

'Referendum consistent with spirit of Liberation War'

The Central Command Council of Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad had directed its units at all levels to play due role to cast 'Yes' vote

In the September 15 referendum for switching over to the parliamentary form of government, reports BSS.

This will be in consistency with the spirit of the War of Liberation and the hopes and aspirations of the people. It was stated.

Addressing a press conference at the Central Command office in the city Mahfuzur Rahman, Chairman and Kabir Ahmed Khan, Secretary General of the Sangsad said that the freedom fighters of the country had always played their due role at the time of any national crisis. This time during the referendum they (freedom fighters) must work sincerely so that people could give their verdict for parliamentary form all over the country.

Dwelling on the controversies regarding the leadership of the Muktiyoddha Sangsad Mahfuzur Rahman and Kabir Ahmed Khan said that they had no objection to hand over the leadership of the Sangsad to the elected representatives through holding a fair and neutral national council session.

In this connection, they said that the Central Command Council had already instructed the district and upazila level command councils to hold their council sessions.

Outside the gate of the Central Command Council office, some freedom fighters led by Ahmad and Abdul Aziz told the journalists that they were the true representatives of the freedom fighters at the Central Command Council. They also raised various slogans against the Mahfuz-Kabir leadership. Police, however, prevented them from entering the Sangsad office.

Replying to a question Mahfuzur Rahman said there are seven lakh freedom fighters including about 2 lakh Indian trained in the country.

But Muktiyoddha certificates were distributed among 28 lakh people after the independence of the country, he said adding that seven lakh were signed by the Commander-in-Chief of the Liberation War General M A G

Osmami while the rest were signed by Awami League leader Tofael Ahmed and the then Home Secretary.

Replying to another question, Rahman paid tributes to founder president Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and shaheed President Ziaur Rahman. He said 'one of them was assassinated for forging the anti-liberation forces while the other for rehabilitating the anti-liberation forces in the society.'

Replying to a question Rahman described former President Ershad who had been holding the post of Chief Patron of the Muktiyoddha Sangsad as a 'nice man'. He said the former President helped in the rehabilitation of freedom fighters in the society.

Former President Ershad was, however, relieved of his responsibility as Chief Patron of the Sangsad.

Replying to another question, Rahman said at present the Sangsad had a cash deposit of Taka one crore fifty lakh. The fund has been raised through holding two lotteries, he added.



Internee doctors brought out a procession in the city Thursday to press home their demands. —Star photo

Casting 'Yes' vote a sacred duty : Sajeda

Awami League General Secretary Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, MP, Thursday said, casting 'Yes' vote in the September 15 referendum is the sacred duty of the people who had waged the struggle for the last 16 years to restore democracy in the country.

Talking to BSS at her party head office in Dhaka Begum Sajeda Chowdhury said her party was committed to establishing parliamentary democracy in the country at any cost.

She called upon all democracy loving patriotic people to turn up in large numbers in the voting centres on September 15 and cast 'Yes' votes to show their inherent democratic spirit cherished by the whole nation.

In this connection, she asked her party workers of all rank and file to make dedicated and sincere efforts to motivate and inspire the people to exercise their right of franchise in the coming referendum.

She said, the unanimous adoption of the constitution 12th Amendment Bill by the

Jatiya Sangsad was a clear testimony to the fact that the whole nation favours parliamentary system. As the constitutional obligation is still there for referendum on the issue, her party is launching massive endeavours to mobilise the nation for casting 'Yes' votes, Begum Sajeda said.

Bitterly criticising those who were advocating 'No' votes in the referendum, Begum Sajeda said those 'self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu' were still conspiring against the people and democracy.

She said, Awami League leaders, including the party chief and leader of the opposition in parliament Sheikh Hasina, were giving clarion calls to the countrymen in all public meetings and rallies to cast 'Yes' votes in the referendum. Moreover, she said, Awami League had taken massive programmes to mobilise the people and inspire them to go to the polling centres to cast their votes.

Begum Sajeda Chowdhury expressed her hope that the democracy-loving people of the country would foil all conspiracy

Internee doctors hand over memorandum

By Staff Correspondent

Internee doctors on Thursday handed over a memorandum to the Ministry of Health to remind their six-point demand which includes, reintroduction of in-service training system by abolishing the June '86 Ordinance which was promulgated by autocratic Ershad regime.

