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Shibir activist stabbed

CHITTAGONG, Feb 4: Two persons including an activist of Islami Chhatra Shibir were injured in two separate incidents here Sunday, hospital sources said, reports BSS.

The Shibir activist, Mohammed Selman, was stopped near Nasirabad Trade Training Centre and allegedly beaten up and stabbed. He was proceeding on a rickshaw to attend classes at Chittagong polytechnic institute in the morning. He was admitted to Chittagong Hospital.

In another incident, one Islam (45) received bullet injuries at Mekhal of Hathazari

Reception

The outgoing Chief Correspondent of Xinhua local bureau, Mr Hu Guangyao, hosted a reception in Dhaka Sunday evening to say good-bye and introduced his successor Mr. Pan Xiaozhu.

Mr Hu has been transferred to the International Department of the Chinese news agency's headquarters at Beijing, reports BSS.

Mr. Pan was earlier posted here at the initial days of the agency's functioning in Dhaka from 1977 to 81.

Chinese Ambassador Chen Songlu, Soviet Ambassador Sergei M. Smirnov, Information Secretary AZM Nasrudin, senior officials of the Ministries of Information and Foreign Affairs, diplomats, editors and senior journalists attended the reception.

Passing out ceremony

The passing out ceremony of the first specialised course for officers of the foreign affairs cadre will be held today (Tuesday) at 4 pm at the ICS Administration Academy in the city, reports UNB.

Plea to resolve Azad's problem

Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) Sunday called upon the Daily Azad Authorities to pay all dues including salary of the journalists of the daily immediately and resolve all problems through discussions, reports BSS.

In an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee of DUJ at the Azad office in Dhaka with DUJ President, Zahurul Haq in the chair, the DUJ felt that the existing problems in the Daily Azad would be compounded if the authorities resorted to harass journalists of the daily, a DUJ press release said.

Expressing concern for serving notices to seven journalists on charge of their alleged involvement in strike, the DUJ strongly demanded withdrawal of those immediately saying that such harassment was completely against justice.

Referring to a notification in the newspapers on behalf of the Azad and Publications Limited, the Executive Committee said that no journalist from editorial, news, reporting or reading sections had gone on strike. But the Executive Committee said, they were holding continuous protest after failing to convince the authorities to pay salary of December of last year.

During the protest meetings, no representative from the side of the authorities or the owner himself took initiative to pay salary or discuss it with the journalists, the press release said.

Rather, the responsible persons of the Daily Azad stopped coming to office which, in fact resulted in obstructions to the publication of the daily, it said.

Death condoled

A full court death reference was held on Sunday in the court room of Dhaka District Judgeship to condole the death of Mr. Habibur Rahman Talukder, District Judge, Dhaka. He died on Saturday at 1.45 p.m. at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

He was about 56 years. He left behind his widow, three sons and one daughter. Mr. Talukder joined the judicial service as Munsif in 1965.

Mr. Md. Shamsheer Ali, Acting District Judge, presided over the meeting while Mr. Ahmed Ali Mondal, Government Pleader and Mr. Altaf Hossain.

Bangla Academy Book Fair from today

A fortnight long book fair on the occasion of Omar Ekushey begins today (Tuesday) at the Bangla Academy premises in Dhaka, reports UNB.

About 200 stalls, including 180 book stalls, will be installed in the fair that will be opened at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow. It will continue till February 25.

The Academy will announce 'literary award for 1990' on Feb 20 and distribute the next day.

Director General of the Academy Mahmud Shah Koreshi told a press conference, the academy would publish translation of poet Ferdousi's 'Shahnama' in six volumes on the occasion of Shaheed Day, the anniversary of great Language Movement of 1952.

Besides, seven biographies will also be published, he said, adding the academy may not fulfil its target of publications this year due to fund constraints.

Last year, Bangla Academy sold books worth Tk 39 lakh. It also exported books worth Tk 4 lakh to India.

The book fair, organised by the Academy in cooperation with the Book Publishers and Distributors Association, will remain open from 3.30 pm to 8 pm everyday excepting Fridays. On Fridays, the fair time will be 11 am - 8 pm with a break from 12.30 to 2 pm.



