

Ecneec okays eight dev projects

UNB, Dhaka

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) yesterday approved eight development projects with an outlay of Tk 1,442.42 crore, including one to set up the second campus of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University involving Tk 238.87 crore.

The approval came from a meeting at the NEC conference room with Ecneec Chairperson and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal said, "Of the total project cost, Tk 953.52 crore will come from the national exchequer and Tk 25.04 crore from the organisation's own fund while Tk 463.85 crore from project assistance."

Of the approved eight projects, seven are new while another is a revised one.

Planning ministry sources said Bangladesh University Grants Commission, and Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University will implement the project by June 2019 at Pahartali and Hathazari of Chittagong, and Cox's Bazar entirely with government fund. Under the project, two new faculties, two new institutes and four departments would be set up. Mustafa Kamal said the prime minister at the meeting asked the authorities concerned to take initiatives for setting up a specialised university in Cox's Bazar with an emphasis on research.

The Ecneec meeting gave nod to another project titled "Establishment of supervisory control and data acquisition system" with Tk 152.20 crore to ensure efficiency in electricity management at the zone under Desco.

Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited under the Power Division will implement the project by June 2019 in Gazipur, Narayanganj, Dhaka metropolitan city (north), Tongi and Purbachal Model Town with support from the Asian Development Bank.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina offers prayers after inaugurating a four-storey barracks for members of President Guard Regiment by unveiling its plaque at Gono Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PMO

RAILWAY MODERNISATION

Dhaka happy with first batch of Indian coaches

More to arrive in phases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Railways is set to add new luxurious carriages to its fleet soon, as the first consignment of 20 modern coaches out of 270 that the government is procuring arrived on March 22. The government is buying 120 broad gauge carriages from India and 150 more from Indonesia, of which 100 are meter gauge and 50 broad gauge, approximately Tk 2,000 crore. These coaches will arrive within this year and will be added in phases.

Kamal Krishna Bhattacharyya, additional secretary of the railways ministry said the carriages would be arriving every month from now on. Shashi Kumar Singha, additional secretary (planning and development) of the ministry said Tk 976 crore of the Indian Line of Credit would be spent to buy 120 broad gauge coaches from India while Asian Development Bank funded Tk 1,130 crore would be spent to buy 150 coaches from Indonesia.

"The first consignment have been tested by our experts... Everything is satisfactory as agreed with the Indian company," said Md Feroz Salah Uddin, railways secretary. "Our rail coaches are old and can't be repaired properly due to the shortage of coaches. Once new carriages are added, we will be able to

repair the old ones thoroughly and then the service will increase significantly," he added. Consignment from Indonesia has already been shipped, he said.

Out of 120 Indian Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches, 17 are air-conditioned first class cars, 17 are AC chair, 34 are non-AC with pantries, 33 are non-AC with prayer rooms and 19 are power car coaches. The manufacturing of stainless steel LHB broad gauge coaches is ongoing at the Rail Coach Factory in Kapurthala in northern Indian state of Punjab.

Our Nilphamari Correspondent reports that the first consignment of the 20 coaches' painted green and red similar to Bangladesh national flag entered the country through bordering Dorshana Rail Station of Jessore and made a halt at Saidpur Rail Station.

Divisional superintendent (DS) of Saidpur rail workshop Nur Ahmed Hossain accompanied by works manager Kudrot-e-Khoda and other high officials received the coaches. Of them, three are AC berth, six are AC chair, eight are non-AC chair and three are power cars. Indian officials and staff arriving with the coaches informed that these coaches are equipped with arrangements for disabled people, wide doors, windows, modern toilets and amusement facilities.

Man shot in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified assailants shot a man in the capital's Mohakhali Wireless Gate area early yesterday.

Tofazzal, 40, a chauffeur, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with two bullet wounds in his shoulder, said Gulshan police. He was shot when he was going home on his motorcycle after work. His wife said the assailants did not take any of his possessions.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 45th death anniversary of martyred Lt Col NAM Jahangir, says a press release.

On the occasion, different programmes including a photo exhibition and a doa mahfil will be held at 31 Field Ambulance, Comilla Cantonment. Another doa mahfil will be held on Friday after Juma prayers at Thana Masjid of Pangsha upazila, Rajbari, his hometown. During the 1971 Liberation War, the Pakistani occupation army killed him along with his fellow officers and soldiers as he was the commanding officer of the then "40 Field Ambulance" stationed in Comilla Cantonment.

Suspended SCC mayor Ariful

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physical problems, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Monday and after visiting his mother, he got admitted to the hospital where she was under treatment, said family members. He got 15-day bail in the murder case from the High

Court on March 22 and in an explosives case filed over the murder from the Habiganj Court on Sunday, to see his ailing mother, said Barrister Abdul Alim Kafi, a lawyer for Ariful. Ariful is an accused in the former finance minister ASM Kibria murder case.

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Bangladesh Hepatitis Prevention Society discussion told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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"The situation gets very dangerous when hepatitis E virus infects pregnant women. It can be avoided through creating public awareness," said Prof Nooruddin Ahmad, chairman of the Department of Hepatology of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

He said this while addressing a discussion on "what needs to be done in preventing hepatitis", organised by the Bangladesh Hepatitis Prevention Society in Cirdap auditorium yesterday.

He said hepatitis B, C and D spread through blood while hepatitis A and E spread through water and food.

The repeated use of same needles, blades and knives without proper sterilisation in piercing nose, ear, cutting hair, doing circumcision and treating teeth, causes hepatitis B, C and D," he said.

He requested the government to include hepatitis B vaccination in the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI).

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