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Concern over call to boycott Haj

The World Muslim Millat Movement (Bangladesh) has urged all Muslims not to link the Holy Haj with the Gulf war...

National confce of homeopaths today

The grand national conference of homeopaths will be held at the Engineers Institute auditorium today (Thursday).

National Professor Dr. Nurul Islam will attend the grand conference as chief guest while Dr. Kamal Hossain, President of Supreme Court Bar Association...

2 women crushed to death

Two women were crushed to death and six others severely injured when a fertilizer-loaded truck ran over them near Kullapashar area of Tongi at 3 pm on Wednesday.

Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of the book entitled 'Islam and the contemporary world' by Mr. G.W. Chowdhury was held in the city Tuesday.

MBBS admission test tomorrow

The Director of Medical Education has instructed the students appearing at the ensuing admission test for 1st year MBBS/BDS course to bring with them 2-B Stedlar or same quality 2-B wooden pencil...

Medical admission seekers won't get materials

Authorities this year will not supply eraser, pencils and their sharpeners to the admission seekers of country's eight medical colleges during their admission test to be held simultaneously tomorrow (Friday).

Prof. Kabiruddin Ahmed, Chairman of the Admission Board, told the newsmen at the Dhaka Medical College (DMC) Wednesday that the materials would not be supplied this year like the previous years.

Earlier, the authorities declared 111 out of 4,860 candidates of the DMC centre disqualified to sit for the test. Later, they identified 12 of the refused candidates eligible while the list of other 99 candidates was published in the national dailies...

Girl killed in N'ganj road mishap

From A Correspondent NARAYANGONJ, Feb 13: A minor girl was killed when a speeding bus ran over her at Purinda under Aratshar thana on Dhaka-Sylhet highway on Tuesday.



The installation ceremony of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Scientists' Association was held in Dhaka on Wednesday.

Ershad not entitled to luxurious treatment'

Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed on Wednesday said that as an accused former President Ershad is not entitled to luxurious treatment now being given to him.

Ershad is not above law, Ishtiaq said, and deserves to be treated in accordance with the facilities clearly mentioned in the jail code for a man of his status.

He was addressing a discussion meeting at the Dhaka University TSC in observance of the 6th death anniversary of Shaheed Rawfun Basunia.

Basunia, a student leader of pro-BKRAL Jatiya Chhatra League (JCL), was killed on this day in 1985 during a clash between pro-Ershad student front and anti-Ershad student organisations.

They said they would not tolerate and dilly-dally in this connection. APSU leaders also demanded immediate arrest and trial of all corrupt associates of Ershad.

They urged the interim government to revive the Basunia murder case which the Ershad regime had withdrawn after the charge sheet was submitted.

Earlier in the morning, wreaths were placed at the Basunia Gate in the campus on behalf of All-Party Students Unity (APSU), JCL and Chhatra Union.

APSU will hold a rally at Baitul Mukarram square at 3 pm (Thursday) marking the 'autocracy resistance day'.

JU Rag ends

The Four-day Rag festival of the outgoing students of Jahangirnagar University ended Wednesday, reports BSS.

The festival began on Sunday following a Camp Fire, organised by the outgoing students of 15th batch of the University.

The programmes included, debate, musical evening, stage drama, and walkathon.

18.4 lakh voters in Dhaka city

The Election Commission has completed almost all preparations to hold the February 27 polls smoothly, a Commission source said in Dhaka on Wednesday, reports BSS.

The voters' list, the main requirement for the elections has been updated. The number of voters in the country now stood at 6,22,89,556 registering an increase of only 3,26,448 voters over the last enumeration made in February 1990.

The total in the 'updated voters' list 33,07,7198 were males and 29,212,358 females. The source however, said the Election Commission received a large number of applications till the last date on January 31 seeking enrollment in the electoral roll.

18,36,886. Eleven lakh twenty three thousand one hundred and seven-eight are males and seven lakh thirteen thousand seven hundred and eight are female.

Plea to make Muktijoddah Sangsad non-political

CHITTAGONG, Feb 13: Speaker at a re-union function of freedom fighters here today emphasised the need for unanimity on national history in order to avoid any controversy in the future, reports BSS.

The re-union function, held at Muslim Institute Hall under the auspices of Chittagong South District, Muktijoddha Sangsad, was presided over by its Convener Mohammad Idris. It was addressed, among others, by political leaders Akhtarzaman Chowdhury, and Maimuddin Khan Badai and freedom fighters Sultan Ahmed Kusumpuri, Kalam Chowdhury and Dr. B.M. Fazur Rahman.

