

PM condoles death of AL leader

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of Jhenidah district Awami League general secretary and freedom fighter Mohammad Matur Rahman, reports UNB.

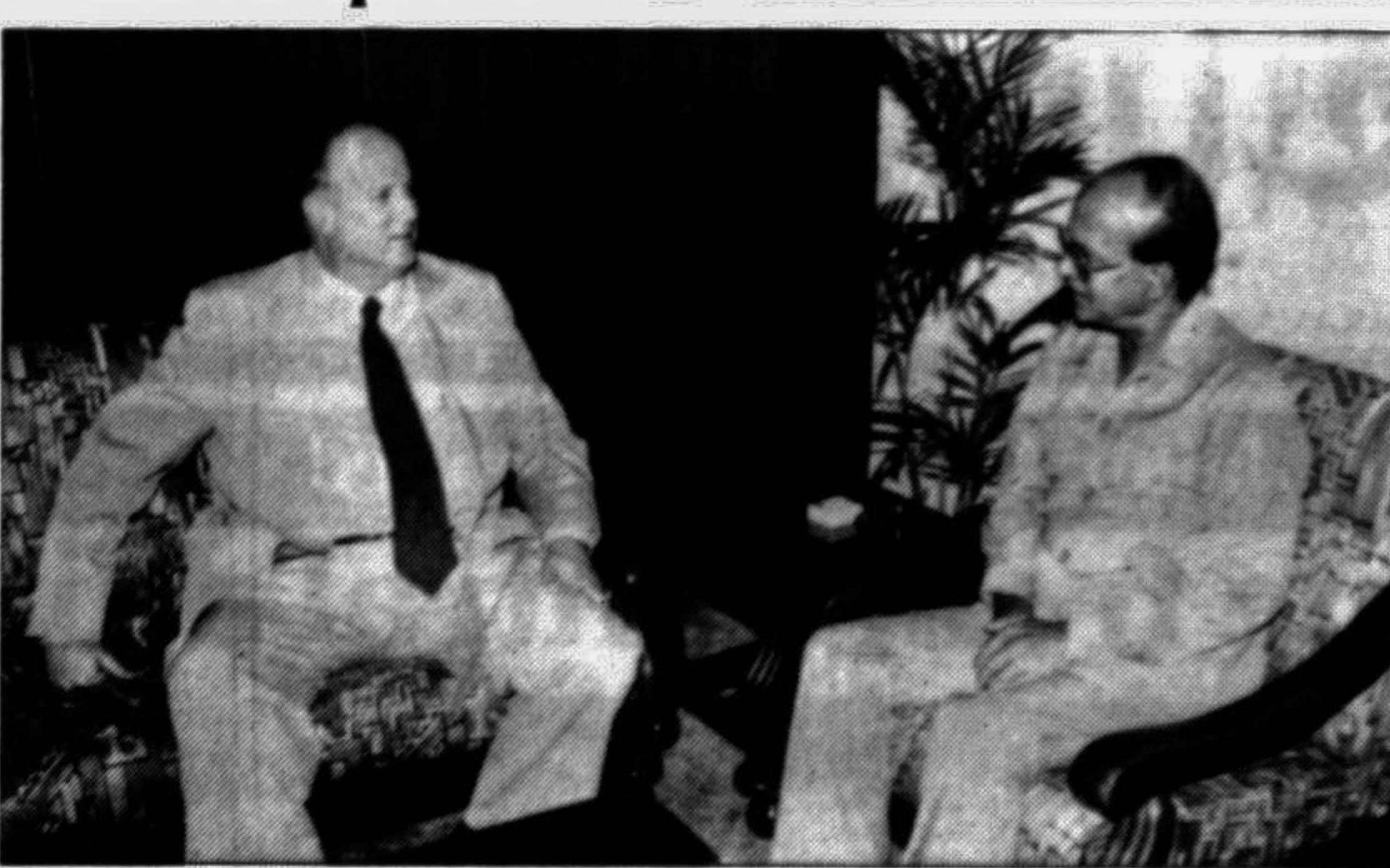
In a condolence message, she said the nation has lost an honest and sincere politician and social worker at the death of Matur Rahman, who worked throughout his life to establish the ideals of the father of nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Finance Ministry decision hailed

Redwan Ahmed president, BGMEA yesterday hailed the statement of the Finance Minister to provide incentives to the export-oriented industries, describing it as a bold and right step in time reports BSS.

