

Call to observe Miladunnabi at state level

The president of Able-Sunnat Wal Jamaat-Bangladesh Alhaj Shah Sufi Maulana Syed Moinuddin Ahmed al-Hassani called upon the government to observe Eid-e-Miladunnabi at state level, reports BSS.

In a message on the occasion of Eid-e-Miladunnabi Maulana Ahmed said the month of Rabiul Awwal brings message of happiness for the Muslim millat as it is the month of birth of Prophet Muhammad (SM).

He also called upon the ulama, mashaikh and imams and khatibs of all masjid to observe Eid-e-Miladunnabi with due respect.

Reception to released journalist

Sangbadik Oikya Andolon yesterday accorded a reception to Abul Hossain, office secretary of the organisation on his release from jail, reports UNB.

He was arrested on March 25 in connection with the hartal observance of the Left Front and released on June 28.

Chaird by Mahfuzul Haq Khan, president of Oikya Andolon, the function was addressed by Abdul Khaleque Khan, Saleha Anwaruddin, Harunur Rashid Bhuiyan, Ragib Ahsan Munna, Abu Taher, Khurshid Alam and Nazrul Islam.

'Implication of Ershad in Manzur murder motivated'

Jatiya Party leader Moudud Ahmed yesterday said it is now well-known that implication of former president Ershad in the Manzur murder case is politically motivated, reports UNB.

Addressing party workers and leaders at the airport on his return from London, he said depriving Ershad of consulting a lawyer of his choice is a negation of his rights.

Moudud, who had participated in a seminar on "Development and Democracy in the Third World" in London, said disallowing Ershad to talk with his lawyer gave an impression abroad that this government does not believe in the rule of law.



The Dhaka Metropolitan Police evicting unauthorised spare-parts shop owners from the pavement of city's car spare market at Dholaikhal yesterday. Story on back page — Star photo

Essay on Prophet Muhammad invited

The Gulshan Central Masjid Eidgah Society has arranged an essay competition on the occasion of the holy Siratunnabi, says a press release.

The competition will be divided into three groups. The topic of the first essay is "Boyhood to Prophet Muhammad (SM). Students up to Class VII and madrasah equivalent are eligible to participate in this group. The essay should be in no more than 500 words.

Students of Class IX and X can participate in the second contest titled Prophet Muhammad — The Saviour of Humanity. The essay should not exceed 1500 words.

In the last group students of university and madrasah levels are allowed to participate in the competition — Direction of the Prophet Muhammad (SM) to Solve the Present Crisis of the World. The essay should be within 2000 words.

All the essays should reach the society's office at 111 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan Model Town by August 11.



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Five killed in city

By DMCH Correspondent

Five persons were killed in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

An unidentified male, 60, was killed on the spot when a speeding bus knocked him down in Tikatuli in the old part of the city in the afternoon.

In another incident an unidentified male aged about 40 who received fatal injuries in a road accident in the city succumbed at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in the morning.

One Nasir Molla, 30, of Mirpur-12, who was injured in a road accident in front of the Matsha Bhaban near Ramna Park Thursday night died at the DMCH yesterday morning.

A 35 year-old woman Jahanara Begum, was electrocuted at her residence at Uttarkhan Masterpara, Uttara, at 10am yesterday. Alauddin, 24, a canteen boy of F Rahman Hall of the Dhaka University who reportedly took pesticide at his house at a slump in Segun

Bagicha Thursday afternoon died at the DMCH yesterday morning, medical sources said.

Call to serve distressed

Welfare-oriented volunteer organizations can contribute a lot in serving the distressed humanity. Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf said in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

He was addressing a volunteer-blood-donation programme, jointly organised by the old students of Karachi-based Bangla School in Dhaka and Red Crescent Society.

"Voluntary blood donation to the poor people, free of cost, is a noble venture, and urged all the people-oriented organisations to come forward to popularise the programme," the minister observed.

Professional blood donors are the main sources of supply of blood in most of the hospitals in our country. Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf added.

Some 43 members of the Bangla School donated blood at the function.

Shamsul returns

Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam returned yesterday after attending the Bangladesh-Pakistan Joint Economic Commission (JEC) meeting in Islamabad, reports UNB.

He led the Bangladesh delegation at the meeting held in the Pakistan capital on Wednesday and Thursday.

During his stay in Islamabad, Shamsul Islam also called on President Farooq Ahmed Leghari and Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

FM praises Radio

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman said here yesterday, radio has been playing a very significant role in communication among the SAARC member countries, reports BSS.

