

Dr Milon's killing to be probed: Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Sunday said that her government would institute a probe into the last November killing of Dr. Shamsul Alam Khan Milon, reports UNB.

She assured all cooperation from government side in ensuring the trial of the killers of Dr. Milon to stop recurrence of such killings.

The assurance came when Mahmuda Alam, wife of Dr. Milon and Begum Selina Aktar, his mother, met Begum Zia at her Secretariat office.

Begum Zia said steps would be taken for the trial of the killers of Dr. Milon after consultation with the President.

Dr. Milon was shot dead near Teachers Student Centre

in Dhaka University on November 27 last at the height of the anti-autocracy movement which toppled Ershad government.

Dr. Mabbubur Rahman Liton was also present on the occasion.

Renu murder

Our Staff Correspondent adds: a two-member committee of Bangladesh Human Rights Commission has started investigation of Renu murder case.

Maid-servant Renu was allegedly killed by housewife Parveen Iqbal, her brother Shahidul Islam and her husband Shaukat Iqbal on March 14 and was buried at Azampur graveyard.

Police exhumed the victim's body after five days and observed signs of torture in her body.

Dr. A. K. M. Akter Azam, who certified it as a normal death before burial, was also arrested along with other three accused.

The Commission in a Press release said on Sunday the postmortem and viscera examination reports have not yet reached the police and a group is working actively to inactivate the case.

The members of the committee are Saiful Islam Dildar, Secretary General of the Commission and Advocate S. N. Gossami, Director (Law).

Attack on Shibir workers condemned

By Staff Correspondent

Moulana Matlur Rahman Nizami, Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami and leader of Jamaat Chhatra Shibir workers at Chittagong Polytechnic Institute and what he termed as terrorist activities in Dhaka Medical College.

In a statement Sunday the Jamaat leader said such terrorism in the campuses was a sign of return of autocracy and demanded stern action against the terrorists irrespective of party identity.

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'Culture must reflect our nationalism'

By BUET Correspondent

National consensus on education system and economical infrastructure in the light of self-assessment in national culture can ensure the real spirit of independence.

This was revealed by the discussants at a seminar titled "Our independence and cultural development" held at Dhaka on Sunday.

Organised by Ananna Sangskritik Andolon, the seminar was addressed by renowned philosopher Principal Dewan Mohammad Azfar as chief guest. Advocate Nurul Haq Majumdar as special guest along with literarian Haroon Rashid, Advocate Fakir Jasimuddin, Golam Mowla Chowdhury, Mahmudul Haq, Khaleda Salahuddin with prominent young poet Motiur Rahman in the chair.

Mr Haroon Rashid contradicted with the keynote paper and opined independence was of no use if freedom of economics, politics and culture was not updated. "If our culture does not represent the nation's individuality the spirit of nationalism can not be encouraged," he also opined.

Advocate Fakir Jasimuddin stressed the need for cultural revolution and said that if culture was not the media of civilization in a country it could not be termed as an independent sovereign country.

Golam Mowla Chowdhury suggested to defend the individuality of Bangladesh culture even in the mode of western culture.

Poet Mahmudul Haq regretted that 20 years had passed since we were independent but the freedom of culture was never been reinforced. He also suggested that intrusion of foreign culture should be obstructed.

Khaleda Salahuddin said that only democracy provided in the flow of culture could ensure real independence.

The chief guest Dewan Md. Azfar said that by institutionalising the concept of independence in the light of our own culture we could get rid of imperialism, autocracy and poverty.

Nahid Rokhsana read out the keynote paper pointing out the problems prevailing in the cultural arena and reiterated to uplift the spirit of our cultural heritage.

Training course for varsity correspondents

A nine-day training course for the university correspondents of different newspapers and news agencies begins today (Monday) at Rajshahi University under the auspices of the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB), reports BSS.

Twenty correspondents will take part in the course.



Workers of auto-tempos holding a militant procession at Farmgate on Sunday following their clash with police. — Star photo

Massive traffic jam in city as police, shop-owners clash

Road traffic came to a standstill for nearly two hours around the Government New Market on Sunday following clashes between police and shop owners, reports BSS.

