

Biswas opens Siratunnabi function

Follow teachings of Prophet (SM) to overcome problems

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday called for following the ideals and teachings of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM) to overcome various problems confronting the society, reports BSS.

President Biswas was inaugurating a 15-day holy Siratunnabi function organised by the Islamic Foundation, Bangladesh at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque.

Religious Affairs Minister Mohammad Keramat Ali and Religious Affairs Secretary Abdul Ahal also spoke on the occasion.

The President said Islam had given us the philosophy of one Ummah and the universal brotherhood.

He said one-fourth of the total world population is Muslim and the significant amount of world's treasures is in the hands of them.

He regretted that Muslim community is now confronted with various problems and is subjected to oppressions in many part of the world as they had moved away from the real

teachings of the Prophet. President Biswas said the Holy Quran had described Prophet (SM) as the 'best ideal' and the Muslims were grateful to Almighty Allah for making them his disciples.

He lauded the role of the Islamic Foundation in awakening Islamic ideologies among the Muslims in the country.

President Biswas also opened the book exhibition and went round various stalls.

Miladunnabi rally held

A colourful procession was brought out on the occasion of Eid-e-Miladunnabi (SM) under the auspices of Anjuman-e-Rahmaniah Ahmadiyya Sunnia yesterday, reports UNB.

Led by Allama Syed Mohammed Taber Shah the processionists starting from the Mohammadpur, Jamea Quaderia Madrasa paraded the main thoroughfares of the city and held several rallies in front of the National Press Club and in other areas.

Date for updating vehicle documents now Sept 30

The time for updating documents of the motor vehicles without fine and additional tax has been extended by one month, reports UNB.

The decision was taken yesterday at a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communication Ministry held at the committee room of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

It said owners of the motor vehicles may update documents on payment of the due tax till September 30.

Presided over by Communications Minister Oli Ahmed the meeting was attended by Advocate Md Abdul Karim, Mujibur Rahman Sarwar, Golam Md Siraj of BNP, Advocate Mostafizur Rahman, Md Shamsul Huq and Tajul Islam Faroque of Awami League and Alhaj Md Golam Hossain of Jatiya Party.

Speaker expresses gratitude

Speaker Shaikh Razaque Ali has expressed his deep gratitude to the people of the country for the sympathy they had shown to him and also for praying to Almighty Allah during his ailment, reports BSS.

Former Lion's int'l president in city

By Staff Correspondent

Lion Austin P Jennings of the USA the past international President of the Lions Clubs International, arrived in the city yesterday on a three-day official visit on Lions' campaign Sight First programme.

During his stay in the city, Lion Jennings will attend Lions' seminars, exchange views with local leaders for promotion and expansion of Lions' campaign sight first activities in Bangladesh.

Lions will spend US dollar 15 million for conquering of blindness in Bangladesh alone.

In Jennings will also call on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at the latter's office tomorrow (Wednesday) seeking support and cooperation of the government in this regard, said a press release.



Teachers, officials and employees of the Jahangirnagar University brought out a silent procession in the city yesterday protesting the attack on JU-VC's residence. — Star photo

Commission to probe JU incident

The government has constituted a one-member commission comprising Justice (ret) Abdul Matin Khan Chowdhury to enquire into the incident that took place at the Jahangirnagar University on July 29, reports BSS.

Everyone having knowledge of the incident has been requested to send a written report on the matter to M A Mobarak, Additional District Magistrate, Dhaka and Secretary, Enquiry Commission, Room Number 12, Collectorate Building, Jonson Road, Dhaka, within September 15. The written report should contain the full name and postal address of the sender.

Seminar on 'Haor fisheries' tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

A day-long seminar on 'Haor fisheries' will be held tomorrow at the Rural Development Training Institute at Khadimnagar, Sylhet.

Organised jointly by the Flood Plan Coordination Organisation (FPCO) and the North-east Regional Water Management Project (FAP-6), the objective of the seminar is to consolidate the general understanding of the state of fisheries in the Northeast Region of the country as well as to further develop concepts leading to an improved fisheries' management and development strategy for the region.

