

Hasina at rally in Palash Peasants won't survive if BNP continues in power

PALASH (Narsingdi), Mar 25: Awami League President Sheikh Hasina today called the government 'killer and corrupt,' and said the people will be forced to oust the regime through ceaseless agitation, reports UNB.

"Peasants and workers will not survive if the BNP continues in power," she told a workers' rally at the Janata Jute Mills school ground at Palash in the afternoon.

Hasina said fertiliser and food crises were created because of what she alleged corruption, nepotism and partisan attitude of the party in power.

But the government came out with rifles and bullets to control the farmers who were agitating on the question of their life and death, she charged. "This government killed them mercilessly."

Referring to various promises of the BNP, Hasina accused the government of not only betraying with the work-

Farmers attack DC's office in Jamalpur

JAMALPUR, Mar 25: Hundreds of agitated farmers today attacked the Deputy Commissioner's office protesting alleged selling of 900 metric tons of fertiliser in the blackmarket, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said some 1,500 farmers marched to the DC office at around 11 am and went on a rampage in the premises. The protesters also clashed with the officials which continued until police intervened. No injury was, however, reported in the clash.

Fertiliser looted in Pargacha

From Our Correspondent
RANGPUR, Mar 25: At least sixty bags of urea fertiliser were looted by farmers at Pargacha yesterday.

Police said, one fertiliser trader of Pargacha thana were bringing the urea bags by some rickshaw vans from Ulipur. Suddenly, the farmers halted the vans at Shukanpukur under Pargacha and immediately sprayed them in paddy field and dispersed.

Manzur's murder

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the investigation of the case refuted reports that Emdad had already been shifted to Comilla jail.

The authorities of the Dhaka Central Jail have requested the Superintendent of Police (SP), Dhaka, to take necessary measures for transferring Emdad from Dhaka to Chittagong.

Sources said the Deputy Jailor of the Central Jail, in a letter to the SP of Dhaka, requested the latter to receive Emdad from the Central Jail on March 27 and employ a strong police team for ensuring his transfer to Chittagong District Jail.

Meanwhile, relatives of Maj Gen (ret'd) Abdul Latif and Lt Col (ret'd) Shamsur Rahman could not meet them in the Central Jail yesterday.

ers of mills and factories, but of taking repressive steps to silence their voice.

She warned the government: "You will not be able to protect you chair by shedding bloods of workers and farmers ... the past autocratic regimes could not also save theirs by taking bloods of innocent people."

Hasina, who resigned from Parliament with 147 opposition MPs on December 28 last year, said the opposition lawmakers were not allowed by the government to discuss various problems of the people inside the House.

The workers' rally was organised to protest the killing of two jute workers Tajuddin and Mannan, and a student Abdul Halim in police firing during a jute workers' blockade in mid-February.

On her way to the Janata Jute Mills, Hasina met with the mother of Halim and expressed her sympathy.



The visiting Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) chief Ma Huguette Labelle talking to the women members of the Rural Maintenance Project (RMP) funded by CIDA in Manikganj yesterday. —PID photo

Power generation at Kaptai drops by 100 MW per day

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Mar 25: Power generation at the Kaptai Hydro Electric Project has dropped by 100 MW (megawatt) per day with the fall of water level at its lake reservoir, PDB sources said.

When contacted, a senior PDB official said that only at the peak-hour in the evening around 140 MW electricity was generated, down from 240 MW generated during normal time earlier.

Out of five units at the Kaptai project, three units could operate to generate water, the official said adding one unit was undergoing overhauling.

He also said, normal power generation at Kaptai could not be restored before heavy rainfall.

Meanwhile, the Raozan 210 MW power plant has resumed its production.

Power generation at Raajan was suspended last week because of mechanical trouble.

LDF-called hartal passes off peacefully

By Staff Correspondent
A half-day hartal called by the Left Democratic Front (LDF) yesterday to protest the price hike of essentials, the fertiliser crisis and repression on peasants passed off by and large peacefully throughout the country.

The LDF, a combine of eight left leaning parties, called the 6 am to 12 noon hartal also to demand resignation of the government and general elections under a caretaker administration.

The front alleged that police arrested Workers Party leaders Abul Hossain and Padma Chowdhury and Chhatra Maitree leader Bibhuti Bhushan Sarker during the hartal hours. The movement of cars, buses and trucks remained suspended in the capital but a huge number of rickshaws and rickshaw-vans were seen plying.