Their other demands include, employment of all unemployed doctors by creating new posts, raising of monthly allowance for internee doctors to Tk 4,000 from Tk 2,500, trial and punishment of Dr Milon killers and the implementation of 23-point demand of Bangladesh Medical Association.

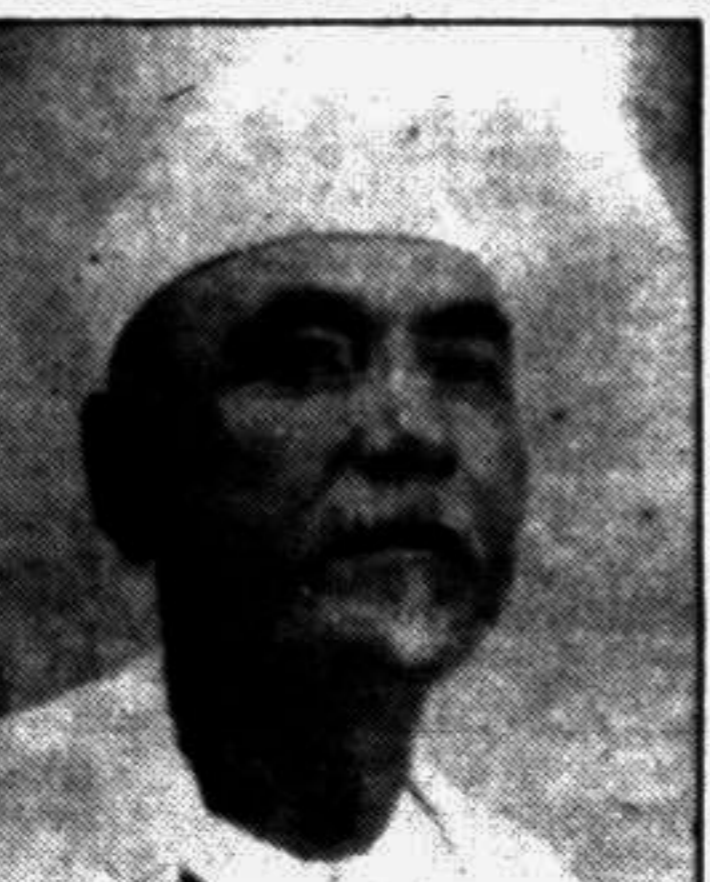
In a brief rally in front of Secretariat gate, Convenor of Central Internee Doctors' Council, Shaiful Alam Shamim said that the decision of an ECNEC meeting after the fall of Ershad to provide 2000 doctors with jobs and up to the year '95 200 doctors would be provided with Job yearly, was not yet fulfilled even after long seven months.

He said that over 1200 internee doctors of eight medical colleges would consider further programme if their demands were not fulfilled immediately.

Khaleda greets Singapore PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has greeted Goh Chok Tong on his appointment as the Prime Minister of the republic of Singapore, reports BSS.

In a message to Goh Chok Tong Begum Zia wished him every success and said she was looking forward to working with him in close cooperation on all matters of mutual interests for the benefit of the people of Bangladesh and Singapore.



Anniversary of Ustad Alaiddin Khan's death today

By Staff Correspondent

The 19th death anniversary of Ustad Alaiddin Khan will be observed today (Friday). Various socio-cultural organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day.

Born in the later part of 19th century in Shibpur in Brahmanbaria, Ustad Alaiddin went on to become the master of classical music in the sub-continent.

Bangladesh Television and Radio Bangladesh will put up special programmes on the day.

Bangla Academy will arrange a discussion meeting in which the key-note paper will be presented by Mobarak Hossain Khan. Commencing at 5 pm at the seminar room, the programme will be rounded off with a musical session by Nijafar Yasmin, Kirat Khan and Shahadat Hossain Khan.

The Shur Shamrat Ustad Alaiddin Khan Smriti Sangsad has chalked out day-long programmes on this occasion at its central offices in Nabinagar, Brahmanbaria.

Attack on primary teacher slated

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Primary Teachers' Association on Thursday condemned the recent alleged attack on Rebarani Gayen, an Assistant Teacher at the Mirpur Senpara-Parbata Primary School by a group of miscreants and demanded strong action against the culprits.

