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Janadal

Janadal Monday denounced the arrests of JSD leader Sirajul Alam Khan and ASM Abdur Rab and demanded immediate unconditional release of the two leaders.

In a joint statement Janadal central committee Chairman Advocate Sheikh Muhammad Shahidullah and Secretary General Nazrul Islam Chowdhury urged all of the side of country's independence War to unite against the collaborators of the War.

They also demanded execution of verdict of the 'People's Court'.

Telegogajog Sramik Karmachari Union

Bangladesh Telegogajog Sramik Karmachari Union Sunday in a meeting expressed resentment at the administrative steps taken against the Union's central president, internal

department President, General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary.

The meeting demanded withdrawal of the transfer orders of the central president and Assistant Secretary, charges against the central President and suspension order of the General Secretary. It also warned of a greater movement if the demands were not met.

The meeting held at the unions central office was presided over by Firoz Mia while General Secretary of Dhaka Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal Mosarrat Hossain Khan was present as the chief guest.

Muslim League

Bangladesh Muslim League along with some litterateurs, artists and political leaders protested the Monday the trade embargo imposed on Libya and demanded withdrawal of the embargo immediately.

The leaders in a joint statement also urged the Bangladesh government to come forward in the peaceful settlement of the Libyan affair.

The statement was issued by Secretary in charge of the League Md Fayed Bax Kaderi, Secretary General of Shadesh Sahitya Parishad Sirajul Islam Patwari, Secretary of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangha, TV dramatist Nader Chowdhury, General Secretary of Bangladesh Juba Sangha Ikhtedar Hossain Murad, Litterateur Sahidur Rahman and social worker Shahjahan Reza.

Gana- Azadi League

Bangladesh Gana- Azadi League Monday in a statement expressed deep concern at the rapid price hike of essentials including rice and ata and urged the government to take necessary measures to control prices.

League President Alhaj Abdus Samad Advocate and Joint General Secretary Quazi Alit Islam Ukil said the poor section of the people were suffering the most by the price hike.

Sramik Dal

Sramik Dal front organisation of Janadal, Monday denounced the Finance Minister for asking cooperation of different labourer and political organisation to implement plans to retrench labourers saying the plan was inhuman and undemocratic.

Sramik Dal central President Gazi Mamta Uddin Ahmed and General Secretary Sheikh Hasan Ali in their statement said the government instead of providing jobs to the unemployed, was planning a disaster of the country.

Diarrhoea centre

Central leader of Chhatra League (N-S) and former VP AF Rahman Hall of the Dhaka University Abul Kalam Azad Khan demanded Monday establishment of a diarrhoea research centre in Barisal as it was one of the most diarrhoea-prone areas of the country.

Expressing grave concern over the epidemic situation prevailing in Barisal he demanded the government to take necessary actions immediately.

Saudi Prince calls on Noor Uddin

Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz, former Commander of the Saudi Royal Air Defence Forces and Commander of combined forces and operations during the Gulf War, called on Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan at the Army headquarters in the city Monday, says an ISPR press release, reports BSS.

He stayed with the Chief of Army Staff for sometime and discussed matters of mutual interest.

He also met senior army officers on the occasion including the Bangladesh Army Contingent officers who took part in the Gulf War.

Accompanied by the Chief of Army Staff, the Saudi Prince then went to Balurghat area and witnessed a demonstration by an anti-aircraft brigade there, the press release said.

Lawyer's role in establishing rule of law stressed

Supreme Court Correspondent

Khondakar Mahbubuddin Ahmed, the newly elected President of the Supreme Court Bar Association has called upon the lawyers, Sunday to play vital role in establishing rule of law, independence of judiciary and basic human rights while assuming his office for the period 1992-93.

He said that the lawyers would remain vigilant and will guide the nation as a guardian. He said that the Bar Association should not be used as a political platform.



The members of the Diploma Nurse Association brought out a procession in front of the Jatiya Press Club Monday demanding fulfilment of their 20-point demands.

Bangla Academy Folk Festival begins today

By Staff Correspondent

Bangla Academy will hold a week-long folk festival, Baishakhi Loko Utshab 1399, and a two week long book market, Boi Aarong from today (Tuesday) at the Academy premises to mark the Bengali New Year.

The folk festival will be inaugurated at 7 am in the morning.

The seven day folk festival will be attended by 70 folk artists coming from different localities of the country.