3 Bangladeshis, 6 Rohingyas killed in Myanmar

COX'S BAZAR, Mar 25: Three Bangladeshis citizens and six Rohingya refugees were abducted and killed in Myanmar territory on Wednesday, according to reports trickling in from across the border, reports UNB.

Villagers here said the nine people were in a fishing boat when they were abducted by Myanmar border security force Nasaka personnel from Badar Mukam estuary of the Naaf river.

The Bangladesh citizens were identified as boat owner Nur Muhammad, 40, his younger brother Nazir Hossain, 28, and Md Faruq, 24, of village Shahfurir Dip Bazar Para under Thana.

Examinees ransack DU classrooms, Controller's house

By DU Correspondent
A group of students of the Dhaka University ransacked classrooms and the residence of the Controller of examination protesting the authorities, alleged failure to take the scheduled examinations yesterday morning.

According to sources, the pro-hartal activists obstructed the students when they came to the Arts faculty building for the Honours and MA final examinations at 9 am.

The students then went to the office of the Controller of examinations at the Administrative Building.

The angry students then came back to the Arts Faculty building and damaged some classrooms.

Later, they brought out a big procession and went to the residence of the Controller of Examinations at Fuller Road.

Sources said, the angry students damaged windowpanes and pelted stones at the Controller's residence.

The Proctors of the University assured the examinees that necessary steps would be taken to hold the examinations as early as possible.

Muktijoddha body calls off sit-in

Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust Kendriya Sangram Parishad (MKTKSP) called off its three and a half month-long sit-in programme yesterday evening following assurance from the authority to implement its demands, reports UNB.

The assurance was announced by some high officials of the trust at the Swadhinata Bhaban where the sit-in was being held. The management assured the members of MKTKSP that their demands would be met within the shortest possible time.

DU exams postponed

The course final examinations under the University of Dhaka, scheduled to be held on March 28 have been postponed due to unavoidable reasons, said an official announcement yesterday, reports UNB.

Fresh dates of the examinations scheduled for yesterday morning (which were not held) and on March 28 will be announced later on.

The schedule of other examinations, however, will remain unchanged, it added.

WASA suggests economy in water consumption

By Staff Correspondent
Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (WASA) yesterday regretted the recent water crisis in the capital saying that the shortage was temporary and economical use could help improve the situation.

A press release of WASA said all the deep pumps were in operation under special arrangements to supply water to the citizens of Dhaka during the current dry season.

Clarifying its position, the WASA press release said a number of deep tubewells in the city could not function due to low voltage and load shedding.

On Tuesday, 16 pumps remained inoperative for 92 hours resulting in the short supply by about one crore and 38 lakh litres.

Operation of the only water treatment facilities at Chandnight in Dhaka was also hampered due to low voltage, it said.

The total need of water in Dhaka city is 129 crore litres a day while daily production was only 76 crore, according to the WASA.

Independence Day parade Traffic restriction on city roads

By Staff Correspondent
The Dhaka Metropolitan Police say, the movement of vehicles on the following roads will be restricted from 7 to 11 AM today for the march past at the National Parade Square at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

The routes are: a) from Parjatan crossing through Bijoy Sharani crossing via old Ninth Division crossing, Crescent Lake road to Mohammadpur Police Station crossing, b) from Khejur Bagan crossing through old Ninth Division crossing, Rokeya Sharani to Mirpur-10 intersection, c) from Shamoli Shishu Mela, Mirpur road crossing to Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, d) from west end to the east end of tunnel road inside the Jatiya Sangsad complex.

The DMP in a press release yesterday said that only the invitees to the ceremonial parade will use the aforementioned roads.

The DMP has requested the invitees to stick — Ka, Kha, Ga, Gha, Uma and Cha — stickers on the windshield of their vehicles.

BNP leader shot dead in Rangpur

From Our Correspondent
RANGPUR, Mar 25: Kaunia thana secretary of the BNP Tofazzal Hossain, 35, was killed by gunmen at 10 pm while he was returning home from the local market.

The assistants stopped him and shot him point blank near his Shahidbagh home. He died on the spot with grievous head wounds.

Hillary Clinton

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three-day visit.

A meeting with government officials will be held tomorrow to wrap up the entire programme and security arrangements for Hillary Clinton.