The minister was addressing the award giving ceremony of the second SAARC radio quiz competition. He also attend the final round of the competition. Director General of Radio Bangladesh Mohiuddin Ahmad also spoke on the occasion.

The Foreign Minister said, radio could play a vital role in achieving the goals of the SAARC-charter particularly widening the sphere of knowledge of the listeners about SAARC-region. Understanding each other is a matter of great importance for regional cooperation, he added.

Referring to SAARC radio and TV quiz programmes undertaken by the SAARC secretariat the Foreign Minister said it had created a great interest among the people in the region especially among the members of the youth community.

Later, the Foreign Minister distributed prizes among the winners and the participants of the programme.

Crimes up in Khulna

KHULNA, July 28: Nearly 15 lakh city dwellers are suffering from feelings of insecurity as law and order situation in the city deteriorated alarmingly during the last few months, reports UNB.

"We are afraid of going out in the evening and panic if we find any microbus on the street, because they (hijackers) use it for robbery," said a city dweller.

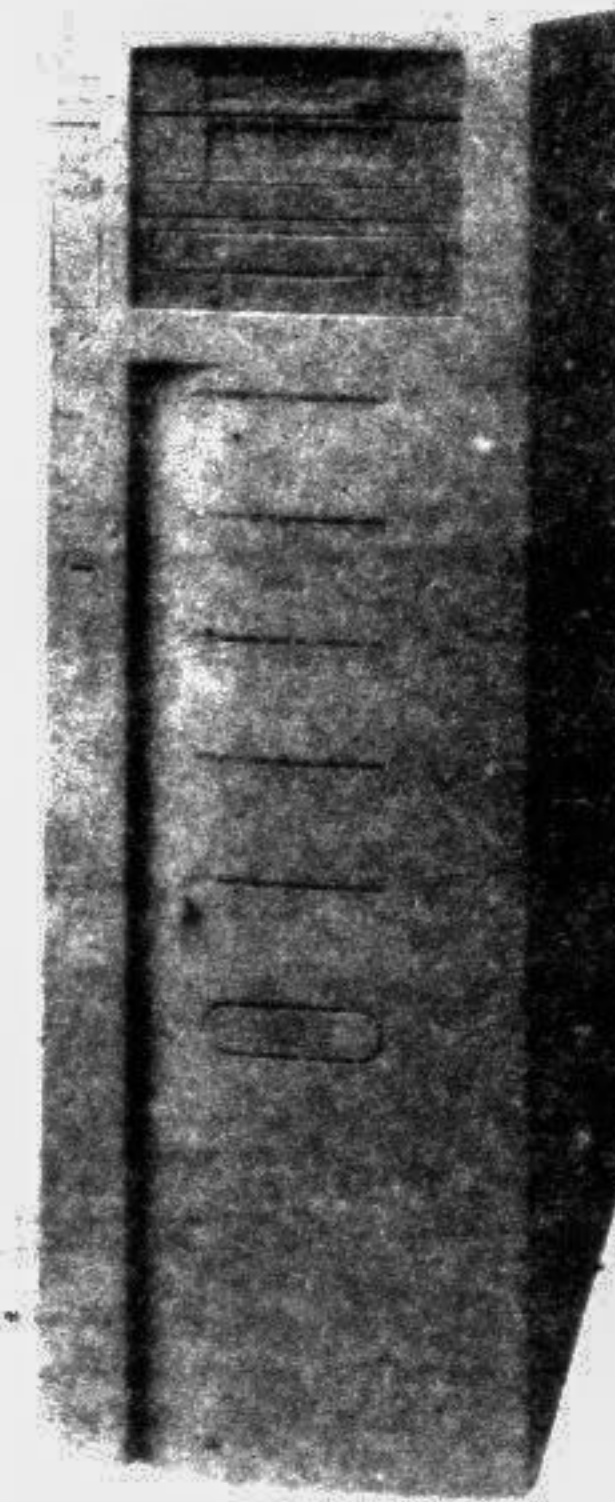
Hijacking, dacoity, extortion, abduction, killings and the incidents of rape in the city have increased alarmingly, said a local political leader, who preferred not to be named.

He said 10 people, including elite and political leaders, were killed in the city in last five months.

He blamed law enforcing agencies for their inaction against the miscreants.

"No untoward incident in the city can take place if they (police) discharge their duties sincerely", he further alleged.

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