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2 arrested for stealing car

By Staff Correspondent
Tejgaon police caught red handed two snatchers with a stolen car from Agargaon area on Monday night.

Zaker Party to reorganise economy

By Staff Correspondent
A supreme presidium member of Zaker Party Pirzada Mostafa Amir Faishal has urged all forces to be imbued with Islamic values and nationalism to unite in the greater interest of the country.

RUTA calls to halt Gulf war

RAJSHAHI, Jan 30: A peace procession under the auspices of Rajshahi University Teachers Association (RUTA) was brought out Tuesday calling for an immediate end to the Gulf war, reports BSS.

Science week concludes

KHULNA, Jan 30: Fourteenth National Science and Technology Week-91 which began here recently at the local M.M. City College ended Tuesday with a call to use science and technology for the benefits of mankind instead of destroying human civilisation, reports BSS.

Govt urged to make admn neutral

The Secretary General of National Democratic Party (NDP), Mr. Salauddin Kader Chowdhury, Tuesday called upon the people to elect an able leadership, irrespective of party affiliation, to restore socio-economic stability in the country, reports BSS.

The concluding session of the week was presided over by Serajul Islam, Principal of Government B. L. College, Daulatpur.

The Divisional Commissioner Khulna Mr. A.K.M. Fazul Huq Mia was the chief guest, and gave away prizes to the winners.

A total of 24 scientific stalls from different areas participated in the programme.

Obituary

Mr. Nur Muhammad, Director General of post offices, died of heart attack Monday night at the Suhrawardy Hospital in Dhaka, family sources said.

He was 56 reports BSS. Mr. Nur Muhammad left behind his wife, only daughter and host of friends and well-wishers to mourn his death.

Mrs. Hosneara Ehsan, wife of Mr. Abul Ehsan, former High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India and former Ambassador to Belgium, died of liver cirrhosis at her Gulshan residence Tuesday night. She was 55, reports BSS.

She left behind her husband, two sons, a daughter and a host of relations. Her namaz-e-janaza was held at Gulshan central mosque after Zohr prayer Wednesday.



The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, a students' wing of BNP, held a rally in city on Wednesday, demanding immediate arrest and shifting of H.M. Ershad and his associates to Dhaka Central Jail.

JCD rally for shifting Ershad to central jail

The Dhaka University unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) held a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club Wednesday afternoon and demanded immediate shifting of former President Ershad to central jail, reports UNB.

The rally was addressed by DUCSU AGS Nazimuddin Ahmed, Ilias Ali, Fazul Haque Milon and other JCD leaders.

DU exams schedule

The first, second and third parts of Accountancy of the Degree (Pass and Subsidiary) examinations of 1990 of Dhaka University will now be held of March 30, April 1 and 2 respectively instead of the previously announced schedule, a university press release said Tuesday, reports BSS.

First paper of the English will be held on April 3, the press release added.

Poetry recitation festival Feb 5

A three-day Poetry Recitation Festival will be held at the auditorium of the German Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi from February 5-7, says a press release.

The programme would be organized jointly by the Deutsche Welle Listener Club, Bangladesh and Meghdut Abriti Sangsad in cooperation with the Goethe Institute, Dhaka.

Cases against municipal chairman Tk 50 lakh embezzled

Cox's Bazar District Anti-Corruption Bureau Tuesday registered three cases with Cox's Bazar thana against the local municipal chairman, Md. Nurul Absar embezzling government funds of Taka 49,62,254, reports BSS.

A case has also been registered against Gholam Sultan, Secretary of the municipality, for his collaboration in the misappropriation of the funds, according to a press release issued by the Anti-Corruption Bureau in Dhaka.

Mr. Nurul Absar in collaboration with Gholam Sultan misappropriated Taka 5,56,654 collected through the auction of hats and bazars. He also defalcated Taka 33,66,000 of the Poursava by withdrawing this amount from different banks illegally through his own cheques. Besides, he withdrew Taka 10,99,700 of the municipal funds from different banks through his own cheques with the evil design of misappropriating this amount of his fund. Taka 10,00,000 was sanctioned

by the ex-President as grant for the development of Cox's Bazar Poursava.

Robbery in city: 2 arrested

Seven young men armed with firearms raided a kerosene dealer's shop at Wari in Dhaka Tuesday morning and decamped with about Taka 1.25 lakh after assaulting and terrorising the employees, according to complaint lodged by the proprietor.

The Sutrapur police said two persons were arrested in connection with the robbery and investigation was proceeding.

The proprietor Mr. Manzur Alam Khan of Messrs M.A. Khan and Co. at Chandicharan Bose Street, Wari said the armed people-aid between 20 and 25 years old-entered the shop and after closing the main door of the shop beat three employees. They snatched away the money and left the place in 15 minutes. The neighbours chased the criminals, but they escaped.

Dhaka-Delhi border talks today

A Border Coordination Conference between Bangladesh and India will be held at Rangpur today (Thursday) morning, official sources said, reports UNB.

The two sides are likely to discuss border issues and other concerned matters. The 7 member Indian delegation led by Ranju Das of the Border Security forces North Bengal arrived at Rangpur Wednesday.

Bangladesh delegation will be led by Brigadier Abdullah Al-Hussain, Deputy Director General of Bangladesh Rifles.