A three-layer security blanket is being prepared for the US First Lady. This will include members from the US Secret Service, the FBI and local security personnel, it was learnt.

The First Lady will be provided with a six-door bullet-proof Mercedes Benz car of the Bangladesh government while special communication equipment and additional vehicles were being flown in from the US, sources said.

Hillary Clinton will be staying at a local hotel, they said.

The Midnight File

Japan to issue visa to Dalai Lama on condition

TOKYO, Mar 25: Japan will soon issue a visa to the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, on condition that he refrain from political activity while in Japan, a news report said Saturday. Kyodo News Service, quoting unidentified government sources, said the Nobel Prize-winning religious leader will be issued a visa as early as Monday, reports AP.

Yeltsin orders destruction of chemical weapons

MOSCOW, Mar 25: President Boris Yeltsin issued decrees Saturday ordering the destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles and naming Pavel Syutkin as chairman of the presidential committee on chemical disarmament. Yeltsin ordered the creation of special facilities for the destruction of the chemical weapon stockpile, estimated by military officials at 40,000 metric tons, reports AP.

Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society

A meeting of the Central Executive Council (CEC) of Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society was held on Thursday, 23 March 1995. The meeting was attended by 17 out of 19 members of the CEC. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. M. K. Choudhury and Dr. Anwarul Islam as they were staying at the USA and Rajshahi respectively. The following portions of the resolutions of CEC, unanimously resolved in the aforesaid meeting, are mentioned below for favour of kind information of all concerned:

"The minutes of the meetings of the Central Executive Council held on the 9th March (regular meeting) and the 16th March 1995 (emergency meeting) were discussed at length and the majority members participated in the discussion. The members observed that the information furnished in the meeting of the CEC on 9th March 1995 on the preparations of the South Asian Pharmaceutical Conference was inadequate. The issue was further discussed in the emergency meeting of the CEC held on 16th March 1995 and the members, after receiving adequate information, considered that the Conference would be feasible. In view of this it is resolved that the South Asian Pharmaceutical Conference be held on 31 March-01 April 1995. The members also opined that all of the committees and sub-committees formed for the SAPC should work hard to make the Conference successful."

"The members of the CEC had taken note of an advertisement published in the daily newspapers mentioning about the cancellation of the SAPC. The members found that the information given in the mentioned advertisements were not based on facts. All the members of the CEC had condemned such unwarranted and illegal advertisement intended to damage the image of the Society. The members had urged upon all concerned not to be confused by this baseless advertisement."

General Secretary
Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society

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প্রয়োজনীয় পানি সংরক্ষণের নিমিত্ত বাড়িতে নির্দিষ্ট মাপের জলাধার নির্মাণ করুন

চাহিদার তুলনায় ঢাকা মহানগরীতে এমনিতেই পানি সরবরাহে মৌলিক ঘাটতি রয়েছে। তদুপরি প্রতিবারের খরা মৌসুমের ন্যায় চলতি খরা মৌসুমে পানির চাহিদাও বেড়েছে। খরা জনিত কারণ, বিদ্যুতের লোড শেডিং, ঘনঘন বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহ বন্ধ থাকা এবং লো-ভোল্টেজের জন্য স্ট্র যান্ত্রিক গোলযোগের কারণে বিভিন্ন পাম্পে পানির উৎপাদন হ্রাস পেয়েছে। ফলশ্রুতিতে মহানগরীর বিভিন্ন এলাকায় বিশেষ করে ঘনবসতিপূর্ণ এলাকায় সাময়িকভাবে পানি সংকটের তীব্রতা বেশী অনুভূত হচ্ছে।

এমতাবস্থায় জনসাধারণের পানির কষ্ট লাঘবের নিমিত্ত ঘাটতি এলাকাসমূহে পানির গাড়ির সাহায্যে পানি সরবরাহের ব্যবস্থা নেয়া হয়েছে। ঘাটতি এলাকার জনসাধারণ সংশ্লিষ্ট আঞ্চলিক অফিসে যোগাযোগ করে গাড়ির সাহায্যে সরবরাহকৃত পানি সংগ্রহ করতে পারেন। প্রয়োজনে সিস্টেম অপারেশন এন্ড কন্ট্রোল বিভাগ (ফোনঃ ৪১৩৭০৪, ৪০৯৪০৯), তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী (মডস) (ফোনঃ ৩২৭৩৬৭) এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।

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