

War of Liberation is greatest event in our history

President tells reception on Armed Forces Day

UNB, Dhaka
President/Chief Adviser Iajudin Ahmed yesterday said the heroism and spirit of self-sacrifice of the brave martyrs are mingled with "all our developments and advancement."

War of Liberation is vast," he said. "On that day in 1971, members of the Army, Navy and Air Force joined the freedom fighters and made an united onslaught on the Pakistani occupation forces. Finally, within a few days, the occupation forces were compelled to surrender unconditionally on December 16, 1971."

families of 'Bir Shreshthas', construction of memorial plaques on the graves of 'Bir Shreshthas, honorarium and other facilities for the freedom fighters and the families of the martyred freedom fighters and injured freedom fighters.

freedom fighters on the land of the freedom fighters' complex. He said Bangladesh Freedom Fighters' Welfare Trust provides facilities to the injured freedom fighters that include grants for education and marriage of the children of freedom fighters, festival bonus, feast allowance, medical expenses for treatment in government hospitals, free treatment for wheelchair-users and ID cards.



Rickshaws rule the city as other motorised vehicles were off the roads due to blockade enforced by Awami League-led 14-party combine. The picture was taken from Jatrabari intersection.

London to help Dhaka fight terrorism

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strong relationship between the two traditional friends, he said at the conference in the residence of the British high commissioner in the capital. He met the president and chief adviser to the caretaker government, and high officials of the armed forces prior to the news conference.

national sovereignty." The high commissioner thinks that terrorism in Bangladesh is now in a weak position. "So, it is the proper time for us to join hands to stop the phenomenon."

South Asian nations, especially between India and Pakistan, the admiral said there might have been some problems in the past, but the UK is always for change and looking for more partners for joining hands against terrorism.

GUATEMALA CONFERENCE ENDS Call for involvement of people in anti-corruption movement

DU CORRESPONDENT
The 12th International Anti-Corruption Conference has ended in Guatemala City with a call for a broader participation of citizens and youths in anti-corruption movement, says a press release.

the conference which discussed line of action to fight corruption. The participants said free flow of information is a must for ensuring transparency, accountability and good governance.

Peru Alberto Fujimori to Peru authorities. There are allegations of corruption and violation of human rights against Fujimori in Peru. He is now living in Chile.

Form judicial council to remove CEC Professionals urge CG

Leaders of Combined Citizens Movement and Peshajibi Samonny Parishad yesterday urged the caretaker government to remove the Chief Election Commissioner by forming Supreme Judicial Council to save the country from confrontational situation.

Education hampered as blockade lingers

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"Keeping in mind the academic loss due to our strike, we have shortened the syllabuses and decided to keep the institutions open even on public holidays but we could not make up the loss due to political unrest," said Prof Rafiq Afroj, principal of Ispahani Girls School and College.

guardians are worried about classes and examinations. According to the schedule, annual examinations of class one to nine are to be held from November 20 to December 10 as scholarship examinations of class eight and class five will begin on or after December 11 and December 19.

No doubt the political confrontation between the two major political alliances will prolong the session jam, said AAMS Arefin Siddique, former president of Dhaka University Teachers Association.

2 arrested with bombs from south gate of Bangabhaban

Police arrested two youths with two bombs from the south gate of Bangabhaban yesterday suspecting that the detainees might have a link to Monday's bomb explosions at the same area.

WEATHER TODAY Dry weather likely

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature, Humidity in percentage, Humidity in Celsius. Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

Qulqhwani of Saifur today

Qulqhwani of Saifur Rahman, secretary general of Bangladesh Jatiya Party, will be held at the New DOHS Jame Mosque at Mohakhali after Asr prayers today.

Scanty transports bring plight

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managed to get CNG three-wheelers, but all of them had to pay up exorbitant fares, in some cases, even three to four times higher than the normal charges.

patient with a broken leg arriving in a rickshaw with relatives. "I came to Shyamoli in a taxi-cab and from there I hired a rickshaw up to the hospital as the demonstrators blockaded the roads there," the patient Mohammad Masum of Savar said with an anguished face.

number was no more than 700 patients per day, sources said. Beds in most of the wards at the hospital that usually remain crammed with patients were found empty. The hospital staff said that they used to supply foods to an average of 2,000 patients in 45 wards of the hospital, but yesterday they provided food for 1,506 patients.

Ctg container

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tougher agitation programme if the CCT does not resume operation within 24 hours. Meanwhile, private company Saif Powertec Limited that earlier threatened of taking legal actions said they would demand around Tk 25 crore as compensation if the agreement with them is cancelled due to CPA's faults, sources said.

Small loans to poor can change world

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poverty, and every year, every month more and more people are getting out of poverty," Dr Yunus told an audience at the National Press Club.

depriving people of a means to help themselves. "Credit should be accepted as a human right," Dr Yunus said. "Human beings are very creative beings. All kinds of creativity and ingenuity is built into the person," he said. And micro-credits were about "unleashing that creativity."

Bangladeshi government, the proportion of poor fell to 40 percent from 49 percent in the past five years. Dr Yunus reiterated his recent criticism of the World Bank, saying it should focus projects more on empowering local communities instead of channelling aid through governments. But the World Bank says it is committed to micro-credit projects.

Abu Bakar reappointed NUB treasurer

President and Chancellor of the Private Universities Iajudin Ahmed reappointed Mr Abu Bakar Siddique as the treasurer of Northern University Bangladesh (NUB), says a press release.

Dr Yunus set out to help the poor after famine struck Bangladesh in the 1970s, shaking his assumptions about economics. "I started to read my own lectures," Professor Yunus wrote in his autobiography, "Banker to the Poor". "What good were all my complex theories when people were dying of starvation on the sidewalks and porches across from my lecture hall?"

While the idea of micro-finance had received widespread attention previously, the Nobel prize has given Grameen Bank's work a whole new level of interest and publicity, Dr Yunus said. "I am amazed at what one recognition of that nature can transform everything overnight," said Dr Yunus, who earned a doctorate in the United States.

JSD for removal of Aziz, Zakaria

Leaders of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) said Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) MA Aziz and Election Commissioner SM Zakaria must be removed from the Election Commission for the sake of free and fair election.

Obituary

Dr Mosiur Rahman, assistant professor of Microbiology Department of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), passed away at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) on Monday at the age of 43, says a press release.

Najma Murshed

Najma Murshed, wife of K M Murshed, former deputy managing director of Sonali Bank and former managing director of People's Leasing, passed away in the city on November 19 at the age of 56, says a press release.

Death anniversary

Today is the 11th death anniversary of AEB Reza, former mufassil editor of Bangladesh Times, says a press release.

Zebun Nisa Jahangir

Today is the 8th death anniversary of Zebun Nisa Jahangir, wife of Shaheed Lt Col NAM Jahangir and daughter of late Abdul Wahab Khan, says a press release.

CG won't cancel

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months before cancelling the contract of any officer at the Bangladesh Telecommunications Regulatory Commission or the Securities and Exchange Commission, Solaiman said. The establishment ministry is also considering promotion of officers at various levels who are eligible but were deprived of due promotion during the tenure of the immediate past BNP-led four-party government.