BNP plunders country's wealth

Says B Chowdhury STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The leaders and activists of ruling BNP are plundering wealth of the country through syndicates, said Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury.

"BNP has to pay for all these misdeeds," he said while speaking at a programme at his office at Baridhara where over one hundred leaders and activists of Dhanmondi Thana BNP, Awami League and their front organisations officially joined BDB.

BNP is an undemocratic party, which has established 'parliamentary autocratic government' in the country, he said, adding: "People of the country want release from this looter government."

The people will bring the alliance government to book through electing the honest and talented leaders

PM launches 3 books on govt success

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday unveiled covers of three books on success stories and development activities of the government.

Two of the books have the same title 'Safalyer Shikhore (Towards the Height of Success), one giving a brief account and another elaborately describing the successes. The other book is an English version of both.

The Department of Films and Publications (DFP) has published the books under the supervision of PM's Political Secretary Harris Chowdhury.

Khaleda thanked those who worked for publishing the books and stressed publicity of the books both at home and abroad to project "Bangladesh people's successes and development".

Harris and others involved in the publication of the books were pres-

Lift operator kills self by jumping from Sectt bldg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the rooftop of a 20-storey

building yesterday.

Abul Kashem, 30, an employee of Aziz and Company Ltd, who was Secretariat and had been working there for the last six years, died on the spot after he jumped from No. 6 building at about 10:15am and landed on the roof of a passage connecting two

Some of his colleagues said Kashem, with a monthly salary of Tk 2100, had been suffering from severe financial hardship, which might have led him to commit suicide.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Morgue for

Girl murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An unidentified young girl was murdered at Shyampur in the city yesterday.

Police recovered the slaughtered body from Jurain Wasa Pukur Para and sent it to Sir Salimullah Medical College Morgue for autopsy.

They also seized a machete from near her body.

CARE trains more female drivers

CARE Bangladesh, a humanitarian organisation, has trained four more female drivers and two auto mechanics, raising their number to 14 in one year, as part of its efforts to promote gender equity in its Transport Services Department

(TSD), says a press release. The graduation ceremony of the second batch apprentices and reception ceremony for 10 new apprentices of the third batch were held at the CARE TSD office at Karwan Bazar in the city on

Deputy Country Director of CARE Bangladesh Hasan Mazumder gave away certificates to the new graduates. General Manager of TSD Md

Haque was also present. Hasan Mazumder said women make up half of the country's total population. Without their economic

emancipation, country's overall development is not possible, he Manzurul Islam said TSD is

training female drivers and auto mechanics in a way so that they can work outside the organisation

Make joint venture investment

PM urges Morocco

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia here yesterday urged Morocco to import quality goods from Bangladesh and make joint venture investments, particularly in Export Processing Zones (EPZs).

She made the call when new Moroccan Ambassador to Bangladesh Mohammad Houroro made a courtesy on her at the Prime Minister's office

She also stressed the need for cooperation between the two countries in agriculture sector and hoped that Morocco will take more manpower from Bangladesh.

The envoy said the existing excellent political relations and other commonalities between

Bangladesh and Morocco should be utilised by making full use of the potentials in bilateral trade and

He appreciated pharmaceutical products, leather and jute goods of Bangladesh and proposed joint venture industries in Morocco so that commodities can be exported to European markets easily.

Khaleda welcomed the proposal and suggested close interaction between the businessmen of both the countries to enhance bilateral trade and investment.

The envoy conveyed best wishes of Moroccan King to Khaleda and reiterated his (King) invitation to her to visit Morocco.

The envoy pointed out that no highest level visit took place

between the two countries for a long time. But such visits are necessary to further consolidate bilateral elations, he added.

Accepting the invitation, she said she will visit Morocco at a conve-

She recalled her meeting with King Mohammad VI during the special OIC meeting at Makkah and extended an invitation to the King through the envoy to visit Bangladesh.

The Prime Minister assured all cooperation to the envoy from the government in discharging his

The envoy appreciated Bangladesh's progress in various sectors under her leadership.



BRTC Sramik O Karmachari Union forms a human chain in front of the High Court in the city yesterday demanding steps for smooth running of BRTC buses across the country.

'Groom children to face challenges of globalisation'

President lajuddin Ahmed yesterday called upon all to groom children as human resources providing them with real educa-

places over Rajshahi and Khulna

major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town

Dhaka

Chittagong

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Cox's Bazar

Dry weather likely

divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

at Rajshahi and lowest 23.3 degree Celsius at Sandwip.

