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Call to recover illegal arms from Savar area

By Staff Correspondent Savar Nagarik Committee (SNC) Thursday urged the authorities to recover all illegal arms and arrest their users at the area before the parliamentary polls on February 27.

An executive committee meeting of the SNC chaired by its chief Mahbubul Alam alleged that the armed elements created a reign of terror during the Ershad regime resulting in threat to the lives of the local inhabitants. It feared similar incident during the ensuing polls.

BVNA Meanwhile, Bangladesh Voters' National Association has called upon the government to take stern action against gross violations of election code and terrorism all over the country.

M.A. Bari and A.B.M. Mujahid, President and General Secretary of the association in a statement Thursday also demanded that laws to maintain peace at the voting centres be executed properly.

Reception to Abbas, Khoka

BNP parliamentary candidates for Motijheel-Sabujbagh and Kotwali-Sutrapur constituencies Mirza Abbas and Mr. Sadek Hossain Khoka were accorded reception Wednesday evening by the Janata Bank unit of Jatityabadi Sramik Dal, reports BSS.

Presided over by Mr. A.T.M. Shamsul Alam, a bank union leader, the reception was addressed by General Secretary of Jatityabadi Sramik Dal Mr. Nazrul Islam Khan, Joint Secretary of Juba Dal Jahiruddin Babul and Joint Secretary of Janata Bank Sramik Union Mr. Imdadul Haq.

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Zafar, 6 Ministers to be sued soon

Government will soon institute cases against former Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed and six other absconding ministers for defying orders to surrender to the authorities.

Home Ministry sources told UNB on Wednesday that separate cases are being filed shortly with Lalbagh police station against Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Anwar Hossain Manju, Nazir Rahman, Ziauddin Ahmed, Anisul Islam Mahmud, Barrister Abul Hasnat and Sardar Anjad Hossain.

The government on January 24 asked Kazi Zafar and 10 other ministers to surrender to the Dhaka Central Jail authorities within seven days, failing which they will be sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment or pay fine or both.

Sheikh Shahidul Islam, Kazi Feroz Rashid and ABM Ruhul Amin Howlader were arrested by police while Col(Retd) Zafar Imam surrendered to the jail authorities.

Following the fall of Ershad regime, the government had served detention orders on these ministers for 120 days under the Special Power Act of 1974 in the interest of public safety and order.

Police had confiscated moveable and immovable property of absconding ministers as they failed to report to the authorities even after the deadlines for surrender expired on January 31.

Engineers to resist Senior Service Pool

The 15th meeting of the Engineers Service Structure and Welfare Committee (ESSWC) of the Institution of engineers, Bangladesh was held at IEB Headquarters with Dr. Engr. Md. Anwar Hossain, President ESSWC in the chair, says a press release.

Engr. Md. Ruhul Matin, Member Secretary of ESSWC presented the working paper of the meeting. The meeting expressed its deep concern regarding Model Service Rules proposed for autonomous bodies and Corporations and 'Matin Committee' report on cadre services which have not yet been cancelled despite repeated demand from different quarters of engineers.

The meeting demanded cancellation of these two rules and also expressed their surprise about the news of the revival of 'Senior Service Pool'.

It said that any attempt of the revival of Senior Service Pool would be resisted by Engineers community. The meeting also penned down a draft proposal of ESSWC which would be put forward to the government regarding engineers' role in the administrative structure of the country.

There was a detailed discussion about what would be the role of engineers in the administrative structure of the country and how the Engineers could play more effective role in the state of affairs as well as nation-building work as a whole. ESSWC also demanded that the government should ensure the appointment of engineers in all engineering-concerned Ministry, President Secretariat and other national policy-making organisation, i.e. External Resources Division, Planning Commission etc.

DUJ election held

The annual election to the Executive Committee of the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) was held at Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka Thursday, reports BSS.

Two Panels-Zahir-Gazi Parishad and Azad-Altaf Parishad contested the election. According to Election Commission sources, out of 897 voters, 836 cast their votes.

Counting of the votes will start this morning.

100 tolas gold seized at airport

The airport customs seized 100 tolas of gold worth about Taka eight lakh from a flight of Bangladesh Biman-BG-083 which came from Singapore Wednesday night, customs sources said on Thursday, reports BSS.

Acting on secret information, the customs personnel searched a toilet at the rear side of the aircraft and found ten gold bars each weighing 10 tolas kept concealed in the commode.



Leaders of All-Party Students Unity holding a rally at Baitul Mukarram on Thursday, urging the caretaker government to shift deposed President H. M. Ershad to Central Jail. —Star Photo

Kazi Ismail Hossain dead

KHULNA, Feb 14: Kazi Ismail Hossain (55), General Secretary of Town Club Khulna, died here Tuesday at a city clinic after a massive heart attack, reports BSS.

Kazi Ismail Hossain, popularly known as Kazi Bhai in the sports circle, was associated with Town Club Khulna for over two decades and was holding the position of General Secretary till his death.

An ardent sports lover, he spent most of his time in the development of sports. He was virtually the architect of the new Town Club complex in the city, although he could not complete the construction of the complex.

Kazi Ismail Hossain left behind his wife, five sons and seven daughters besides a large number of friends and wellwishers to mourn his untimely death. His Qul Khwani will be held at his city residence on February 15 after Asar.

Shahabuddin tells APSU

Dhaka wants peace in Gulf

Acting President, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on Thursday reiterated that Bangladesh wants peace in the Gulf, reports BSS.

He was speaking to a five-member delegation of All Party Students Unity (APSU), led by DUCSU General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokan, who called on him at the President's Secretariat in Dhaka.

