

Dilip made LDF coordinator

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
General Secretary of Bangladesh Sammyabadi Dal (ML) Dilip Barua will act as central coordinator of the Left Democratic Front for next three months, effective from yesterday. Barua is also a member of the central council of the Front, an alliance of the left-leaning political parties.

1369 more held

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Police arrested 1,369 people, including five identified criminals, during their countrywide drive in last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

Nurul Islam murder case Hearing resumes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
The tribunal judge yesterday rejected three more petitions filed on behalf of another accused Mahfuz, the driver of prime accused Abu Taher, seeking further time. On September 21 this year, Judge M Hasan Imam had adjourned the trial of the case till October 7 following a Naraji petition filed by the defendant's lawyer Rangan Das under CrPC 526. The lawyer filed the petition expressing doubt about the fair trial in the tribunal. He also informed the court that the defendant would file a fresh petition with the High Court Division to transfer the case from the tribunal.

Int'l Disaster Mitigation Day today

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The International Disaster Mitigation Day will be observed across the country as elsewhere in the world today. The theme of this year's International Disaster Mitigation Day is "Living at Risk: Attaining Sustainable Development by Overcoming Calamities." Disaster Management and Relief Ministry and Disaster Management Bureau have jointly taken various programmes both at national and field levels to create mass awareness on the natural calamities. President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia have given separate messages on the day. A colourful rally will be brought out from National Museum at 7 am.


Failure to play nat'l anthem at CPA confce condemned

DU CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday termed the failure of playing the national anthem at the inaugural ceremony of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) conference in the city as an ill motive of the four-party alliance-government. In a joint statement, BCL President Liaqat Sikder and General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babu termed the failure as governments' attempt to dishonour the national anthem. They also condemned the government for the incident that had tarnished the image of the country, said a press release.

CPB protest rally today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) will organise mass processions in all district headquarters today to protest 'misrule' of the BNP-Jamaat government. The demonstrators will also protest the price hike of essentials, increasing crimes and widespread corruption. Meanwhile, the 16th death anniversary of former CPB general secretary and veteran politician Mohammad Farhad will be observed tomorrow. The party will hold a discussion at the party's central office at 4.00pm today to mark the day. Leaders and workers of CPB and other organisations will place wreath at the grave of Farhad at the Banani graveyard tomorrow morning. A milad mahfil will also be held at the residence of Rina Khan, wife of late Farhad, at 94/F Azimpur.

Mehdy Ispahani hospitalised


Mirza Mehdy Ispahani, a renowned industrialist and chairman of Ispahani Group of Industries, is undergoing medical treatment at Sikder Cardiac Hospital in the city following a severe heart attack, says a press release. People have been requested to pray for his early recovery.

