

Indefinite hartal call in old city likely

By Staff Correspondent

A group of citizens of old Dhaka on Monday said that they would call an indefinite hartal at the old part of the capital if the alleged killers of Akbar Alam Seth are not arrested immediately.

Several people demonstrated and held a rally in front of National Press Club to press home their demands.

Razia Alam, Azizullah Mian, Noor Islam Tapa and Noor Alam addressed the rally.

They said 20 days have elapsed that Akbar Seth, a social worker and businessman was killed allegedly by Belal Shah, Ali Zan, Ataur, Fazlu, Aaad and Nayum but none of them have been arrested yet.

They alleged that the people of the area were passing their days in worries and anxieties as the alleged killers are not arrested.

The leaders also criticised role of police concerning this case.



Obaidul Huq, Chairman of the Bangladesh Times and the Dainik Bangla Trusts addressing a discussion meeting on Abul Mansur Ahmed at the Press Institute on Monday.

Expansion of Biman route discussed

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan has directed the Biman Marketing personnel to be more responsive to the need of its valued passengers and their seat bookings as well, says a Press release.

The Minister discussed the possibilities of the expansion of Biman net-work and directed the Biman Management to set pace for operating Trans-Atlantic route from April next year. In the discussion suggestions for opening Biman route to Ho-Chi-Minh City, Male, Teheran, Beirut and Colombo came up. The Minister also directed Biman Management to go for exploration of expansion of new routes to these cities in right earnest.

The Minister was speaking at the 2nd day of a four day long Eleventh System Marketing Conference of Biman at Biman Bhawan in the city Sunday. Addl Secretary-in-charge of Civil Aviation and Tourism Habibur Rahman and Biman Managing Director also spoke on the occasion.

The Minister informed the conference that by December this year, Departure Control System will be in operation to ease passengers handling at the airport and stressed the effective Yield Management System to increase revenue earnings.

The regular weekly meeting of the Council of Ministers was held, Monday at Bangabhaban with Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed in the chair, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia attended the meeting.

Ministers, State Ministers, Principal Finance Secretary, Cabinet Secretary and Secretaries of the concerned ministries and divisions were present.

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Pioneering role of Abul Mansur Ahmed in journalism recalled

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Speakers at a discussion meeting on Monday recalled the pioneering role played by Abul Mansur Ahmed in the field of journalism and called for upholding his ideals of objectivity, forthrightness, and simplistic writing.

They observed that the accuracy of his writings, his mastery over the language, and his efforts to uphold the political, linguistic and cultural distinctiveness of the area comprising Bangladesh had earned him popularity among all categories of readers.

The discussion meeting was the part of a two-day programme organised by the Abul Mansur Ahmed Kendriya Smriti Sangsad in observance of the 93rd anniversary of his birth. Today's (Tuesday) programme includes another discussion meeting at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium at 4 pm.

The speakers called for evaluating Abul Mansur Ahmed in his totality instead of dividing him for his contributions in the fields of journalism, literature and politics.

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Dainik Bangla Trusts was the chief guest at the function presided over by S M Ali, Editor, The Daily Star. K G Mustafa, Editor-in-charge, the Daily Sangbad; Akhtarul Alam, Acting Editor, the Daily Ittefaq; Rezauddin Ahmed, President, Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists; Gias Kamal Chowdhury, former President, Jatiya Press Club; and Zahirul Huq, President, Dhaka Union of Journalists took part in the discussion.

Obaidul Huq said Abul Mansur Ahmed was effective as a journalist because he had the mastery over the language. He could express himself freely without inviting libel cases due to this. Journalists willing to exercise maximum freedom could take lessons from him, he said.

S M Ali recalled the contributions of Abul Mansur Ahmed and suggested that some basic researches should be undertaken on their works for having a better understanding of the state of journalism.

K G Mustafa said Abul Mansur Ahmed had played a key role in bringing closer the three great leaders A K Fazlul Huq, H S Suhrawardy and Abdu Hamid Khan Bhasani who had subsequently worked together and shaped the political history of Bangladesh.

Akhtarul Alam mentioned about the efforts of Abul Mansur Ahmed to uphold the spoken language of the people

of Bangladesh. This made his expressions simple. Ittefaq still follows his style. The great journalist had through his writings sown the seeds of Bangladesh, Akhtarul Alam said adding Abul Mansur Ahmed should be regarded as one of the founding fathers of the nation.

Rezauddin Ahmed called for upholding the glorious tradition of journalism created by Abul Mansur Ahmed with a view to protecting the editorial institution from degeneration.

