

15-member JS business advisory body formed

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali yesterday nominated a 15-member business advisory committee for the sixth Jatiya Sangsad, reports BSS.

The committee comprises Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali (chairman), Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, Deputy Leader of the House Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Salam Talukder. Deputy Speaker LK Siddiqui, State Minister for Establishment and Information Anisur Hoq, MK Anwar, Mojibur Rahman, Tanvir Ahmed Siddiqui, Begum Farida Rahman, Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury, Khondoker Mahub Uddin, A Rashid Khondoker, Shamsul Alam, and Khondoker Delwar Hossain.

The functions of the business advisory committee include:

Newspapers in Ctg on the verge of closure

CHITTAGONG, Mar 24: Leaders of Purbanchalio Sangbad Patra Parishad today expressed deep concern over scarcity and high prices of newsprint saying all dailies and weeklies in this region are on the verge of closure, reports BSS.

In a statement here they said, already daily newspapers of the port city have reduced pages from eight to four and if supply of newsprint is not ensured they would be compelled to suspend publication.

They said, besides scarcity of newsprint, newspapers are not getting advertisements and payment against advertisement bills pushing the newspapers to financial crisis.

They demanded immediate transport facilities for newsprint from Khulna to Chittagong and other places of the country to enable the newspapers to continue their publications.

They also called for solution to the political impasse without further delay.

The signatories to the statement were Moinuddin Khaner, Shawkat M Moslem Kaderi and Abu Muhammad Shahn.

Venue shifted

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central scheduled to be held today at Dhaka Club Ltd has been shifted to another venue, says a press release.

The meeting will be held now at Rotary Centre on 7-13 Satmasjid Road at 4:30 pm.

Rotarians have been requested to attend.

Rafiquddin laid to rest

MYMENSINGH, Mar 24: Rafiquddin Bhuiyan, a veteran Awami League leader, was buried at the local Gulkebari graveyard today, reports BSS.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at Anjuman Eidgah Maidan after Asr prayers today.

A large number of people from all walks of life attended the janaza.

Earlier his body was taken to his village home at Merargao under Nandail thana this morning. His namaz-e-janaza was held at three places in Nandail. Before burial his body was taken back to Mymensingh town.

Quikhwan of Bhuiyan will be held at his residence at Mohammad Ali Road in Mymensingh town after asr prayers Thursday.

105 BAU teachers for calling off non-cooperation

MYMENSINGH, Mar 24: One hundred and five teachers of Bangladesh Agricultural University here today urged the opposition parties to give up their indefinite non-cooperation programme to save the country from destruction, reports UNB.

In a joint statement they said the country's economy and educational institutions have been experiencing irreparable losses while suffering of the common man have become unbearable due to the last two weeks non-cooperation.

The parties enforcing the programme need to consider the overall welfare of the country, the BAU teachers added.

They said the ruling party has in the meantime accepted the principal demand of the opposition parties and agreed to hold fresh election in May.

A process is now on in the parliament to amend the Constitution providing for non-party caretaker government.

Under the circumstances, the statement said, it is not prudent to paralyse public life for the sake of political gain or defeat. "In politics, one must learn to give and take."

The BAU teachers appealed to the opposition parties to exempt all educational institutions from political programmes for greater interest of the nation.

The signatories to the statement include Dr Khandaker Sirajul Islam, Prof Mahfuzur Rahman, Mostafizur Rahman, Dr Abdul Wahab, Dr Abdul Gaffar, Dr Farid Ahmed Talukder, Dr Mohammad Shahjahan, Dr Abu Mohammad Siddique, Dr Golam Rabbani and Dr Abdul Halim Khan.

Painting contest for children

Theatre Centre for Social Development (TCSLD) has organised an exceptional painting competition to mark the Independence Day tomorrow at 10 am.

Children of Ganakotli Sweeper Colony aged 6 to 12 will participate in the competition.

Artist Hashem Khan and Jhany Sarker will be the judges of the competition.



Army escorting a state-owned double-decker in city's Gulistan area yesterday. — Star photo

Rise above petty interests: Mosharrar

Home Minister Dr Khondoker Mosharrar Hossain has called upon all to rise above petty interests in the greater national causes and cooperate with government to maintain law and order, reports BSS.

Making statement in reply to a short discussion by independent member Kalim Uddin Ahmed in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, the Home Minister said all should abstain from self-destructive programmes of non-cooperation to protect the national economy, and uphold posterity and future of the country.

He hoped that the 13th Constitution Amendment Bill would resolve all political crisis in the country and hoped good sense would return to the opposition political parties to free the country and the people from their politics of anarchy and terrorism.

Garment owners, workers observe 2-hr sit-in

A two-hour sit-in was observed throughout the country from 8 am yesterday at the call of the garment owners to save the garment industries from ruin, reports UNB.

