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Bappi Shahriar memorial award

Mainul Ahsan Saber has been awarded Bappi Shahriar Shishu Sahitya Puroshkar this year for his adolescence novel 'Lilliputera Bara Hobo'.

The award was given to the author on the occasion of the 28th birth anniversary of Bappi Shahriar on Feb 1.

The award carries cash Taka five thousand and a citation.

The award will be accorded to the recipient at a reception to be held on February 9 by Bappi Shahriar Memorial Committee.

Rose festival

Bangladesh National Rose Society will hold a Rose Festival here on February 15 at Dhanmondi Women's Complex, reports UNB.

The festival will be inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor M. Muniruzzaman Miah of Dhaka University.

Obituary

M. Asraf Hossain, a retired First Secretary of National Board of Revenue (NBR) died of a heart attack at his Kathalbagan residence in Dhaka city Tuesday evening, family sources said. He was 65, reports BSS.

He is survived by his wife, one son, one daughter.

Khaleda demands probe into road accident

BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia Friday expressed her profound shock at the death of 12 persons in two separate road accidents Wednesday at Tejgaon Industrial Area and near the Joykali Mandir, reports BSS.

In a statement she demanded proper enquiry into the accidents and punishments to the guilty persons.

She prayed for the peace of souls of those who had died in the accidents and expressed her heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families.

She said the two accidents has proved how painful could be the consequences of rash driving on the streets. She counselled the drivers of the mechanised transports to exercise restraint and patience while driving.

Intake of more water can stop kidney diseases

RAJSHAHI, Feb 1: A day-long scientific seminar on 'kidney diseases' organised by Bangladesh Renal Association, Rajshahi branch, was held at Rajshahi Medical College auditorium Friday, reports BSS.

Presided over by Prof Nazimuddin Ahmed, President of Bangladesh Renal Association, Rajshahi branch, the seminar was inaugurated by Prof Nazim Hossain of Child Health of Rajshahi Medical College. It was addressed, among others, by physicians of kidney diseases of P G Hospital and Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

The speakers observed that prevention of some diseases including kidney infection, high blood pressure, diabetes and kidney stone prevents the renal failure and grievous kidney diseases. They also suggested maximum intake of water which also prevents the kidney diseases.



Hundreds of workers converged near the National Press Club in city on Friday to protest low pay and harassment in different garment units of Bangladesh. The rally called upon the Government to intervene and help attain their demands. —Star photo

Action plan to reduce pressure on diesel

The Petrobangla Chairman, M.A. Lutful Matin has issued a directive to draw up an action plan to study the feasibility of using Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) in bus, truck, riverine and railway transports as alternative fuel to reduce pressure on diesel, reports BSS.

The directive was issued in a meeting held in the city recently to discuss the government decision to reduce pressure a fuel oil.

Gold seized

KHULNA, Feb 1: Customs authority Friday seized 137 tola and five rati pure gold worth Taka nine lakh 60 thousand from a foreign tourist while she was crossing over to India through Benapole Check Post, reports BSS.

Mrs Asha Ahmed Abdullah, a Somali citizen, was arrested by the customs officials and handed over to Sharsha Police Station, a press release of the Khulna Customs said.

Mr. Asha Ahmed entered Bangladesh on January 29 from Bangkok as a tourist.

Customs Inspector Sibupada Biswas while checking her luggage being suspicious that she might have been carrying contraband articles informed his higher authorities.

Assistant Collector of Land Customs, Khulna, on receipt of the information rushed to the spot. After thorough search of her luggage five gold biscuits and seven gold chains were recovered.

Youth lawyers' poll observers named

Bangladesh Juba Ainjib Samity Friday announced the list of the members of its 'impartial election observation team' that was formed earlier to oversee the February 27 parliamentary polls, reports BSS.

Announcing the list at a Press conference at the National Press Club in Dhaka, the samity's convener Advocate Abul Kalam Azad said that his organisation had enlisted 261 young lawyers for 52 district committees. Other committees for 12 districts will be announced later, he said.