Artists will perform different types of folk songs including lokogeti, jarigan, kabigan, songs of bauls, group folk songs, palagan and devotional songs. Lathials will perform lathikhela—a rural game.

Bangladesh Radio, on this occasion for the first time will broadcast these programmes throughout the week from 6.30 pm to 7.29 pm live from the Academy premises.

The Boi Aarong will be inaugurated at 5 pm by the Speaker of the Parliament Shaikh Razzak Ali at the Academy premises.

Bangla Academy in a press conference Monday said their Boi Aarong will exclusively sell 1000 different titled Bangla Academy published books.

Base of democratic society rests on patience: Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Monday emphasised the need for making united efforts for economic emancipation of the people by forgetting the past disgrace hesitation and aversion to work, reports BSS.

In a message on the eve of Bangla New Year, President Biswas said Pahela Baishakh is a source of inspiration in our life. And with the inspiration the dawn in the New Year in a

democratic atmosphere will be fresh and lively, he said.

Congratulating the people on the occasion, President Biswas said we have to infuse inspiration on this day to involve ourselves in the activities of socio-economic development of the people and building the nation.

President Biswas said we are determined to march ahead with a firm resolution for a self-reliant nation. He

said the base of a democratic society rests on patience, tolerance and mutual respect. This universal truth should be inspiration in our march ahead.

He said "let the New Year hold the promise of alleviating poverty... inspire our posterity with the hope of golden days ahead."

President Biswas wished happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year for all.

Wide publicity of tourism stressed

Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation (BPC) held a meeting with the private tour operators in Dhaka Monday and exchanged views on various issues relating to tourism development in the country, reports UNB.

BPC Chairman A M M Nasrullah Khan presided over the meeting held at the conference room of the corporation.

It was attended by the representatives of seven tour operators—Intrance, The Guide, Tour Bangla, Sundarban Tourist Complex, Travel House Limited, Unique Tours and Travels, and Vintage Tours and Travels and officials of the corporation.

The participants discussed ways and means for greater attractions of both domestic and foreign tourists by optimum

utilisation of the existing BPC facilities.

Development of youth tourism and participation of private sector in tourism development of the country also came up for discussion.

BPC Chairman explained the recently approved National Tourism Policy of the government and informed the meeting that it has given more emphasis on the development of tourism and infrastructural facilities in the private sector.

Representatives of tour operators gave certain suggestions for regulating the tourism business. They called for introduction of special rate for group tour and stressed the need for wide publicity and marketing.

The chairman assured the meeting that all possible assistance will be provided to the tour operators.



Award in medicine

Professor Mobin Khan, Head of the Department of Liver Disease, P.G. Hospital has received distinguished leadership award for his outstanding service to medical research and teaching by the American Biographic Institute, says a Press release.

He has been nominated as member of the Asian Pacific Association and International Association of study of liver for his contribution in the field of liver disease.

Obituary

A.K.M. Serajul Huq, a retired Additional Inspector General of Police and former Director General of Ansars and Village Defence Party died of heart attack on Monday, says a Press Release.

Serajul Huq was born at Daudkandi in Comilla District in 1925. He joined Police Service in 1949. Till retirement in 1982 he held various important posts including Additional Inspector General of Police, Special Branch, Member Boundary Delimitation Committee, and councillor, Bangladesh Embassy in Rangoon. In recognition to his meritorious service he was awarded Pakistan Police Medal.

He left behind his wife, 3 sons, 1 daughter and 4 grand children.

His Gul-khwani will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) at his residence at 15, Education Extension Road (Behind Teachers Training College), Dhanmondi.

Al-Hajj Afsar Uddin Ahmed died at the Holy Family Hospital Sunday evening. He was 78.

Starting his career as an EPCS officer, Afsar Uddin Ahmed retired as Assistant Commissioner of Dhaka Division.

The Namaj-e-Janaja of the deceased will be held at the Bajtul Mokarram Mosque after Johar prayer tomorrow (Wednesday) and will be buried at the Azimpur graveyard. His Quikhwani will be held at his residence, 114 Azimpur, after Asar prayer Thursday.

Hindu devotees to observe Maha Ashtami

Hindu devotees in thousands from the countries of the sub-continent as well as Nepal and Bhutan assembled at different places along the river Brahmaputra including Langalbandh to have bath in the river on the occasion of Hindu festival "Maha Astami," reports BSS.

