

PM hears tales of grief-stricken people

Who says you are helpless — We are with you, said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, consoling a grief-stricken father, Abdul Khaleque, who along with 17 others came to Muktagan yesterday evening during the Meet-the-Commoners session to tell her their tales of woes and sorrows, reports BSS.

Abdul Khaleque of Dharmapur under Daganbhuiyan thana of Feni district came to seek justice for the killing of his son Nasruddin by political opponents during the non-cooperation movement. Before narrating the tragic tale, Abdul Khaleque was lost in tears as he approached the Prime Minister, who helped the lamenting father to be seated on a sofa beside her.

Abdul Khaleque in tears told the Prime Minister that miscreants did not stop after killing his son. They were out to annihilate him and his family members for seeking justice for the killing of his son.

The killers are threatening him, saying, "Withdraw the case or face death." Khaleque informed the Prime Minister that miscreants had burnt and destroyed his shop as a pressure tactic to force him to withdraw the case.

The Prime Minister instructed the authorities concerned to take necessary actions for expediting the case and ensure a fair trial.

Not only Abdul Khaleque, the other visitors from across the country, made the Muktagan — the sanctum, overcast with grief when they narrated their grievances to the Prime Minister one by one. From an octogenarian widow of a mar-



Artist Hashem Khan seen addressing a discussion on SM Sultan's second death anniversary organised by Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Week-long IIT course ends

The week-long short course on "automatic control and applications" organised by the Department of Mechanical and Chemical Engineering of Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT) ended yesterday, reports BSS.

Prof Dr AM Patwari, Director General of the Institute distributed the certificates among the participants as chief guest.

CU exams schedule

CHITTAGONG, Oct 10: The second year BBA (Honours) examination-1995 of the Department of Finance, Chittagong University will begin on November 4 next with examinations of first, second, third and 4th papers of the first year BBA (Integrated) Honours course of the year 1995. Department of English will begin on November 11 next, reports BSS.

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Students' rally in the city yesterday to mark the death anniversary of Shaheed Jihad. — Star photo

Sadek opens biennial confce of BPA

Education Minister A S H K Sadek yesterday underlined the importance of psychology as a subject to develop human resource in the society, reports BSS.

"A country which can utilise its human resources in a planned way will always forge ahead of others in the field of development," Sadek said while inaugurating a three-day ninth biennial conference of Bangladesh Psychology Association (BPA) at the Teachers Student Centre (TSC) auditorium here.

Chaired by Col (ret'd) Rahamat Ali, Vice-President of the Association, the function was addressed, among others, by Prof Mohd Rawshan Ali and A N M Saleh, General Secretary of the Association.

Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, attended the function as special guest.

IPDC board meet held

The 47th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Industrial Promotion and Development Company of Bangladesh Limited (IPDC) was held yesterday under the Chairmanship of M Akhtar Ali, Secretary, Ministry of Industries, reports BSS.

An IPDC press release said the board approved investments of Tk 40 million for the expansion of an existing PVC pipe manufacturing unit, Tk 45 m for setting up a modern state of the Art Pharmaceutical manufacturing plant as expansion of an existing pharmaceutical company and Tk 12.5 m for balancing and modernisation of an existing plastic based industrial wrapping manufacturing unit. The board also approved an investment of Tk 20 m for a proposed housing finance company in the private sector in which a number of other banks, financial institutions and corporate bodies are expected to participate.

What's on today....

Award Giving Ceremony: Chhollomu Khelaghar Asar will distribute prizes among winners of the child-juvenile cultural competition held earlier. Venue: Indian High Commission Cultural Centre, 754, Sat Masjid road (4th floor), Dhanmondi. Time: 5 pm.

Lecture on Psychotherapy in Bangladesh: The Professor Mofassiluddin Ahmed Trust Fund Lecture '96 will be held. Venue: The Auditorium of the Society. Time: 4 pm.

Tenth Literary Confce: A two-day award giving ceremony and literary conference organised by Faridpur Culture and Literature Development Organisation will be held. Venue: Jasimuddin Hall, DU. Time: 4 pm.

