

HERE and THERE

By Staff Correspondent

Muslim League

Muslim League (ML) leader Ayesha Siddiqi and M A Salam in a joint statement on Saturday termed the claim of Bishwa Hindu Parisaad (BHP) leader Acharya Giriraj about Taj Mahal as "unatic roving".

The ML leaders condemned the attempt of BHP leader to distort the true history of Taj Mahal.

JSD

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal on Saturday in a meeting at its office at Fakirapur with Noor Alam Ziku in the chair, expressed opinion that the upcoming referendum would not be effective and fruitful for national interest.

The party urged to take people's opinion on the form of government as an issue to make the referendum a success.

Janata Mukti Party

Janata Mukti Party on Saturday urged the people to vote 'yes' in the referendum to be held on September 15.

Mirza Sultan Raza, Convenor of the party and Mahmudur Rahman Manna, Joint Convenor in a statement said the referendum will ensure the desired form of government.

Life

The annual conference of Sabujbag thana unit of anti-drug organisation 'Life' was held on Friday at Khilgaon Chowdhury Para.

The conference was presided over by Hassan Tarik while chairman of the organisation Kamrul Islam was the chief guest.

At the concluding session a 15-member executive committee of Sabujbag thana unit was formed with Hassan Tarik as President and Jalal Uddin as General Secretary.

Abhuddoy

Abhuddoy, a cultural organisation, arranged a musical show at Bishwa Sahitya Kendra auditorium on Friday in observance of the death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

Nilufer Yasmin, Khalid Hossain, Anup Bhattacharya, among others rendered Nazrul songs at the function.

Jatiyatadabi
Palli Dal

Jatiyatadabi palli Dal on Saturday called upon its workers to remain cautious about BNP that the party could not have sought vote in the name of 'Gram Sarkar' in rural areas.

A press release issued after a meeting at Madaripur district office with Ahmed Ali in the chair said during February general elections, BNP sought vote by pledging that it will revive Gram Sarkar if voted to power.

But five months already were passed. The government did not take any initiative to form any committee of Gram Sarkar.

Party leaders G M Ibrahim and Rafiqul Islam were present at the meeting.

ICCT

Institute of Chemistry and Chemical Technology (ICCT) organised a training course from August 17-29 at the Dhaka University Chemistry Department of Khandker Mukarram Hossain Science Building.

Twenty-four under-graduate research workers of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) and Bangladesh Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) participated in the course.

Among the trainers were: Honorary Director General of ICCT Prof Syed Zahir Haider, Chairman of the Department of Chemistry, Prof Abu Zafar Mahmud, Prof Mohammad Mahbubul Huq, Acting President of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Association, Prof Meshbah Uddin Ahmed, Principal Coordinator of the Course, Prof Shaiful Alam, former Managing Director of Chittagong Chemical Complex, Md Abdus Salam, Technical Manager of Ghorashal Fertiliser Factory, Dr Miah Ali Hossain, Dr Mohammed Abdul Kader and Kamrul Ehsan of the Department of Chemistry, Dhaka University.

Additional Secretary of Industries Ministry Abdullah Haroon Pasha was the chief guest at the concluding ceremony. He distributed the certificates among the trainees.

Acting President of Chemical Industries Association Prof Meshbah Uddin Ahmed presided over the function.

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Former Vice-President Moudud Ahmed addressing the Dhaka divisional conference of Jatiya Party in the city Saturday. — Star photo

Bus, truck collide
in city : 3 killed

By Staff Correspondent

Three persons, including a police constable, died and five others were injured when a minibus collided with a police truck at Azimpur in Uttara Saturday afternoon.

The police supply truck (Dhaka-Dha-2205) was returning to the Rajarbagh police lines after delivering food at the Uttara police camp when it collided with the Mymensingh-bound minibus at the intersection of Jasimuddin Road and Mymensingh Road.

Police constable Mahbub Alam, Bachchu (26) and two mess boys in the truck, Imam Hossain (12) and Nannu Mia (14) died on the spot.

Four other mess boys and a passenger of the bus were injured. All five were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

A case was registered with the Uttara Thana and police confiscated the minibus (Dhaka-Jha-5488). The driver of the minibus escaped.

Labour law in
garment units
demanded

By Staff Correspondent

Garment Worker Employees Union on Saturday demanded immediate announcement of minimum wages and enforcement of labour law in all the garment factories.

General Secretary of the Union, Touhidur Rahman said that garment industries are the major foreign currency earners but its labourers remained hungry, said a press release.

He thanked the management of Best Apparel and urged all the factory owners to solve their problems.

Students advised to
maintain peace

The Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Abdur Rahman Biswas, Saturday asked the students to devote themselves in pursuit of knowledge for becoming worthy citizens, reports BSS.

Abdur Rahman Biswas was speaking as chief guest at the installation ceremony of the newly elected students union of Badiul Alam College of Companiganj.

Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia, Minister of State for Labour and Manpower attended the function as special guest.

The Speaker advised the students to maintain healthy atmosphere in the educational institutions for the greater interest of the student community as well as the nation.

Uganda varsity
VC in city

Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor (Rector) of the International Islamic University in Uganda Prof Syed Sudferul Huq arrived Dhaka recently on a month long annual leave, according to a press release, reports BSS.

