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Mass upsurge a must to end govt's misrule: CPB

Leaders of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday said a mass upsurge is a must to get rid of the misrule of BNP-Jamaat-led

Addressing a rally at Muktangon in the city, they said the country is now in deep crisis due to discontentment in all sectors including garments and education.

The CPB leaders called for reducing the prices of daily essentials, and ensuring adequate supply of gas, water and electricity.

CPB President Monjurul Ahsan Khan said 35 years have passed since

Paintings

invited for

Berger art

competition

Paintings are invited from young

artists for the 11th Berger Young

Painters' Art Competition 2006

the prize money of the competition

this year. The first, second and third

prizes now carry Tk 40,000, Tk

30,000 and Tk 25,000 respectively

while 4th, 5th and 6th prize win-

ners will receive Tk 20,000 each.

The six award-winning paintings

will be depicted in the Berger cor-

The theme of the competition is

Only the citizens of Bangladesh

open, medium is oil paint and

aged between 18 and 35 are eligible

to take part in the competition. For

preliminary selection, participants

must send a 5R colour photograph

of the original painting along with a

copy of SSC certificate, attested by

a first class gazetted officer, and a

colour photograph. One may

submit more than one painting. All

paintings should be properly

his/her name, names of father and

mother and address at the back of

the paining in block letters. In

addition, the painter's name, bio-

data and the painting's title must

The deadline for submitting 5R

colour photograph is September 3.

Entries should reach the following

address by mail: Shah Waliul

Manzoor, Unitrend Limited, House

70 (New), Road # 15/A (New),

The six award-winning paint-

ings will be treated as property of Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd.

A mill manager was killed by assail-

ants allegedly hired by the mill

owner in Chowala industrial area in

Siddique Miah, manager of Amena

Textile Mill, had an altercation with

the mail owner over his salary at

masked men swooped on Siddique

at the mill and beat him to death

On information, police recov-

ered the body in the morning and

sent it to hospital morgue for

local police station against the mill

A murder case was filed with the

Later at dead of night, some

Quoting workers, police said

the town on Thursday night.

Mill manager

killed in

UNB, Narsingdi

about 10:00pm

owner.

with rods and sticks

Narsingdi

The participant must write

framed upon submission.

be submitted in English.

Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209.

porate calendar for the year 2007.

dimensions are 24"x24"

The organisers have increased

the country's independence, but there is no change in poor people's fate as all the successive governments maintained the interest of rich

The fate of poor people will not change unless the policies are formulated in favour of them, he added.

Referring to parliament election, the CPB chief observed that mere reforms in caretaker government and Election Commission (EC) is not enough, misuse of black money and muscle power will have to be stopped forholding free and fair election.

He said the government did not meet the demands of the teachers forcing them to take to the streets.

Save the Environment Movement and Bangladesh Photojournalists' Association form a human chain at Armanitola

playground in old part of the city yesterday demanding effective steps to evict encroachers from all playgrounds of

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people in the country.

tor of the committee.

programme of the day.

The 151st anniversary of Santal Hul

will be observed across the country

on June 30 demanding constitu-

tional recognition of indigenous

A 151-member National

Committee has been formed to

beginning of Santal revolution in

different provinces of British ruled

Tracts Regional Council Jyotirindra

Bodhipriya Larma alias Shantu

Larma has been made convenor

and Prof Mesbah Kamal coordina-

The committee held a press

conference at the National Press

Club yesterday to announce the

Speakers at the press confer-

ence urged the government to

observe the day at state level and

Chairman of Chittagong Hill

SANTAL REVOLUTION DAY ON JUNE 30

Ensure rights of

indigenous people

people to land and forest.

Pakistani occupation.

try," he added.

country.

Since the independence the

They will also talk about the

glorious Santal movement popu-

larly known as Santal Hul.

Santal people did not get their

minimum rights from the state,'

said Prof Mesbah Kamal in a state-

mentation of the agreement signed between the government, garment owners and workers to protect the garment industries in the country.

CPB acting general secretary Syed Jafar Ahmed said price hike of essentials, terrorism and corruption have made the people's life miserable pushing the country into the verge of destruction

He said free and fair election would not be possible unless the chief election commissioner is

CPB presidium members and central committee leaders also spoke on the occasion.



Garment Workers' Unity Forum stages a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding withdrawal of 'false' cases against its leaders and activists.

Six shops gutted in Gazipur A CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

and festival bonuses.

to stage hunger strike tomorrow

employees.

Six shops were gutted in a fire at Akmal Market at Board Bazar in Gazipur yesterday.

Fire fighters said the blaze broke out at a poultry shop at around 4:30pm following explosion of poultry dressing machine and engulfed nearby five shops.

No casualty was reported in the fire, which caused a loss of an estimated Tk 12 lakh.

Coast Guard DG gets promotion

Commodore Sarwar Jahan Nizam, director general of Bangladesh Coast Guard, has been promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral and reappointed as DG of Coast Guard on fune 21, says a press release.

