

Metropolitan



Bangla Academy organised a cultural function in observance of Pahela Baishakh on its premises Monday. — Star photo

Call to uphold Bangali culture, nationalism

State Minister of Information Prof Abu Sayeed on Monday urged all to adhere to the commitment of Bangali new year through upholding Bangali nationalism, language and culture, reports BSS.

"There is a clique which is out to divide our nation through an evil design," he said, with an appeal to all to resist it at any cost in the greater national interest.

He was addressing as the chief guest a function of baith (mystic) songs, organised by the Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) celebrating Pahela Baishakh. DRU president, Shafiqul Kabir chaired the function while Mostafa Firoz Depu, general secretary of DRU, spoke on the occasion.

Later, a team of bauls, led by Haul Sarkar, presented songs.

Pahela Baishakh celebrated in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Apr 15: Pahela Baishakh, marking the first day of the Bangla new year, was celebrated in the city and elsewhere in the district yesterday with traditional enthusiasm and fanfare, reports BSS.

The DC Hill at Nandankanan was turned into a vast human sea as hundreds of people of all ages thronged there at dawn to welcome the Bangla new year by singing, "Esho Hey Baishakh Esho Esho".

Different political parties, socio-cultural, juvenile and literary organisations and professional bodies, celebrated Pahela Baishakh through elaborate programmes.

A colourful rally under the auspices of Sammilita Pahela Baishakh Uddjapan Parishad was brought out from DC Hill Park.

Astami Snan observed

Hundreds of Hindu devotees, including men, women and children, yesterday dipped into the River Brahmaputra, for Astami Snan, seeking divine blessings, reports BSS.

The Astami Snan took place in 12 ghats on the river including Rajghat, Kalighat, Annapurna and Premtoli at Langabandh under Bandar police station of Narayanganj district.

Other programmes of the day included kirtan, basanti puja, mela (fair), devotional songs and feeding of destitutes.

The Narayanganj district administration and Hindu Welfare Kalyan Trust provided water, electricity supply, health and sanitation services for the devotees who gathered to take the ritual bath.



Sonargaon Pan Pacific Hotel accorded a grand reception to the Bangladesh cricket team on Monday. Members of the ICC Trophy-winning team were welcomed with bouquets by hotel officials on arrival.

'Govt to build multi-storey buildings for slum-dwellers

Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim on Sunday said the government has taken up comprehensive programmes to permanently rehabilitate slum-dwellers and at the same time stop migration of village people towards the city through bringing about revolutionary changes in the socio-economic pattern of rural life, reports BSS.

Nasim, who is also in charge of the Ministry of Public Works, said that under the programme, the government would construct multi-storey buildings for the slum people.

The minister was speaking as chief guest at the distribution ceremony of cash relief among the affected families, who were victimised during the recent eviction attempt of Bashantek slum in the city. The function was organised by the Government and Proshika Human Development Centre. Under the Bashantek Slum Relief and Rehabilitation Programme Implementation Committee, arrangements were made to distribute Taka ten lakh among two thousand affected families, each getting Taka five hundred in cash.

Of the total amount, Proshika donated Taka six lakh, Ministry of Jute and Textiles Taka two lakh, while Mizanur Rahman Mizan, a contractor related to the development activities of the area, donated Tk two lakh.

Cricketers offered more gifts

By Staff Correspondent
More companies and organisations have announced gifts in honour of the members of Bangladesh cricket team.

The 6th ICC Trophy champion Bangladesh cricket team has been invited to visit the Sundarbans, the abode of Royal Bengal Tigers, by the Sundarbans Forest Division.

The management board of Bangladesh Lions Foundation (BLF) has decided to extend life-long free ophthalmological treatment to the members of the team and their families at the BLF Lions Eye Hospital in the city.

Ratans' Dental Clinic will provide free treatment of dental problems for all the members of the team.

Islamic Trade and Commerce Limited, a private company, yesterday announced that it will present a refrigerator to each member of Bangladesh Cricket Team.

Dexterous Consultant Ltd will provide free architectural design for the house of each member of the team.

Meanwhile, Jatiya Janata Party will accord a reception to the team soon. This was decided at a meeting held in the city yesterday with its president Sheikh Asad in the chair.

Adult literacy programme launched

The Department of Non-Formal Education of Primary and Mass Education Division has launched an adult literacy programme in 41 thanas of 30 districts, reports UNB.

Some 3.60 lakh people, aged between 11 and 45, would be educated under the programme to be implemented by 99 non-government organisations.

Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof Zinatunnessa Talukder disclosed this while inaugurating a day-long orientation course of NGO representatives and concerned officials on implementation of the programme at Planning and Development Academy in the city yesterday.

Prof Zinatunnessa further said that the government has undertaken programme to raise adult literacy rate to 70 per cent by the year 2000, said a PID handout.

