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Doubt over peaceful polls expressed

Bangladesh Young Lawyers Association Thursday expressed doubts over holding the February 27 Parliamentary elections in a peaceful manner, reports UNIL.

10 garment workers hurt

Ten garments workers were injured when they were trying to leave the garments building as a short circuit occurred in the electric line at 5 p.m on Friday.

Workers tried to escape by jumping from the MBM garments building when short circuit was detected. Five of the injured workers were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Pay scale for teachers demanded

The Central Executive Committee of the Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association (BPTA) in a meeting held on Friday at its Mirpur office,

called upon the teachers to discharge their duties with utmost sincerity in the ensuing parliamentary polls. Presided over by the President of the Association, Prof Abul Kalam Azad, the meeting in a resolution demanded pay scale for the assistant head teachers.

Hasina off to North Bengal

Awami League chief and 8-party leader Sheikh Hasina will make a five-day election tour of North Bengal from Friday, according to Party press release in Dhaka Thursday night, reports BSS.

During her tour to the North Bengal, Sheikh Hasina will address public meetings at Nagarbari, Bera, Shahjapur, Ullahpara and Strajganj Friday. She will address public meetings at Bagbatia, Kazipur, Dhangara, Sherpur, Bogra, Gabbital and Sariakandi on February.

Sheikh Hasina will address public meetings at Gobindaganj, Palashbari, Pirganj, Mithapukur, Rangpur, Pirgacha, Paglapur, Taraganj, Syedpur, Ranibandar, Dashedmail and Dinajpur on February 10.

On February 11, Sheikh Hasina will address public meetings at Nilphamari, Domar, Dimla, Jaldhaka and Kishoreganj. On the last leg of her election tour the Awami League chief will address public meeting at Joypurhat on February 12.

Soroptimist club to promote womenfolk

Soroptimist International President Mrs. Thelma De Leeuw visited Bangladesh on a five-day tour recently.

Soroptimist Club of Dhaka was first chartered in 1983 in Bangladesh. This is a professional women's club and works for various volunteer projects in the country for the upbuilding of the society. Soroptimist International supports the work of International and non-governmental organisations whose programmes are directed to the promotion of human rights and status of women says a press release.

BCS (Ansar) Assoc formed

Bangladesh Civil Service (Ansar) Association was formally formed at its general meeting Friday and a 17-member Executive Committee was elected for a one year term, an association press release said, reports BSS. Messrs Ghulam Kibria, A K M Khademul Islam and Mohammad Fakhrul Islam have been elected President, Secretary General and Treasurer respectively of the association, the press release added.



Members of Apex Club brought out a procession in city on Friday, demanding halt to the Gulf war and stopping smoking habits.

Dateline Khulna

Arrest of Ershad's associates demanded

APSU to gherao DC office tomorrow

Our Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb 8: A meeting of All-Party Students Unity (APSU) was held on Wednesday at Jatiya Chhatra League office premises with Shamim Reza Khan in the chair. The speakers at the meeting reiterated their call to arrest the associates of Ershad and the armed hoodlums as per the central programme. They will bring out lathi (bamboo) procession and gherao the Deputy Commissioner's office on February 10.

Jamaat favours Islamic rule

Jamaat-e-Islami nominee for Khulna-3 constituency Maulana AKM Yousuf said some political parties are trying to mislead the people which will bring untold miseries to the people in the near future. Maulana Yusuf said this in a public meeting on Thursday at

Moheshwarpasha in the city. He said Jamaat-e-Islami will enforce Islamic Labour law and introduce a plan to solve the employment problems if voted to power. He called upon all to cast their vote in favour of their symbol-scale. Among others, the meeting was addressed by M Moniruzzaman, Shaikh Kamrul Islam and Khurshid Alam Bulu.

Islami Jote

Another public meeting in support of Islami Oikya Jote nominee for Khulna-4 constituency Alhaz Maulana Shakhawat Hossain was held on Thursday at Khalsha madrasa ground under Terokhada upazila in the district. Maulana Shakhawat said if Islami Oikya Jote is voted to power security of the life and prosperity of the people will be ensured. Presided over by Sohrab Uddin the meeting was addressed by Maulana Arif Billah and others. A meeting to condole the death of a eminent lawyer Babu

Aboysen Gupta organised by Khulna District Bar Association was held on Thursday at its auditorium with the association President Sheikh Md Ali in the chair. The discussion was participated among others by M Abdul Halim, Sheikh Abdul Wahab, Abdul Karim, Sheikh Ruhul Amin Babu, Monoranjan Das and AFM Mahsin.

