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Life, work of Salam recalled

The life and work of noted journalist Abdus Salam were fondly recalled on Friday at a memorial meeting organised on the occasion of 81st birth anniversary of the late editor, reports BSS.

Organised by Feni Sangskritik Gosthi, the meeting was attended by National Professor and former foreign minister Prof Muhammad Shamsul Huq as the chief guest and Chairman of the Dainik Bangla Trustee Board Obaid-ul-Huq as a special guest.

Prof Shamsul Huq said, Abdus Salam, with his analytic mind and facile pen, played a vital role as an editor in finding out solutions to many national problems. Terming Salam a great editor, he called

upon the country's editorial writers to follow the ideals of the late journalist.

Obaid-ul-Huq recalling the virtues of Salam, said he was a prolific writer, a scholar and a fore-runner of the English language journalism in the country.

Chaired by President of the Association Mrs Lucky Inam, the meeting was also addressed by Moazzem Hossain Chowdhury, Serajuddin Ahmed and Ershad Majumdar. Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Mahbubul Huq Tara and the Editor of The News Day, ABM Musa present.

Shibir let loose terrorism on campus: CUCSU

CHITTAGONG, Aug 2: CUCSU Vice-President M Nazim Uddin and General Secretary Azim Uddin in a joint statement here on Thursday protested against what they called terrorist activities of Islami Chhatra Shibir activists in front of the Vice-Chancellor's residence in the name of hunger strike, reports BSS.

They said, Shibir had resorted to terrorist tactics by ignoring the Chancellor's consent to take action in connection with the university affairs.

The reiterated their demand for arrest of the killers of student leader Farukuzaman Faruk and clearing the campus of terrorists to ensure a peaceful academic atmosphere for 12,000 students of Chittagong University.



National Professor and former Foreign Minister Prof Shamsul Haque speaking at a memorial meeting organised in observance of the 81st birth anniversary of noted journalist and former Editor of the Bangladesh Observer Abdus Salam at National Book Centre Friday.—Star Photo

High-powered body to end stagnation in local bodies

Government has formed a high-powered committee to recommend measures for infusing self-sufficiency in the local government bodies, reports UNB.

Stating this LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder Friday called for strengthening the scope of these institutions for implementing local development programmes.

He was addressing a conference of the Bangladesh Zila Parishad Employees Federation at the District Council Hall in the city.

Presided over by Federation

President Mohammad Shah Newaz, the conference was also addressed by its Secretary-General Enamul Huq Khan.

The LGRD Minister also stressed the need for making the local government institutions economically viable and self-supporting to bring about sustained socio-economic development in the country.

He said the district council is a vital organ of national development based on people's hopes and aspirations.

The present government, he added, is trying to make

the role of the district council and other local government bodies more useful and effective in strengthening the bridge between the government and the people.

Talukder said a democratic government has been formed in the country after nine years of struggle against autocracy.

He hoped that the new democratic government would be allowed to consolidate the democratic process and give an institutional shape to the new-found democracy for promoting an appropriate socio-economic structure for a production-oriented society.

National Council for Blind, banned by Ershad, to reopen shortly

Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Prof A G M Badruddoza Chowdhury Friday said it was moral responsibility of physicians and workers of health services to create mass awareness about the primary eye care, reports BSS.

Addressing the inaugural session of a day-long workshop on "primary eye care and screening eye camp" as the Chief guest at the auditorium of the Institute of Ophthalmology and Islamic Eye Hospital, Farmgate, the minister said preventive steps were pre-condition for saving the eye sight.

Jointly organised by Sight Savers (RCSB) Bangladesh and Bangladesh Eye Care Society, the inaugural session was presided over by Prof M Mustafizur Rahman.

Stressing the importance of such workshop, the minister said all the participants would put in their best efforts in their respective fields.

Due to lack of knowledge in nutrition and vitamin-enriched food a large number of the people of our country have been suffering from various diseases including blindness, the Education Minister said. Prof Chowdhury laid emphasis on imparting the students the knowledge, primary eye care in the elementary level in the educational institutions side by side general hygiene.

Referring to the closure of the National Council for the

Blind by the autocratic government, he said the Council would be reopened soon.

The Education Minister said the present democratic government would do everything possible for the overall development of the health sector.

Expressing grave concern over the continued violence and anarchy in the educational arena Prof Chowdhury urged all to bury the differences in reaching a national consensus to bring back congenial academic atmosphere.

"No one should protest to

bring out procession against government actions in curbing terrorism and violence," he added.

The inaugural session was addressed, among others, by Prof Mobarak Ali, and M A Awal.

About 150 participants of health and medical education institutions took part in the workshop.