Admiral Nizam joined the then Pakistan Navy in 1970 as a cadet and was commissioned on June 1, 1973. He did his specialisation course in communication from the UK in 1980. He graduated from Staff College in Mirpur in

He also served as the Defence Adviser at Bangladesh High Commission in Colombo, Sri Lanka, from 2000 to 2002. He was also the Commandant of Marine Fisheries Academy, Chittagong.



people of Santal community are observe the day that marked the living in the northern part of the country. These indigenous people Sangbadpatra took part in the liberation war to make the country free from Hawkers' samity But now they are mostly executives

deprived community in the coun-Md Mostofa Kamal and Md A Sobhan were elected president and secretary of a 12-member manag-During the daylong programme, several speakers ing committee of Dhaka would talk about the problems and Sangbadpatra Hawkers plights of the Santal community Bohumukhi Samabaya Samity Ltd living in the northern part of the yesterday, says a press release.

They were elected unopposed at the annual general meeting of the Samity held at its head office in the city, with its President Mostofa Kamalin the chair.

Md Nur Nabi khan was elected vice-president while Abul Kashem, Yusuf Hossain, Tofail Ahmed, Imam Hossain, Abdur Rashid, Akhter Hossain, Sheikh Ahmed, Abul Hossain Khan and Shamsul Alam were elected members.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka



Bangladesh Tax Lawyers Association, passed away at A p o l l o Hospitals early yesterday at the age

Advocate MA

Salam Talukder,

President of

He was admitted to the hospital on June 20 following a heart attack, said a press release. Advocate Salam is survived by

his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and well-wishers. His namaz-e-janaza will be held after the arrival of his brothers and

sisters from abroad. He will be buried at his family graveyard at Krishnanagar in

Salam was elected member of the Bangladesh Bar Council for five times and was the chairman of Human Rights and Legal Aid Committee.

Vice-Chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council Rokanuddin Mahmud, Executive Committee Chairman Yusuf Hossain Humayun and President of Supreme Court Bar Association Barrister M Amirul Islam expressed deep shock at the death of Advocate Salam.

Four killed in separate incidents in Ctg

Three boys injured in bomb blast

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Four people were killed in separate incidents while three street boys were injured in a bomb blast here in the city yesterday.

Sources said one person was killed and two others injured when a bus knocked a motorbike from behind on Karnaphuli Shah Amanat Bridge under Karnaphuli Police Station at around 9:30am.

The deceased identified as Sujit Baran Paul, 37, son of Basu Dev Paul of Satbaria under Chandanaish, along with other two, was going to attend a marriage ceremony in Patiya, sources

Sujit was working in a nongovernment organisation named IDF at its Rangunia office. He died on way to Chittagong

Medical College Hospital (CMCH). In another incident, Md Jibon Mia, 30, was electrocuted while repairing an electric wire at a shop at Agrabad Mazar Gate area adjoining to Badamtali intersection under Double Mooring PS at around 11:30am.

Jibon was rushed to the CMCH immediately where the doctors declared him dead.

Meantime, a minor boy drowned while taking bath in a pond at Juladha village under the city's Karnaphuli Police Station on the bank of Karnaphuli River at around 2:30pm.

The boy identified as Imon, 7, was the son of Abdus Sabur of the

In the other incident, a youth identified as Shamsur Rahman, 18, reportedly committed suicide taking poison after a quarrel with his sister-in-law in the city

Shamsur, son of Abdul Matin of the city's Bakolia Masterpool area, was rushed to CMCH where the doctors declared him dead at around 2:30pm.

Meanwhile, three street boys

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Nagorik Sanghati form a human chain at Shahbagh in the city yesterday

Moderate rain likely

Rajshahi divisions in the next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by tempo-

rary gusty wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong and

Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna, Barisal and

a forecast. It said that day temperature may remain nearly

recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest of 25.2 degrees at Rangamati.

Temperature

in Celsius

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places, said Met Office in

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.1 degree Celsius was

The sun sets in the capital at 6:50pm today and rises at 5:12am

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in

Min

27.6

26.3

26.0

26.8

26.8

25.4

Humidityin

percentage

90

74

81

92

Morning Evening

78

90

90

93

demanding formulation of a national policy to protect the environment in haor areas.

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

unchanged over the country.

some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Max

32.9

34.5

35.1

32.3

31.5

31.0

were injured, two of them critically, in a bomb blast at the city's Omar Shahpara area under the city's Bander PS at around 9:00am.

The victims identified as Md Mohiuddin alias Monir, 15, son of Mosharraf Hossain, Md Al Amin, 12, son of Md Mithu Mia and Bappi, 10, were living at a slum known as Rail Bosti at Loharpool

According to the sources, the three boys while collecting waste papers picked up six tin-pots wrapped in red tapes from beside a rail track in the morning.

As Mohiuddin tried to open one of the tin-pots by throwing it onto the rail line, it exploded, blowing off his right wrist and leaving two others injured.

