

PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE 'BNP-Jamaat govt violates constitution'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday said those who don't recognise Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as the proclaimer of independence and the proclamation by the Mujibnagar government should be considered as 'secessionists'.

Acting President of the committee Shahrar Kabir said the BNP-Jamaat alliance government have been violating the constitution, although they vowed to uphold it while taking office.

Amir-Ul Islam, also the author of the Proclamation of Independence, underscored the need for projecting the complete history and the role of national leaders in the War of Liberation to the young generation.

SPECTRUM TRAGEDY 1st anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the first anniversary of Spectrum Sweater Industry Tragedy in which 65 garment workers were killed and 85 others injured.



Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh President A.Q.M. Badruddoza Chowdhury speaks at a rally at Bahadur Shah Park in the city yesterday protesting the attacks on demonstrators by police and BNP workers at Kansat in Chapainawabganj.

'Govt has no right to spend public money for party interest'

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) President A.Q.M. Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday said the government is now spending public money to cover up its corruption, failures and non-democratic activities by hiring lackeys abroad.



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President of Supreme Court Bar Association Barrister M Amir-Ul Islam speaks at a discussion at the BILIA auditorium in the city yesterday to mark the 35th anniversary of the Proclamation of Independence. Sitting from left are Tanjim Ahmed Sohel MP, Syed Ashraf Islam, Shahrar Kabir, Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Prof Muntasir Mamon and Mohammad Nasim.

KANSAT KILLINGS 'Bring culprits to book'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) President A.Q.M. Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday demanded that the persons responsible for the killings at Kansat in Chapainawabganj be brought to book immediately.

Badruddoza said it has siphoned huge public money from the country into foreign countries, creating a crisis of dollars.

crores of followers who will play a significant role in the upcoming election.

Formulate pro-poor health policy Experts tell regional seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Experts at a regional seminar yesterday called for formulating health and drug policies focusing on the poor and disadvantaged groups to ensure their easy and regular access to health services.

tion, the experts highlighted that subsidised services in health sector which are meant for the poor, in reality tend to provide greater benefits to the well-off depriving the disadvantaged groups.

poor. "We are very badly betrayed by the health profession which has become so commercial," he added.

Detainee dies at hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A detainee was declared dead when Jail police brought him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with mark of injuries on his body.

Even primary healthcare subsidies, which are believed to be directed to the rural poor, are used more by the rich than the poor," he said in his keynote presentation.

In his inaugural speech, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain highlighted a number of successes in the health sector, which he said, have placed Bangladesh at a better position than many other South Asian nations.

15-yr WB programme for agri development

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank (WB) is going to take a 15-year programme for agriculture development in Bangladesh.

Elaborating the bank's plan, she said, it will take two projects concentrating on reforms of agricultural research institutions and investment in agricultural sector to strengthen research, extension work and training to farmers and fieldworkers.

Welcoming the initiatives of the WB, the minister said, reform is important to make the research effective. He said, "we have identified our challenges for agriculture development. We are prioritising the areas to face those challenges."

14 young men, women held at cyber cafe in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested 14 young men and women during a raid on a cyber cafe at Mohammadpur in the city yesterday as they were found in an objectionable situation.

WEATHER TODAY Dry weather likely UNB, Dhaka. Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Comilla and Noakhali in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

3 murdered in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered bodies of two men and one woman from the city's Demra and Uttara areas yesterday.

PM, Speaker behind JS fire incident: AL

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League leader Suranjit Sengupta yesterday urged Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and Speaker Jamir Uddin Sircar to explain why the fire had broken out in the Sangsad Bhaban.

He urged the party men to join the sit-in programme in front of the Prime Minister's Office on April 19. "If the government tries to foil our peaceful programme, we'll announce non-stop programmes," he said.

"terrorist and godfather" of JMB kingpins Shaekh Abdur Rahman and Bangla Bhai. He said if Awami League gets the opportunity to run the country again, they will try Khaleda in 'people's court'.

DHAKA TODAY Discussion on poems Nazrul Institute will hold a discussion on 'Poems of Nazrul praising Prophet Muhammad (SM)' to mark the Holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi, the birthday of Prophet Muhammad (SM). Venue: Institute of Diploma Engineers, Kakrail. Time: 10:00am.



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Demonstrators hold up empty pitchers during a protest against water crisis in the city yesterday. Awami Swachchhasebak League organised the protest rally at Muktangan.

'CHT Census Indicators 2001 and Trends' launched

BSS, Dhaka

Local Government Engineering Development (LGED) yesterday launched a publication on 'Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Census Indicators 2001 and Trends' to help the policymakers to set precise goal for future development actions in the region.

Cirdap signs MoU with ICIMOD

BSS, Dhaka

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (Cirdap) and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) was signed in the city yesterday to carry out mutually beneficial collaborative programmes.

Death anniversary

Today is the first death anniversary of Nurunnisa Begum, wife of late Abul Hossain, says a press release. On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at her village in Gazipur. Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend.