

Khaleda praises members of armed forces

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday felicitated the members of the Armed Forces on the eve of the 35th Armed Forces Day and appreciated them for their contributions towards improving the country's law and order situation through 'Clean Heart Operation' during the four-party regime.

In a message on the occasion, she said the armed forces that were established on November 21, 1971 put up a concerted resistance along with freedom fighters against the occupation forces to accelerate the victory in the War of Liberation.

Paying rich tributes to the martyred troops, Khaleda said the nation will always remember with respect the glorious contributions of the armed forces to the War of Liberation.

Giving details of the contributions of late president Ziaur Rahman and her government in two terms, the former premier said the armed forces are not only the symbol of the country's independence and sovereignty, but also the symbol of world peace.

While working as peacekeepers, she said the members of the armed forces have made a far-reaching contribution by establishing peace and restoring democracy in different confrontational regions of the world.

She wished the members of the Armed Forces peace and happiness, and well-being of their families.

LDP Ctg city body formed

BSS, Chittagong

Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) on Sunday night announced the convening committee of its Chittagong city unit, party sources said.

Ekramul Karim was made the Convener of LDP Chittagong city unit while Syed Giash Uddin Alam, Freedom Fighter Commander Abul Bashar and former Ward Commissioner Mustafizur Rahman have been made joint conveners, the sources said.

Former BNP leaders M Salimullah and Arif Moinuddin have been made members of the convening committee.

Solution to current crisis soon

Hopes Sultana

UNB, Dhaka

Adviser Sultana Kamal yesterday said the caretaker government is hopeful of solving the current crisis "soon" and holding free and fair elections within the stipulated time.

She was talking to Australian High Commissioner Douglas Foskett when the envoy called on her at the secretar-

iat. The adviser said the 14 crore people of Bangladesh will contribute much to the overall development of the world.

"The peace-loving people want to build a rich Bangladesh by nurturing democratic environment instead of conflict," she said.

Terming Australia a friend of

Bangladesh, she sought continued cooperation of that country in the economic development, including infrastructure development, of Bangladesh.

Appreciating the sincerity of the Caretaker Government, the envoy said people are expecting the government to set a good example by holding free and fair elections.

DU ADMISSION TEST

24 students to vie for each seat

DU CORRESPONDENT

Some 24 admission seekers will vie for each seat in Dhaka University (DU) as the admission tests for first year honours courses under 2006-07 academic session begin on December 1.

The test under 'Ga' unit for business studies faculty will be held on the first day. Students seeking admission to the arts faculty will sit for the test under 'Kha' unit on December 8 while 'Ka' unit test for science faculty and 'Gha' unit test for social science faculty

will take place on December 15 and 22 respectively.

Yesterday was the last date for submission of application forms for admission tests.

The university authorities have sold 1,09,270 application forms against a total of 4,584 seats under four units.

A total of 37,348 students, the highest number, have collected application forms for the 'Gha' unit.

Some 25,167 forms were sold against 1,348 seats under 'Ka' unit, 20,955 forms against 2,336 seats

under 'Kha' unit and 25,800 forms against 844 seats under 'Ga' unit.

Excluding fourth subjects, students should have GPA 7.5 in science group, GPA 6 in humanities group and GPA 6.5 in commerce group to qualify for the admission test, according to the university's website.

The admission tests will be held under MCQ system. One mark would be deducted for every four incorrect answers in 'Ga' unit while one mark would be deducted for every five incorrect answers in the other units.

6 JAMAAT MEN KILLINGS Two AL leaders granted bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to two Awami League (AL) leaders arrested in connection with the case filed against them for killing six Jamaat activists at the North gate of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque on October 28.

Judge Mohammad Momin Ullah of the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court granted - bail upon a bond of Tk 50,000 with two guarantors.

The court passed the order after the defence lawyers filed a criminal appeal against the rejection order of the lower court on November 1.

A Jamaat leader on October 29 filed a murder case against 40 14-party combine leaders and activists, including AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil, Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon and JSD President Hasanul Huq Inu for killings.

Following the case, Paltan police arrested two accused - Titu alias Shahin and Omar Faruque - whose names were on the FIR. Then the two arrestees were placed on a one-day remand for interrogation.

The other prominent leaders accused of the charges are Tofael Ahmed, Mohammad Nasim, Abdur Razzak, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Advocate Sahara Khatun, Haji Selim and Dr HBM Iqbal.

Advocates Nuruzzaman Nani and Abdul Baten appeared for the accused.

In the case filed with Paltan Police Station, ATM Sirajul Haq, Paltan thana Jamaat Amir, alleged that as per direction of Jalil, Menon and Inu, the other accused killed their (Jamaat) six activists and injured several others.

Meanwhile, all the accused, including Jalil, Inu and Menon, surrendered before the High Court and obtained anticipatory bail.

JN varsity exams postponed

BSS, Dhaka

The honours second year's examinations of Jagannath University (JU) scheduled for November 23 have been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

The fresh date and schedule of the examinations will be announced later.



With slogans inscribed on their chests, street children take out a procession at Russell Square in the city yesterday demanding removal of the chief election commissioner.

Int'l Day for Elimination of Violence against Women Nov 25

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women will be observed in the country as elsewhere across the globe on November 25.

The Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) will organise a daylong programme at Rabindra Sarobar in Dhanmondi on the day to raise awareness about repression on women.

Members of Manobadhikar Sangskritik Goshthi, cultural wing of BSEHR, will perform song, short play, dance, musical drama and recitation in the programme beginning at 10:00am.

In a statement yesterday, BSEHR Secretary General Sigma Huda and Executive Director Alena Khan urged all to come forward to establish the rights of women.

BJP leader Saifur laid to rest

Qulkhwan tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saifur Rahman, secretary general of Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP-Nazir) and former lawmaker, was laid to eternal rest at Banani graveyard in the city after a namaz-e-janaza in front of the central office of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) at Nayapaltan yesterday.

Former law minister Moudud Ahmed, BJP Chairperson Nazir Rahman Manzur, City Mayor Sadek Hossain Khoka, BNP Joint Secretary General Nazrul Islam Khan, Jubo Dal President Barkat Ullah Bulu, former state minister Aman Ullah Aman, Mofikul Hasan Tripti, Abdus Salam, Nasiruddin Pintu, BJP leaders Shamim Al Mamun, Taiyabur Rahman, Shahidul Islam Khan, Khondoker Sirajul Islam, Salauddin Matin Prakash and Kamrul Islam Shajol attended the janaza.

His qulkhwan will be held at his Mohakhali residence after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Saifur Rahman passed away due to a cardiac arrest immediately after addressing a rally of the four-party alliance at Muktangan in the city on Sunday afternoon.

'Form supreme judicial council to remove CEC'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Combined Citizens' Movement and Peshajibi Samannay Parishad yesterday urged the President/ Chief Adviser to form a supreme judicial council to remove the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) in order to resolve the current political impasse.

Sounding a warning, they told the caretaker government not to act as a puppet of certain political party and implement its evil designs.

At a rally in front of the High Court, the leaders also called on the caretaker government and the police not to attack the agitating people demanding removal of the CEC.

Barrister Amir-Ul Islam, Prof Abdul Ahad Chowdhury, Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, advocate Abdul Matin Khasru, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Nasir Uddin Yusuf, Golam Quddus and Awami League leader Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin spoke at the rally.



Adviser to the caretaker government Mahbubul Alam talks to reporters after a meeting with Chief Election Commissioner Justice MA Aziz at the Election Commission in the city yesterday.