

UN agency to support 10 lakh poor farming households

CITY DESK

The government and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) have signed a financial agreement to increase incomes and reduce poverty for more than 10 lakh poor farming households by increasing agricultural production and improving access to markets.

The UN agency will provide \$23.86 million as a highly concessional loan to fund the \$214 million Second National Agricultural Technology Programme, said an IFAD press release yesterday.

The project will also be funded by the World Bank (\$176 million) and USAID (\$7.4 million).

The agreement was signed by Mohammad Mejbahuddin, senior secretary, Economic Relations Division and Hubert Boirard, IFAD's country programme manager.

Man hacked to death in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Unidentified miscreants hacked a man to death in Gobindapur area of Gazipur city on Wednesday night.

The deceased, M Shahin, 28, son of Geduraj Mia of the area, was a trader of rod and cement.

Harun-Or-Rashid, sub-inspector and in-charge of Chokroborty police outpost under Joydebpur Police Station, said he might have been murdered over previous enmity.

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PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

TONU MURDER CASE

CID transfers probe to another officer

STAR REPORT

New investigation officer of Criminal Investigation Department was yesterday given the responsibility to probe into the murder of college student Shohagi Jahan Tonu.

Jalal Uddin Ahmed, assistant superintendent of police of CID, yesterday evening took charge of the job, reports our correspondent.

He replaced Gazi Mohammad Ibrahim, who has been investigating the sensational murder since April when the killing case was shifted to the CID to expedite its probe.

Tonu, 19, a second year history student of Comilla Victoria College and a member of Victoria College Theatre, went missing on March 20, hours after she had gone out of her house at Comilla Mainamati Cantonment for private tuition.

Later, Tonu's father Yaar Hossain found his daughter lying unconsciousness with severe injuries to her body in a bush adjacent to their house.

She was then taken to Combined Military Hospital where doctors declared her dead.

Her father filed the murder case the next day against unnamed persons.

Dhaka, Riyadh for boosting military ties

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia have underscored the need for further strengthening the military cooperation for mutual benefits of the two countries.

The views came when visiting Saudi Deputy Minister of Defence Mohammad Bin Abdullah Al-Aish paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official residence Gono Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

Briefing reporters after the meeting, Prime Minister's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim said various aspects of cooperation in different sectors including defence came up for discussion.

"We want to go ahead further for bolstering military cooperation, and there could be high-level visits of defence personnel between the two brotherly countries," the Saudi deputy minister of defence said.

The premier reiterated Bangladesh's commitment to ensure protection of the two holy mosques of Saudi Arabia.

The premier said the government is actively considering the Saudi request for

participation in the development of Saudi defence infrastructures like mine sweeping, construction of military barracks, airfields and bunkers.

When the Saudi deputy minister said his country wants to protect its border, the prime minister said there is an international standard academy of Border Guard Bangladesh through which the Saudi border guards could be provided training.

Hasina said Bangladesh has enough experts in construction of such roads and Saudi Arabia could utilise them in building such roads and other infrastructure.

Sheikh Hasina conveyed her greetings to Saudi King Salman Bin Abdulaziz through the Saudi deputy minister.

Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi, Principal Secretary Md Abul Kalam Azad and Military Secretary Maj Gen Mia Mohammad Zainul Abedin, Principal Staff Officer of the Armed Forces Division Lt Gen Mahfuzur Rahman, Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Golam Masih and Saudi Ambassador in Dhaka Abdullah H M Al Mutairi were present.

NEWSIN brief

Enayetullah new chair of WildTeam

UNB, Dhaka

A five-member executive committee of WildTeam, a conservation organisation, was elected at its annual general meeting in the capital yesterday with Enayetullah Khan as its chairman.

The meeting elected Prof M Harunur Rashid as vice-chairman and Prof Dr Md Anwarul Islam general secretary, Dr Gawsia Wahidunnessa Chowdhury treasurer

Celebration to mark BSFF's inception starts today

CITY DESK

To mark 30 years of its inception the Bangladesh Short Film Forum (BSFF) will begin a two-day celebration titled "Three decades of alternative cinema" from today at the capital's Shilpakala Academy.

The programmes, scheduled for a 10:30am start, include inauguration, panel discussion, and film

Death anniversary

CITY DESK



Today is the eight death anniversary of Alhaj Shamsul Hoque Mojumder, a retired engineer of Public Works Department and an eminent social worker, says a press release.

A Doa and a Milad Mahfil will be organised after the Jumma prayers at different mosques including Amjad Mojumder Bari Jame Masjid and Addadar Bari Jame Masjid in Fulgazi upazila of Feni, marking the day.

Safety tools were

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He also corroborated that the five safety instruments -- safety valves, pressure transmitter, condenser, vent and flare -- had not been functional at the tank.

The committee would submit its report in seven days.

Amal Kanti Barua, managing director of the DAP (diammonium phosphate) factory, said he heard after the incident that the safety instruments were not functional, but none from the operation or maintenance department informed him about it before.

Sixth Death Anniversary



Former Inspector General of Police Mr. Abdur Raquib Khandaker expired on August 26, 2010 at the age of 78.

AR Khandaker joined the police service of Pakistan in 1956 and retired as Inspector General of Police in 1990. Khulna Police revolted and he supported them, he was arrested by the Pakistani Military Junta, taking him to the firing squad, later released for taking action against police force. He represented Bangladesh as a member of ECOSOC. He was also prolific writer, a keen sportsman, a dedicated sports organizer. He served as the President of Bangladesh Football Federation for long time. He was rewarded with the National Sports Award as a sports organizer in 1999.

He has left behind four sons, two daughters and a host of grandchildren. All relatives, well-wishers are requested to pray for the eternal peace of Mr. AR Khandaker.

A Qurankhwani and food for the destitute has been organized by the family. All his friends, family members and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of his departed soul. **C-463**

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