

BNP grand rally in Ctg on Feb 2

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The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) at joint meeting yesterday decided to hold its first divisional grand rally in Chittagong on February 2, instead of January 8.

A meeting was held at the official residence of Local Government and Rural Development Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan.

The meeting also chalked out a two-day long elaborate programme on the occasion of the birth anniversary of late President Ziaur Rahman with Bhuiyan in the chair. Bhuiyan directed the leaders present in the meeting to make sure that no one is left out from the voter list that is being prepared and no false names are incorporated in the list.

Party joint secretaries Asraf Hossain, Selima Rahman, Mirza Abbas, Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, City General Secretary Abdus Salam and presidents and secretaries of its front organisations were present in the meeting.



Garbage lies strewn on a road in Hatir Pool area in the city for long, posing health hazards to local residents, but the authorities remain indifferent.

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DEATH OF PILGRIMS

Hasina shocked

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep shock at death of 76 pilgrims, including 13 Bangladeshis, in a hotel collapse in Makkah.

In a message, Hasina, also Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, prayed for salvation of the departed souls and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Khaleda to visit Satkhira on January 22

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Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will visit Satkharia Sadar and Kolaroa upazila on January 22.

She was scheduled to visit the district on January 8, but due to foggy weather she could not reach the district.

She will inaugurate the new Bhaban of Satkhira Polytechnic Institute, lay foundation stones of Kolaroa 50-bed Upazila Health Complex and Upazila Parishad auditorium as well as inaugurate Kolaroa new Poura Bhaban.

Khaleda is also scheduled to address a public meeting at GKMK Pilot High School in Kolaroa.

Web site of agri marketing deptt launched

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Online access to daily market information of around 260 agricultural products from 40 districts is now available with the launching of a web site of Department of Agricultural Marketing (DAM) in the city yesterday.

Kazi Abul Kashem, secretary to agriculture ministry, inaugurated the web site as chief guest at Department Agricultural Extension (DAE) auditorium.

He said the application of e-governance in marketing agricultural products would play a vital role in 'market intelligence' as henceforth the farmers would have the access to updated information about their products.

The e-governance will also make the administration of agricultural department more dynamic, he said, adding that new posts will be created to enhance the manpower of the department.

DAM Director Sirajul Islam told The Daily Star that the farmers could get valuable information on comparative market prices of agricultural products through radio and TV when asked how the farmers would be benefited from the web site as they do not have internet access.

DAE Director General Enamul Haque also addressed the function as special guest.

The web site of DAM is: <http://www.dam.gov.bd>