Thousands of workers, employees and owners of different garment industries took part in the sit-in programme on the main roads in front of their respective factories.

Transport movement was suspended during the sit-in.

The participants carried different placards inscribed with various slogans demanding smooth functioning of the garment industry for the sake of unhindered economic growth.

PM greeted

Nepalese Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba has congratulated his Bangladesh counterpart Begum Khaleda Zia on her assumption of office of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, reports PM.

In his message of congratulations, Sher Bahadur expressed his confidence that the existing friendly relations between the two countries will be further strengthened during her term in office.

Opposition urged to withdraw non-cooperation

CHITTAGONG, Mar 24: Bazlul Sattar, a veteran politician and close associate of late Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani, today called upon the mainstream opposition political parties to withdraw non-cooperation movement immediately to pave the way for passing the non-party caretaker government bill and thus ending the sufferings of the people, reports BSS.

In a statement here today, Bazlul Sattar said, the process of forming a caretaker government is on and at this moment "I urge the opposition to withdraw non-cooperation movement." He also urged the political parties to take preparations for the next parliamentary election.

Sattar said, all political parties are responsible for the present political crisis and the opposition MPs should not have resigned from the Jatiya Sangsad. He also urged all concerned to stop looting, killing and arson in the country.

Death condoled

Controller General of Accounts Employees Association at a meeting yesterday condoled the death of Habibur Rahman who died in a bomb explosion during opposition programme, reports UNB.

Habibur Rahman, an employee of the Dhaka Region Accounts Office, received serious injuries when a bomb was hurled on a bus on March 20 at Jatrabari in the city. He succumbed to his wounds at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on March 22.

In a resolution at the meeting, the association demanded compensation of Taka five lakh for his family and job for his widowed wife, said a press release.

The meeting, anxiously observed by the employees of the republic are coming under attack and incurring economic losses due to opposition programme.

It urged the government to provide adequate security for the employees and bringing congenial atmosphere in social life by solving the present political impasse.

Otherwise, they warned, the employees would take necessary security measures and the government would be responsible for any consequence.

Weather

Thundershower forecast

Rain or thundershower with temporary gusty or squally wind may occur at most places over Sylhet division, a few places over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions and Jessore, Kushtia Comilla and Noakhali regions in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country. Met Office said adding that day temperature is likely to rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

Meanwhile Met Office recorded 13 mm rainfall in Sylhet yesterday.

The sun sets today at 6:13 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:00 am.

Country's highest temperature was recorded 34.5 degree Celsius at Dhaka and Khulna and the lowest 17.5 degrees at Rajshahi.

The maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and town yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage
Dhaka	Max 34.5, Min 23.5	Morning 57, Evening 36
Chittagong	Max 31.0, Min 24.6	Morning 74, Evening 81
Rajshahi	Max 33.2, Min 17.5	Morning 42, Evening 34
Khulna	Max 34.5, Min 22.5	Morning 71, Evening 54
Barisal	Max 32.2, Min 23.5	Morning 81, Evening 67
Sylhet	Max 25.0, Min 20.2	Morning 80, Evening 69
Cox's Bazar	Max 31.0, Min 23.4	Morning 80, Evening 77

One killed, 3 hurt in incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

One person was killed and three others were injured in separate incidents in the city and Tongi yesterday.

Mohammad Obaidur Haq, 32, was knocked down by a speeding autorickshaw at Tikatuli crossing Saturday night. He died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday morning.

The body was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

In another incident, two persons were injured when they were hit by the branch of a tree while travelling on the roof of Esa Kha train at Tongi yesterday morning.

The victims aged between 20 and 25 could not be identified immediately. They were admitted to the DMCH in a critical condition.

Meanwhile, Arfan Ali, 24 was injured when a group of bullies stabbed him at Toggi yesterday morning.

5-day free Hajj training course

Tahfij-e-Haramine Parishad, Bangladesh has arranged a five-day free hajj training course from tomorrow at Baitul Azim Jame Mosque, adjacent to Malibagh Bazar bus stand, reports UNB.

President of the parishad Moulana Sadeque Ahmed Siddiqui will conduct the course everyday after Magrib prayer upto March 30, said a press release.

Hajj pilgrims have been requested to participate in the course. For detail information about the programme, they have been advised to contact with telephone number 404248.

Holy bath at Langalbandh on Wednesday

By Staff Correspondent

The members of country's Hindu Community will take hold bath in the river old Brahmaputra at Langalbandh in Narayanganj district on Wednesday next.

A two-day long programme has been taken on the occasion of bath taking during 'Astomy thalya', says a press release by Langalbandh Jatiya Tirtha Snan Utsav Parishad yesterday.

The programme includes discussion, meeting, offering special prayers, seeking peace in the world, recitation from holy books, and cultural function.