They were rushed to CMCH at around 9:30am. Of them, Bappi was released after first aid while Mohiuddin and Al Amin were undergoing treatment at the

ment's decision to rebuild the historic Ramna Kali Mandir (temple) thinking it 'their political defeat' The leaders said the Awami League government demolished Ramna Kali Mandir and Ma

RAMNA KALI MANDIR

temple soon'

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Govt to rebuild

Hindu leaders yesterday said a section could not accept the govern-

Anandamoyee Ashram at Suhrawardy Udyan in 1973. Later, Sheikh Hasina's government grabbed the site for constructing a Liberation War memorial, they

"Now as the government has decided to rebuild the temple at a nearby place, those who kept mum during the AL's rule are raising voice

for its real location," said Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, president of Ramna Kali Mandir and Ma Anandamoyee Ashram Committee, while talking to reporters at temple site. State Minister for Water Resources Advocate Goutam Chakrabarti, former minister Nitai

of Ramna Kali Mandir and Ma Anandamoyee Ashram committee Nitai Chandra Ghosh and some priests were present on the occasion. Goveshwar said the government has already taken initiatives to rebuild the temple very soon.

Roy Chowdhury, member secretary

He said the opposition is spreading false news telling some foreign media that the government is trying to shift the temple from its original location, but the fact is that the pres ent location is also a temporary one as the original location was grabbed by the ALgovernment.

The propaganda against the government is false and aimed to disrupt communal harmony, he

50,000 beggars in city: Survey

A workshop on draft report on beggars' survey 2006 was held in the city recently, says a press

The survey shows that there are around 50,000 beggars in Dhaka city and their number is increasing alarmingly. It also recommended a number of social, economic and legal steps for the solution to this

problem. The survey was conducted by Bangladesh Peace and Development Mission (BPDM) in collaboration with the Rovers Group of Government Titumir

Speakers at the workshop said begging is a serious problem in the country. They also observed that such survey would help eradicate

begging from the city. They called on the government, civil society members and NGOs to make united efforts to solve the begging problem by providing

alternative means of livelihood to the beggars. Prof Dr Azizur Rahman, principal of the Titumir College and the

chief patron of the survey, Prof Fazilatun Nesa, Prof Farida Binte Luftor, Dr Sultana Nigar Chowdhury and Dr Mostofa Dulal spoke at the workshop held on the college premises.

Death anniversary Today is the 35th death



anniversary of Advocate Abdul Jabbar Khan, a martyr of the liberation war, says a press

He was also a vice-president of Bangladesh National Awami Party (NAP-Bhasani).

Roundtable

Health 21 and The Daily Star organise a roundtable on 'Rethinking private health care in Bangladesh'. Venue: Conference Room of The Daily Star. Time: 10:00am.

Conference

South Asian Free Media Association (SAFMA) organises a conference on *Freedom of press: Right to information'. Venue: Brac Centre Inn.

Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of 'Maps and metaphors- writings by young writers from Bangladesh and United Kingdom' will be held. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 6:00pm.

Roundtable

New Age and Othikar will hold a roundtable on 'Police behaviour in crowd management. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre. Time: 10:00am.

Discussion

SOS Children's Village International in Bangladesh will hold a discussion to mark the International SOS Children's Village Day. Venue: SOS Children's Village. Time: 11:00am.

Roundtable

A roundtable conference on 'Renewable energy technologies' will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time:

Asiatic Society organises a talk on 'The Diet and party politics in post-war Japan' by Prof Al Masud Hasanuzzaman of Jahangirnagar University. Venue: Society seminar room. Time: 4:30pm.

Journalist Monajatuddin Memorial Lecture 2006 will be held with Shamokal Editor Abed Khan as chief guest. Venue: Dhaka Reporters' Unity. Time:

Roundtable Neeti Gobeshona Kendra will hold a discussion on 'Community based co-management of fisheries and PRSP'. Venue: Biam. Time: 9:30am.

Workshop

Japan Bangladesh Cooperation Agency (JICA) will hold a workshop on control of parastic disease. Venue: Biam. Time:

Dialogue

The final phase of a serial dialogue on 'National Budget 2006-2007: Gender Analysis' organised by Steps Towards Development will be held. Today's topic is violence against women. Venue: Cirdap auditorium. Time: 2:30pm.

Rotary Dhaka Central

The regular meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30pm.

Special programme at Boibazaar

Boibazaar, the book distribution house of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), started a special programme yesterday at Dhanmondi in the city as part of its service month, says a press release. Chief Executive of DAM Kazi

Rafiqul Alam inaugurated the programme as chief guest. On this occasion, Boibazaar announced a 22 percent discount

on textbooks of English medium

school. Last month, Boibazaar opened a reading zone, the first of its kind in Bangladesh. It offers opportunities to buyers and persons interested in books to go through and have an idea before finally deciding to buy one from a rich stock of 50,000 entries from home and

Boibazar, located at House No. 1/A, Road No. 13 (new) of Dhanmondi Mirpur Road, is delivering books in the city within 24 hours and anywhere in the country. within seven days of placing orders overtelephone or internet.

abroad.