Directive to promote image of Biman

BSS adds: Mr Rafiqul Islam, Adviser in-charge of the Ministries of Civil Aviation, Tourism and Shipping directed the concerned authority to improve the passenger facilities at Jessore Airport terminal in order to promote the image of Bangladesh Biman services at home and abroad.

He was exchanging views with the senior officials of civil aviation authority and Bangladesh Biman offices of Jessore on the problem and prospects of Bangladesh Biman services at Jessore Airport on Thursday morning.

Dateline Chittagong

Ctg city roads in deplorable condition

From Our Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Jan 31: Most of the roads in the port city of Chittagong are in deplorable condition due to negligence. According to Chittagong City Corporation source, the hamper in development activities here can be attributed to fund crisis.

Meanwhile, the city corporation authority has initiated repairing and maintenance works on some roads which are reportedly continuing at snail's pace. Those roads include CDA Avenue, port connecting road, the road from Fire brigade office at Agrabad to Alanker cinema hall and Baizid Bostami road.

Work orders were issued against the maintenance of few other roads in the city. Those are K.B. Aman Ali Road, Hal-jshahar road, Chawkbazar Road, Amin jute Mill road, Jakir Hossain road and the road in front of Govt. Girl's School. An official said, fund shortage caused uncertainty to initiate the work. Taka nine crore have been

estimated this year, for road repairing and its maintenance, the official said. According to analysts, the slow-growth process followed by the authority concerned for maintenance and development of the city roads could lead to renewed movement here. The local people went into agitation at different times for proper maintenance of the existing roads here and construction of new ones to cope with booming traffic but little attention had been paid to the matter. A total of 1,450 roads are existing in this 60sq mile city with carpeting over 226 km, bricksoling over 192 km and 197 km remained still kutcha. Chittagong city was upgraded into a metropolitan city several years before with a commitment for its development programme but no new road was constructed during the period. The roads of the Chittagong city being age-old every year fall into dilapidation frequently in the absence of timely maintenance barring some cases of

patch-repair in a few roads only. Moreover, the repairing works were often completed with a manual method instead of mechanical way as the concerned department lacked any 'Asphalt plant'. It was one of the major causes behind the pitiable condition of the city roads here. Use of sub-standard quality Bitumin in maintenance work, WASA pipeline leakage and on-slaught of water from street hydrants caused to the frequent damage of city roads to a great extent.

Cigarettes recovered

BSS adds: Kotwali police recovered 505 mini cartons of contraband cigarettes worth Taka two lakh from a lane of Rezauddin Bazar here on Feb 7. Acting on secret information, police searched a basket of fowls and found the cigarettes concealed in it. One person was arrested in this connection. Kotwali police registered a case.

30,000 children go blind a year

Presidential Adviser Alimgir M. A. Kabir said in Dhaka Friday that poverty and superstition widely prevalent in the society were definitely the underlying reasons of widespread blindness in the country, reports BSS. He said about thirty thousand children became blind every year in the country due to diseases of cornea. He said malnutrition, diarrhoea and vitamin 'A' deficiency had also been identified as major causes of blindness among people.

Kabir said the curative treatment alone would not solve blindness, rather, a large supply of corneas must be made available and this could only be achieved through launching a massive posthumous eye donation campaign. Lauding the role of Shandhan in promoting posthumous eye donation campaign, the Adviser called upon people to come forward and cooperate with Shandhan in its noble and humanitarian task of promoting eye donation.

The Adviser who is in charge of the Ministries of Social Welfare, Women Affairs, Youth and Sports was addressing the inaugural session of a special seminar on 'posthumous eye donation movement in Bangladesh: current scenario and future' jointly sponsored by Shandhan National Eye Donation Society and Pepsi-Cola at the Diabetic Association auditorium.

Osmany's death anniversary February 16

The seventh death anniversary of General MAO Osmany will be observed on February 16 in a befitting manner, reports BSS. Jatiya Janata Party has chalked out an elaborate day-long programme to observe the death anniversary of the Commander-in-Chief of the Liberation War, General Osmany. The party will place wreath at the portrait of General Osmany in the morning and hoisting of party and national flags at half mast on the occasion. The party will also hold a rally at Oulistan Square at 4 p.m.

Parjatan Officers Association Action committee

By Staff Correspondent A 15 member action committee of Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation officers Association was elected recently. M Hayat Ali Khan was elected President, Iqbal Mallik, General Secretary and Makbul Hossain Talukder, Treasurer, says a press release.

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Muhammad Mustafa Ali, National Ameer, Bangladesh Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamat delivering his opening speech on the occasion of the 67th annual conference in city on Friday. Image showing a group of people at a conference.