Call to exempt NGO-activities from non-cooperation

Association for Social Advancement (ASA) in a press release yesterday appealed to the opposition political parties to exempt NGOs credit activities from the purview of non-cooperation programme.

NGO activities, especially the credit programme for poverty alleviation is severely affected due to the programme.

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Dissolve sixth parliament: JAGPA

Jatiya Ganatantrik Party (JAGPA) will observe a day-long hartal in the city today demanding resignation of the "illegal" government, dissolution of the parliament and safeguard sovereignty, reports UNB.

JAGPA leader Saful Alam Prodhann announced the programme at a party rally at Purana Paltan in the afternoon, said a party press release.

After the rally, a procession was brought out which paraded the main thoroughfares.

The rally was addressed, among others, by party's vice-president Dr A K A Aziz and General Secretary Anisur Rahman.



Progressive Nationalist Party (PNP) brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding resignation of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and her government. — Star photo

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Monday 25th March
(All programmes are in local time. We recommend programmes printed in bold)

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement Al-Duran Programme Summary 3:10 Recitation From the Bible 3:15 Cartoon Film: The Secret Lives of Waldo Kitty 3:45 Drama series: Retelecast of Selected Dramas 4:00 News in Bangla 4:45 Rum-hum 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 Nazrul Songs 5:50 Sports Programme 6:00 News in Bangla 6:30 Shikhandhan 7:00 The News 7:05 Open University 7:25 Shuk Dhuker Nadi 8:00 News in Bangla 8:40 Package Drama 10:00 News in English 10:30 Sukher Thikana 10:55 Comedy series: Coach 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Tuesday's programme 11:40 Chase down

BBC

6:00 BBC World News 6:25 The Money Programme 7:00 BBC World Newsroom inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News Headlines 10:05 The Money Programme 11:00 BBC Newsday 2:00 BBC World News 2:15 The Money Programme 3:00 BBC World News 3:25 Time Out: Food and Drink 4:00 BBC Newsdesk 6:00 BBC World News Headlines 6:05 Correspondent 7:00 BBC World News inc. World Business Report 7:30 BBC News-show Asia Pacific 8:30 Time Out: QED 9:00 BBC World News 9:15 The Money Programme 10:00 BBC World News 10:25 Time Out: The Clothes Show 11:00 BBC World News 11:30

CHANNEL V

5:00am Frame by Frame 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 8:00 Jump Start VJ Trey 10:00 Frame by Frame 12:00 noon The Vibe VJ Luke 1:00 By Demand (S) VJ Nonia 2:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 3:00 Big Bang 4:30 By Demand VJ Trey 5:30 US Billboard Countdown 7:30 First Day First Show 8:00 House of Noise III 9:00 RPL Oye! 10:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 10:30 First Day First Show 11:00 Rewind VJ Sophia

STAR Sports

6:30am Trans World Sport 7:30 NBA Phoenix Golden State 9:30 World Single Distance Champs 10:00 AFC 1996 Olympic Qualifiers A Winner V Runner Up Frame Shah Alam 12:00 AFC 1996 Olympic Qualifiers B Winner V A Runner Up Frame Shah Alam 2:30 Sunil Gavaskar Presents - Great Cricket 3:30 US PGA Tour - Freeman McDermott Classic from New Orleans, LA 5:00 Asia Sports Show 5:30 Talking Baseball 6:00 NCAA Men's Basketball Championships Dpner Final (West) 8:30 NCAA Men's Basketball Championships Lexington Final 10:30 Cricket Hall Of Fame 11:00 Prime Boxing Fight TBC 1:00 Indy Racing League 1996 Indy 200 2:30 Summer of Cycling Series Mt. Butler Cup 3:30 The Asian Football Show 4:30 Spanish Football League Hits

STAR MOVIES

7:30 After Dark The Raven (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 Classic Lat's Make It Legal (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Film Club Plan 9 From Outer Space (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Classic The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw G (Hindi Subtitles) 3:30 Family Quiet Victory? (Hindi Subtitles) 5:15 16:45 Monday

STAR PLUS

6:30 Transformers 7:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 7:30 G.I. Joe 8:00 Jam 8:30 Berenstain Bears 9:00 Aerobics Oz Style 9:30 Nanny and the Professor 10:00 The Beverly Hillsbillies 10:30 Anne Wilson's Look & Cook 11:00 Video Fashion: Paris Parade 11:30 Gabriele 12:30 Santa Barbara 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 2:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 3:00 Remington Steele 4:00 Anne Wilson's Look & Cook 4:30 Video Fashion: Paris Parade 5:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 5:30 Small Wonder 6:00 The Adventures Of The Black Stallion 6:30 Batman 7:00 Home and Away 7:30 Entertainment

Musical Carousel G (Hindi Subtitles)