36.1

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36.8

35.2

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35.9

Temperature

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the

country having chances of rain or thundershowers at one or two

Day temperature may rise by 1-3 degree Celsius over the country,

Highest temperature 36.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday

The sun sets in the capital at 6:35pm today and rises at

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

25.8

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"It's time to groom the children so that they can prove their worth in facing the challenges of globalisation," he said while addressing the prize distribution tion so that they can face the ceremony of 'Shapla Kuri 2005'

Zia Shishu Academy organised the function at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference

"Every child has immense prospect and potential, and we've to make available all the facilities for them so that they can flourish their dormant talents," he said stressing the need for ensuring children's rights.

Recalling the contributions of the senior scholars, lajuddin said, "There was a time when brilliant people used to come from rural areas, now the scenario has changed and the meritorious people scattered in remote areas can hardly come into the lime-

He laid emphasis on finding out talented people from rural areas for overall flourishing of their merits, and called on all children and cultural organisations to come up to guide the children to practise healthy culture.

Apart from study and involvement in cultural activities, there is a need for flourishing the sense of pragmatism and social values among the children like the spirit of nationalism, patriotism, honesty, discipline, mutual respect, serving the distressed people and tolerance, he said.

Health Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain presided over



Humidity in

percentage

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Participants of a training course on driving pose with CARE Deputy Country Director Hasan Mazumder and General Manager Md Manzurul Haque at the graduation ceremony in the city on Tuesday.

Students damage DU classrooms for publication of results

METROPOLÎTAN/NEWS

DU CORRESPONDENT

Masters students of the Department of Political Science, Dhaka University, broke down windowpanes of seven classrooms at the Arts Building yesterday protesting delay in publication of their honour examination result.

However, agitated students unlocked the five rooms of teachers, which were locked on Tuesday, as Department Chairman Prof AKM Shahidullah assured them that the results would be published on

Students broke down windowpanes of two rooms of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism. three rooms of the Department of Sociology and two rooms of Political Science Department to press their demand.

The students of Masters of 2000-2001 sessions said their honours examinations were held about eight months ago but the results are yet to be published due to authorities'

Tk 1 lakh DU compensation for Mobarak's family

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) authorities will compensate Tk one lakh to the family of Mobarak Hossain, a first year student of the Department of Management Studies, who died on Monday following a road accident at Shahbagh in the city.

DU authorities sent a letter to the Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) to construct an underpass at Shahbagh intersection as soon as possible and to construct foot over bridges or underpasses at Nilkhet and Chankharpul intersections, says a press release.

The authorities also requested Police administration and DCC to maintain traffic regulations at Shahbagh intersection, to punish the driver responsible for the accident and realise compensation from the bus owner as well as owners' association.

Moreover, a proposal to include all DU students under life insurances would be placed before the syndicate.

KOICA assures help in health sector

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) President Shin Jang Bum yesterday assured Bangladesh of cooperation in health sector.

During a meeting with Health Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Shin Jang said health sector is a fundamental one and there are scopes for training in the sector.

Mosharraf briefed KOICA chief about developments in health sector and drug policy.

Mosharraf said Bangladesh is manufacturing medicines of high standard and exporting medicines and raw materials for medicines to 67 countries in the world.

Death anniversary



Today is the fourth death anniversary of Shirin Kazi, a renowned physician and writer, savs a press release. She was the

first Bengali Muslim to obtain DRCOG degree from Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in Britain in 1950 and received Coronation Award from Second Elizabeth in 1953.

On the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held at her Banani residence today.

A discussion will be held and a commemorative book on Dr Shirin Kazi will be unveiled at the National Press Club at 4:00pm on May 23.

Elias Ahmed Chowdhury



of parliament and an organiser of the War of Liberation, a milad mahfil will be held at Dattapara Jame-Masjid in Madaripur after Asr prayers tomorrow, says a press

of the 15th

death anniver-

sary of Elias

Chowdhury,

former member

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Bangladesh Mohila Parishad President Hena Das speaks at a view exchange meeting at the National Press Club in

'Punish cops responsible for atrocities'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday demanded exemplary punishment to the policemen responsible for atrocities on people across the They also demanded that the

members of the law enforcement agencies responsible for deaths at Kansat and Shahjalal University of Science & Technology be brought to book immediately. Samajik Protirodh Committee of

Bangladesh Mohila Parishad organised the meeting at the National Press Club to exchange views on state-sponsored terrorism, violence against women and violations of

the law enforcement agencies in the interest of the ruling party, said Advocate Rawshan Jahan Parvin of Ain O Shalish Kendra. She also demanded immediate

trial of the policemen who attacked photojournalists at the Chittagong divisional stadium. "Political violence has got a new dimension through repression of

women activists of different political

parties," said Rekha Chowdhury of

Mohila Parishad. The political parties may have different ideologies, but the government should act in a democratic way

to stop political violence, she said. Participants at the discussion also expressed concern over vio-

lence against minority communities and indigenous people by ruling party men and the law enforcers across the country.