Gias Kamal Chowdhury mentioned about the searching analyses and sharp criticisms in the writings of Abul Mansur Ahmed who, he said, had sown the seeds of Bangladeshi nationalism.

Zahirul Huq said that the late journalist, litterateur and politician was true to his convictions.

Mahbub Anam, Secretary General of Abul Mansur Ahmed Kendriya Smriti Sangsad said the late leader had drafted the 21-point programme of the United Front in 1954. Abul Mansur Ahmed was one of those who had drafted the six-point programme, he added.

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Plea to keep city clean

Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Mirza Abbas, MP, Monday called upon all sections of the people to keep the metropolitan city clean and decent, reports BSS.

Addressing a reception at Zia International Airport on his arrival from Toronto, Canada, after attending a seminar on environment, Mirza Abbas called for all-out cooperation by all sections of the people.

BCIC Tender Notice

General Manager, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Limited, Ctg. invites sealed quotation for supply of (1) Leucophor BMB Powder against Press Tender No. PT/KPM-13 and (2) Fortified Rosin Size - 150 tons against PT/KPM-14 delivery up to mill stores, Chandraghona basis. Quotation duly supported by 1% EARNEST MONEY will be received in the tender box kept at Purchase Deptt. 921, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong up to 11-00 A.M. on 15-9-91 and will be opened in public immediately thereafter. Tender document SI. No. 1 @ Tk. 25/- and SI. No. 2 @ Tk. 300/- will be available for sale on cash payment from (i) BCIC Accounts Division, BCIC Bhawan, Dilkusha, Dhaka and (ii) KPM Sales A/C. Section, 92, Sadarghat Road, Ctg. up to 14-9-91. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening of tender.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Department of Food Movement, Storage & Silo
16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000.
Central Road Transport Contractor
Pre-Enlistment/Renewal for
1991-92 & 1992-93 Financial Years.

Notice

Memo No. 727 (94) MSS/CRTC-4/91 (Part-2) Dt: 26-8-91
10-5-98

Pre-Enlistment
Applications in sealed envelope from Bangladeshi citizens having interest and ability for the works as being mentioned for Pre-enlistment of Central Road Transport Contractor (CRTC) for 1991-92 & 1992-93 financial years for carrying foodgrains, edible oil, empty sacks and other goods of the Directorate of Movement, Storage and Silo under the Department of Food. Pre-enlistment application form, papers regarding terms and conditions and informations will be available at a non-refundable price of Tk. 100.00 (One hundred) per set from the Cashier, Accounts & Finance Division of the Food Department and Office of the Regional Food Controller, Chittagong/Rajshahi/Khulna. Enlistment application will be received up to 11-00 A.M. on 17-9-91 in the box kept in front of the office chamber of Director (Movement, Storage & Silo) at 3rd floor, of the Department of Food, and in the box kept in the office of the Regional Food Controller, Chittagong/Rajshahi/Khulna.

Renewal of Enlistment
Those Central Road Transport contractors who are enlisted for 1990-91 financial year need not submit application for enlistment. But for renewal of enlistment, they are asked to collect Renewal application form for 1991-92 & 1992-93 financial years on payment of Tk. 25.00 (Twentyfive) only (non-refundable) from Cashier of Accounts & Finance Division and office of the Regional Food Controller, Rajshahi/Chittagong/Khulna and deposit the application for renewal with renewal fee of Tk. 2,000.00 (Two thousand) only in the form of Bank Draft/ Pay Order from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Director (Movement, Storage and Silo) and the application form purchase receipt to the office of the Director (Movement, Storage and Silo)/ Regional Food Controller, Chittagong/Rajshahi/Khulna by 17-9-91. If application for renewal is not deposited within the prescribed time, contractors enlisted for 1990-91 will not be treated as enlisted contractors for 1991-92 & 1992-93 financial years.

The authority reserves the right to cancel this pre-enlistment/renewal notice without assigning any reason.

Kazi Mahbubur Rahman
Additional Director (Movement) Movement, Storage & Silo, Department of Food, Dhaka & Member Secretary Central Tender Committee

DFP (G) 9802-27/8
G-467

Appointment Notice

Applications are invited from Bangladesh nationals in view of preparing a panel for appointment of personnel to the undermentioned posts of a holding company's own and its subsidiary companies. After adjudgement of qualification of the candidates, the panel enlisted candidates will be appointed by stages, as necessary, to the corporation and subsidiary companies under it, according to the respective service rules of the corporation and the companies.

