

Govt blamed for delay in submarine cable link

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Business leaders and telecom experts at a roundtable yesterday strongly criticised the government for delaying in linking the country with submarine cable and allowing operators to do illegal VoIP business for a long time.

countries, including India and Pakistan, are ahead of us and Bangladesh is among the very few countries in this area that is still at the conservative stage, he added.

proves how inefficient it is. "But we, the private sector, have also failed as a whole. There is no significant achievement in the last 10 years in the ICT sector," he mentioned.

14-party plans biggest ever showdown in Ctg March 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Awami League-led 14-party opposition combine plans to make its March 1 grand rally here one of the biggest ever showdowns with a view to impressing the electorate for the next general election.

A preparatory meeting of the divisional representatives of the alliance at a local community centre yesterday decided to gather at least five lakh people at the rally at Outer Stadium, sources said.



Bangladesh Garments Sramik Oikya Parishad stages a demonstration in the city yesterday after submitting a memorandum to Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters' Association (BGMEA) with demand for minimum wages of Tk 2000.

Kidnapped Bangladeshi dies in India

UNB, C'nawabganj

A Bangladeshi youth, who was kidnapped by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) from Shibganj border on Thursday, died from bullet wounds at Maldah Medical Hospital of West Bengal yesterday.

On Friday, the BSF men fired on Saheb as he tried to escape. Fatally wounded Saheb was admitted to the hospital where he died yesterday morning.

Unprovoked firing by the BSF left at least three people dead on Chapainawabganj border this month.

Routes to Shaheed Minar, Azimpur on Ekushey

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has taken up special arrangements to control movement of traffic as well as people from 6:00pm on February 20 to 2:00pm February 21 in observance of the Shaheed Day and International Mother Language Day.

Coordinated efforts a must for uniform Bangla software

Experts tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Computer experts at a conference stressed the need for coordinated efforts of linguists, software developers and electrical engineers to develop uniform Bangla software and interfaces worldwide, especially in Bangla speaking regions.

Bangla (ICCPB) organised by Independent University, Bangladesh took place on its Baridhara campus in the city yesterday.

2000 more students receive prizes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Over 2000 students of different schools in Dhaka city received prizes yesterday, the last day of prize giving ceremony of a book reading programme organised by the Bishwa Sahitya Kendra.



Editor of the Prothom Alo Matur Rahman speaks at a prize giving ceremony of the book reading programme of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra in the city yesterday. Sitting from left are Anisul Haque, ASM Shajahan and Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed.

Razzak protests Bhuiyan's remarks on CG

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Awami League presidium member Abdur Razzak in a statement yesterday protested the remarks of LGRD and Cooperatives minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan regarding non-availability of neutral person for the next caretaker government.

ZIA KILLING Book on court martial hits Ekushey Fair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A newly published book on the court martial that took place after the killing of President Ziaur Rahman has arrived at the Ekushey Book Fair being held at the Bangla Academy in the city.

Shamsuzzoha Day observed

RU CORRESPONDENT

Shaheed Dr Shamsuzzoha Day was observed at Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday in a befitting manner.

Ex-JCD leader Mamun dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former Dhaka University Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal leader Mostafizul Islam Mamun passed away due to cardiac arrest at a city hospital last night at the age of 34.

Rule nisi on Ctg mayor, 3 other CCC officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Supreme Court has served a rule nisi upon Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) asking its mayor and three other officials to restrain themselves from filling the pond and land of a cattle shed belonging to the Animal Protection Society.

Metropolitan Police commissioner to show cause within next four weeks as to why their action of filling the pond and land at Muradnagar for setting up a health care centre would not be declared 'illegal'.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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DHAKA TODAY Memorial meeting Dialogue IBA Career Fair Seminar

Power crisis worsens as 3 transformers stolen in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Three electric transformers were stolen from different places in Narayanganj within eight days from February 5 to 12, worsening the power crisis in the region.

WEATHER TODAY

Dry weather likely

Table with 3 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening)

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Memorial meeting

A memorial meeting will be held to mark the 28th death anniversary of Abdus Salam, former editor of Bangladesh Observer. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4:30pm.

Dialogue

Three NGOs- RHSTEP, BWHC and BAPSA organise a dialogue on 'Role of National MR Programme for the promotion of reproductive health and rights in Bangladesh'. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre. Time: 2:30pm.

IBA Career Fair

IBA will hold a two-day Career Fair for its graduates. Venue: IBA premises.

Seminar

Modern Herbal Group of Companies will hold a seminar on 'The importance of herbal medicine in the new century' with Law Minister Moudud Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Institute of Engineers. Time: 10:00am.



Unitrend Chairman Muneer Ahmed Khan and Managing Director Zulfiqar Ahmed hand over a crest to TV personality Shykh Seraj at a ceremony in the city recently.

Shykh Seraj honoured

Unitrend Ltd., an advertising agency, honoured TV personality Shykh Seraj as the 'Son of the Soil' at a ceremony at the Spectra Convention Centre in the city recently, says a press release.