The delegation presented the Acting President with a set of anti-war posters, produced by the Dhaka University Central Students' Union, which embodies their anxiety at the continuing war in the Gulf. Justice Shahabuddin said the Gulf war had been causing not only human tragedies, but also economic backlashes. He said a free Kuwait should be allowed to re-emerge immediately ending the foreign occupation to give peace a change.

The APSU delegation extended an invitation to the Acting President to attend the DUCSU's programme commemorating the Ekushey February.

They expressed themselves in favour of a reinforced drive for the recovery of illegal arms, which they described as essential for ensuring polls to be free, fair and peaceful.

The Acting President said the arms recovery drive was in progress and all quarters should co-operate.

Dateline Khulna

Freedom fighters threaten to launch movement

KHULNA, Feb 14: A meeting of the local freedom fighters was held here Tuesday at the local MuktiJoddha Sangsad premises with Sk. Abdus Salam, a freedom fighter and the Mujib Bahini, Deputy leader of greater Khulna in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting urged the freedom fighters to be united again with nation-building activities. It further called for an united effort to get back the plot of land which was earlier allotted to the sangsad and later grabbed by a group of conspirators.

The speakers also called for a greater unity of the freedom fighters to wage a movement against the false cases which were lodged against the freedom fighters of Khulna. The meeting was addressed, by some local freedom fighters.

2 killed in dacoity At least two persons were killed and four others were injured in an armed dacoity in Umajhuri Village under Morelganj Upazila of Bagerhat district. The dacoits, however, could not take away any valuables from the house but killed the house owner, Rustam Ali Howlader while fleeing.

According to police, a gang of miscreants raided the house of late Howlader on Sunday night with firearms but the inmates of the house resisted the dacoits and forced them out. While going back, the miscreants opened fire and killed

1 killed in road mishap One passenger was killed and 20 others were injured following a road accident near the Chuknagar Bazar of Dumuria Upazila of the district on Monday afternoon. Of the total, the condition of three injured persons was stated to be critical and they were admitted at Jessore Sadar Hospital.

According to an eye witness, the accident took place at Bujtala on the Chuknagar-Keshabpur road at about 1.30 p.m. when a Chuknagar bound

mini bus lost its control and skidded off the road causing death of one minor boy Basudev (10). The passengers seriously injured were Lutifur Rahman, Mrs. Hemlata Biswas and Sandhya Rani.

Meanwhile, B.N.P. candidate, Shamsul Arefin Khan and Jamaat candidate, Sawkat Hossain of Kashabpur constituency expressed their deep shock at the accident and the death of a young boy.

Arms recovered Police recovered two stolen motor cycles and arrested two persons on Monday while police at Rupsha arrested one Narayan Dhar and recovered one country made pipegun and 8 rounds of gun cartridge from his possession at village Diara. The police also recovered a pipe gun from Raimahal area of the city on the same day where one was arrested.

Employees Union election held The result of the election at Platinum Jubilee Jute Mills Employees Union was disclosed here Wednesday while took place on Monday in a peaceful environment.

Hafiz Motahar Panel got seven of the total eleven executive posts where Hafizur Rahman was re-elected to the post of President and Motahar Uddin was elected Secretary for a two years term.

Other three posts went to the panel led by Shamsul Alam and Mujibur Rahman and the rest went to an independent.

Programme on Ramkrishna begins February 16

A week-long programme starting from February 16, has been drawn up to observe the 156th Birth Anniversary of Sri Ramakrishna along with the annual function of Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Dhaka, says a press release.

On February 16, the 156th Birthday of Sri Ramakrishna will be observed following a special puja, prayer, devotional songs, chanting from the vedas and other religious books beginning from 3.30 a.m. At 5pm a meeting will be held on 'Sri Ramakrishna: Religion and peace' under the presidency of Mr Justice Ranadhir Sen and Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddique, Adviser to the Acting President, Ministry of Education will speak as Chief Guest and after the meeting Mr Kiran Chandra Roy will render Baul Songs at 8 a.m.

On February 17, Poet Begum Sufia Kamal and Prof. Nilima Ibrahim will speak as Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively on a seminar 'Sri Sarada Devi and Dignity of Woman' and Prof. Reba Sen will preside.

On February 18, there will be a discourse on 'Swami Vivekananda and awakening of masses. In it Prof. Mantruzzam Mia, Vice-Chancellor, University of Dhaka will speak as Chief Guest and Justice Debesh Chandra Bhattacharya will preside.

On February 19, the annual prize giving ceremony of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalyaya will be held under the presidency of Swami Aksharananda and Sri Bijan Kumar Das, Adviser to the Acting President, Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation will be present as Chief Guest.

On February 20 and 21, there will be a performance of Kavi gan from 11 a.m to 9:30 p.m. On February 22, there will be a day long programme followed by Ramayana songs and distribution of prasad and at 7p.m a musical performance by the eminent Radio and T.V. artistes of Bangladesh.

All have been cordially invited to attend the function on all days.

Sandhani Eye Donation Society office-bearers

By SSMC Correspondent Prof. M. Ahmed Sharif and Dr. Monwarul Islam have been elected President and Secretary General of Sandhani National Eye Donation Society. The election was held recently at the Ibrahim Memorial Diabetes Centre in the city.

Other office-bearers elected for the years 1991-92 are: Vice-Presidents: Prof. Hasna Begum, R.A. Majumder and Dr. Moynuddin Ahmed Chowdhury. Assistant Secretary General: Dr. Shankar Chandra Poddar. Organising Secretary: Dr. Fazul Huq Kashem, Publicity Secretary: Tarik Reza Ali, Office Secretary: Dr. Moynuddin Ahmed Pintu and the members: Mostafa al Mahmud, Hassan Sarwar Manik and Taposh Kumar Talukdar.

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Members of Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association holding a demonstration in city on Thursday demanding fulfilment of their demands. —Star Photo

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