Sl No.	Name of post	Scale of pay	Educational qualification and experience
1.	Assistant Geologist	Tk 1650-3020/=	First class post-graduate Second class post-graduate with Second class honours in Geology.
2.	Assistant Engineer (Mechanical/Petroleum/Chemical/Civil/Mining)	- Do -	B.Sc Engineering degree in relevant subject or Diploma-in-Engineering in relevant subject with 5 (five) years experience.
3.	Accounts Officer	- Do -	First class post-graduate or Second class post-graduate with Second class honours in Commerce/CA or ICMA (intermediate)/MBA.
4.	Administrative Officer	- Do -	First class post-graduate or Second class post-graduate with Second class honours.

A. Application mentioning name of the candidate, father's/husband's name, permanent address and present address, educational qualification, experience with two copies recent passport size attested photos, nationality, character certificates from gazetted officer should reach GPO Box No. 849, Dhaka-1000 by 21-09-1991 (05-06-1398 BS).

(B) Candidates in service of any Government/Semi-government/autonomous organisation must apply through proper authority channel. Name of the post prayed for should be clearly superscribed on the envelope. Incomplete application will be treated as rejected.

(C) At the time of appointment, district quota and age limit will be followed as per Government order.

(D) Applicants whose applications will be accepted after scrutiny will be intimated the date of written examination/viva voce by post.

(E) In consideration of educational qualification candidates passed in First class (merit-wise) will be given preference. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any application.

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Imperialists accused of Soviet coup

Eminent leftist leader Badruddin Umar, Monday said revisionism groomed by imperialism over the years had invited a disaster which had made the base of socialism collapse in the Soviet Union, reports BSS.

He said the changes, which were taking place in the Soviet Union after Mikhail Gorbachev launched his Perestroika and Glasnost policies, were gradually taking the world's largest and first socialist republic towards the saddest climax like disintegration.

Umar was taking part as the main speaker at a discussion on "Recent changes in the Soviet Union and struggle for socialism" organised by Ganatantrik Oikya Jote at the TSC auditorium. Other discussants were Manzurul Ahsan Khan, AFM Mahbubul Haq, Haider Akbar Khan Rono and Anu Mohammad.

Speaking about the recent coup, Badruddin Umar said the three-day drama from August 19 to 21 had brought about a far-reaching and dangerous change in the Soviet land as planned and designed by the imperialist power. "The circumstantial evidences show that this is a well-planned design hatched by the United States and other imperialists to brand Gorbachev as their

agent and oust him to install a greater imperialist agent Yeltsin to the seat of Soviet power, he said.

Umar said the recent coup in the Soviet Union was completely different in nature compared to other coups that took place in the world. "The coup plotters did neither denounce Gorbachev, nor did they arrest anyone. Even they did not snap the telelinks and other means of communication between the Soviet Union and the rest of the world," he said and wanted to know if they were not the people used as puppets of the imperialists, how could Yeltsin be able to talk to Bush and John Major over telephone.

Other speakers blamed the western for spreading falsehood about socialism and

said these media were also blurring the whole world by terming the "so called coup in the Soviet Union," as a revolution.

"The western media spread the world that Stalinists had seized power in the Soviet Union," Anu Mohammad said and wanted to know why the seizers of power did not repeal Gorbachev's policies, why they did not denounce imperialist powers.

"Nothing could be concealed in the Soviet Union from the eyes of CIA," he said adding, that was why the whole incident was still mysterious and surprising to the people of the world.

Manzurul Ahsan Khan urged all communists to unite again against the imperialist powers in favour of the oppressed peoples of the world. "Today, the western media are forcibly influencing the thoughts of the people. They are turning the blatant lies as truth," he said adding that unity was the first and foremost means to combat imperialists and their media.

A. F. M. Mahbubul Haq said imperialism had offered the world hunger and unemployment and oppression on majority by a few but socialism showed the path as to how to live worthily.

HERE and THERE

Democratic League

Democratic League on Monday alleged the government for biasness in the referendum saying that the authorities are using a logo of Sangsad Bhawan for 'yes' vote and intentionally using a cross mark for 'no' vote.

Organising Secretary for the party Majbar Rahman in a statement demanded using of a picture of president's office and provision of posting polling agents in the centre.

JCD

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Monday disowned Nirmal Chandra Das who of late reportedly joined Awami League-backed Chhatra League along with some of his supporters.

A press release by Joint Convener Fazul Huq Milon said that Nirmal was expelled from JCD long ago for his alleged involvement with autocratic regime and opening fire on a procession of All Party Students Unity (APSU).

