



Braving odds these home-bound passengers at last arrived at the Sadarghat terminal, as road communication of the capital with the rest of the country remained 'snapped' for the last 14 consecutive days. — Star photo

CU exam postponed

CHITTAGONG, Mar 22: The fifth paper examination of MA final year of the Department of Bengali under Chittagong University scheduled to be held on March 24 has been postponed, a department press release said, reports BSS.

The next date of the examination will be announced later, the press release added.

Jatiya League concerned

A meeting of the central working committee of Bangladesh Jatiya League was held yesterday at 4 pm at the central office, 23, Green Road, says a press release.

Presided over by Iqbal Ansari Khan president of the party, the meeting expressed grave concern at the present stalemate and consequent sufferings of the people.

UNAB symposium on apartheid

Speakers at a symposium here yesterday condemned all kinds of racial discrimination and apartheid terming it as a gross violation of Universal Declaration of Human Rights, reports UNB.

United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) organised the symposium at its office in observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Journalist Santosh Gupta, Prof. Abdus Selim, Advocate Mollah Maqbul Hossain and Dr Syed M. Shahed took part in the discussion presided over by Prof. M. Abu Bakr, said a press release yesterday.

Tribute paid to Masterda

The 102nd birth anniversary of Masterda Surya Sen, a valiant soldier of anti-British movement, was observed here yesterday with due solemnity, reports UNB.

Recalling the pioneering role of Masterda against British colonialism, Masterda Surya Sen Parishad placed wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday morning.

Later, addressing a rally at the Shaheed Minar premises, of different political and socio-cultural organisations said Surya Sen was a source of immense inspiration for the freedom fighters.

The dream of Masterda was materialised when Bangladesh emerged independent in 1971 after nine months of bloodshed, they said adding that the ethos of Masterda's struggle would also consolidate the ongoing movement for democracy.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Samonniya Committee Convener Hasan Imam, Srani Krishna Samajbadi Dal general secretary Nirmol Sen and Surya Sen Parishad general secretary Suvrata Chowdhury.

Among others, NA Rashida, Dr Nimchandra Bhoumik, RN Dutta, Amal Nath, Sheikh Abdul Hannan, Kamruzzaman Nani, Parimal Guha, Kazi Devnath, Dipen Chatterjee, Govinda Chandra Thakur, Mohiuddin and Jayanta Kumar Roy attended the rally.

Begunbari fire District admin to determine overall losses

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Maj (ret'd) Abdul Mannan and State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Harun-Al-Rashid visited Thursday's fire-gutted areas of north Begunbari in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

The ministers talked to the fire-affected people and enquired about their conditions, said a PID handout.

Meanwhile, a gruel kitchen has been set up for the fire victims at the instruction of the State Minister for Civil Aviation.

Mannan instructed the district administration to assess the overall loss and damage caused by the fire. He also called upon the fire victims to face the situation with courage.

Weather

Rain, gusty wind likely

The capital experienced its first nor-wester of the year yesterday afternoon, reports UNB.

Met Office said the nor-wester, accompanied by gusty wind and rain, at a speed of about 35 kilometres per hour came as a welcome relief to the city residents after prolonged hot-spell.

Weathermen forecast light rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind at one or two places over Rajshahi, Sylhet, Dhaka divisions and the regions of Comilla in the next 24 hours till 6 pm today.

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere across the country. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged throughout the country.

Meantime, the capital had 7 mm shower in the last 12 hours till 6 am yesterday.

Country's highest temperature 35.5 degrees Celsius was recorded at Dinajpur and the lowest 16.6 degrees at Rangpur.

The sun sets today at 6:14 pm and rises day tomorrow at 6:02 am.

The maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	max	min	morning	evening
Dhaka	35.0	25.3	82	75
Chittagong	30.5	24.0	82	82
Rajshahi	34.8	21.5	70	—
Khulna	34.0	23.7	89	66
Barisal	33.5	24.0	84	—
Sylhet	32.5	22.8	80	80
Cox's Bazar	31.0	23.0	—	77



Grief-stricken fire-victims searching for their worldly belongings, if any, in the debris of devastating fire which gutted some 900 shanties at Begunbari in the city on Thursday. — Star photo

3-pt demands placed

GCO gheraos DU VC's residence

By DU Correspondent

Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), a conglomeration of some left-leaning student organisations yesterday gheraoed the residence of the Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University to press for its three-point demands.

GCO's demands include temporary study loan, subsidy to the dining halls and canteens and barring terrorists from taking food at the canteens.

GCO also held a rally during the gherao programme which was addressed by Mizanur Rahman Palsh, Shahidul Islam Ripon and Mizanur Rahman Mizan.

The VC assured the GCO delegation that immediate measures would be taken to keep the dining halls open at least for a week.

World Meteorology Day today

The World Meteorology Day today will be observed in the country as elsewhere in the world today, reports UNB.

To mark the day, Bangladesh Meteorological Department has chalked out an elaborate programme, said an ISPR press release yesterday.

The programmes include discussion and seminar.

This year's slogan of the day is "Meteorology in the Service of Sports."

Siraj denies links with bitumen imports

CHITTAGONG, Mar 22: State Minister for Shipping Shahjahan Siraj yesterday categorically said that he was neither connected with any kind of business nor with import of bitumen, reports BSS.

In a statement, the minister refuted the charges levelled by Chittagong City Corporation Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury that he had continued efforts to unload bitumen imported by him at Chittagong Port without considering the unloading of essential commodities like foodgrains, fuel oil, and essential drugs.

Siraj said that he held several rounds of talks with the users of the port, and high officials concerned with the operation of the port activities for reopening the port. In this connection, he pointed out that the over all economy suffered heavily as Chittagong Port remained inoperative for a long time due to opposition programme.

He said as per discussions held on March 18, it was unanimously decided to take steps to unload foodgrains and other commodities imported by the government agencies. Following the decision, unloading of foodgrains has begun from the ships berthed at the number 2 jetty of the port, he added.

He made it clear that in that meeting, a representative of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation pointed out about the scarcity of bitumen in the local market and requested for taking steps to unload the item. In view of the request, steps were taken to unload bitumen along with foodgrains, fuel oil, and other essential commodities, he said.

The minister clarified that bitumen was not imported by any individual, rather it was imported by Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation which is an autonomous organisation. Siraj strongly protested against the statement of the Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation.

Scrap Feb 15 polls, hold fresh one: MCC

By DU Correspondent

Muktijoddha Chhatra Command (MCC) yesterday demanded immediate cancellation of February 15 Parliamentary election and resignation of the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

MCC leaders also demanded holding of sixth parliamentary election within a shortest possible time.

MCC held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the afternoon. Presided over by Kamal Pasha Chowdhury the rally was addressed by Kazi Arif Ahmed, prof. Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Obaidul Kader, Sharif Kabir, Ishaque Ali Khan Panna, Sadekur Rahman Parag.

The speakers at the rally said, the parliament is illegal as the election through which the parliament is formed was not fair.

Any laws passed by this parliament would not get legality, they said.

BAU programmes on March 26

MYMENSINGH, Mar 22: Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) has chalked out a week-long programme from today (Friday) to celebrate the silver jubilee of the country's independence.

The programmes include photo exhibition, children's art competition, discussion, cultural function and placing of wreaths.

BAU Vice Chancellor will hoist the national flag at the university stadium on the day and take salute of a march past, said a press release.

BAU Central Student Union (BACSU) will hold a discussion and cultural function on March 27.

It said the university based different socio-cultural and professional organisations will also arrange various programme to mark the day.

Roughing up of 2 MPs slated

JHALAKATHI, Mar 22: BNP and its front organisation here today protested the assault on two MPs in Dhaka and demanded exemplary punishment of those involved in the incident, reports UNB.

