

'Publish probe report on Press Club incident'

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) yesterday observed "Journalist Repression Day" demanding publication of the enquiry committee report on the assault on journalists by police under the BNP government on June 21, 1992, reports BSS.

A protest rally was held at the Jatiya Press Club in observance of the day.

Organised jointly by the BFUJ and the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) the meeting was presided over by Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, president of BFUJ.

The speakers at the meeting called for removing all obstacles towards freedom of the press and ensuring freedom of expression.

They also called for reunification of the journalists unions and a united movement for realisation of the already declared dearness allowance and declaration of the wage board award.

They appealed to all democratic parties and forces to show respect to the people's verdict in the just concluded general election and work for national progress on the basis of a national consensus.

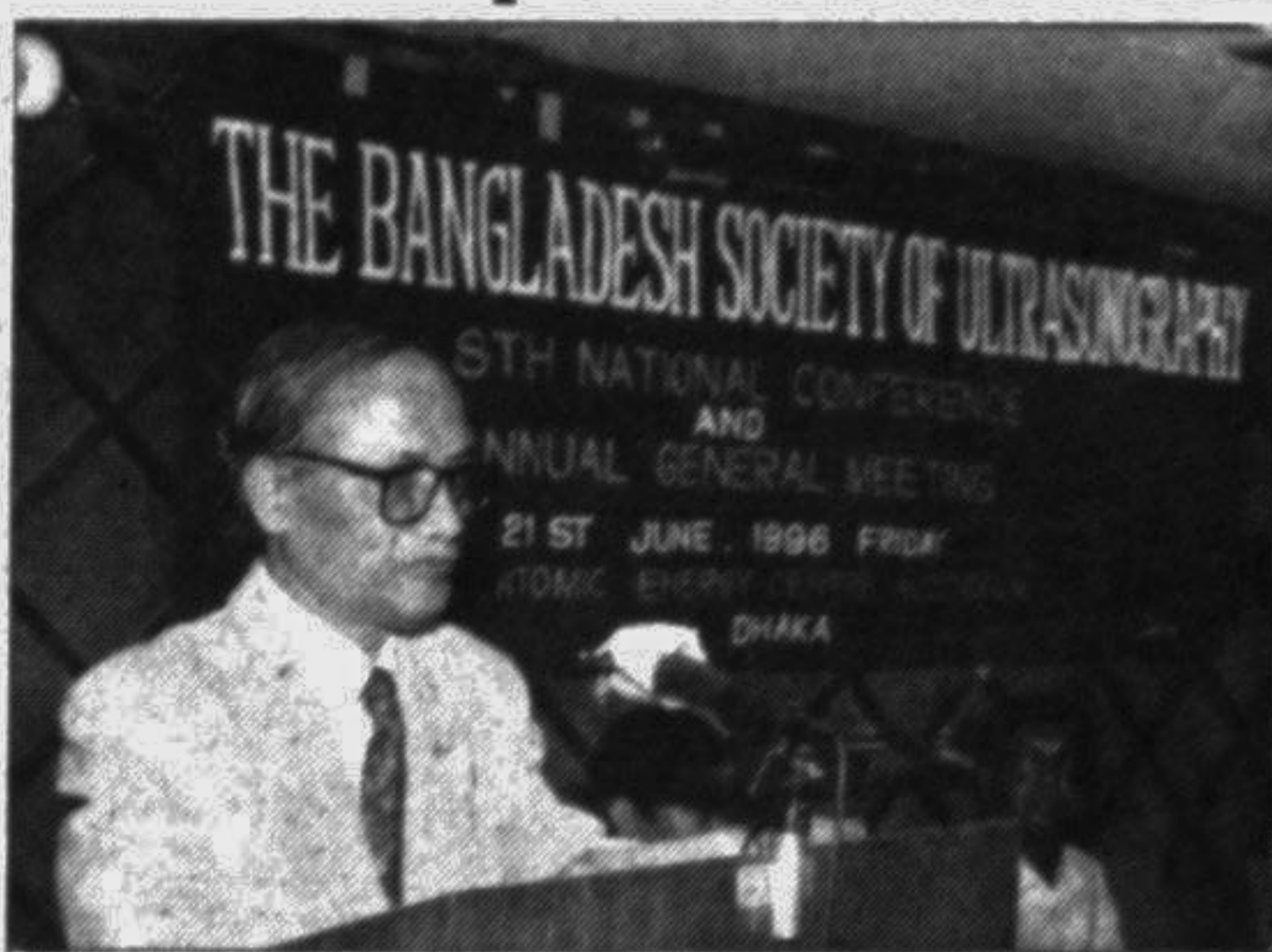
The federating units of BFUJ in Chittagong, Khulna, Jessore, Dinajpur, Bogra, Mymensingh and Rajshahi also observed the day.