Dharmadhi Thana Police said the clashes took place when the police tried to remove road blocks erected on the road between Balaka Cinema Hall and New Market by the shop owners demanding opening of the passage near the overbridge. The police had closed the passage to avoid traffic jam.

As a result, thousands of motor

vehicles on Azampur Road, Mymensingh Road, Green Road, New Elephant Road and on other lanes and b-lanes around the New Market remained motionless from about 10 am to 12 noon, police said. Police said on Saturday night the shop owners removed the barricade put on the passage near the overbridge linkup between the fish market of the New Market and Gaozia Shopping Centre.

Senior police officers went there on Saturday night and found the barricade

removed, the police re-set the barricade again on the passage.

In the morning, the shop owners put up road blocks and vowed they would not open their shops unless the passage was kept open for the customers.

According to police, the shop owners' main plea was that if the passage remained open, the customers could reach easily the nearby shops in the New Market.

While the police argued that if the passage remained open, it would result in traffic jam.

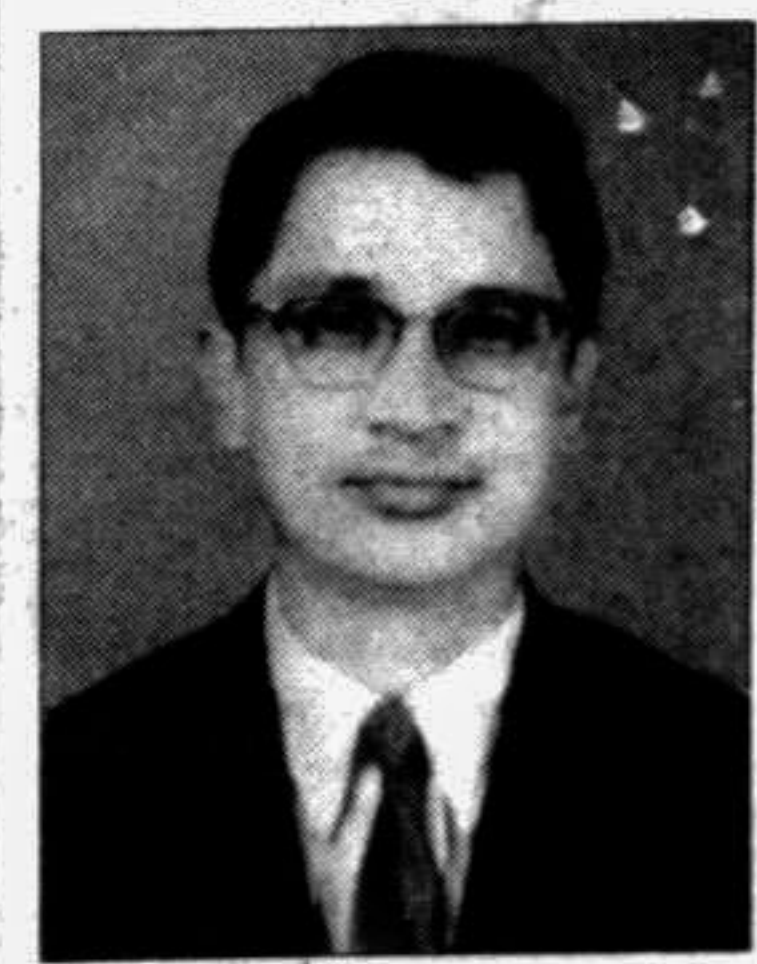
Soviet sculpture for Central Public Library

Soviet Ambassador in Bangladesh Vitaly S. Smirnov on Sunday presented a sculpture to the Central Public Library in Dhaka, reports BSS.

The sculpture "Swords into Ploughshares" is a copy of an original work of Soviet sculptor E. Vuchetich which stands in front of the United Nations Headquarters building at New York.

Speaking on the occasion, Smirnov hoped this present would become a symbol of friendship between Bangladesh and the USSR and said, "It will remind the people of Dhaka about the constant efforts being made by the USSR for world peace and disarmament."

