in Qatar, he added.

Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies President Mohammed Abul Bashar said they would sit for talks over the issue with the secretary.

The minister's remark comes against the backdrop of a visit to the Middle Eastern country by a delegation led by Mosharraf at February's end.

By this year, one to 1.5 lakh Bangladeshis will find Qatari jobs, he claimed, adding that in the last two months the Qatar government allotted 50,000 work visas for Bangladeshis.

The Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) says 15,000 Bangladeshis took up jobs in Qatar in the last two months.

Meanwhile, BMET Director General Begum Shamsun Nahar announced that females in Dhaka division seeking jobs abroad, particularly in Saudi Arabia, have to register

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DU celebrates Flag Hoisting Day

BSS, Dhaka

Flag Hoisting Day was celebrated at Dhaka University yesterday.

Marking the day, a discussion and a programme on Liberation War songs was organised at Battala on the campus.

For the first time on March 2, 1971, the first version of Bangladesh's national flag was hoisted at Dhaka University by ASM Abdur Rab, the then vice president of Dhaka University Students' Union.

Road crashes kill 2, injure 1

CITY DESK

Road accidents killed two people and injured another in two districts yesterday.

In Barisal, an on-duty police died when a bus ran him over on Barisal-Dhaka highway at Rampatty yesterday. The deceased was Manirul Islam, an assistant sub-inspector.

In Bogra, Ranju Mia, 30, of Battola Ranabirbala area died and another was injured when a covered-van hit them after they fell off a motorcycle on Bogra-Dhaka highway yesterday.

All unite to restore

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exchange for bribes," said Dr Kamal, one of the authors of Bangladesh's constitution. "We need to wage movement so police are not used to serve any partisan interests."

The law cannot take its own course today, he said, adding that instability and uncertainty was created when laws became parts of the political game, and this was the biggest hurdle to restore normalcy. He called upon all, especially the youth, to build national unity against violence and fascism.

Expressing concern over the arrest of Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna, JSD President ASM Abdur Rab asked, "Is it thuggery?"

"I don't know why Manna was taken on a 10-day remand. He confessed to his telephonic conversation. So why should he be arrested? Will one be charged with sedition just for talking against the government?" he said. He demanded an immediate dialogue to end the political turmoil.

Rab also suggested forming a commission led by Dr Kamal to make necessary reforms to the constitution to create a balance of power and better governance systems.

Dr Zafarullah Chowdhury of Gonoshasthaya Kendra, Hossain Mohammad Mansur, ex-vice president of Dhaka University Central Student Union (Ducus), Nagorik Oikya Adviser SM Akram, and JSD (Rab) General Secretary Abdul Malek Ratan also spoke.

Pro-BNP-Jamaat lawyers

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five-day response deadline ended, they had called the meeting for yesterday.

The association President Md Mujibul Haque told The Daily Star that they would hold a meeting today to resolve the matter.

Some pro-Awami League lawyers at another meeting presided over by Abul Hasem declared to start attending court from Sunday if the decision does not come in four days.

PM's warning for DS

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national parliament is a reflection of the government's highest policy. Such a statement regarding the publishing of news to inform people about a true issue does not match with the character of a democratic government."

The organisation hoped that the government will ensure media's freedom.

"It is the responsibility of the media to inform people whether the government and everyone else are carrying out their duty properly," read the statement, adding that media accountability should be ensured through a democratic process, not through any undemocratic means.

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NOTICE OF THE 16th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 16th Annual General Meeting of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at International Convention City, Bashundhara (Pushpoguscho), Joarshahara, Purbachal Link Road, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh to transact the following businesses:

AGENDA:

Ordinary Business

1. To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2014 together with the reports of the Auditor and the Directors.
2. To declare dividend for the year ended 31 December 2014.
3. To elect/re-elect Director(s) of the Company.
4. To appoint the Auditors of the Company for the year 2015 and fix their remuneration.

Special Business

5. To consider and approve the offer of RAK Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. to settle the long outstanding loan given by RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited of an amount of BDT 500,000,000 and interest of BDT 334,665,468 thereof as on February 18, 2015 totaling to BDT 834,665,468 in consideration of final settlement of an amount of BDT 44,118,000 in cash and transferring the title of the corporate office of RAK Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. measuring 8,075.92 sft. at the 10th floor of RAK Tower, 1/A Jasimuddin Avenue, Sector-3, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230 (the present fair value of the corporate office of RAK Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. is BDT 201,898,000 as determined by an independent valuer) and accordingly write off the balance irrecoverable loan of BDT 253,984,000 and unrealized interest of BDT 334,665,468 as 'Investment Loss' and 'Interest Loss on Investment' respectively totaling to BDT 588,649,468 in the books of the Company.

By order of the Board of Directors
Sd/-

(Muhammad Shahidul Islam FCS)
Company Secretary

Dhaka, Bangladesh
March 02, 2015

Notes:

1. The Members whose name appeared in the Share Register of the Company or in the Depository Register on the 'Record Date' (i.e. February 17, 2015) will be entitled to attend the meeting and receive the dividend.
2. The Board unanimously recommended cash dividend @ 25 percent of the paid up capital of the Company.
3. Members may please note that pursuant to BSEC Order No. SEC/CMRRC-D/2009-193/104/Admin dated 27 July 2011; A. Qasem & Co., Chartered Accountants (A member firm of Ernst & Young Global Limited, UK) has been recommended by the Board of Directors to be appointed as new Statutory Auditors of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited for the year 2015 subject to approval of the shareholders.
4. A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her behalf (such proxy shall be a shareholder of the Company). The Proxy Form, duly filled and stamped, must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
5. Admission to the meeting will be strictly on production of the attendance slip attached with the Annual Report.
6. Members are requested to submit to the Registered Office of the Company on or before March 22, 2015, their written option to receive dividend in the form enclosed with the Annual Report. If the Members fail to submit such option within the stipulated time, the dividend will be paid off as deemed appropriate by the Company.
7. In case of non-receipt of the Annual Report of the Company sent through courier, Members may collect the same from the Registered Office of the Company on or before March 22, 2015. No additional Annual Report will be distributed in the AGM venue.

Members may please note that no food or gift or benefit in cash or kind shall be given at the Annual General Meeting.