The devotees in huge number thronged at Langalbandh on April 11 amidst a festive atmosphere. Hindu legends ascribe the holy bath in the Brahmaputra as very significant and considered by sages very sacred since ancient times. Lord Parashuram under the order of his father, sage Jamadgni had bath on this occasion in order to absolve himself from the sin of killing of his mother, according to a press release issued by the international society for Krishna

consciousness, Dhaka.

The press release mentioned that according to authentic Hindu religious texts, the holy water of the Brahmaputra gathered added holiness on the eighth lunar day prior to the full moon in the Bengali month of Chaitra. In 1901 Swami Vivekananda accompanied by his mother took holy bath in Langalbandh while nearly 500 years ago Sree Chaitanya also had a holy dip in Dhaka.

Exhibition on Nakshi Kantha

Shtlpakala Academy has arranged a fortnight-long programme, including an exhibition of Nakshi Kantha from today (Tuesday) on the occasion of "Pahela Baishakh", reports UNB.



President of the SOS-Children's Village International Helmut Kutin (centre) with magician Ulfat Kabir and Ruksana after a performance by the couple at SOS-Shishu Palli at Shaymoli in the city.

Continued Japanese help assured

The visiting three member Japanese parliamentary delegation headed by Shin Sakurai, Chairman of Cabinet Committee, made a courtesy call on Speaker Sheikh Razaque Ali at his office chamber in Sangsad Bhaban Monday, reports BSS.

The leader of the delegation appreciated the steps being taken by the Bangladesh government for solution of various socio-economic problems including last years cyclone and recent Rohingya problem. He assured continuous Japanese socio-economic cooperation to Bangladesh for establishing a self-reliant economy.

The members of the delegation exchanged views with the Speaker on parliamentary issues and other matters of common interest. The Speaker told the delegation that present government was trying to

solve all the national problems gradually. He said, the present government is accountable to the people through the parliament. To ensure this accountability, forty three parliamentary standing committees comprising members of both treasury bench and opposition have already been formed. These standing committees will monitor the activities of different ministries. He said Bangladesh is trying to establish a self-reliant economy. We are encouraging free economy with private and foreign investments, he added.

AL leader ill

By Staff Correspondent

Finance and Planning Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser fell seriously ill on April 7 at Chittagong due to side effect of drugs.

BCIC Tender Notice. Sealed tenders are invited to purchase "tyre with tube" for Khulna Newsprint Mills Limited, Town Khalishpur, Khulna. Date of opening the Tender No. PD-20.188A/91-92 is 22-04-1992 at 3.00 pm.

BCIC Tender Notice. Sealed tenders are invited to purchase "salt" for Khulna Newsprint Mills Limited, Town Khalishpur, Khulna. Date of opening the Tender No. PD-18.242/91-92 is 22-04-92 at 3-00 p.m.

BCIC Tender Notice. Managing Director, Jamuna Fertilizer Company Ltd., Tarakandi, Sarishabari, Jamalpur hereby invites sealed tenders from the Manufacturers/ Suppliers/Traders for supply of Paper Cutting and Hard Pressure Machine against Tender Enquiry No. JFCL-7/2.333/753/293 dt. 30.3.92.

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Manikganj PWD Division Notice Inviting Tenders. Tenders in sealed cover in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited by the undersigned from Special Class-I, Class-I, Class-II of PWD Dhaka Zone, Dhaka and Class-III Contr. of Savar PWD Circle.

International Tender Cancellation Notice. BPDB's International Tender Enquiry No Pur-1.388/IDA/14-Town/LIVE Equipment/92 dt 24.2.92 for live Line Working Equipment of 14-Town Power Distribution Project due to be opened on 12.4.92 is hereby cancelled on account of unavoidable circumstances.

Auction Notice. Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide traders to be submitted with Earnest Money of Taka 5000/= (Five thousand) only (refundable) through Pay Order in favour of Police Super, Gazipur, on 18-4-92 by 12-00 Noon.

Roads and Highways Directorate Notice Inviting Tender. 1 Tender Notice No: 49/EE/GRD of 1991-92. 2 Name of Work: Work of installing Baily Bridge at 9th and 10th Kilometre of Gopalganj-Kotalipara Road under Gopalganj Road Division during 1991-92 financial year.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Director (Vocational) Directorate of Technical Education 19, Ispahani Park, Moghbazar, Dhaka Notice Inviting Application for Pre-Qualification of Contractors/Suppliers for Renovation and Re-organisation Project of 4 VTIs at Barisal, Pabna, Rangpur and Sylhet.