Fire damages mill in Daudkandi

A fire originating from an electric short-circuit in the spinning section of no-2 mill of Sonali Asa Trading at Shahidnagar of Daudkandi under Comilla district made an extensive damage to machinery and other raw materials on Wednesday morning, reports BSS.

According to fire service sources here, the blaze, which originated at 4-20am, soon engulfed the entire mill area damaging two spinning machines, one roll winding machine, a good number of cans, bobbins, spare parts and a sizeable amount of under-process jute.

Two fire units, on a telephonic information, rushed to the spot from Comilla and brought the flame under control at 9 am, the sources said.

Biman operation revised

Biman Bangladesh Airlines has revised all its domestic and some of its regional flight operations with F-28 aircraft from February 1, a Biman Press release said in Dhaka on Tuesday, reports BSS.

'Post '75 regimes plundered aid'

Awami League leader Sajeda Chowdhury blamed the post-1975 regimes for plundering foreign aid to float political parties and patronise muscle-men, reports UNB.

Instead of making the country self-reliant in food and industry, they had spent lion's share of foreign assistance in a bid to perpetuate their power, the AI General Secretary said opening party's election office at Shyamoli in the city on Tuesday.

Sajeda, contesting next month's elections from Dhanmondi-1 Mohammapur constituency, condemned the attack by miscreants on Awami League's election camp at Rayerbazar and said her party

was not afraid of arms. The election camp was reportedly set on fire and party activists threatened at gunpoint Monday night.

She warned against such incidents, saying Awami League workers knew how to retaliate but 'we were exercising restraint for the sake of free and fair elections.'

Presided over by Daliluddin, the meeting was also addressed, among others, by Ali Ahmed, Akhterul Alam, Golam Mayeenuddin Milon, Abdur Rahman, Makbul Hossain and Helaluddin.

The Awami League General Secretary also inaugurated several election camps at Gaznabi road, Shahjahan road and Lal-matia.

Dateline Chittagong

Double shifts in schools demanded

CHITTAGONG, Jan 30: Guardians and students Wednesday called upon the Education Ministry to introduce double shifts in at least four government schools in the city to avoid unusual admission rush, reports BSS.

In a statement, they said that government and non-government schools in Chittagong city were facing extreme rush of students for admission. At present there are double shifts in three high schools out of the total of eight government high schools. Both boys and girls and over six thousand students sought admission to these schools during the current month of whom only

about 700 could be accommodated.

The guardians suggested that double shifts in Nasrabad Government High School, Bakilia Government High School, Nasrabad Government Girls High School and a few others could be introduced as these schools have adequate accommodation facilities.

Hartal observed

Hartal was observed at Banskhal upazila headquarters Tuesday in response to a call by local unit of Sarbad-alya Chhatra Oikka for immediate arrest of former Jatiya Party MP and Mayor of Chittagong

city, Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury, reports BSS.

Vehicles were off the roads, most of the shops and offices were closed and students boycotted their classes. There was no untoward incident, police said.

Special trains

Bangladesh Railway (BR) will run special trains on Mymensingh-Jagannathganj section from January 31 to February 5 to facilitate devotees to attend Urs of Hazrat Enayet Puri (R.A) at Serajganj, a BR press release said, reports BSS.

The special train will leave Mymensingh at 9-20 pm and reach Jagannathganj at 1 am. It will leave Jagannathganj at 1-20 am and reach Mymensingh at 5-10 am daily.



Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Moniruzzaman Miah giving away certificate to a student of 20th batch of MBA of the Business Administration Institute of the University.

Schoolroom relations sour Irregular promotion of teachers galore

by Staff Correspondent

Irregular promotion is causing great dissatisfaction among teachers of Government secondary schools. But affected teachers cannot rise voice for fear of departmental disciplinary action. It is reliably learnt.

A decision taken by the Government in 1983-83 requires all appointments and promotions to be processed through the Public Service Commission, and prohibits ad-hoc appointment and promotion.

Over 150 cases processed by the Public Service Commission recently, however, show that a sizeable number of teachers were given ad-hoc promotion, that too without any graduation list.

The promotion of 98 Assistant Headmasters and 68 Assistant Headmistresses of Government High Schools processed by the Commission was notified by the Government early this month.

Willful promotion without preparation of graduation lists leads to injustice to senior teachers. Such irregular promotion does not only have a demoralising effect on teachers but also vitiates teacher-education Directorate relationships, says a Government school teacher on condition of anonymity.

Official papers show that the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education issued ad-hoc promotion letters as late as April, 1990. A Public

Service Commission Source says, such promotions violate not only the 1982-83 decision of the Establishment Ministry, but also the Public Service Commission Consultation Regulations, 1979.

Government high school teachers complain once irregular promotions are posted Secondary and Higher Education Directorate officials remain extra cautious to ensure that their decisions remain unaffected. In extreme cases protesting teachers are subjected to 'punishment transfer', teachers complain.

Secondary and higher education authorities say ad-hoc promotions are no longer posted by them. Some such promotions given earlier have already been regularised by the Public Service Commission, they add.

BNP to implement labour law

KHULNA, Jan 30: Vice-President of BNP Central Committee Advocate Alhajj Shaikh Ruzzaq Ali Wednesday expressed that his party would implement the labour law enacted by late President Ziaur Rahman for the welfare of the working people.

Advocate Ruzzaq Ali, who also a BNP candidate from Khulna-2 constituency for Jatiya Sanghad election, was addressing workers at the local Khulna textile mills premises.

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