Convening committee members Messrs Selina Sultana Dheley, Zahid Hossain, Masuduzzaman Mia, A.K.M. Saiful Islam Tareque, Golam Mostafa, M.R. Mahbub and Habibur Rahman Habib were present at the Press conference.

Earlier, members of the convening committee led by Advocate Abul Kalam Azad met with Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia, Five-Party leader Rashed Khan Menon and Jamaat-e-Islami's acting Ameer Abbas Ali Khan and apprised them of their objective on the formation of the observation team. The leaders welcomed our decision and assured us of all their help in this regard," Mr. Azad said.

The impartial election observation team was formed on

January 4 this year at a general meeting of the samity in Dhaka to see whether the coming polls would be fair and held in a free atmosphere and whether the voters could exercise their right of franchise freely.

Meanwhile, the members of the samity visited several districts of the country and studied the feasibility of free and fair atmosphere for the coming polls. Mr. Azad said he had received reports of charged situation prevailing in different areas of 11 because there are arms with some persons there.

The areas are: Two centres in Narshingdi, 19 centres in Chandpur, three centres in Comilla, two centres in Brahmanbaria, three upazilas including sadar of Mymensingh, one upazila of Netrokona, two upazila including sadar of Kishoreganj, two upazilas including sadar of Jhalakathi, three upazilas of Shariatpur, two centres and sadar of Pabna and three centres and sadar of Gopalganj.

The convener of the samity urged the government to take adequate measures in these areas on the polling day to avoid any possible untoward incident.

He also urged all concerned to extend their cooperation towards the members of his team so that they could pursue their activities in a neutral manner.

Call to follow EC code of conduct

Bangladesh Muslim League chief Alhaj Kazi Abdul Kader Friday said, the holding of free and fair polls on February 27 would be possible if all concerned strictly follow the code of conduct, announced by the Election Commission, reports BSS.

Addressing a public meeting in Chittagong city in support of his party nominee Mr. M.A. Ansari, Kazi Kader said the primary task of the nation was to hoist the flag of democracy on the ruins of the fallen autocracy.

Prize-giving ceremony

By Staff Correspondent

Prize-giving ceremony of a question-answer competition '90 on the topic 'liberation war from language movement' was held Friday at Teacher-Student Centre auditorium of Dhaka University.

Five-hundred students from various schools participated in the competition were selected for the awards a press release said.

Organised by Bangladesh Juba Union the ceremony was presided over by President of Juba Union Central committee Mr. Mahbub Zaman.

Dr. Inamul Haq, Laki Inam, Executive Editor of Weekly Bichitra Sharar Kabir, Rashid Imdad, Poet Mohadeb Shah and General Secretary of Juba Union Md. Ihsanuddin distributed the awards.

Plea to stop terrorism against BNP

The Secretary General of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder Friday called for stopping all terrorist activities against his party to ensure free and fair atmosphere for the coming polls, reports BSS.

In a statement to the press, the BNP Secretary General said that a certain quarter had started terrorist activities against the workers and supporters of BNP, Chhatra Dal and Juba Dal at different places following the start of election campaign.

He said Chhatra Dal leader Mohammad Selim was killed when an election procession of BNP came under attack with gunfire in Chittagong on Tuesday. Besides, he said, the workers of Chhatra Oikya were being beaten up in their houses in Chandpur.

Mr. Talukder also said that election processions of BNP came under attack with gunfire and bombs and the Chhatra Dal Office in Begunbari was set on fire in the capital city. As a result, Chhatra Dal leader Kuddus Khokan was injured, he alleged.

Warrants of arrest have also been served against the BNP and Chhatra Dal workers in Bhola and Brahmanbaria on so-called allegation of tearing out posters, he also alleged.

The BNP Secretary General said the terrorist activities would threaten the free and fair atmosphere for the coming polls and alleged that the administration was harassing his party workers instead of arresting the real offenders.

He also said that the partisan activities of district and upazila administration had furnished the image of the neutral government which created doubts among the members of the public about the impartiality of the coming polls.

Sounding a note of warning, the BNP Secretary General said the administration would be held responsible for any serious consequence if the terrorist activities against BNP workers did not stop.