Shibir demands reopening of DU

Islami Chhatra Shibir Thursday demanded early reopening of Dhaka University and making the campus free from hoodlums and outsiders, reports BSS.

Shibir leaders told a press conference at their office "certain quarters" did not want political stability in the country, adding that the trouble-mongers were trying to throw the country into chaos and crises.

Present at the conference were Aminul Islam Mukul, President and A Z Obaidullah, Secretary, Hamid Hossain Azad and Aminur Rahman, leaders of Shibir.

In a statement, Aminul Islam Mukul said some vested quarters had been creating violence deliberately to disrupt peace in the campus and shatter the education systems. "Those quarters do not want political stability in the country," the Shibir leader said.

He blamed both the ruling party-backed student front JCD and Awami League-backed Chhatra League for creating violence in different educational institutions and urged the students, teachers, employees and conscious people to forge unity to resist, what he called, the terrorists.

The Shibir leader also hoped that the political parties including the ruling BNP and main oppositions would play a fruitful role in this regard.

Islami Chhatra Shibir will observe "education atmosphere day" on August 4, hold guardian and intellectual gathering on August 9, and arrange a seminar on August 15, according to the statement announced.

Khulna varsity admission test begins Aug 8

Admission tests of different faculties in Khulna University for the academic session 1990-91 will begin at the Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT) in Dhaka on August 8, reports UNB.

According to the schedule, admission test for Computer Science and Engineering will be held at 9 am on the day while Town and Rural Planning at 2-30 pm.

Admission test for Architecture is scheduled to be held at 9 am on August 9 followed by Management at 2-30 pm.

University authorities have advised the intending students to the BIT at least 30 minutes before the commencement of the tests.

member committee, the press release said.

Trial of Mujib's killers demanded

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a meeting on Friday demanded trial of the killers of Bangabandhu and unconditional release of freedom fighter Kader Siddiqui.

The meeting held at Malibagh was organised by Bangabir Kader Siddiqui Birutram Sangram Parishad.

Kamaluddin Kamal, Convener of the Parishad, Abdur Rab and Shaful Islam of the Parishad City Unit addressed the meeting. Ramizuddin Bhashani presided over the meeting. A protest rally followed the meeting.

Body formed to observe Mujib's death anniversary

A "National Condolence Day '91 Observance Committee" has been formed for observing the 16th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, according to a press release issued in Dhaka on Friday, reports BSS.

Poet Begum Sufta Kamal is the President of the 258-

United Club observes Hiroshima Day Aug 8

The United Club, an urban-based NGO in Dhaka has been nominated as the official organization in-charge of the CAPE Chapter in Bangladesh recently. CAPE is a new club for children. CAPE works to improve and protect the environment through children around the world.

The United Club has been working for environmental education in Bangladesh since 1985.

Meanwhile, United Club is planning to observe the Hiroshima Day August 8, 1991 to awareness about environmental problems, says a press release.

Dateline Chittagong

Repair work on Karnaphuli bridge in 3 months' time

CHITTAGONG, Aug 2: Communication Minister Oli Ahmed today said that a massive plan was on the anvil for re-construction of embankments in the coastal areas of the country affected by recent tidal surge, reports BSS.

Addressing two public meetings at Bazalia of Satkania and Chandanais upazila headquarters and half a dozen wide meetings from Patiya to Satkania, the Minister said the country could not achieve its cherished economic prosperity without developing the

overall communications system. Better communications system will ensure better prosperity, he added.

State Minister for Education Prof Yunus Khan, Jehangir Hussein MP, Chittagong South District BNP President Advocate Abu Saleh Chowdhury, and local BNP leaders Anwarul Huq Quaderi, Nurul Kabir Chowdhury, Mahmud Ali and Muzaffar Ahmad also addressed the meetings. The Minister said the re-

pair works on Karnaphuli Bridge damaged during the recent cyclone and tidal surge would be taken up in two to three months. An agreement to this effect would be signed between Bangladesh and the Netherlands governments in due time, he said.

He said the Government had distributed cash and C I sheets among the affected people and that embankments were reconstructed in the coastal areas on emergency basis for quick rehabilitation of the people.

What's on today

Seminar on environment

A seminar titled "environmental threat to the security of Bangladesh" will be held at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (1/46, Elephant Road — former Air House) in the city today (Saturday) at 4.30 pm.

Brig (ret'd) M Abdul Hafiz, Director General of BISS, will deliver the introductory address while Mrs Nahid Islam, BISS research associate, will present paper on the issue. Dr Anun Nishat, Professor of the Department of Water Resources Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) will discuss on the paper.

Later an open discussion will be held. Barrister AKH Morshed, BISS Chairman will sum up the addresses.