RI President due in city today

By Staff Correspondent

President of Rotary International (RI) Mr Rajendra K. Saboo accompanied by his wife Usha Saboo arrives Dhaka today (Tuesday) at 12.30 pm for a one-day visit.

Rtn. R. K. Saboo is the second President of the organisation from this sub-continent.

Rotarians from Bangladesh led by Rtn. Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, Governor of Bangladesh R.I. District 328 will receive Rtn. Saboo at the Air Port.

Later, he will address a banquet at the Hotel Sonargaon at 7 pm.



Dr. Kamal Hossain, a member of Awami League Presidium, addressing a public meeting at Mirpur on Monday.

Plea to face 'Joy Bangla'

Jatiya Oikka Front, in a meeting of its Presidium, has called upon the pro-Islamic and nationalist forces to participate in the coming elections unitedly to face the forces of aggression who are contesting the polls under the grab of secularism and Joy Bangla slogans, reports BSS.

Held under the chairmanship of the Front Chairman Khandker Moshataq Ahmed at his Aga Masih Lane residence Sunday, the meeting said being imbued with this spirit, the front has stayed back from this suicidal competition and is making only

taken participation by contesting in some particular seats as part of the movement and in the greater interests of the country and its people.

The meeting hoped that the Islamic and nationalist forces participating in the same constituency would withdraw more than one candidate on the basis of mutual understanding and supports one single agreed candidate to face the forces of aggression.

The meeting also called upon the people to vote for the candidates having faith in Islam, independence and sovereignty.

Truck owners' problems in Ctg discussed

CHITTAGONG, Jan 23: Inter-District Truck Owners' Association today called for immediate solution to their problems to facilitate smooth transportation of various goods from one place to another, reports BSS.

A meeting of the Association office-bearers and representatives of other concerned agencies held at Chittagong Chamber Bhaban here with the chamber Vice-President Mr Zafarul Islam Chowdhury in the chair listed the problems of the truck owners

Teachers urged to guide students properly

The Adviser for Culture and Food, Prof. Iajuddin Ahmed Thursday urged the guardians and teachers to guide and teach the students properly for building the country, reports BSS.

Prof. Iajuddin was speaking at an annual prize distribution function of Anawara Muslim Girls High School and College in the city.

The Adviser said, "students are the future of the country. We have to take proper care of them with our limited resources." He also stressed the need for sports for cultivating their talent

C'wealth polls observers meet Khaleda

A three-member team led by Deputy Secretary General of the Commonwealth Anthony Siaguri arrived in Dhaka Monday on a prelude mission to oversee the February 27 parliamentary polls, reports UNB.

The other two members of the team include Dr. N. O. Linton and J. D. Pole.

The team on its arrival at the Zia International Airport met BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, who has been leaving for Chittagong as a part of election campaign today.

The delegation exchanged views with Begum Khaleda Zia on the forthcoming election.

The team is scheduled to have talks with Foreign Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed.

The Commonwealth Secretariat officials are expected to exchange views with different political leaders including Sheikh Hasina.

The delegation will procure necessary information and materials during its weeklong "Assessment Tour".

The Commonwealth Secretariat had earlier confirmed sending of 10-member observer team during the elections.

Time for TV, VCR licenses renewal

The time for renewal of licenses of TV and VCR has been extended from January 31 to February 12, according to an official handout Sunday, reports BSS.

Cooperation for DU exams sought

By DU Correspondent

Prof. Maniruzzaman Miah, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University in a statement on Sunday sought co-operation from all concerned for holding the degree pass and subsidiary examination of 1990 in a congenial atmosphere.

Prof. Maniruzzaman said the sessions jam could never affect examinations at degree level though it affected all other levels of the universities. But, the examination of 1990 was rescheduled for three times due to unavoidable situation, he added.

91 thousand students from 148 colleges are going to appear in the degree pass examination, which is scheduled to be held on February 5, the statement said.

Admission test

The admission test of masters degree first part for the 1989-90 session of the Dhaka University will start from February 6.

The dates of admission tests of different departments are: Zoology—February 6, Geography—February 9, Chemistry—February 10, applied chemistry and chemical technology—February 11, physics and Islamic History and culture—February 13, and mathematics—February 16, a press release of Dhaka University said.