The adult literacy rate is only 44.30 per cent, although, about 95 per cent children of the country have been enrolled in primary schools, she stated.

"The NGOs could play a pivotal role in raising the adult literacy rate," the minister said, adding that success in all the fields could be achieved gradually if the nation is freed from the curse of illiteracy.

Singaporean FM visits Savar

The visiting Foreign and Law Minister of Singapore, Prof S Jayakumar yesterday placed wreaths at the Jatiya Surti Soudha at Savar, reports BSS.

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অগ্রিম : টাকালি পাণ্ডা স্ট্রিট
অন্যদের পক্ষে বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Office of the Director, CEMSU, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229

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বিমান বন্দর পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন

Notice Inviting Tender No. CEMSU: 13/96-97

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the C&F Agents for appointment of C&F Agent to clear materials from Chittagong Sea Port/Air Freight Unit, ZIA, Kurmitola, Dhaka/ICD, Kamalapur/GPO, Dhaka in connection with the import of various spares and machineries required by the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh which will be received up to 12.00 Noon on 24/4/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the tenderers or their representatives (if any).

Bank Draft/Pay Order amounting to Tk. 15,000/- (Taka fifteen thousand) only (Refundable) should be enclosed along with the tender schedule as earnest money drawn on any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director, CEMSU, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.

Tender papers and schedule of items and other terms and conditions may be had from office of the Member (Ops. & Plans), Member (Finance), Chief Engineer, Director (Finance) of CAAB HQ, Director, ZIA and Cash Section of the office of the Director, CEMSU, Dhaka during office hours on payment of Tk. 1,000/- (Taka one thousand) only (non-refundable). The intending tenderers may apply in their letter heads to the Member (Ops. & Plans), Member (Finance), Chief Engineer, Director (Finance) of CAAB HQ, Director, ZIA and Director, CEMSU for purchase of tender documents. No tender paper will be issued on the date fixed for opening of tender. Other terms and conditions can be seen in the office of the Director, CEMSU.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender or part thereof or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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ADMISSIONS

Applications are invited for admission into
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- BS in Computer Science
- BS in Economics
- BA & BS in Environmental Studies

Admission test

Friday, 02 May 1997
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Admissions Office, NSU Main Campus,
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Bata

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 25th Annual General Meeting of Bata Shoe Co. (Bangladesh) Limited will be held at Dhamrai Factory, Dhaka, on Tuesday 3rd June 1997 at 10.30 a.m. to transact the following business:

- To receive, consider and adopt the Directors' Report for the year ended 31st December, 1996.
- To receive, consider and adopt the audited accounts of the Company and the Auditors' Report thereon for the year ended 31st December, 1996.
- To declare Dividend as recommended by the Directors.
- To elect Directors.
- To appoint Auditors for the year 1997 and fix their remuneration.
- To transact with the permission of the Chairman any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

By order of the Board
Dhaka
April 12, 1997
M. Saiduzzaman
Company Secretary

Notes:

- The Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from 4th May, 1997 to 3rd June, 1997 both days inclusive, and during that period no transfer of shares will be effected.
- A member eligible to attend and vote at the General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend the meeting and vote on his/her behalf.
- Form of Proxy, duly completed, must be deposited at the Company's Registered Office at least 48 (forty-eight) hours before the appointed time for the Meeting.

What's on today . . .

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

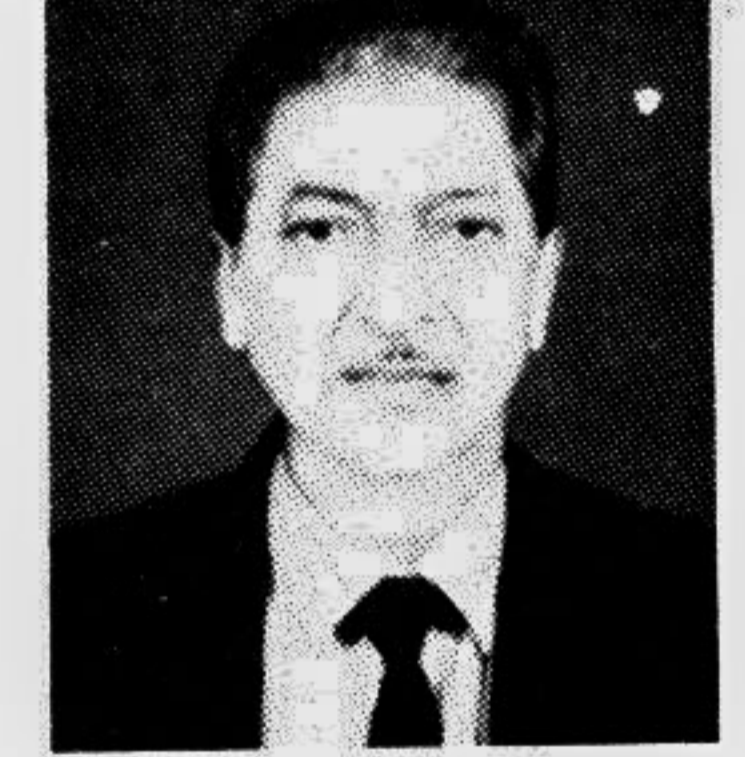
Plan of action on safe blood transfusion submitted

A plan of action on safe blood transfusion, prepared by the blood transfusion sub-committee of the National AIDS Committee, has been submitted to the Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf, reports UNB.