Dr. Abdur Rahman sworn in as PSC member



Dr. A.K.M. Abdur Rahman joined as a Member of the PSC on Sunday morning according to official sources.

Prior to this appointment he was working as External Relations Officer, World Health Organization, South-East Asia Region (SEARO) New Delhi. Dr. Rahman retired as Director General of Health Services of Bangladesh and held other important posts under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. He had represented Bangladesh Government in the World Health Assembly Geneva and at other International Forums.

Dateline Chittagong

AL terrorism in Rauzan alleged

By Staff Correspondent

Giasuddin Ahmed, President of the National Democratic Party, on Sunday blamed Abdullah Harun, a candidate of AL in the Parliamentary elections, saying he was continuing terrorist activities in Rauzan area as he was rejected by the people in election.

Ahmed was giving a speech at a protest meeting on Abdul Latif's killing, a National Democratic Party (NDP) leader of Rauzan upazila. NDP organised the meeting at Nayapara High School ground on Sunday afternoon after observing a strike at Rauzan area from 6 am to 2 pm.

Ahmed also said that six NDP activists were killed by the AL hoodlums.

He expressed wondering on the silence of administration and said the neutral role of administration can free Rauzan from anarchy.

Presided over by Md. Yusuf, the meeting was also addressed by Mostafizur Rahman, Sekandar Haiat Khan, Md. Nazrul Islam, Samsu Uddin.

Ahmed and Md. Illias.

44 arrested

BSS adds from Chittagong: Chittagong Metropolitan Police raiding different spots of the city today arrested 44 persons including wanted criminals during past 24 hours ending 6 pm today, a press release said.

Separate cases were filed against them.

Obituary

Another message says: Mr. Dilip Kumar Shaha Chowdhury (45) a prosecutor of Chittagong Metropolitan Sub-area of Department of Narcotics and Drug Control died of a heart attack today, Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) source said.

Mr. Dilip Kumar collapsed at his office at Chittagong Court building at 10.15 am when he was proceeding to join his duties. He was immediately removed to CMCH where doctors declared him dead. He left behind his wife, a son and a daughter. His body was sent to his Jamalpur home for cremation.

Country-boats going extinct, workshop told

By BUET Correspondent

The Inland Water Transport Authority (IWT) experimental project for reinforcing the efficiency and profitability of country boat operation, being implemented by National Oceanographic and Maritime Institute (NOAMI) held a workshop on "developments in the country boat sector" at the auditorium of the National Federation of the Deaf.

It was deliberated on the workshop that the country boat sector is one of the largest employers of the rural poor in Bangladesh but now on the verge of collapse due to the expansion of road transport system and large mechanised vessels.

The experts viewed that recent introduction of "shallow water pump engines" as motive power in country boat had regained its competitiveness as

passenger and cargo carrier.

The project, with participation of local and foreign experts, stressed the need for improving performance by proper engine placement, use of suitable propellers, installation of gear box, some improvement of the hull, availability of institutional credit and organisation of the boat operators associations. Many NGOs and aid agencies showed keen interest in the project and the possibility of more comprehensive future schemes where boat centres located in important riverine ports can render needed landing, repair, cargo storage and other commercial facilities, were recommended.

The workshop was presided over by Admiral M. H. Khan, the founder chief adviser of NOAMI.

Housewife killed at Dowair: One arrested

By SSMC Correspondent

A housewife was allegedly killed by some miscreants Friday night at the village of Dowair under Nawabganj police station.

The miscreants called Fuizan Bibi (50) out of her house at dead of night and killed her.

A case was registered with Nawabganj police station. Police arrested one Morshed Ali Tuku in this connection.

Assistant Controller of Madrasah Exam dead

The Assistant Controller of Examinations of Madrasah Education Board, Mr. Mohammed Basir Rahman, died of brain hemorrhage at Dhaka Medical College Hospital Sunday. He was 47, reports BSS.

Mr. Rahman left behind his wife, four sons and three daughters.

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