

**AL leader's killing slated**

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Mohammad Noor Uddin Khan yesterday condemned the killing of Azimuddin, an Awami League leader of Polish in Narsingdi district, reports UNB.

In a condolence message, the minister demanded exemplary punishment of the killers.

He conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members of the deceased and prayed for salvation of the departed souls.

**Peace Council GS off to Mexico City**

Ali Akhsad, General Secretary of Bangladesh Peace Council and Kazi Abdul Quayum left Dhaka on Sunday to attend world assembly for peace in Mexico City organised by the World Peace Council, says a press release.

A five-day conference beginning tomorrow will continue till Oct 27, the press release added.



Parents and guardians of the students of Motijheel Ideal School and College brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding punishment of the teachers responsible for the attack on the principal recently. —Star photo

**Killing of young man DU VC's directive to improve security at Fine Arts Instt**

Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury yesterday visited the Institute of Fine Arts to see for himself the campus situation, following the killing of an unidentified young man there October 20, reports UNB.

The VC inquired about the incident and directed the authorities concerned to take some security measures there immediately, said a DU press release.

Prof Chowdhury asked them to make necessary arrangements for proper lighting and raising the existing boundary-wall of the Art Institute. He also directed the college authorities to restrict entry to the premises to valid ID-card holders.

Proctor of the university, Dr A K M Nur-Un-Nabi was also present.

**Mayor's call to work unitedly**

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mohammad Hanif yesterday urged all to work unitedly to materialise the dream of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman through maintaining the existing communal harmony in the country, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a prize-distribution ceremony of Arati, drum beating and pratima competition at Rayar Bazar here the Mayor said the members of all religions were given the rights of performing their religious rights during the rule of Bangabandhu.

The present government, he said, was committed to maintain the trend.

**New British envoy presents credentials**

The holding of a free and fair parliamentary election on June 12 marked a new era of democracy in Bangladesh, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed told the new British envoy in Dhaka Monday, reports UNB.

The newly appointed British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, David Critchlow Walker, presented his credentials to President Ahmed at Bangabhaban.

Reciprocating, David Critchlow Walker said the British government greatly welcomed the political and economic reforms that have taken place in Bangladesh in recent times.

"Britain remains fully committed to assisting in economic and social development of Bangladesh," he said.

**What's on today . . .**

**Seminar on networking:** A two-day national seminar on "Networking of trade related institutions in Asia and the Pacific," jointly organised by BIDS, ESCAP and UNDP will be inaugurated. Chief guest: Minister of Commerce and Industries Tofael Ahmed. Venue: NEC auditorium. Time: 10:30 am.

**Meena bazar:** A week-long meena bazar of Bangladeshi handicraft, organised by Sonargaon Pan Pacific Hotel in association with Women's Voluntary Association, will be inaugurated. Chief guest: State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Syed Abul Hossain. Venue: Hotel premises. Time: 10 am.

**Seminar on cancer:** The Dhaka Community Hospital has arranged a seminar on cancer. Two specialists from Thakurpukur Cancer Hospital, Calcutta, will present papers on "Early cancer cases in clinical practices" and "Role of psychopathology in cancer diagnosis" respectively. Venue: Hospital premises, 1089, Malibagh Chowdhury Para. Time: 11 am.

**Science lecture:** A lecture on "Water and population—Bangladesh context" will be delivered by Prof Syed Zahir Haidar, Department of Chemistry, DU, as part of a lecture series on popular science, organised by the National Science and Technology Museum. Venue: Museum auditorium, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 4:15 pm.

**BIAM certificate-giving ceremony:** Certificates will be distributed among participants of the 2nd English language training course, organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management. Chief guest: Cabinet Secretary Syed Ahmed. Venue: BIAM Bhaban, 63 New Eskaton. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Lecture on media autonomy:** On the occasion of its 42nd anniversary, the Jatiya Press Club has arranged a lecture on "The issue of autonomy of radio and television." Journalist Mahfuzullah will present the key-note paper. Venue: Jatiya Press Club. Time: 4 pm.

**Rotary Club of Dhaka South:** The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 5:30 pm.

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**Exchange programme between DU, French varsities soon**

France Lasnier, counsellor for cultural, scientific and technical affairs of the French Embassy in Dhaka, paid a courtesy call on Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University at his office yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interests including exchange of teachers, researchers and experts between the University of Dhaka, and the universities and organisations of France. The bilateral programme would cover doctoral and post-doctoral studies of the Dhaka University teachers in France. The programme may be implemented from next year, said a press release of the university.

**Zillur visits puja mandap**

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman visited different puja mandaps in the city on Monday night, reports UNB.

He went round different parts of Ramkrishna Mission Moth and talked to the Hindu devotees. The chief of the mission was present.

**Cultural body formed**

**By Staff Correspondent**  
A new cultural organisation titled Sarnali '73 has been floated in the city recently. The 1973 batch students of Gandaria High School is a meeting held at Kisholaya Kachi Kachar Mela premises with journalist Omar Faruque in the chair, decided to form this organisation.

A forty-member convening committee has also been constituted with Omar Faruque, Kayes Ahmed and Saleh Ahmed, Nasiruzzaman Khan Shahin and Saiful Ameen Anu as its convenor, joint convenors, Member-Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The other members of the committee include Sayed Hossain, Dr Masud Ahmed, Samarendra Chakravorty Apu, Golam Mustafá, Alamgir Hossain, Dr Dipak, Romy and Minto.

**LDF for terrorism resistance bodies at local level**

**By Staff Correspondent**  
The Left Democratic Front and its allies, including the Gano Forum, have jointly called upon the government to take initiative for constituting national and local level terrorism resistance committees, comprising representatives from all political parties. The call came yesterday following a series of discussions on the socio-political and economic implications of terrorism, by the leaders of the six-party Left Democratic Front, Gano Forum, Ganotantri Party, Communist Kendra and Gano Azadi League.

**First class first**

Md Shahadat Hossain, s/o Zaynal Abedin and Alaya Abedin stood first class first in MSS (Final) examination of 1993 (held in 1995) in Sociology from the University of Dhaka, says a press release. He also stood first class first in BSS (Hons) examination of 1992 (held in 1994) in Sociology from the same University.

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