Redwan Ahmed further stated that the export-oriented industries of the country, particularly the garment industries are beset with various formidable problems, such as still competition from competing countries for having longest lead time to complete orders, acute financial crisis and lack of orders occasioned by the aftermath of the last political unrest, burden of income tax and tax at source, static exchange rate between US dollar and taka, rise in production cost etc.

Due to these problems the export oriented readymade garment industry is in the brink of collapse. Other linkage industries linked with this sector will also have the same fate if immediate supportive measures are not taken by the government, he added.



US envoy to Bangladesh David N Merrill called on Minister for Communications Anwar Hossain Manju at the latter's office yesterday. — PID photo

Systematic rural transport system suggested

A two-day seminar on 'Bangladesh rural infrastructure strategy study' concluded in the city yesterday stressing the need for self sustaining programme in rural infrastructural development, reports UNB.

Speakers at the seminar also emphasised on systematic rural transport system including non-motorised transport for activating rural development in the country.

Presiding over the concluding session division chief of Planning Commission M Shahjahan said rural infrastructural development is also very important for poverty alleviation.

"Government agencies in cooperation with donor-fund can help ensure sustainability of infrastructural development programmes," he said adding that the government has the largest contribution in this sector.

Kuwaiti PM greets Hasina

Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait Saad Al-Hadhadih Al-Sabah has wished Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina success in carrying out her responsibilities for the welfare and progress of the people, reports BSS.

In a message to the PM yesterday, the Kuwaiti Crown Prince said, "We in Kuwait, highly appreciate the principled stand of Bangladesh in support of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the state of Kuwait against the treacherous Iraqi aggression and occupation in 1990. Your country's participation in the rebuilding and reconstruction effort in the post-liberation stage, and the effective part played by your armed forces in the clearance of land mines in our country.

"We particularly appreciate your country's contribution of troops, that were duly deployed in the buffer zones between Kuwait and Iraq under UNIKOM."

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International Tender Notice

ICB TENDER NO. BGSL/FP/CFE-46/96

Description of Materials	Cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)	Bid Bond Amount
Spare Parts for Telecommunication System	US \$ 25 00 or Tk. 1,000.00	2.5% of the total quoted amount

1. The procurement will be financed under Cash Foreign Exchange Resource.

2. Qualification of the Contractor/Supplier: Manufacturers/Suppliers having proven experience of similar works/supply.

3. Where tender document will be available: BGSL offices at:
A) Head Office: Chapapur, Comilla, Bangladesh.
B) Minhaj Complex: Accounts Section, Chittagong Region, 12, Jamal Khan Road, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
C) BGSL's Liaison Office: House No. 3, Road No. 2/A, Banani, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh.

4. Selling time of tender documents: From 24-07-1996 to 22-08-1996 during office hour.

5. Place and time of receiving of Bid: BGSL's Liaison Office, House No. 3, Road No. 2/A, Banani, Dhaka-1213 on 24-08-96 up to 11.00 hours.

6. Date and time of opening of Bid: At 11.15 hours on 24-08-1996.

7. For further information and clarification please contact: Dy. General Manager (Purchase) BGSL, Comilla, Bangladesh. Telex No. 642768 GAS BJ, Fax No. 880-2-886317, Phone No. 5791-958681.

8. BGSL reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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LGRD ministry to expand health related activities: Zillur

The role of the local government institutions would be consolidated further to ensure health services for urban dwellers including those in Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi metropolitan areas, Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman said yesterday, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural session of a day long national workshop on urban primary health care planning, the minister said health related activities under Local Government Ministry would be expanded and strengthened further as the government was committed to the overall welfare of the people, including health services.