In a joint statement, President Abul Kalam Azad and General Secretary Kazi A K Fazlul Huq of the organisation said that on August 28 a group of miscreants attacked Rebarani Gayen at the school premises and snatched her belongings.

A case was lodged with the Mirpur police station naming the alleged miscreants but no action was taken against them, the statement said. The leaders said that the accused persons were threatening the complainants.

They said that terrorism was also spreading in the primary schools of the country. They pointed out that unless these acts are curbed immediately primary education will suffer.

The leaders of the association demanded strong action against the miscreants.

Pabna Welfare Trust formed

By Staff Correspondent

Pabna Welfare Trust has been formed in the city on Wednesday at a meeting held at Hotel Peacock.

The meeting was presided over by Alhaj A K M Saiquatul Islam where State Minister for Establishment, Osman Ghani Khan was the chief guest. The meeting unanimously elected the following executives of the trust.

Patrons—Osman Ghani Khan, Air Vice-Marshal (Rtd.) A.K. Khandaker, Al Haj A.K.M. Saiquatul Islam and Samson H. Chowdhury.

President—Dr. Abdullah Faruq, Vice President—Abdus Salam, Anisul Islam Khan and Muzammel Hossain.

General Secretary—Saidur Rahman, Joint General Secretaries—Dr. Kazi Kamaruzzaman and Shahidul Islam, Treasurer—Dr. Anwar Hossain, Organising Secretary—Abdul Mannan Sarker, Publicity Secretary—Shahidul Haque Boku, Office Secretary—Abu Bakar, Cultural and Social Welfare Secretary—Rashed Haider.

The meeting also elected 22 members.

Tax lawyers urged to check tax evasion

By Staff Correspondent

National Board of Revenue (NBR) Chairman Nurul Hossain Khan Thursday urged the tax lawyers to help the government increase revenue earning for the greater interest of the country, and to effectively check tax evasion attempts by some quarters, reports UNB.

He was addressing a meeting of tax lawyers at the Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium.

Organised jointly by Bangladesh Taxes Lawyers Association (BTL) and Bangladesh Taxes Bar Association (BTA), the meeting was chaired by BTL President Shamsur Rahman.

It was addressed by BTL President Khondoker Fazlul Kadir and General Secretary Kamrul Alam Chowdhury.

NBR Chairman assured the tax lawyers of solving their various problems.

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President of Jatiya Ganatantrik Party on Thursday said that a government cannot claim itself democratic keeping the black Special Powers Act in force.

He was addressing a workers rally at West Kafrul which was presided over by Abul Bashar. Cantonment thana branch of the party organised the rally.

The rally was also addressed by among others Shabbir Ali Sabuj, Noor Hossain Lita, Shahjahan Sajju, Manruzzaman and Jahangir Hossain.

SKOP convention

The national convention of the Sramik Karmachari Otkkaya Parishad (SKOP) will be held today (Friday) at the Taher auditorium at Bangabandhu Avenue beginning at 10 am. The convention will be attended by representatives from various industrial areas.

The issues to be discussed at the convention include: setting the minimum wage at Taka 1,400, removal of discrepancies in pay scales and

allowances, implementation of the IRO'89, cancellation of all black laws, resumption of production at all closed factories, stopping de-nationalisation and formation of holding companies and realisation of the five-point charter of demands.

Janata Party

The 15th founding anniversary of Jatiya Janata Party founded by M A G Osmami was observed by different factions of the party Thursday.

The programmes of the day were highlighted by the hoisting of the national flag and the party flag, discussion meetings and cultural functions.

Addressing a discussion meeting, Jatiya Janata Party chief, Advocate Nurul Islam Khan, called upon the people to give their 'Yes' vote in the coming referendum for the establishment of parliamentary democracy which Bangabir Osmami stood for.

Addressing a separate discussion meeting, Sheikh Asad, President of another faction of the Jatiya Janata Party, gave a call to the people to cast 'Yes' vote in the referendum for the establishment of parliamentary system of government.

What's on today . . .

Seminar on 'women and environment'
A three-day seminar on 'women and environment' will begin today (Friday) at the auditorium of Engineers' Institution in the city.

State Minister for Environment and Forest Abdullah al Noman will inaugurate the seminar as chief at 9.30 am. Bangladesh Geographical Society and the Department of Geography of the Dhaka University have jointly organised the seminar.