District units of BNP, JCD, Juba Dal and Srani Dal organised a joint meeting at the local BNP office to protest Thursday's assault on Major (Ret'd) Shahjahan Omar and Prof. Rezaul Karim allegedly by Chhatra League activists near Jatiya Press Club.

Presided over by district BNP general secretary Mostafa Kamal Montu, the meeting was addressed by Juba Dal leaders Mofazzal Hossain and Khokon Mallik. JCD leaders Monirul Islam Nupur, Mahub Alam Khan and Mahubur Rahman Shahin and Srani Dal leader Tipu Sultan.

They condemned the attack on the MPs and demanded immediate arrest and trial of the attackers.

The meeting called upon the quarters concerned to refrain from such heinous and anti-democratic activities for the sake of democracy.

The ruling party leaders demanded stern action against the terrorists and anti-democratic elements.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
 Directorate of Supply & Inspection
 48, Motijheel Commercial Area
 Dhaka-1000
 No. BDS/Admin/421 Dated 3-12-1402 BS, 17-3-96

Tender Invitation for Garage on Rent

Wanted 20'x20' 1 (one) or 10'x20' 2 (two) garage(s) at any roadside house/organisation in any area (except old Dhaka) under Dhaka City Corporation, for safe keeping of 2 cars of the Directorate of Supply & Inspection. Interested owners are requested to drop their garage renting proposal quoting monthly rent (on the minimum one year's contract basis), in the tender box kept at 4th floor of this Directorate by 11-00 am of 6-4-96. The tender proposals will be opened on the same day at 11-00 am before the tenderers (if any) present. Tender schedule can be purchased from this Directorate during office hours by 5-4-96. No tender schedule will be sold on the date of submitting tender. If necessary, the undersigned may be contacted for detail information during office hours.

Abul Kalam Azad
 Assistant Director (Admin)
 for Director
 Phone: 9551511
 9560979

DFP-5943-19/3
 C-391

Muktijoddha Museum opens

By Staff Correspondent

With the silver jubilee of the country's independence at our doorsteps, the Liberation War Museum opened its doors yesterday with a renewed pledge to preserve and project the true story of the independence movement.

The Liberation War of 1971 is the greatest manifestation of the courage, sacrifice, patriotism and unity of the Bangladeshi people, said Dr Sarwar Ali, a trustee of the Muktijoddha, Smriti Trust, at the opening ceremony, held yesterday afternoon on the museum premises at 5 Segun Bagan.

The museum was formally inaugurated with the lighting of an eternal flame at the Museum entrance by family members of "shaheeds" (martyrs) Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir, Lieutenant Ashfaqur Samad, Dharendra Datta, Selina Parveen and Zakir Hossain.

It was followed by the hoisting of the national flag and the rendering of the national anthem. A minute's silence was observed in memory of those who had laid down their lives in the numerous freedom movements.

The open air ceremony was attended by freedom fighters, museum trustees and scores of people from all walks of life, who thronged the museum venue despite the thunderstorm yesterday afternoon.

The museum, a project of the Muktijoddha Trust, is housed in a two-storey renovated house. Its six rooms are filled with mementos documents and photographs of the Liberation War and our other struggles for freedom. The exhibits have been mostly donated by the families of martyrs and the participants at the movements.

In one of the rooms, dedicated to Bengali heritage, archaeological findings are displayed. The museum, when fully completed, will also feature a

replica of the Rayer Bazar killing field, sculpted by Hamidur Zaman, a light and sound programme recreating the fateful night of March 25, a documentation section and an auditorium where audio-visual materials on the War will be screened.

The museum will remain open daily, except Sundays, from 10 am to 5 pm.



Family members of the martyrs igniting an eternal flame with fire from pradeps at the inaugural ceremony of the Muktijoddha Museum in city's Segun Bagan area yesterday. — Star photo

Robbery at city garments factory

By Staff Correspondent

A gang of dacoits robbed fabrics, computers and other accessories of a garments factory worth about Tk 29 lakh in Mirpur early yesterday.