Prof Huq, who is a Bangladeshi National, joined the Islamic University on January 1, 1991 for a period of five years on renewable terms.

During his stay in Bangladesh Prof Huq plans to meet the President, Prime Minister, Minister for Education, Minister for Foreign Affairs and government officials.

Referring to the coming referendum of September 15, the Speaker urged the people of all walks to cast their votes impartially.

He said that the verdict of the people in the referendum would decide form of government.

Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia in his speech urged the officers of the local administration to work with honesty and sincerity to make the administration free from corruption.

"Let us make Muradnagar upazila free from all sorts of corruption and set an example," he added.

The function was addressed, among others, by the founder of the college M A Hashem.

192 arrested
under Operation
Doorbar in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Aug 31 : Police rounded up 192 persons on various charges from 12 districts of Chittagong range including 56 persons from the city area yesterday under their Operation Doorbar-91, reports BSS.

Police also recovered three pipeguns from the possession of miscreants.

According to a police press release, the arrest included absconders and suspected criminals.

Freedom Party
for 'no' vote
in referendum

By Staff Correspondent

Dhanmondi, Motijheel and Demra Unit of Freedom Party on Saturday brought out separate processions to mobilise people to vote 'no' in the referendum to be held on September 15.

Party leaders Faruk Reza, Humayun Kabir, Shariful Islam, Linkain Master, Noor Hossain, Selim Al Din, Khondoker Kazal, Gazi Imram Hossain, Rane Ahmed led separate processions.

Before the procession in the brief rally, the leaders said that the people would not like a President to be elected by 330 members of the parliament.

The party would continue its campaign against the parliamentary form, the leaders added.

Janmastami
greetings

Maj Gen (Retd) C R Dutta and Dr Nim Chandra Bhowmik, President and General Secretary of Bangladesh Puja Udayan Parishad and P K Haider and Joyanta Sen Dipu, President and General Secretary of Mahanagar Sarbajantin Puja Committee Saturday conveyed their good wishes to the countrymen on the occasion of the auspicious day of Janmastami — the birth day of Lord Sree Krishna, reports BSS.

What's on today....

Seminar on Nazrul

Bangladesh Jatiya Sahitya Sangsad and Nazrul Jatiya Smriti Sangsad will jointly hold a seminar on 'Nazrul as a Poet of this soil and masses' at the National Book Centre auditorium in the city today (Sunday) at 4.30 pm.

The seminar will be followed by a cultural function. State Minister for Information Nurul Huda will attend the seminar as chief guest.

Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf will inaugurate the seminar. Chairman of the Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) Dr Ashraf Siddiqi, noted singer Firoza Begum, Advocate Nurul Haq Majumder, Nahid Roksana and Abdul Khaleq and Jinat Ara will address the seminar. Mohsin Hossain will present the key-note paper.

Gathering of homeless

A gathering of the city's homeless will be held at Sayedabad in the city today (Sunday) at 4 pm. Bangladesh Bastohara Janakalyan Samity has arranged the gathering in demand of exemption of house rent for the slum dwellers and rehabilitation of the homeless.

Mujibur Rahman advocate will attend the gathering as the chief guest.

Samity President Atiqur Rahman will preside over the gathering.

All the homeless of the city have been requested to attend.

Tamoddun Majlish

The 44th founding anniversary of Tamoddun Majlish will be observed today (Sunday).

On the occasion, the party will hold a discussion meeting at the auditorium of the Central Public Library in the city at 4 pm. The discussion will be followed by a cultural function.

Principal Dewan Mohammad Azraf will chair the discussion while it will be addressed by, among others, former Justice Abdur Rahman Choudhury, Shahed Ali, Askar ibne Shaikh, Dr Shamsur Ali, Sanaullah Noori and Principal Ashraf Farooqi.

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BSCIC annual confce

The two-day annual conference of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) begins tomorrow (Monday) at the BSCIC head office (sixth floor) at 9 am.

Industries Secretary Shaiful Alam will inaugurate the conference as chief guest. BSCIC Chairman Mohammad Moniruzzaman Choudhury will be in the chair.

Discussion on recent incidents in USSR

Conatantrik Biplobi Jote will hold a discussion on 'Recent incidents in the Soviet Union and the Movement for Socialism' at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) seminar room of the Dhaka University tomorrow (Monday) at 4.30 pm.

The discussants on the issue include Badruddin Omar, Manjurul Ahsan Khan, Haider Akbar Khan Rono, AFM Mahbubul Haq and Anu Mohammad. Abeer Hassan will be in the chair.

Alliance Francaise Film show

Tomorrow's film to be showed at the Alliance Francaise is 'Corps a Coeur'. The French film with English subtitles will be screened at 8.30 pm.

Story of the film says, a young mechanic falls madly in love with a beautiful pharmacist much older than himself. As she persists in rejecting him, he lays siege to her pharmacy till she is moved in spite of herself to accept. (Starring Nicolas Silberg and Helene Surgere).

The Alliance Francaise is at 26, Mirpur Road (corner of the Road No 3). Ticket for each is Taka 15 only.

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