

Develop new coal policy
Experts tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Experts at a seminar yesterday called for scrapping the proposed coal policy, saying that it would benefit only the foreign companies, not the country.

secretary of the Forum, presented a keynote paper in the seminar chaired by its President Harun-or-Rashid.

problems lie in the negotiations with the foreign companies, which lack transparency.

Lone lion at Rajshahi zoo dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The lone lion Raja of Shaheed AHM Kamaruzzaman Central Zoo, Rajshahi died yesterday allegedly due to lack of care and negligence.

Ctg people jubilant over Yunus' success

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The people of Chittagong, particularly those of the village Jobra, and Dr Muhammad Yunus' relatives and friends, were jubilant yesterday after receiving the news of his winning the Nobel Peace Prize.

said Muhammad Ayub, another brother of Yunus. Bangladesh Economic Association, Chittagong President Prof Muhammad Sikandar Khan said, "It's indeed a great moment of joy for us all, and we feel proud of Yunus."

ity," he added. "I think he deserved the Nobel Prize for Economics but he missed it," Sen observed, adding that as far as he knew, Yunus missed it because he believed that the traditional economy could do very little to improve the lot of the poor.

RU to vacate all 15 halls during Eid

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University Provost Council in an urgent meeting on Thursday night decided to vacate all the 15 residential halls during the Eid vacation, fearing militant attack and violence on the campus.

Campus sources said the provost council wants to enforce its decision from today and keep all the 15 dormitories vacated until November 1, fearing militant attack and violence on the campus.

Woman burnt alive in Chittagong

50 houses, 7 factories gutted

CU CORRESPONDENT

An elderly woman was burnt alive while 50 thatched houses and seven small factories were gutted during a devastating fire at a slum in the city yesterday.

of different owners were also reduced to ashes in the fire that originated from electric short-circuits, sources said.



Garments Sramik Oikya Forum stages a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding a minimum wage of Tk 3,000.

Odhikar project to monitor, resolve election violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Odhikar, a rights organisation, has taken up a project to effectively monitor the upcoming election violence and find ways to resolve them.

Ensure security of teachers

Duta urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) yesterday urged the government to ensure security of the teachers.

justice immediately for the return of peace and security on the campus. "The incidents of killing teachers or issuing death threats to them are increasing day by day as no one was given stern punishment," said AAMS Arefin Siddique, former president of Duta.

One killed in bridge collapse in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

One person was killed and 25 people, including a LGED engineer, were injured, when an underconstruction bridge on Bonarpara-Nakaihat road in Saghata upazila collapsed on Thursday.



Nagorik Sanghati forms a human chain in front of the Fine Arts Institute at Shahbagh in the city yesterday demanding immediate steps to resolve waterlogging problems at Bhabadaha in Jessore.

Nobel Prize was long overdue for Yunus

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He is the only contemporary economist whose hands-on poverty alleviation experiment has now become part of the mainstream economic theories and been included in the standard textbooks, noted Wahiduddin.

justice and social inclusion, female empowerment and the interest of the low-income countries, Debapriya mentioned.

and a great day for the country. "We should take it as an inspiration for the country," he observed.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Discussion

Ivy Rahman Parishad will hold a discussion and Iftar party to mark the 2nd death anniversary of Awami League leader Ivy Rahman. Venue: Dhaka Reporters' Unity. Time: 4:00pm.

Memorial meeting

Moni Singh-Farhad Smriti Trust will hold a meeting in memory of Comrade Mohammad Farhad to mark his 19th death anniversary. Venue: Trust Bhaban, 21/2 Purana Pallan. Time: 11:00am.

CJFD meeting

Chittagong Journalists Forum-Dhaka (CJFD) will hold a view exchange meeting and Iftar party. Venue: Jannatul Ferdous Auditorium, 2nd floor, Hotel Imperial. Time: 4:00pm.

Rotary Dhaka Central

Regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Rotarians are invited to attend the meeting for fellowship and make-up. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 4:30pm.

'Implement land dev rules'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) yesterday formed a human chain in front of the National Museum at Shahbagh in the city demanding implementation of land development rules 2004 for private housing.

Six cocktails recovered from AL Iftar party

UNB, Dhaka

Police recovered six cocktails from an Iftar party arranged by Awami League (AL) at Mirpur in the city yesterday.

Obituary

Abul Hasnat, chairman of Sonargaon Group and former president of Sonargaon Upazila Awami League, passed away at Ibn Sina Hospital due to cancer yesterday at the age of 65, says a press release.

Mosammata Ershadunnessa

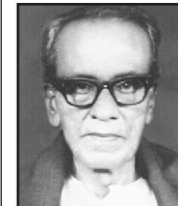
Mosammata Ershadunnessa, mother of Shykh Siraj, director (news) of Channel I, passed away at Ibrahim Cardiac and Research Centre yesterday at the age of 78, says a press release.

Abdur Rashid Wasekpuri

BSS, Dhaka

Abdur Rashid Wasekpuri, a senior journalist and poet, died of old-age complications at National Cardiac Institute Hospital in the city on Thursday night at the age of 80.

Death anniversary



The 27th death anniversary of M u k u n d a l a Sarker, a prominent leader of an anti-British Movement, was observed yesterday, says a press release.

Qukhwani

BSS, Dhaka

Qukhwani of former parliament member Colonel (ret'd) Anwarullah will be held at MP Hotel Club here after Asr prayers today.