A gang of about 10 dacoits attacked Milon Apparels Garments near Asia chema hall on Darus Salam road, Mirpur, at around 12:30 am and took away the valuable goods.

Police picked up at least five persons for interrogation in this regard yesterday, police sources said.

Sources added that the gang tied up three night guards of the garments and entered into the factory.

A case has been filed with Mirpur thana in this connection.

Call to ensure safety of MPs

Najibul Bashar (BNP-Chittagong) Wednesday strongly condemned Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina for her statements at a public meeting recently where she reportedly directed the people to punish the members of Parliament wherever they are available," reports BSS.

Taking the floor on a point of order, Bashar, who was an Awami League MP in the last Parliament, said "we have come here after being elected by people's vote and through such calls our privileges are breached and security endangered."

Bashar urged the Speaker to take up necessary measures to ensure the security of the parliament members.

After making his statement, Bashar walked out of the House to register his protest against Sheikh Hasina's statement.

RU students gherao VC's residence for free food

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Mar 22: About three thousand students of Rajshahi University gheraoed the residence of the Vice Chancellor for four hours today demanding free-food. If free food could not be provided to them, they should be sent home immediately, the students said.

The students are facing hardships as their guardians cannot send them money because of the ongoing non-cooperation movement.

The canteens of all residential halls have been closed. The dining hall of the Shamsujjoha Hall was closed yesterday.

Protesting the closure, the students demanded resignation of the Provost of the hall.

Meanwhile, the University authorities have expressed their inability to meet the demands of the students.

Benazir sees no outstanding issue affecting ties with Dhaka

Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has said she did not see any outstanding issue which could reflect adversely on the brotherly relations between Bangladesh and Pakistan, reports BSS.

In a recent interview in Islamabad with a Dhaka weekly "Economic Time," she said, "Repatriation of stranded persons from Bangladesh is an issue which needs to be tackled with utmost circumspection by both Pakistan and Bangladesh."

Replying to a question, Benazir said conflicts between the neighbouring countries should be resolved through peaceful means. The best means, she added, is the United Nations charter which offers a mechanism for the resolution of inter-state dispute.

আসুন দেখুন মুক্তিযুদ্ধ জাদুঘর

বাঙালির সমুন্নত গৌরব

নতুন প্রজন্মকে ইতিহাসের মুখোমুখি হতে সাহায্য করুন

প্রতিদিন সকাল দশটা থেকে বিকাল পাঁচটা

রবিবার বন্ধ

মুক্তিযুদ্ধ জাদুঘর

৫ সেগুন বাগান রোড, ঢাকা-১০০০

Make the best of your talents in THE AIR FORCE

The sky's the limit

JOIN BAF - REACH FOR THE SKY

COMMISSION IN BANGLADESH AIR FORCE IN GD (PILOT) AND GROUND BRANCH

If you have the talents and will to rise quickly to the limit, come and report to: BAF Information & Selection Centre, Old Airport, Tejgaon; Dhaka- 1215, to take the challenging tests to explore your potentials, any working day. Remember you must possess any one of the following qualifications and other physical/medical standards:

GD(Pilot) Branch : HSC(Sc) minimum second division with Physics & Mathematics.

Ground Branches : BSc Engg (Mech/Elect/Electronics); MSc II-Class (Applied Physics & Electronics); MSc II-class (Psychology); BSc II Div(physics & Chemistry).

Tk. 75.00 (Taka Seventy five) only required through Bank draft/Pay order in favour of Central Non - Public Fund, BAF.

Have any Question? Dial 888011 Ext 4255 or 5149 or 5041

DIRECTORATE OF RECRUITMENT BANGLADESH AIR FORCE AIR HEADQUARTERS, DHAKA CANTT.

S1 No 05/96 of file No Air HO/10609/Rect dt 19 Mar 96