FPCO Chief Engineer M. H. Siddiqui, team leader of FAP-6 Herb Web, Director of Fisheries A. K. A. Rahman, Fish Research Institute Director M. A. Majid, former dean of the faculty of fisheries, of the Bangladesh Agriculture University Prof. A. Islam and Belal Miah, representative of fishermen of the region will take part in the seminar.

Poison leads to their misfortune

By DMCH Correspondent

Two bus passengers were poisoned on their way to Dhaka from Manikganj and allegedly robbed of Tk 10,000 and other possessions yesterday.

The victims, Abdur Rajjak, 30, and Jalal, 25, were given datura (poison) by a fellow passenger along with some food. They were then taken to Mahakhali and robbed of their belongings.

The unconscious victims were later taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

IMF team meets Saifur

The visiting delegation of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) led by its senior advisor Bruce J Smith called on Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman at his office yesterday, reports BSS.

The Finance Minister outlined different reform policies of the government, explaining the ongoing reform programmes aimed at reducing dependence on foreign aid with a view to achieving a self-reliant economy.

He said any conditionalities which are consistent with Bangladesh's reform policies would always be welcomed. Bangladesh, the minister said, would always abide by all the conditionalities which would serve our purpose of reaching the goal of a self-reliant and strong economy.

Finance Secretary Nasimuddin Ahmed was present during the meeting.

Obituary

A veteran thinker, social worker and a member of Bangladesh Santa Mahamandal, Shri Nikunja Bihari Goswami died of old age complications at Sylhet Sunday. He was 85, reports BSS.

A confirmed bachelor, Goswami was an associate of Mahatma Gandhi and he took part in the Quit India Movement. He was cremated in Sylhet.

What's on today

Lions Multiple Dist 315 Bangladesh

Lions Multiple District 315 Bangladesh will organise a seminar on "Campaign SightFirst" today (Tuesday) at 3-30 pm at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

Ln. Austin P Jennings, past international president of Lions Clubs International and Campaign SightFirst International coordinator and Ln. Ashok Mehta, past Lions International Director and a member, International Committee on SightFirst will attend the function as chief guest and special guest respectively.

Nazrul Institute

In celebration of the Holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi, a discussion and milad mahfil has been arranged at the Nazrul Institute, Kabi Bhaban, House No 330/B, Road No 28 (old) at 5 pm today (Tuesday).

The meeting will be presided over by Prof. Ghulam Saklan, while poet Abdus Sattar, Prof. Hasan Abdul Quayyum and Mohammad Mahfuzullah, Executive Director of the Nazrul Institute will participate in the discussion on 'Prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SM) as depicted in Nazrul's Poems and Songs'.

Chakrabak

Chakrabak, a literary and cultural organisation, will confer playwright Syed Shamsul Haq and Stage director Ataur Rahman the "Chakrabak honour '93" today (Tuesday) at Mahila Samity auditorium at 10:30 am.

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Osmani Smriti Parishad

Osmani Smriti Parishad has organised a seminar and a session of patriotic songs tomorrow (Wednesday) at the children auditorium of the National Museum at 4 pm to mark the 75th birth anniversary of General MAG Osmani.

Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West

A Rotary sewing training center for the deaf women organised by Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West will be inaugurated tomorrow (Wednesday) at 5:30 pm at 96, Kakrail, and will be followed by club's regular weekly meeting.

GS Kabir's painting exhibition

A week-long solo painting exhibition of artist GS Kabir entitled 'Disturb' begins tomorrow (Wednesday) at La Galerie at 5:30 pm.

HERE and THERE

World Muslim Solidarity

The 41-member executive committee of World Muslim Solidarity and Peace Council was formed at a meeting of the convening committee held here yesterday.

Ishaq Howlader and Advocate SM Mujibur Rahman were elected Chairman and General Secretary respectively of the council.

Fire Service

Special prayers and milad mahfil was held at the Fulbaria Fire Service office on the eve of Holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi yesterday.