Rotaract Club of Uttara: The 4th installation ceremony of the club will be held. Venue: Rotary Centre, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 5 pm.

IBA Alumni Association: The annual get-together, AGM and election will be held. Chief Guest: A K Azad Chowdhury. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 10:30 am.

Seminar on Participatory Dev, Employment: A seminar organised jointly by DORP (Development Organisation of Rural Poor) and BGSF (Bangladesh Garments Sramik Federation) will be held. Chief guest: M A Manna. Venue: VIP Lounge, National Press Club. Time: 3:30 pm.

Memorial Meet: A memorial meet on Comrade Mansur Hobbullah, an anti-imperialist leader and organiser of Tachhaga movement, will be held. Venue: Engineers' Institution, Ramna. Time: 5 pm.

Science Fair '96: Oxford International School's Science Fair '96 will open. Venue: School premise. Time: 2 pm.

Ananya Literary Award: Dr Nilima Ibrahim will receive Ananya Literary Award worth Tk 50,000. Chief: Begum Sulfa Kamal. Venue: National Museum's child auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm.

190 tele lines in Nilkhet to be restored by Monday

Some 190 telephone lines in the city's Nilkhet exchange which went out of order due to underground cable problem, will be restored by Monday, reports UNB.

BES apex body

Bangladesh Entomological Society (BES) at its third biennial conference held here recently elected a 17 member office bearers, reports BSS.

Dr M A Hamid Miah, Member-Director (Crops), BARC and Prof M Zinnatul Alam, Department of Entomology, Institute of Post Graduate Studies in Agriculture at Gazipur, were elected President and General Secretary respectively of the new executive council of BES for 1997 and 1998, a press release said.

ROK frigates arrive in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Oct 10: Two frigates and a training ship of the Republic of Korea Navy arrived here today on a four-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Commanded by Rear Admiral Or Seung Yull, the Korean Navy Flotilla included 74 officers, 165 cadets and 401 sailors. Korean Navy Flotilla Commander Rear Admiral Or Seung Yull, accompanied by the Commanding Officers of the ships, called on the Commodore Commanding, Chittagong, Commodore Commanding BN Flotilla and Commodore Superintendent BN Dockyard immediately after their arrival here.

They are also scheduled to call on the local Area Commander of the Bangladesh Army and Air Officers Commanding of the BAF Base Zahurul Haque here.

Other programmes included visits to the Bangladesh Naval Academy at Patenga, BNS Shaheed Moazzem at Kaptai and some of the naval ships and repair facilities here.

The visiting ships company will take part in friendly football match with the local BN Flotilla team. Besides, they will visit the Chittagong Export Processing Zone and the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Nasirabad.

Earlier, a frigate of the Bangladesh Navy accorded them warm welcome on their arrival at Bangladesh territory and escorted them to Chittagong harbour where they were greeted by Korean Ambassador in Bangladesh Jong Kyou Byun.

SPGRC seeks relief camp in Mirpur

The stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (SPGRC) on Wednesday sought assistance from the NGOs to help reconstruction of the gutted Kurmitola Relief camp in Mirpur, reports UNB.

In a press release issued in city yesterday, SPGRC leader Nasim Khan said a devastating fire broke out at the camp in Mirpur-12 Tuesday, that left 500 families homeless.

Weather

Weather may remain dry

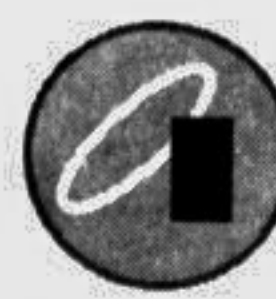
Weather is likely to remain mainly dry across the country except chance of light rain at one or two places over Khulna and Barisal divisions in the next 24 hours till 6 pm Friday, reports UNB.

Met Office says day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period throughout the country.

In its outlook for subsequent two days weathermen forecast little change.

Country's highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna and the lowest 19.5 degrees at Srimangal.

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