DU employees assoc executives

By DU Correspondent

A new executive body of Dhaka University Employees Association for the session 1991-92 was formed with Md. Abul Quasem Hawlader as President and Abu Zamil Khan as General Secretary.

The other members of the body included, Md. Shamsul Alam and Syed Abdur Rashid (Vice-President), Md. Ramizuddin and Mamin Uddin (Joint Secretary), Abdul Kader Molla (Treasurer), Safiuddin Hhuyun (Organising Secretary), Khorsheed Alam Hhuyun (Sports Secretary), Amrul Islam (Social Welfare and Cultural Secretary), M.A. Masud (Publicity Secretary) and Nanna Mia (Office Secretary).

The body was formed in a election held Wednesday at the Dhaka University Teachers' Students' Centre (T.S.C.).

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Dateline Chittagong Settlers oppose CHT Council dissolution

CHITTAGONG, Feb 1: Non-tribal farmers of Khagrachhari district today called upon the government to fulfill their six-point demand in order to salvage the poor settlers from extreme financial hardships, reports BSS.

Addressing a Press conference at Chittagong Press Club today, S.M. Rezaul Karim Helal, President of Khagrachhari Zila Bangalee Krishak-Sramik Kalyan Parishad said thousands of settlers living in 73 cluster villages of the district had been left at the mercy of armed insurgents without proper security measures. The insurgents raid the villages, loot property and kill villagers, he claimed.

The demands of the Parishad include enhancement of monthly rice allotment from 36 kg to 120 kg per family, creation of employment opportunities by launching development projects, introduction of compulsory primary education and required medical facilities and payment of compensation for the crop damaged by insurgents.

The President of the Parishad also protested against

the five-point demand of Parbatya Chattagram Chhatra Parishad, Parbatya Chattagram Chhatra Oikya and Parbatya Chattagram Janasanghati which called for dissolution of Local Government Parishads. He said Bangalees of the district wanted to live in harmony with the tribal people with a view to solving various problems for a better life.

Parishad leaders Dr. Syed Anwar Hussain, Abul Bashir Mohammed Toaha, Mohammed Chand Meah and Mohammed Mahbubul Alam, were also present at the Press conference.

Release of FP workers demanded

Freedom Party leader and a candidate for Chittagong-8 and 10 parliamentary seats Mr. Nizamul Amin Thursday demanded immediate release of party workers arrested in connection with alleged killing of a JCD activist at Jhawtala here recently, a party press

release said, reports BSS.

He said that Freedom Party did not believe in terrorism and his party workers were not involved in Jhawtala killing. He condemned attack on and damage of party office at Jhawtala and called for peaceful election campaign for transition to democracy.

Addressing a party meeting at Ambagan here Thursday he said that some terrorist groups were behind the attack on Freedom Party office.

The meeting presided over by local leader Abul Khair was also addressed by S.K. Khoda, Tuton and Mahbubul Alam Dulal.

Call to foil conspiracy

Leaders of Bangladesh Hindu-Buddha-Christian Oikya Parishad at a rally here Friday, called upon political alliances and parties to cooperate with the caretaker government to foil any conspiracy against the forthcoming parliamentary election, reports BSS.

Held at Muslim Institute Hall with Binode Bihari Chowdhury, President, Chittagong Branch of the Parishad in the chair, the rally was addressed, among others, by central leaders of the Parishad Bodantha Bodhipal Mahathero, Dr. Nimchandra Bhowmik, Advocate Shiril Shikdar, Somangal Bikku and local leaders Advocate Ranadas Gupta, Dr. Mamtazuddin Patwari, Joseph Matheus and Advocate Subhas Chandra Lala.

The speakers urged upon the caretaker government to take special measure for the security of the minorities by deploying memers of law enforcing agencies and foreign observers at minority localities during election period. They also demanded restoration of 1972 constitution and constitutional measures for security of the minorities.



CHITTAGONG: Islami Chhatra Sena-brought out a anti-war procession after Juma prayer in the city on Friday. —Star Photo

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