The statement said that after being severed from the people the opposition leader

started giving sanctuaries to armed terrorists.

The Joint Convener said that no JCD worker joined BCL (S-A) terming the news as a mere propaganda.

JSD

Dhanmondi thana unit president of Jatiya Samantantrik Dal Ruhul Amin Master and General Secretary Idris Malik in a statement on Monday urged the authorities to withdraw ban on export of wet blue leather from the country.

They also demanded to accept the demands of tannery workers.

Jatiya Sramik Jote

Jatiya Sramik Jote on Monday demanded withdrawal of ban on export wet blue leather and to fulfil its eight-point demands immediately.

President of the party Mamtaj Uddin and General Secretary Wali Ahmed in a statement also urged the owners to accept the demands of tannery workers.

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What's on today . . .

Mahila Parishad
Mahila Parishad will hold a discussion meeting today (Tuesday) on occasion of the 10th anniversary of entry-into-force of the Convention to end Discrimination against Women. Under the aegis of United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), poet Begum Sulfa Khatun will attend the meeting as chief guest.

The convention was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 18, 1979 and rectified on September 3, 1981 by 106 countries including Bangladesh.

The convention was signed to take legal and practical measures to ensure equal treatment of men and women in the world.

SPGRC Press confce

The central working committee of the Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (SPGRC) will hold a press conference today (Tuesday) at 11 am at the National Press Club to focus SPGRC Patron M. Nasim Khan's recent visit to Pakistan and meeting with the Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and other political leaders on the issue of repatriation of the stranded Pakistanis in Bangladesh.

BSCIC annual conference

The annual conference of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) will be held today (Tuesday) at the BSCIC head office in the city.

Industries Secretary Shaful Alam will attend the conference as chief guest.

Rotary Club meeting

The regular meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held today (Tuesday) at 5.30 pm at Hotel Sonargaon. All members have been requested to attend.

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Bulbul Lalitkala Academy
Bulbul Lalitkala Academy will hold a press conference at its head office at 7, Waizghat in the city tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5.30 pm.

In the press conference, the journalists will be briefed on the academy's participation in the forthcoming fifth bi-entennial Asian art exhibition and its past nine years' activities.

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Dhaka to receive Tk 30 cr Swedish aid for EPI

Bangladesh will receive Swedish grant of 50 million Kroner (about Taka 30 crore) as additional support to the Expanded Programme of Immunization (EPI) in Bangladesh under an agreement signed in Dhaka Monday between the two countries, reports BSS.

Sweden, which has been an active supporter to the EPI since its inception in 1987, has so far provided Swedish Kroner 160 million (about Taka 96 crore) towards its success, a press release of Economic Relations Division (ERD) said.

Carl Olof Cederblad, Ambassador of Sweden in Bangladesh and Dr A M M Shawkat, Additional Secretary, ERD signed the agreement on behalf of the respective governments.

Law enforcing personnel to cast vote in working places

The officials, employees and members of the law enforcing agencies engaged in referendum duties may cast their votes in the polling centres of their respective working places, an Election Commission Secretariat press release said in Dhaka Monday night, reports BSS.

The Election Commission has taken the decision of giving the on duty officials, employees and the law enforcing personnel, the opportunity to cast their votes in the referendum, by exercising power provided in the Clause 23 of the Referendum Law of 1991, the press release said.

The interested officials, employees and members of the law enforcing agencies must know the name of their respective voting areas and serial numbers in the voter list.

The concerned polling officer will enlist the name, father's/husband's name of the voting area, serial number, name of union, thana or upazila of the voter in the form supplied by the Election Commission Secretariat

Plea to make referendum a success

A meeting of a cross section of people held at Dhamrai upazila auditorium Monday called for making the forthcoming referendum a success, reports BSS.

The meeting was attended by the local MP, government officials, leaders of political parties chairman of the upazila and union parishad, teachers of primary schools and elite.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Returning Officer of Dhaka district Nazmul Alam Siddiqui urged all concerned to mobilise the people from all walks of life for their spontaneous participation in the referendum.

The people who participated in the meeting assured the Deputy Commissioner of holding the referendum in a free and peaceful manner and also making it a success.

Parliamentary team off to USA

A 3-member Parliamentary delegation led by Deputy Speaker Sheikh Razaque Ali left Dhaka Monday on a four-week official visit to the United States, reports UNB.

During the visit, they will also attend a seminar on "Comparative Legislature" in San Francisco, Parliament Secretariat press release said.

Other members of the delegation were Principal M S Nazrul Islam MP and Parliament Secretary Abul Hashem.