The minister emphasised the need for modernisation of urban sanitation and sewerage systems, quick disposal of city garbage and ensuring primary health care to urban slum dwellers.

Sponsored jointly by the Bangladesh government and Asian Development Bank (ADB) and hosted by the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), the inaugural session was also addressed by Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf, State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Syed Abul Hossain, Khulna City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman, Health Secretary Muhammad Ali, Local Government Secretary Syed Alamgir Farook Chowdhury, ADB resident representative Bhanuphol Horayangura, ADB representative Dr Benjamin Loevinsohn, and chief executive officer of DCC Syed Muniruddin.

Held at a city hotel, the inaugural session was chaired by DCC Mayor Mohammad Hanif. Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf said his ministry was prepared to provide technical guidance to the city corporations for strengthening primary health care (PHC) services and developing policies for referral of clients.

Referring to 2,200 slums in Dhaka city alone, he said a policy should be formulated to encourage the most cost-effective use of resources in implementing urban PHC project, LGRD and Cooperative State Minister Syed Abul Hossain suggested social movement and drive under the leadership of city mayors to keep the cities clean.

ADB resident representative Bhanuphol Horayangura said the bank was already late in giving attention to the infrastructure, sanitation and health services problems in the cities, like Dhaka, as by the turn of the century Dhaka would turn into a megacity, creating problems of mega dimensions.

Referring to the forecast that in the beginning of the 21st century, 75 per cent GDP in the Asian states would be contributed by the urban areas, he said it was very difficult to coordinate the efforts of different agencies in city development.

Mayor Hanif, in his presidential speech, said the objective of the workshop was to develop a new approach to deliver PHC in cities, giving emphasis on building capacities of the city corporations and the municipalities, strengthening coordination of different government and non-government agencies and innovation of a new model of contracting out health services to NGOs and the private sector.

Pointing to urban population growth, he said in Dhaka city it was nine per cent per annum. He said, though, there was a well organised health delivery system in the rural areas, in the urban areas such a system could not be established.

Quoting different statistics, he said one-third of the city dwellers lived in unhygienic environment like slums. "These low income group people are out of general health services and they are spending enough money for medicare from time to time," he said.

He added that the ministries of health and local government had adequate infrastructural facilities apart from the services offered by the NGOs, but the people were not getting the required services due to lack of specific policy guidelines and coordination.

Khulna Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman said they had implemented a number of development projects for slum development and improvement of standard of living of the dwellers in his city.

US daily says JS polls have paved way to rev up political society

The recent elections in Bangladesh seems to have been welcomed in the country as an opportunity to start reconstructing a political society, battered for years by murder, coups and scarcely gentler forms of political unrest, the Washington-based independent newspaper, The Washington Post wrote in its July 13 issue, reports BSS.

It said, "For Bangladesh", the recent elections were more than the usual effort to renew national leadership.

The paper mentioned that in this sense, who won and who lost probably was not as important to the future of the country as how victory and defeat were received. "For the winners... the Awami League, whose leader is Sheikh Hasina... the vote produced an opening for reconciliation."

"She recognised the occasion by taking some of the opposition into her government, by undertaking to limit the practice of parliamentarians overseeing the ministries they themselves run and by saying she would let the next election be overseen by a caretaker government," The Washington Post said.

Praising the effort, it said, "This last could be a notable contribution to assuaging opposition fears of government strong-arming... this in a country whose leaders, of all parties, have trampled contemptuously on the process for years."

The Washington Post reported that the leader of the losing Nationalist Party, the now-past Prime Minister, Khaleda Zia, acknowledged a countering obligation for graciousness in defeat and sent the victors a congratulatory floral banquet. The gesture was a hint that the demanding and hitherto alien concept of the loyal opposition may finally be penetrating Bangladesh.