This man was caught red-handed while trying to snatch Tk 1.30 lakh from a bank client in front of Janata Bank Foreign Exchange Branch at Purana Paltan yesterday. — Star photo

Exemption of farm loan upto Tk 5,000 urged

Representatives of various cooperative societies enlisted with the Bangladesh Samabaya Bank yesterday called upon the Prime Minister to reconsider the issue of exemption of farm loan upto Taka 5,000 to members of agricultural cooperatives, reports BSS.

A conference of the representatives of the Kendriyo Samabaya Bank, Samabaya Jomi Bandaki Bank and Kendrio Aakhchashi Samabaya Samity Ltd (all of which are enlisted with Bangladesh Samabaya Bank Limited) said that the government exempted the loans, taken from commercial bank, but did not extend the facilities to the farm co-operators.

The meeting discussed the issue and asked Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan, MP, president of the Bangladesh Samabaya Bank Limited to take up the matter with the Prime Minister.

The conference chaired by Dr Moyeen Khan, MP, was attended, among others, by Salahuddin Ahmed MP and Azizul Islam Bhuiyan, registrar of cooperative societies.

The conference decided to suspend all legal proceedings against the enlisted banks samities, initiated by Bangladesh Samabaya Bank Limited. It also decided to reorganise Bangladesh Samabaya Bank to create flow of loan for starting the activities of Kendrio Samabaya Bank Samities.

Irrigation management manual formulated

An irrigation management programme manual has been formulated to ensure proper utilisation of surface and ground waters for the development of agriculture, a meeting was told yesterday, reports BSS.

The meeting on 'Agriculture and Irrigation Projects' was chaired by M Majid Ul Haq, Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control.

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman, Agriculture Secretary ANM Eusuf, Irrigation Secretary M. Asafuddin and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

Under the proposed manual, a central irrigation management committee will be formed which will be headed by the Irrigation Minister. Besides, district irrigation management committees and thana irrigation management committees will also be formed to be headed by the Deputy Commissioners and the Thana Nirbahi Officers (TNO) respectively.

JAGPA activists damage vehicles

Police yesterday broke a procession of the JAGPA near Dhaka district court as the marchers damaged several vehicles after staging a demonstration outside the office of Dhaka City Corporation, reports UNB.

JAGPA organised the demonstration to protest the government's decision on renting certain city streets for public meeting.

Witnesses said agitated JAGPA workers damaged some passing vehicles near Dhaka Court and Gulistan areas around noon.

Hye visits Khulna Newsprint Mills

AHM Abdul Hye, Secretary, Ministry of Industries visited the Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd at Khalspur town. During his visit he held discussion with officials of Ministry of Forest and Khulna Newsprint Mills about supply of Grewia wood to sustain production in the mills, an enterprise of the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation.

Stands first

Shishir Kumar Deb stood first in first class in the Post Graduate Diploma in Personnel Management exam held in June 1993 under the Institute of Personnel Management, Bangladesh.

He is a member of a number of national and international learned societies.

Jesmin Khan has stood first class first in the B Sc (Hons) Examination (Food and Nutrition) of Dhaka University of 1990 held in 1992.

She is the eldest daughter of Moslem Ali Khan and Hosne Ara Khan, says a press release.

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WORLD SERVICE TELEVISION

Tuesday, 31st August

(All programmes in local time)

