

djuice Lifestyle Fair begins in Chittagong

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A two-day fair titled 'djuice Lifestyle Fair', the second of its kind after the first one held in Dhaka, will begin here in the port city today.

The fair focusing on the young people and their tastes will offer entertainment programmes including sports, music, fun and most of all the lifestyle of youth under one roof, says a press release.

djuice, a brand of Grameen Phone, organised the fair to be held at the convention centre of the hilltop community - the King of Chittagong, at 9:15am.

Tactical and non-tactical partners of djuice will have their stalls in the fair where the organisers will offer djuice connection, mobile sets, mobile contents like ring tones and wall papers as well as clothes, sports accessories and foods to djuice extra card holders at a special discount, said the sources.

In the fair, there will be different events like games, gifts and fire spinning while popular band group LRB and 10 d-rock stars will perform in the musical concert, they added.



Awami League stages a demonstration on Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday protesting price hike of essentials.

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PM has closed door of dialogue: AL

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Leaders of the main opposition Awami League (AL) urged people to oust the Khaleda-Nizami government from power as they failed to fulfil the basic needs of the people.

They said the prime minister closed the door of dialogue on reform proposals by putting names of war criminals and patrons of militancy in the discussion panel.

They further said the government will be forced to accept the reform proposals placed by the 14-party opposition combine.

They were speaking at a protest meeting organised by Dhaka City AL at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday protesting continuous corruption of the government and price hike of essentials.

AL Presidium Member Abdur Razzak MP said the residents of Shanir Akhra at Demra in the city chased the local MP Salauddin on Friday as he failed to meet their basic demands of water and power and now it's time to chase the ministers and finally the government.

He urged people of the country

to unite to chase the Khaleda-Nizami government as they failed to fulfil the basic needs of the people.

Razzak asserted that Khaleda-Nizami coalition government would fall from power after the opposition's Dhaka siege programme on June 5.

AL presidium member Tofael Ahmed said the current population growth rate is 1.48 but the new voter list shows the voter growth at 4.84, which clearly proves that there are millions of fake voters in the new list.

He said the government has not made any development in the last four and half years, rather the ministers and MPs made huge black money by looting public funds and that is why Kansat and Demra tragedies are taking place in the country.

AL Leaders Motia Chowdhury, Obaidul Quader, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Advocate Sahara Khatun, Mukul Bosh and Abul Hossain addressed the rally presided over by Acting President of City AL Omar Ali.

FIRST SEDITION CASE AGAINST 8 JMB MEN

Hearing on charge framing on May 31

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A Dhaka court yesterday fixed May 31 for hearing on charge framing of the first seditious case against eight Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) leaders and activists of Dhamrai area.

Judge Mohammad Golam Hossain of the Additional District Judge and Bankruptcy Court set the hearing date after scrutinising the case docket.

The court also fixed the same date for hearing on the bail petition filed by defence lawyers for Sentu, one of the eight accused in the case.

The accused are Mohammad

Rafiqul Islam alias Sentu, 22, Mohammad Wahab, 26, Yaqub Ali, 21, Anwar Hossain, 23, Faruq Hossain alias Kosai Faruq, 25, Mohammad Wahiduzzaman alias Pintu, 20, Abdus Salam, 22, and Nurul Islam, 23. Of them, Sentu is now in custody while the others are still at large.

Sub-Inspector (SI) Iqbal Hossain, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet on December 27 last year against the accused to a first class magistrate's court in the city, showing 25 people as prosecution witnesses.

On February 20, 2005 Dhamrai

police arrested Sentu, Wahab, Yaqub, Anwar, Faruq and Salam with nine manuals on bomb making and other contraband materials on the Dhaka-Archa Highway.

Thirteen days into their arrest, the arrestees were released on bail.

Investigating the case, Dhamrai police found that the activities of the accused were seditious.

With approval from the home ministry, SI Zehad Hossain of the police station filed the seditious case against the accused on September 11.

Sentu was re-arrested in November while the others have been absconding.