



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina attended the 11th party of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) as chief guest at the National Press Club yesterday.

CPB urges people to wage movement to protect public property

BSS, Dhaka
President of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) Monjurul Ahsan Khan yesterday called upon the people to wage a strong movement to protect the public property.
He was addressing a rally organised by CPB at Gangopara of Bagmarar hat in Rajshahi, says a press release here.
Presided over by local CPB leader Bijan Sarkar the rally was addressed by president of CPB. Rajshahi district unit Mohsin Ali, General Secretary Enamul Haque, party leaders Abul Kalam, Rezaul Karim, SM Chandan and Akkas Ali.
Monjurul Ahsan Khan said being afraid of fierce movement, cases were filed against the leaders of the CPB. He demanded immediate release of Jhokra union parishad chairman Ali Khaza.

BNP bodies protest B'Chowdhury's comment

BSS, Dhaka
Leaders of different front organisations of BNP have expressed deep resentment over the recent comments of former president A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury.
In a recent interview with the Manobjabin, the former president termed the present parliament as "inefficient majority" and their opinion as "conspiracy".
In a joint statement on Thursday, leaders of BNP's front organisations strongly protested the comments and said the observation of the former president is a clear demonstration of his disrespect for democracy.
"Such comments, in fact, unveiled the attitude of vengeance and opportunist mentality of the former president. He is now engaged in destabilising the political atmosphere of the country, they added.
The leaders said what the former president is now telling is nothing but the expression of his pain and anguish for removing him from the power.
The signatories to the statement were Jubo Dal President Barkat Ullah Bhulu and General Secretary Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal, Chhatra Dal President Sahabuddin Laltu and General Secretary Azizul Bari Helal, Mohila Dal Convenor Begum Khurshid Jahan Haq, JASAS President Washimul Bari Rajib and General Secretary Bulbul Ahmed, Sramik Dal President Nazrul Islam Khan and General Secretary Jafrul Hasan, Krishak Dal President Rijvi Haq Milan, Muktijoddha Dal President Redwan Ahmed, Olema Dal Convenor Syed Mujibul Bashir Majbhandari and Member-Secretary Shah Mohammad Nesarul Haq.

6 get life term for killing physician

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A special tribunal here yesterday sentenced six people to life imprisonment for killing a physician.
The tribunal also fined TK 50 thousand each.
The convicts are Bhutto, Morshed, Rafiq Ullah, Rosa, Azad and Kafil.
According to the prosecution, the convicts, all reportedly members of infamous Taher Bahini, attacked Taher Market of Purba Zafarpur in Laxmipur and set it to fire by hurling bombs on July 10, 2001.
The attack left Dr Swapon injured and he succumbed to his injury after undergoing treatment for around a month in Dhaka.
After examining the records and evidences, Judge M Hasan Imam of the Speedy Trial Tribunal, Chittagong awarded the verdict. PP Quamrul Islam Chowdhury Sajjad appeared for the state while Advocate Paramhangsha Dash for the accused.
FM honoured in Philippines
UNB, Dhaka
Filipino President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo has conferred highly prestigious 'Ancient Order of Sikatuna-Datu' on Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan for his role in strengthening the bilateral relations.
An official announcement here yesterday said the honour was bestowed on the FM, now in Manila, on Friday "in recognition of his dedication and contribution to forging a better understanding and closer relations between the peoples of the Philippines and Bangladesh".
His contribution to improving sub-regional and regional cooperation among the countries of South and Southeast Asia got a special mention at the awarding ceremony in the Filipino capital.
Arroyo hosted a dinner in honour of Morshed Khan and conferred the Order. Bilateral, regional and international issues of common concern were discussed over the dinner.
Earlier in the day, Morshed Khan called on Speaker of the House of Representatives Jose De Venecia, Jr., who also awarded him a medal.
At a simple ceremony, the Speaker presented 'Congressional Medal of Achievement' to him for his invaluable contribution to the Bangladesh-Philippine relations.
His vital role in promoting sub-regional and regional cooperation between ASEAN and SAARC countries, continued support to the efforts towards achieving lasting peace in Mindanao, espousing Christian-Muslim dialogue as co-founder of the Global Foundation for Christian-Muslim Partnership, and his deep involvement in Asian Political Parties Conference were also noted with appreciation.
They discussed matters of mutual interest and issues related to regional and global peace, security and development.
During the meeting, they agreed on the importance of regular consultation and exchange of visits among the parliamentarians for deepening bonds between the two peoples and their leaders.
The two sides underscored the need for the creation of a forum for the parliamentarians of the two countries for "focused interaction".
Morshed Khan is in Manila on a three-day official visit at the invitation of Blas F Ople, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines.

Death anniversary

The 15th death anniversary of A K S h a f i u l l a h Khandaker, an organiser of the liberation war and ex-officer of Pakistan Air Force, will be observed today, says a press release.
A milad and doa mahfil will be held at his village home at Gobindapur under Fenisadar upazila.

Khandaker Ahsan Uddin Ahmed
The first death anniversary of Khandaker Ahsan Uddin Ahmed, a former customs superintendent, will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.
A doa mahfil will be held at his family residence at 155/1/KA, North Shyamoli Road in the city after Asr prayers.
Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the mahfil and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

DU JCD leader beats student

DU CORRESPONDENT
A student of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman hall of Dhaka University was beaten up by a leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Friday night.
Sources said Kamal Hossain, finance secretary of the hall unit JCD, asked Yaseer Arefin Razu, a third year student of accounting department, to sit away from him while watching the television in the TV room.
As Razu failed to follow the order instantly, Kamal began to beat him up.
President Akram Hossain and General Secretary Nazmul Hasan of the hall unit JCD has assured Razu of taking necessary action against Kamal in this respect.

Obituary

UNB, Dhaka
Noted Islamic thinker and professor of Islamic Studies Department of Rajshahi University M Jamaluddin, died yesterday at the age of 60.
Prof Jamaluddin left behind three sons, four daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.
He was buried at the university graveyard after holding the namaz-e-janaza at the university's central mosque.
Prof Jamaluddin, also the Director of Quran O Namaz Shikha Ashar of Rajshahi Betar, had joined the university in 1984 and worked till his death, says a press release.
Jahan Ara Mahmud
Jahan Ara Mahmud, daughter-in-law of late Khorshed Uddin Ahmed, ex-member of Pakistan Legislative Assembly, died at SPRC hospital in the city on Friday night at the age of 58 years, says a press release.
She left behind her husband, three sons, one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn her death.
She was buried at her family graveyard at Sonmania village under Pakundia upazila in Kishorganj district.

Srikanta Rakhit murder Hearing to frame charge Nov 19

UNB, Chittagong
The Speedy Trial Tribunal here yesterday fixed November 19 for hearing to frame the charge of murder of Srikanta Rakhit, a university student who was abducted and killed in April this year.
Court sources said the charge hearings, however, could be deferred to November 22 if parliament session continued up to November 19, as an opposition Awami League MP is among those accused of the murder.
The court fixed the date when 15 of the total 17 accused, including ABM Fazle Karim Chowdhury MP of Awami League, yesterday appeared before the tribunal.
Azimuddin and his mother Aleya Begum, the two other accused, are absconding.
The murder case was taken as a sensational one on October 25 and transferred to the Speedy Trial Tribunal from the Sessions Judge's Court on November 6.
Chinese envoy calls on Ershad
UNB, Dhaka
Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Chai Xi made a courtesy call on Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad at the latter's office here yesterday.
During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to mutual interest, says a party press release.
Terming China as a close friend of Bangladesh, the JP Chief hoped that the existing friendly relations would be further strengthened during the tenure of the new envoy.



Inspector General of Police (IGP) Shahudul Haque facing contempt charge appeared in person before the High Court yesterday.