Chairman of the sub-committee, Maj Gen A S M Matur Rahman, submitted the document to the minister at a meeting held at the conference room of the ministry yesterday, said an official handout.

Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Planning Mohammad Ali and the members concerned of the committee were present.

The minister said the government would take necessary steps to implement the plan for the welfare of the common people.



Obituary

Mohammad Nurul Islam, founder director of Peoples Ceramic Industries Ltd and Standard Ceramic Industries Ltd., died on April 14 at a city clinic. He was 70, says a press release.

Islam left behind his wife, two sons and two daughters.

His namaj-e-janaza will be held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Asr prayers today. Later, he will be buried at Banani graveyard.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS

Nominations in prescribed forms are invited from the eligible shareholders expressing his/her willingness to contest the election of Directors from the public shareholders in the next Annual General Meeting to be held as per the following schedule:

Date of election : 18 June 1997
Time of election : 4:00 p.m.
Place of election : Ball Room of Sonargaon
Number of Directors to be elected : 2 (two)

Nomination forms and criteria for qualification of Directors are available at the Registered Office of the Company. The nomination form duly completed and signed along with relevant supporting papers confirming the fact that he/she is not otherwise disqualified to become a director of a general insurance company should reach the Registered Office of the company by 14 May 1997.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FAKHRUDDIN AHMED, M.Com., FCMA, FCA
SECRETARY

16 April 1997

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority
Marine Maintenance & Operation Department
141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000

Appointment Notice

Applications are invited from Bangladesh nationals for appointment to the vacant post of Wireless Operator of Marine-Maintenance & Operation Department.

Sl. No.	Pay Scale	Age	Educational Qualification
1.	1550-100-EB-105-3405/=	18-30	SSC with Trade certificate or equivalent certificate from Armed Forces with 2nd grade Wireless Operating certificate.

- Self hand-written application of the candidate should reach the Director (M-M&O), BIWTA Bhaban (10th floor), 141-143, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 by 15-5-97.
- The following information should be given in the application:
 - Name of post
 - Full name of applicant
 - Father's/husband's name
 - Postal address
 - Permanent address
 - Name of home district
 - Date of birth
 - Age, should be between 18-30 on 15-5-97
 - Educational qualification
 - Experience (if any).
- Attested copy of the undermentioned papers should be attached with the application.
 - Educational qualification & experience certificates.
 - Recent 3 (three) copies passport size photograph.
 - One 10"x4" candidate's self addressed envelope affixed with proper postage stamp.
 - Nationality certificate from Union Parishad Chairman/first class gazetted officer.
 - Crossed Postal Order for Tk 20/= in favour of BIWTA, Dhaka.
 - No advance copy/application received late will be considered. Candidates in service should apply through proper channel.

Md Anjad Hossain
Assistant Secretary (Admin)
Marine-Maintenance & Operation
Department, BIWTA, Dhaka.

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Weather

Thundershower likely

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind may occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Kushia and Jossore regions during the next 12 hours, reports UNB.

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country, according to the Met Office.

Slight rise in day temperature is expected across the country. In an outlook for the next two days, weathermen predicted a little change while in the subsequent five days weather is likely to deteriorate.

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Tender Notice

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide and established firms for purchase of Micro Computers with its necessary peripherals/accessories for Principal Branch & International Division of Agrani Bank. Vendors meeting the following requirements may apply to the undersigned during office hours from 10-04-97 to 24-04-97 on payment of Tk 200/- (two hundred) only by Pay Order/Bank Draft (non-refundable) for purchase of tender schedule for supply and installation of Micro Computers and its peripherals/accessories. Tender will be opened on 27-04-97 at 3:00 PM in the office of the undersigned by the Tender Committee in presence of tenderers (If any).

The tenderers shall have to submit earnest money covering 2.5% (two and half per cent) of total quoted value in the form of Bank Draft/ Pay Order from any scheduled bank favouring Agrani Bank, Head Office, Dhaka along with tender schedule. Tender without earnest money will not be accepted.

- The Vendor must be an authorised dealer of a well-known brand name product with minimum 2 (two) years experience of marketing of such products in Bangladesh.
- Vendor must have fully equipped office in Bangladesh with a proven record of supplying and installing large number of computer systems.
- Vendors should have qualified maintenance support team and facilities in Dhaka and outside Dhaka.

The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Majedur Rahman
Deputy General Manager