BFUJ and DUJ leaders at a rally organised in observance of the Journalist Repression Day yesterday. — Star photo

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Drama festival
A week-long drama festival begins at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the capital today, reports UNB. Noted journalist Obidul Haq will inaugurate the drama festival at 7 pm. Seven drama groups from different parts of the country will participate at the drama week.



National Professor Nurul Islam speaking as chief guest at the 8th annual conference of Bangladesh Society of Ultrasonography at the auditorium of the Atomic Energy Centre in the city yesterday. — Society photo

What's on today . . .

Assoc of physicians confce: The 7th national conference of the Association of Physicians of Bangladesh will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 9 am. Chief guest: Adviser for Health Major General (ret'd) A R Khan.

Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka: The 114th regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Purbani Hotel. Time 5.30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time 5.45 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka West: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: RAOWA Club, Mohakhali. Time: 5.30 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhanmondi: The 477th regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5.30 pm. Rtn: IPDG M Mosharrat Hossain will speak on 'Rotary Centres' as guest speaker.

Theatre Centre: A two-day programme marking the 14th founding anniversary of the drama group will begin. Venue: 4 Green Square Road. Time: 3 pm.

Rapport course on salesmanship: A two-week training course on 'Salesmanship' for the sales personnel of Rangs Industries Limited will be inaugurated. Venue: The Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM). Time: 8.45 pm. Organised by Rapport Bangladesh Limited, the course will be participated by 15 sales officers and sales executives.

and tomorrow

Documentary film show: Inaugural screening of two documentary films of Zakir Hossain Raju will be held. Venue: The German Cultural Centre auditorium. Time: 5.30 pm. 'Beyond The Borders', a film on the lives of intercultural couples of Bangladesh and Japan, and 'Images Under The Shadows', a reflection of women in media, will be screened. Both films were produced under the banner of Protishabda Alternative Communication Centre.



The district assembly '96 hosted by Rotary Club of Dilkusha, was held at Sheraton Hotel yesterday. — Star photo

NDI team hails govt, EC for holding neutral, peaceful polls

A four-member delegation of the US based National Democratic Institute (NDI) of international affairs called on the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Mohammad Abu Hena at his office Thursday reports BSS.

During the meeting, the NDI delegation members congratulated the caretaker government and the Election Commission for holding a smooth, neutral, free and transparent elections.

They said that though there were slight irregularities and difficulties in some cases, those did not affect the overall elections. There had been hardly any elections held in the world where some incidents of irregularities and accidents had not occurred, they pointed out.

The NDI delegation said re-polling on June 19 too, were basically neutral and transparent like those of June 12.

The delegation members described the just concluded elections as the demonstration of firm determination and pledge of the people of Bangladesh for democracy and congratulated all contesting candidates irrespective of winning and defeated parties.

They expressed the hope that the party or the parties who would form the next government would extend their cordiality and tolerance to their opponents. Those who would not be able to form the government would also accept their position with a sense of magnanimity and dignity and play an important role as responsible opposition loyal to democracy. Only then the democratic march in Bangladesh would reach to its coveted goal, the NDI delegation hoped.

Abu Hena explained the overall election process and attributed the support and co-operation of the President, Chief Adviser of the caretaker government, members of the advisory council, political parties, their leaders and workers for the free, fair, neutral and transparent elections. Above all, the democratic consciousness of the people from all walks of life and their cooperation had made it possible to hold the elections successfully, he added.

The NDI delegation comprised former US Congressman Stephen Solarz, former foreign ministers of Australia Andrew Peacock, Eric Bjorlund and Andrew Bish. They will stay in Bangladesh for some more days for observing the re-polling in Comilla-3 seat and reviewing the post election situations.

Lawyers' memo to Biswas

A 9-member delegation of Bangladesh Association for Lawyers called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban Thursday reports UNB.