6 am	BBC World Service News
6.15	Asia Today
6.25	Newsnight
7.00	BBC World Service News
7.25	World Business Report
8.00	BBC World Service News
8.15	Asia Today
8.25	Newsnight
9.00	BBC World Service News
9.15	Asia Today
9.25	World Business Report
10.00	BBC World Service News
10.25	Doc: Martin's Casebook
11.00	BBC World Service News
11.30	BBC Business Breakfast
12.00	BBC World Service News
12.15	Panorama
1.00	BBC World Service News
1.25	The Great Palace
2.00	BBC World Service News
2.25	The Great Palace
3.00	BBC World Service News
3.25	World News Day
4.00	BBC World Service News
4.25	World News Day
5.00	BBC World Service News
5.25	Food And Drink
6.00	BBC World Service News
6.25	BBC News From London
7.00	BBC World Service News
7.25	Tomorrow's World In...
8.00	BBC World Service News
8.15	Panorama
9.00	BBC World Service News
9.25	World Business Report
10.00	BBC World Service News
10.25	On The Edge
11.00	BBC World Service News
11.25	BBC News From London
12.00	BBC World Service News
12.25	Doc: Martin's Casebook
1.00	BBC World Service News
1.15	Panorama
2.00	BBC World Service News
2.25	Scarfe On
3.00	BBC World Service News
3.25	Pandora's Box
4.00	BBC World Service News
4.25	Pandora's Box
5.00	BBC World Service News
5.25	World Business Report

STAR plus

6 am	The Elephant Show
6.30	Dinky Dog
7.00	Emu TV
7.30	The Magic Box
8.00	The Elephant Show
8.30	Dinky Dog
9.00	A Traveler's Guide
9.30	To The Orient
10.30	Neighbours
11.00	Santa Barbara
11.30	Hollywood Stars
12.00	The Blood & The Beautiful
12.30	Dorothy
1.30	The Oprah Winfrey Show
2.00	Yan Can Cook
3.00	Emu TV
3.30	The Magic Box
4.00	The Elephant Show
4.30	Crossbow
5.00	The Best Of Donahue
6.00	My Husband Is Too Attached To His Mother
7.00	And I Hate Her
7.30	Neighbours
8.00	The Ruth Rendell Mystery: Means Of Evil
8.30	Whose Line Is It Anyway?
9.00	Canned Carrot
9.30	The Bold & The Beautiful
10.00	Royal Special
11.00	Queen Elizabeth II: 40 Anniversary
11.30	Newhart
12.00	Canned Carrot
12.30	Neighbours
1.30	The Ruth Rendell Mystery: Means Of Evil
2.30	Newhart
3.00	Canned Carrot
3.30	The Travel Magazine
4.00	The Oprah Winfrey Show: Control Freaks
5.00	Drak Pack
5.30	The Magic Box

MTV

6.00	MTV's Most Wanted
6.30	Nonie
7.00	Dial MTV
7.30	Nonie
8.00	Classic MTV
8.30	Danw
9.00	MTV Prime
9.30	VJ David Wu
10.00	MTV Stopless Hits
10.30	US Open Championships
11.00	MTV Mastermix
11.30	VJ Sophia
12.00	MTV Prime
12.30	VJ David Wu
1.00	Big Picture
1.30	Day In Rock
2.00	3 From One
2.30	The Grind
3.00	MTV Most Wanted
3.30	Dial MTV
4.00	MTV Heart And Soul
4.30	Angela
5.00	MTV Top 20 Video Countdown Europe
5.30	MTV Unplugged: Show
6.00	MTV Documentary
6.30	Janet Jackson
7.00	MTV's Stopless Hits
7.30	VJ Danny McGill
8.00	Day In Rock
8.30	3 From One
9.00	The Grind
9.30	Awake On The Wild Side
10.00	VJ Angela Chow

PRIME SPORTS

6.00	Live US Open Championships
6.30	From Flushing Meadow Day 1
7.00	Night Times Session
7.30	Men's & Women's Opening Rounds
8.00	US Open Championships
8.30	From Flushing Meadow Day 1 Daytime Session
9.00	'San Miguel' International Beach Volleyball From Guangzhou
9.30	US Open Championships
10.00	From Flushing Meadow Day 1 Night Times Session
10.30	Baseball Action
11.00	Super Series Squash
11.30	Australian Open
12.00	Live US Open Championships
12.30	Day 2
1.00	Daytime Session
1.30	Men's & Women's Opening Rounds
2.00	'San Miguel' International Beach Volleyball From Guangzhou
2.30	China Semi-Finals
3.00	Baseball Action
3.30	Super Series Squash
4.00	Australian Open
4.30	Melbourne, Aus