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Moniruzzaman Miah and Educational Secretary A N M Eusuf will attend the inaugural session as special guests.

The second and the third days' session will take place at the children's auditorium of the National Museum and the DU Geography Department respectively.

Kumudini's exhibition
A three-day exhibition of Kumudini Trust's products begins at 97, Gulshan Avenue in the city today (Friday). The exhibition will remain open for the members of public everyday from 10 am to 8 pm.

The products to be exhibited are: embroideries, black prints, chemical and natural dyes, furniture, durries, folk art, readywear, toys, weaves, basketry, terracota, kantha and kantha products, leather bags and products.

DUAA discussion meet
A special general discussion meeting under the auspices of the Dhaka University Alumni Association (DUAA) will be held today (Friday) at 4 pm at the Teacher-Student Centre auditorium of the DU to discuss ways and means of ending terrorism and creating congenial academic atmosphere at the university.

Eminent intellectuals and educationists will participate in the discussion meeting. All interested persons including the teachers, students, guardians and members of the Alumni Association have been invited to attend the meeting.

DUEAC open discussion
The Dhaka Education Action Committee (DUEAC) holds an open discussion on 'Terrorism on the educational campuses in the context of the Dhaka University' at the DU Teacher-Student Centre today (Friday) 4 pm.

The DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Moniruzzaman Miah, Vice-Chancellor of the Jahangirnagar University Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Poet Shamsur Rahman, DU teacher Abul Kashem Fazlul Haq, Ahmed Chhafa, Dr Selim Jahan and Selim Omrah Khan will address the meeting.

Drug resistance committee
The central committee members of Bangladesh Drug Resistance will exchange views on drug addiction with the journalists today (Friday) at 5 pm at the committee's central office.

Mymensingh Samity meet
A discussion meeting of the Executive Committee of Mymensingh Zila Samity in Dhaka will be held today (Friday) at 5 pm at the samity office (384, Moghbazar, second floor) in the city. All the samity members have been requested to attend the meeting.

Application for new membership of the samity will be available at the office everyday from 5 pm to 7 pm free of cost.

Jessore Samity Eid reunion
The Eid reunion of Jessore Samity in Dhaka will hold an Eid reunion at the BCIC auditorium in the city today (Friday) at 4 pm.

All the inhabitants from Jessore residing in Dhaka have been invited with their family members to attend the function.

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Photographic exhibition
An exhibition of photographs by Anwar Hossain will take place at La Galerie (54, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, fourth floor) in the city tomorrow (Saturday).

Poet Shamsur Rahman will inaugurate the exhibition at 5 pm. The East Asiatic Advertising Limited has sponsored the exhibition. A press preview at the La Galerie will be arranged today (Friday) at 5 pm in this connection.

Food festival at Sonargaon
A week-long French Polynesian food festival begins tomorrow (Saturday) at the Cafe Bazar restaurant of Sonargaon Hotel. Executive Chef Dabbarh Hassan and his team of Fine Chefs will introduce to the French Polynesian food promotion.

Workshop on television news
A special workshop on 'Television news formation' organised by the National Mass Media Institute will begin tomorrow (Saturday) at the institute building.

Information Secretary Nuruddin al Masud will inaugurate the workshop at 9.30 in the morning. A total of 12 news casters will participate in the workshop.

Press briefing on Ctg project
Chittagong Steel Works Limited convened the journalists tomorrow (Saturday) at 1.30 pm at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel in the city to brief them about the follow-up information regarding irregularities in tender for construction of an international project of the Power Development Board at Sholahshahar of Chittagong metropolis.

Rotary Club meeting
The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Dhaka South will be held at Tetterode Bangladesh (29, Purana Palton) in the city tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

All board members and past presidents have been requested to attend.
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NOTICE

Small & Cottage Industries Training Institute has arrange for a Training Course entitled Export Marketing from 14-9-91 to 19-9-91. The Training Programme of the course will include:- Basic concept of Marketing, Need for Marketing in the World Market, various Export Documentations, conceptions about World Market, value systems in World Market, International Communication, conceptions about International Banking Formalities, Customs Documentation, various facilities provided by the government in Export Marketing, etc. Export Marketing is an important matter in present day world, and despite considerable competitive demand for so many commodities in different countries the entrepreneurs are not able to market their products in other countries due to lack of knowledge in export. Due to ignorance entry in the market, knowledge about the market, many facilities provided by government at times come as impediments to sales. In this case knowledge of export marketing would help the entrepreneurs overcome limitation of local market and spread the market abroad. Knowledge about export marketing would benefit the entrepreneurs on one hand and, on the other, help the country earn foreign exchange. Intending entrepreneurs are invited to participate. For special information it is requested to contact Mr. Sarwar Hashmi of the Institute by 10-9-91. Phone : 311027, 315899.