Dateline Chittagong

Political leaders ignoring growing poverty: Alema

CHITTAGONG, Feb 13: Mrs Alema Bhasani, chief of National Awami Party (Bhasani) said here Tuesday that the political leaders of the country were ignoring the growing poverty, particularly of the rural people, reports BSS.

She alleged that the rulers and the opposition leaders equally failed to identify the causes of deteriorating rural economy, increasing indebtedness to foreign countries and the misuse of foreign aids.

Mrs Alema Bhasani was addressing a public meeting at Lalidighi maidan here Tuesday afternoon. It was presided over by Alhaj Bazlul Saitar and addressed by party nominees for different constituencies in Chittagong Messrs AKM Gholam Kabir, MA Gaffar Khan, Mostafa Jamal, Abdul Kader Chowdhury, Nurul Huq, Mr Rafikuddin Imtiaz, a party candidate for Feni-3 constituency also spoke in the meeting.

Mrs Alema Bhasani said her party had fielded candidates only to keep the newly reorganised party alive with the ideals of the late Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani.

The speakers alleged that the politics of the country was corrupted by self-seeking leaders in the past the code of conduct framed by the Election Commission was being violated by the candidates of major political parties, they alleged.

nanced by Asian Development Bank. The LGEB took up the work of those Flood Damage Rehabilitation (FDR) projects during the last financial year 1989-90, an official handout said.

LGEB executive engineer Wahidur Rahman said at a recent review meeting that the projects in the meantime achieved 75 per cent progress in their construction target. The work of 10 bituminous carpeting projects of 10.50 km, 14 projects for bricksoling work on 20.27 km road, and construction of three bridges of 39.63 metre and also three box culverts of 13.72 meter in length were taken up during the year.

Of the projects, the construction of 18.29 metre hanger bridge at Raipur in Fattekhari UZ on Gohira-Heakon road was taken up at an estimated cost of Tk. 12 lakh 60 thousand, despite various resource constraints, the work of the bridge had already achieved 40 per cent progress in RCC pile foundation besides, the work on 10 km Islamic centre road in Mirsarai UZ achieved 75 per cent progress the construction work of the road in three groups began with estimated allocation of Tk 24 lakh last year.

BAKSAL candidate won't withdraw

Mr. M. Sirajul Huq Meah, BAKSAL candidate from Chittagong -9 constituency, Wednesday said he would not withdraw his candidature despite pressure and propaganda by one of his rivals.

32 of 248 candidates of BAKSAL had withdrawn their candidature. "As one of the approved 32 BAKSAL candidates with sickle as symbol I am contesting in the polls," Sirajul Huq Meah said.

Without naming anyone, he said, one of his rivals was creating pressure on him and spreading rumour that Sirajul Huq Meah was sure to withdraw candidature before the election.

One stabbed to death

One Mohammed Yusuf (26) was allegedly stabbed to death at his home at Hosen Ahmed Para under Port police station here Monday night, police said.

Arms recovered

District police recovered three fire arms with ammunition during raids on different areas of the district Monday night, a police press release said Tuesday.

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Transfer of 10 atomic medical centres opposed

The Atomic Energy Commission is a distinguished research organization of the country and the government had a responsibility to create a suitable working atmosphere to its researchers, scientists and technocrats, said Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddique, Education Adviser on Tuesday at the Atomic Energy Commission Institute Savar, says a press release.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the installation ceremony of the Atomic Energy Association. The Adviser said our scientists and the technocrats were on international standard in skill.

The rapid development of the country, depends largely on their sincere efforts, he added.

The meeting was presided over by newly elected Chairman of the association Dr. M. Wazed Miah. S. M. Afazuddin, Additional Secretary of Science and Technology Division and M. A. Mannan, Chairman of the commission were the special guests on the occasion.

In his speech, Dr. Wazed demanded halt to the transfer of 10 Atomic Medical Centres to Health Ministry, re-establishment of the Uranium Searching Project of the Commission, increase in residential facilities of AENE at Savar, education leave with salary of the technocrat and scientists.

Dr. Mannan urged the government to establish the 'High Technology Centre' at the commission premises.

Tongi rally for Ershad's release

Tongi, Feb 13: The Jatiya Party today held a rally here demanding release of deposed President Hussain Mohammed Ershad before February 27 parliamentary election, reports UNB.

Ershad has been detained in Gulshan residence, charged with several cases against him, after he was ousted in a mass upsurge on November 6.

Local President of Jatiya Sramik Party Mohammed Kasimuddin presided over the meeting held in Tongi Mill Gate area. It was addressed among others by former MP S. M. T. Hassanuddin Sarkar.

The speakers warned that intensified movement will start from Tongi if their leader was not set free before the polls.

A lathi-procession, chanting pro-Ershad slogans and demanding his immediate release, was brought out after the rally.

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