They also criticised the new voter list, terming it fake. The list is creating an obstacle to holding a free and fair election, they added.

Presided over by Parishad President Hena Das, the meeting was also addressed by Mahmud Selim of Udichi, Wajedul Islam of Bangladesh Trade Union Kendra and representatives from Nari Pakkha, Nagorik Udyog, Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Foundation and Muktijuddha Projanmo Command.

Participants of 'Fortune/State Department International Women Leaders Mentoring Partnership' programme pose for photograph with US Senator Hilary Rodham Clinton recently.

FIRE TO RESIDENCE OF SUST VC Judicial probe demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Association of Universities of Bangladesh (AUB) demanded judicial probe and exemplary punishment to the people responsible for vandalising and setting fire to the official residence of the Vice-Chancellor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST).

In a statement sent to newspaper offices yesterday, AUB, an

organisation of the vice chancellors of public universities, expressed concern over the May 14 incident where SUST student Mosharraf Hossain died following police firing on the demonstrating students over clashes with the students of Jalalabad Ragib-Rabeya Medical College Hospital.

The association urged all to maintain discipline, stability and educational atmosphere in all

Discussion on

Discussion on Hasina

Bangladesh Awami juboleague will hold a discussion to mark the home day of Awami League President Sheikh Hasina. Venue: Institute of Engineers,

Dhaka. Time: 3:00pm. Workshop

Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies and Steps Towards Development organise a workshop on 'Citizen's duty to ensure people's health service'. Venue: Cirdap auditorium. Time: 9:30am.

Memorial discussion

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy organises a discussion in memory of noted dance artist Bulbul Chowdhury. Venue: Jatiya Chitrashala. Time: 7:00pm.

Tagore Bangladesh-Bharat Sangskritik

Maitri will hold a discussion to mark the 145th birth anniversary of great poet Rabindranath Tagore, Venue National Press Club. Time: 4:30pm.

Certificate giving ceremony

Institute of Scientific Instrumentation organises a certificate giving ceremony for its trained graduates. Venue: NILG, Agargaon. Time: 11:00am.

Blue for Peace

Family of slain former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria will stage a silent sit-in as part of their Blue for Peace Programme demanding trial of the killers of former minister. Venue: In front of Eden College road. Time: 5:00pm.

Int'l Women Leaders Mentoring Partnership programme

Farzana Chowdhury, a JCI Bangladesh Board member, has been selected to participate in 'Fortune/State Department International Women Leaders Mentoring Partnership' programme, says a press release.

Organised and sponsored by the US Department of State, the programme began on May 1 and will continue until May 25.

Out of 17 participants all around the globe, Farzana, also senior assistant vice-president & head of SME Banking, BRAC Bank, has been selected from Bangladesh for this programme.

This project is the first pilot project under the International Visitors' Programme, the first of its kind for women business leaders from around the world.

The 17 women leaders from nine countries were selected through a competitive selection process, which was recommended by the US

Obituary



Haque, a photographer and **Public Relations Publications** Office of

Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), passed away due to prolonged illness at his residence on May 14 at the age of 78, says a press release.

He left behind his two sons and three daughters to mourn his death. He was buried at the university graveyard.

Abdul Munim Chowdhury

Abdul Munim Chowdhury, C Q Chowdhury, father of director general of Bureau of NGO Affairs . passed away on May 16 at the National Institute of Heart Diseases at the age of 87, says a press release.

His was buried at the graveyard

adjacent to the Mazar of Shahjalal

(Rh) in Sylhet yesterday. Hakimun Nesa Begum

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj Hakimun Nesa Begum, mother of

Captain Dr Sitara Begum Bir Pratik and Shaheed Col. ATM Hyder Bir Uttam, passed away at her residence in Kharampotti area of the town yesterday at the age of 94.

She left behind one son, three

daughters and a number of grandchildren. Her namaz-e-janaza will be held

this morning and she will be buried at her family graveyard.