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Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No. : 21/91-92
2. Name of work : Repairing of pontoon No. PI-034 of 1st Daleshary Ferry ghat under Ferry Maintenance Sub-Divn. Katchpur.
3. Estimated cost : Tk. 4,74,369/-
4. Earnest money : Tk. 9,487/-
5. Time allowed : 30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Eligibility of contractors : Enlisted 'A' to 'C' general category contractors of RHD, 'D' general category contractors of Mechl. Ferry Circle, Dhaka, and 'E' general category contractors of F.M.D. Dhaka.
7. Name of office of availability of tender documents. : E.E. RHD, F. M. Dhaka F.C./Dhaka/and S.D.E. RHD, Ferry Maint. Sub-Divn. Katchpur.
8. Name of officers to receive tender bids. : E.E. RHD, F.M.D. Dhaka/F.C.D. Dhaka/Proc. (M) Divn. Dhaka.
9. Last date of receipt of tender : Up to 12.00 Noon of 19-9-91
10. Date and Time of opening of bids : 12.30 P.M of 19-9-91

Md. Faziur Rahman
Executive Engineer, R&H,
Ferry Maintenance Divn. Dhaka.

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Tributes paid to Abul Kashem

CHITTAGONG, Sept 5 : Speakers at a memorial meeting here today paid high tributes to late Principal Abul Kashem for his pioneering role in the Bengali Language Movement as well as development and introduction of Bangla in all spheres of national life, reports BSS.

The meeting held at Muslim Institute Hall under the auspices of Principal Abul Kashem Memorial Committee was addressed by Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury as chief guest and, Prof Shahed Ali, as special guest.

Advocate Ahmed Hussain also addressed the meeting. Memorial Committee Convener Advocate Shamsuddin Ahmad Mirza presided.

The speakers said Principal Abul Kashem was a true lover of his mother tongue. He pioneered the 1952 Language Movement through the Language Movement Committee and his writings. He was one of the founders of Tamaddun Majlis which played a very important role in the movement.

They also recalled his relentless efforts in popularising Bangla and establishment of a Bangla College in Dhaka to

achieve this end. Principal Abul Kashem strongly believed that without adopting Bangla as a medium of instruction at the higher level of education the nation would not be able to march ahead.

They regretted that Principal Abul Kashem did not get due honour during his life time as a hero of the Language Movement. The history of the Language Movement would be incomplete without mention of Principal Abul Kashem and the Tamaddun Majlis which pioneered the Language Movement.

141 arrested
Police arrested 141 persons on various charges from 12 districts of Chittagong range today under the "Operation Doorbar-91".

Two revolvers, one pistol, five-pipe guns and 53 ammunition were also recovered during the operation. The arrest included absconders and suspected criminals.

Another report adds: Police unearthed a pipe gun manufacturing unit at Hamzarbag here today and arrested two persons in this connection. According to a press release

of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP), a police squad headed by Assistant Police Commissioner M Akram Hussain and Officer in-Charge of Kotwali Thana Mir A S M Nazmul Huq raided a house of Habibul Alam. On his confession police recovered 25 pipe guns, some cartridges and rifle ammunition from his house. Police also took into custody M Ibrahim, an accomplice of Habibul Alam and recovered from his possession some instruments and explosives.

The arrested persons confessed that they were engaged in manufacturing pipe guns and selling them to their trusted customers. Further investigation is on in this connection.

Tree plantation week

Tree plantation week for Chittagong police range was inaugurated here today.

DIG of Police, M A Khaleque, inaugurated the week by planting a sapling at Hailshahar police line at a simple ceremony attended by high police officers and others. Planting of saplings of different species of tree will continue in all police units of the range during the week.