5:30 am Intonation (TMM) 6:30 Jagran 7:00 ZED 7:30 ZED 8:00 ZED 8:30 Jan Gan Man 9:00 Hum Zameen 9:30 Gaane Anjaane 10:00 Lux Kya Scene Hai 10:30 Zaiko Ka Safar 11:00 Celeste, 11:30 Fikri Chakkar 12:00 Mano Ya Na Mano 12:30 Film Dewwane 1:00 ZED 3:00 Asian Sky Shop 2:30 Tara 3:00 Mere Ghar Ana Zindagi 3:30 Shadi Ya Barbad! 4:00 Shakti 4:30 Hum Hoga Kamyab 5:00 ZED 5:30 Mae 6:00 Kab Kyon Kahan 6:30 Saanp Sondi 7:00 ZED 7:30 Jan Gan Man 8:00 Tol Mol Ke Bol 8:30 TVS Sa Re Ga Ma 9:15 Akai Jhalak 9:30 Campus 10:00 Daraar 10:30 The News 10:50 Business Roundup 11:00 No Problem 11:30 Close-Up Antakshari 12:00 Tara 12:30 Andaz 1:00 Kurukshetra 1:30 Thawani, Wa Bas (Arabic) 2:00 R We Aghani (Arabic) 2:30 Awraq Mustafa Kaita (Arabic) 3:00 Intonation (TMM)

ZEE TV

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SONY ET

6:30am Yaadon Ki Baar 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 6:30 I Dream of Jeannie 7:00 Raja Rani Aur Joker 7:30 Mere Message Meri Geet 8:00 Surt Wheel Of Fortune 8:30 Taak Jhaank 9:00 Dekh Tamasa Dekh 9:30 Yeh Sadi Nah! Ho Sakti 10:00 Zameen Badal Gaye 10:30 Cine Prime Hindi Feature Film 1:30 Mere Message Meri Geet 2:00 Yeदन Ki Bar 6:30am Yaadon Ki Baar 9:00 The Three Stooges 9:30 Dennis The Menace 10:00 I Dream Of Jeannie 10:30 Raja Rani Aur Joker 11:00 Sunday Ki Sunday (Serial) 11:30 Cine Matinee-Heaven Feature Film 2:30 Siddhi 3:00 Sunday Ki Sunday (Serial) 3:00 Mere Message Meri Geet 4:00 Surf-Wheel Of Fortune (Game Show) 4:30 The Rason Show 5:00 The World Cup Countdown

PTV

8:00 am Tilewat Aur Tarjama/Hand/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Abb Pata Challe 9:05 Khar Farmaish 9:20 Sarjam Sarjam 9:45 Inaq-Bal

Close-up Antakshari on Zee TV, Tonight at 11:30

Ghiza Pakistan 10:05 Shab Daigh 10:35 English Film: Gool Troop 10:55 Milli Naghma 11:00 Khabrain 11:10 The Saint 12:00 Noon Shama (Drama Serial) 12:55 PM Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Aangar (Drama Serial) 2:00 Shehrad (Drama Serial) 2:15 The Face Of Cultural 3:50 Roushni 3:30 Paimaney 4:00 Ghardari 4:35 Biology for 10th/Geography/ Chemistry 5:55 Inter College Quiz 6:25 Aou Courses 7:00 Tarannum (Drama Serial) 7:45 English News 8:00 Potluck 8:20 Ab Baba 8:45 Tum Se Kahan Tha 'Ep 17' (Serial) 9:00 Break for Headline News 10:00 Khabrain 11:15 Classic Drama Serial: Janglee 12:20 Specia I, TBA 1:00 Khas Khas Khabrain Close down

DD 7

8:10 Puratani Gaan 8:20 Brodon 8:25 Classical Music 8:30 Darpan 9:00 Janani 9:30 Saptahik 10:00 Shrivastav Sangnet 10:30 Parkrama 11:00 Ghare Bare 12:30 Ek Sipi Dnek Gaan 1:00 Janani 1:30 Bengali Movie Club Film Show 5:30 News 5:35 Desh Bidsher Khele 6:00 Pali Katha: TV Report 6:30 Daabaddha 6:55 Troyee 7:30 Bangla Sahad 7:55 Dinndan 8:00 Uk Darshan 8:30 Bed Bived 9:00 Prachar 9:30 Uru Katu Madha 10:00 Bengali Movie Club Film Show: Aaj Kal Porshu (Cast: Anup Kumar, Madhavi)

ZEE CINEMA

9:30am Yeh Zindagi Kitni Hasrati Hai 12:30pm Anterrior Bhalobasha (Bengali) 3:45 Yakeen 10:45pm Jaanbar 4:30am Sirajur Ki Geeta

Tol Mol Ke Bol on Zee TV, Tonight at 8:00

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