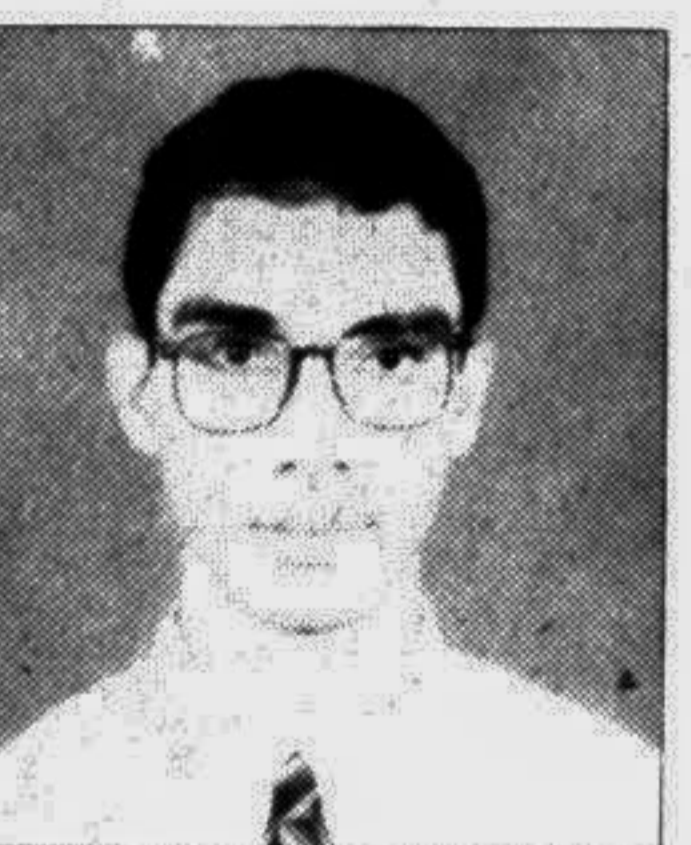
In a memorandum, the lawyers apprised the President about various problems of young lawyers. They particularly mentioned about dearth of proper accommodation and law books. They thanked the President for his neutral and timely decision in the state affairs as per constitutional provisions.

Audio-visual dance drama

An audio-visual dance drama titled 'Pratipakhya' was held at Osmani auditorium here yesterday evening, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Meteorological Department arranged the cultural function in honour of the delegates of three-day SAARC seminar on 'Prediction of Monsoonal Rain and Flooding' which concluded here yesterday.

Eminent artists portrayed the life and meteorological events of the country through their performances.



First Class First

Omar Haider stood First Class First in Economics securing 62.60% marks in the MSS final examinations of 1992 (held in 1995-96) under department of Economics, University of Chittagong, says a press release.

Omar Haider, an ex-student of Chittagong College and Chittagong Collegiate School, also stood second class First in BSS (Hons) examination in economics from the same University.

Omar Haider hails from Deotala, Anwara, Chittagong, and is the second son of Mohammad Abul Bashar, AGM Janata Bank and Mamtaz Khanam of Block-B, Road-3, House NB-48, Chandaon Residential Area, Chittagong.

Weather Thundershower likely

Moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over the country during the next 24 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Moderately heavy to heavy rain falls may occur at places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions during the period. Met Office said adding that day temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius across the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days Met Office forecast a little change while giving extended outlook for another five days, it predicted gradual improve in weather.

Meantime, Chittagong experienced country's highest 156 mm rainfall in last 36 hours till 6 pm yesterday followed by Cox's Bazar 154 mm.

Besides, Met Office recorded 133 rainfall in Jessore, 114 mm in Barisal, 106 mm in Rangamati, 99 mm in Khulna and 53 mm in Dhaka during the period.

Country's highest temperature was recorded 30.4 degrees Celsius at Kutubdia and Cox's Bazar and the lowest 24.2 degrees at Kutubdia.

The sun sets today at 6:49 pm and rises on Sunday at 5:13 am.

The Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday are:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	max	min	morning	evening
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Envoys meet Hasina

Australian High Commissioner in Dhaka Kenneth William and Turkish Ambassador Kemal Ozean Davaz yesterday called on Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi residence, reports BSS.

The envoys congratulated Sheikh Hasina for emerging her party as the single largest party in the June 12 Jatiya Sangsad elections.

Decision of lifting govt control on bus fare slated

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) has criticised the decision of the caretaker government to lift government control on bus fare in the capital city, reports BSS.

The BSD held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday afternoon protesting the decision.

The council of advisers on June 18 approved the proposal to make the fare of premium bus service of Dhaka metropolitan areas free from government control with a view to introducing a better public transport system in the capital city.

Zaker Party for scrapping of polls results

Zaker Party has demanded cancellation of the results of 12 June parliamentary election. By Staff Correspondent

Pirjada Mostafa Amir Faisal, chairman of the party in a statement last night said that his party fell victim of conspiracy during the election, says a press release.

Demanding proper enquiries he said: "The ballot papers should be checked at every constituency". "Only then the mystery will be unearthed," he added.

JU Senate meets June 27

By JU Correspondent
Vice Chancellor (VC) of the Jahangirnagar University (JU) Prof. Amirul Islam Chowdhury has convened the annual session of the JU Senate on June 27, officials said.

The annual budget for the fiscal 1996-97 will be presented in the session for the approval of the Senate following a discussion on the VC's speech.



Artist Afzal Hossain speaking at the inaugural ceremony of Model Watch, the first ever training academy on modelling, in the city on Tuesday. — Model Watch photo