Seminar on rural roads

A seminar on "low cost sub-base for rural roads in Bangladesh", jointly organised by the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) and American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) IC Bangladesh and Bangladesh Society for Geotechnical Engineering (BSGE), will be held today (Saturday) at 5 pm in the IEB conference room in the city.

Mohammad Ataur Rahman, Chief Engineer, RHD and MQI Siddique, Engineering Advisor, LGEB, will grace the occasion as chief and special guest respectively. Gohar Mohtuddin, highway engineer, BCL will present the key-note paper on the seminar topic. IEB Chairman MAK Azad will preside over the session.

Discussion on cyclone in Bangladesh

A discussion on "cyclone in Bangladesh" will be held today (Saturday) at 4 pm at the United Nations Information Centre (House No.25, Road No. 11, Dhanmondi Residential Area) in the city.

Bangladesh Renaissance Unesco Club organises the discussion as the inaugural programme of the club. Abdus Selim, Secretary General of Bangladesh National Commission for Unesco, will grace the occasion as chief guest. Dr Yunus Ali, former Secretary and President of BRUC will preside over the meeting.

Report course on office management

A three-week training course on "office management" will be inaugurated today (Saturday) by M Mosharraf Hossain, Managing Director of the Rapport Bangladesh Limited at 98 Malibagh (DIT Road) in the city at the Rapport seminar hall at 3 pm.

Meanwhile, the fifth batch BRAC-Rapport comprehensive computer course will be inaugurated at the BRAC computer centre (66, Mohakhali Commercial Area) at 5 pm today (Saturday). Rapport Managing Director M Mosharraf Hossain will inaugurate the course.

Workshop on open university

A two-day workshop on Bangladesh Open University begins in the city today (Saturday).

Jointly sponsored by the Education Ministry and the Asian Development (ADB), the workshop will be held at the National Academy of Educational Management (NAEM).

Education and Cultural Affairs Minister Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury will inaugurate the workshop. Experts and educationists will participate in the workshop which will review the interim report on the Bangladesh Open University, prepared by the Educational Consultants India Limited. State Minister for Education Prof Yunus Khan will also attend.

Education Secretary ANM Yusuf will preside over, the government has decided to establish an open university in the country within shortest possible time as its felt by the concerned quarters since our traditional universities cannot meet the growing need of higher education.

Mujib's death anniversary

Raktalal, a cultural organisation, holds a discussion today (Saturday) at 5-01 pm in observance of 16th anniversary of death of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The discussion, to be held at the National Book Centre auditorium, aims at demanding trial of the killers of Bangabandhu.

Raktalal President Choudhury Sayedul Islam will preside over the discussion while BKSAL Chairman Mohiuddin Ahmed, Dr Mazharul Islam, Shudhansu Shekhar Halder MP, Salauddin Badal and Sheikh Abdul Kader will participate in the discussion.

Discussion on Abu Syeed Choudhury

A discussion on former President Justice Abu Syeed Choudhury will be held today (Saturday) at 3 pm at the National Club auditorium.

A traders association has organised the discussion in connection with observance of death anniversary of Justice Choudhury.

Earlier, on Thursday a milad mahfil was held in this connection at Kazi Nazrul Islam Road residents of late president's son A H Choudhury MP.

FP founding anniversary

Freedom Party will hold a discussion meeting followed by a prayer programme in observance of its fourth founding anniversary at the party central office (House No. 48, Road No. 15/a, Dhanmondi) in the city today (Saturday) at 5 pm.

Shamsul Islam meets FBCCI member today

Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan will meet the members of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries at the federation auditorium today (Saturday) at 2.30 pm.

He will talk about the industrial policy with the entrepreneurs.

Tarun Sangha meet

A meeting of the central executive committee of Jatiya Tarun Sangha will be held today (Saturday) at 4 pm at 21-23 Hajaribagh office of the Sangha.

All the committee members have been requested to attend the meeting.

JP confce preparatory body meet

An emergency meeting of the Jatiya Party Dhaka divisional representatives' conference preparatory committee will be held today (Saturday) at 5 pm at the Gulshan temporary office of the party.

All the committee members and presidents and general secretaries of the district units of Dhaka Division have been requested to attend the meeting.

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Reception to Toshio Saiki

Bangladesh AOTS Alumni Society (BAAS) and AOTS Dhaka office will jointly accord a reception to Toshio Saiki, Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh, tomorrow (Sunday) at 7.30 pm at Shangri La Chinese Restaurant (35 Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani) in the city.

UZ Chairman Samity meet

Bangladesh Upazila Parishad Chairman Samity (Association) convening committee meets tomorrow (Sunday) at 3 pm at 12 Shantinagar office of the samity.

The meeting has been convened to chalk out its next course of action regarding realising of the samity's 12-point demand.