Call to gear up anti-drug campaign

Adviser for social welfare and Youth and Sports Alamgir M.A. Kabir Sunday called for creating awareness against adverse effect of drugs, reports BSS.

The adviser stressed on strengthening the anti-drug campaign because of the flow of drugs and alarming increase of addicts in the country.

The Adviser was addressing the officials of Drug Control Directorate during a visit to the office.

Mr. Kabir said the officials employed in drug control were not only performing jobs, but discharging a noble task of saving the nation from destruction. He asked all to perform their duties with honesty and dedication.

Human rights team leaves for Chandpur

By Staff Correspondent

A two-member investigating team of the Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) on Monday left for Gazaria village of Paridpur upazila of Chandpur to investigate an allegation that Ratan-shan Ara, a house wife was strangled by her husband and relatives for dowry and then buried hurriedly.

The team members are Md. Shahjahan, investigation director of BSEHR and Md. Shamim Khan, worker of BSEHR, says a Press release.

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Dateline Rajshahi

Measures for free polls taken

645 contesting 72 seats

RAJSHAHI, Feb 4: Six hundred fortyfive candidates representing political parties, alliances and independents would contest 72 Jatiya Sangsad seats in Rajshahi division on February 27.

An Election Commission source told BSS that a total of 26,958 polling booths under 6,198 polling centres would be opened in the division. There are over 1,47,81,000 voters in the area. The source said that voters' list would be ready well ahead of time. All possible measures would be taken for a free and fair election.

In Gaibandha-1, where one candidate died, the Election Commission recast the schedule. The Commission received 15 valid nominations.

The last date for withdrawal is February 7, the source added.

139 candidates would contest 17 Jatiya Sangsad seats in greater Rajshahi district.

The sources said that 47 candidates would contest five seats in Naogaon and 37 persons in the election race for five seats in Rajshahi. Thirty candidates would contest four seats in Natore and 35 for three seats in Chapainawabganj

district. 6570 polling booths under 1497 polling centres would be opened in the greater Rajshahi district.

Among the prominent candidates Syed Manzoor Hossain a Former Minister is in the election fray on BNP ticket from Chapainawabganj-two, Ehsan Ali Khan former Deputy Leader of Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad is also contesting from Chapainawabganj-three as JP candidate.

Sankar Gabindo Choudhury, a veteran politician is in election on Awami League ticket from Natore-two. Mujibur Rahman Sentu, a former Zila Parishad Chairman is contesting on JP nomination in the constituency. Abdul Jaill Joint

General Secretary of Awami League is contesting on party ticket from Naogaon-three and five constituencies.

Md Imazuddin Pramanik a former MP is also contesting from Naogaon 4 constituency and Alamgir Kabir Agriculture Secretary of BNP is in the fray from the same constituency. Aminul Islam (BNP), Md Mohsin (AL), Prof Mujibur Rahman (Jamaat) and Durul

Huda (JP) are contesting from Rajshahi-1.

From Rajshahi-2 Kabir Hossain (BNP), Mahbubuzaman Bhui (AL), Ataur Rahman (Jamaat) and Fazle Hossain Badsha (CPJ) are in the fray.

Sardar Amjad Hossain, a former Minister is contesting from Rajshahi-3 as JP candidate along with Rakhal Chandra Das (AL) and Enamul Haq (BNP). Md Ayenuddin, Chief of ML (Ayeen) is contesting from Rajshahi-4 constituency. His other rivals are Abdus Sattar Mondal (BNP) and Tayajul Islam. Md Farook (AL), Dr Alauddin a veteran politician of the district is contesting on AL ticket from Rajshahi-5. His rivals are Azbur Rahman (BNP) and Nurunnabi Chand, a former Minister contesting on JP ticket.

Meanwhile, election campaign by the supporters and candidates are going on in full swing in the district to win the confidence of the voters.

Processions, projection, meetings and mtg are on in support of the candidates. Till now no untoward incident was reported from any part of the district.



Lt. Humayun Zahir, Lieutenant Governor, Lions District-315 A Bangladesh delivering speech as 'Chief Guest' on the occasion of the Opening Ceremony of '2nd Medicare Centre for Poor Children' Organised by Lions Club of Narayanganj Greater. Special guest Lt. Faruq Moin and other Organisers are also seen in the picture.

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