Scholarship

Chhanda Saha Mritu of Magura Government Girls School received primary scholarship in talentpool this year. Mritu is the only daughter of Nirmal Kumar Saha, RE Saikrupa electric supply. \$-361.

Tender Notice

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Description of work: A) Baghabari Power Station repair work with expansion of wing wall of damaged bridge, abatement modifications & extension in single span. B) Baghabari Power Station protection & repair work with filling of twin gear scower hole of damaged bridge. Eligibility of contractor: A' class enlisted contractor firm of Power Development Board. Only those having experience of satisfactory completion of such work worth above this estimate under a single tender can participate in this tender. Estimated cost: A) Tk 49,38,803/50 (forty-nine lakh thirty eight thousand eight hundred three and paise fifty) only; B) Tk 35,11,013/60 (thirty five lakh, eleven thousand thirteen and paise sixty) only. Price of tender: A) Tk 2,000/= (two thousand) only, B) Tk 1,500/= (one thousand five hundred) only — in the form of BD/Pay Order in favour of Deputy Director (Accounts), ZAO, PDB, Bogra. Place & date of tender availability: From Chief Engineer (Generation), Power Development Board, Dhaka/Manager, Sonali Bank, Baghabari Ghat Branch, Sirajganj up to 03-08-96. Date of receiving & opening: 04-08-96 up to 12-00 Noon & on the same day at 12-30 PM. Other terms & conditions and all rules & regulations of tender must be properly complied with.

Executive Engineer (M&C)
Baghabari Power Station
PDB, Baghabari, Sirajganj

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat
Old Airport Building
Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice
(Under the procurement method of Local Competitive Bidding that permits also foreign suppliers to bid)

No: BPSCS/Project-2/8/96/2927 Dated: 9/7/96

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Credit from the "International Development Association" in various currencies towards the cost of project "Institutional Improvement of the Bangladesh Public Service Commission 2nd Phase" (under Credit 2393-BD) and intends to apply, through the Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat, part of the proceeds of this Credit to eligible payments under the contract (s) for which this invitation for Bid is issued. Payment by IDA will be made only at the request of the Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat and upon approval by IDA in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Development Credit Agreement and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of that Agreement. Except as IDA specifically otherwise agree, no party other than the Government of Bangladesh shall derive any rights from the Development Credit Agreement or have any claim to the Credit proceeds.

2. Sealed tenders are invited by the Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat for the goods listed below:

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(3) Computer Brand (Intel pentium-100 MHz, 16 MB)	... 2 Nos.
(4) Computer Brand (Intel pentium-100 MHz, 16 MB)	... 3 Nos.
(5) Network Adapter Card	... 4 Nos.
(6) Cable & Connector for three Computers (as required)	...
(7) Laser Printer (color) (600x600 dpi) IBM Compatible	... 1 No.
(8) Dot-Matrix printer: 440 cps (B/W)	... 2 Nos.
(9) Inkjet (color) Printer: 6-9 PPM	... 2 Nos.
(10) Optical Mark Reader (OMR)	... 1 No.
(11) Air-Conditioners 2400 BTU/Hour	... 4 Nos.
(12) Power Protectors	... 5 Nos.
(13) UPS for Computer 500 VA	... 8 Nos.
(14) Accessories: Dust cover for different equipments	... 48 Nos.
(15) Continuous Paper for Computer 136 col & 80 col & H. P Laser printer's paper	... 30 Box
(16) Data Switch (4:1 auto)	... 20 Box
(17) Software	... 5 Nos.
	... 17 Types

and the Services associated with the above as listed below:
(i) Performance or supervision of on-site assembly and/or start-up of the supplied goods;
(ii) Performance or supervision or maintenance and/or repair of the supplied goods, where applicable, for a period of time to be agreed by the parties.

3. The goods are grouped by trade into 17 bid packages; consequently, a bidder can bid for up to 17 lots.

4. Tender will be received up to 11.00 hours on 30-07-96 at the above office and will be opened on 11.30 A.M. the same day.

5. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2 per cent (two %) of the bid amount and must be delivered to the above office not later than 30-07-96. The bid security must have to be deposited in favour of the Project Director, "Institutional Improvement of the Bangladesh Public Service Commission 2nd Phase".

6. Goods will be delivered on the basis of "Clean Delivery" to the project site (office of the Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat) not later than 25-08-96.

7. The purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the grounds for the purchaser's action.

8. A complete set of the Tender Documents (in English) may be purchased by any interested eligible Bidder on submission of a written application to the undersigned and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk. 300 (Tk. three hundred) or US \$ 8 (United States Dollar eight). The Documents comprise 11 pages including pages of Technical Specifications. This Invitation for Bids is open to all suppliers from the IDA member countries, Switzerland, Taiwan, China, other than Israel. No Tender Documents will be sold on the day of bid opening.

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Retirement protested

Over 50 writers, teachers, intellectuals and journalists living abroad have protested the forced retirement of poet Saifullah Mahmood Dulal from his job with 'protrudh' at Ansar headquarters, reports BSS.

In a statement in the city yesterday the signatories said that Dulal's forced retirement was inhuman, unjust and undemocratic in nature.

The signatories to the statement include poet Shahid Qadri, Dr Jiyoti Prakash Dutta, Dr Sajed Kamal, Dr Abul Momen, Dr Abdun Noor, Dr Nahid Hasan of the Harvard University, Dr Sayed Abu Hasan of Boston University, Dr Shaikh Abul Hussain of the Harvard University, Dr Hasan Mamun, Dr Biman Das Basu, Hasan Ferous, Dr Nurun Nabi, Dr Mahmudul Hasan and Md Kabiruddin.

BCL Ctg unit urges govt to arrest terrorists

CHITTAGONG, July 15: Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) city unit today urged the government to arrest terrorists irrespective of party affiliation to eradicate terrorism and ensure security to life, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at its Darool Fazal Market office, president of the unit Mafizur Rahman alleged that immediately after the formation of the government headed by Sheikh Hasina a certain political party was out to undermine the democratic process and disrupt law and order situation in the country.

Mafizur Rahman said, it is the first and foremost responsibility of the government to round up all criminals for improving law and order situation in the country.

Death anniversary

The first death anniversary of eminent scientist Emdad Hussain will be observed tomorrow.

Emdad Hussain served as Member of the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission and Director General of Atomic Energy Research Establishment (AERE). He was also director of the Institute of Scientific Instrumentation (ISI) and of the University Grants Commission.

A milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayers at his residence at 'Monticello', 302/2 Shamoli, Dhaka.



Police failed a bid to steal construction materials from the National Museum in the city yesterday. — Star photo

179 rounded up

Police rounded up 179 persons on various charges from the city's different parts during the last 24 hours till 6 pm yesterday, reports UNB.

Twenty six of them were arrested on warrants and 37 others for regular cases. Legal actions were taken against all of them, said a DMP press release.

Muzammel visits edn centre for handicapped at Tongi

State Minister for Social Welfare and Women and Children's Affairs Dr Muzammel Hossain yesterday directed the officials to work with honesty and sincerity for smooth running and maintenance of government institutions, reports BSS.

The state minister said this while visiting the "Education and Rehabilitation for the Physically Handicapped" Centre under Social Welfare Department at Tongi. The minister directed the concerned officials to take proper care of the government assets and properties, a PID handout said.

Dr Hossain went round different sections of the institution, including tailoring, mechanical and artificial limbs production sections of the centre. He showed keen interest in the plastic goods production unit of the centre. The unit is equipped with modern machinery and has been earning along with imparting training to the physically handicapped persons.

ROK envoy meets Nurul Islam

Ambassador of the Republic of South Korea in Bangladesh Jong Kyoo Byun called on State Minister for Religious Affairs Maulana Mohammad Nurul Islam at the latter's office yesterday, reports UNB.

The Ambassador discussed matters of bilateral interest with particular reference to the setting up of an export processing zone at Chittagong with Korean initiative.

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