



Communist Party of Bangladesh brought out a protest demanding security of workers in garment factories.

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DMCH facing shortage of interns due to session jam

The Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) is suffering from shortage of intern doctors due to session jam, reports BSS.

According to available information, the hospital has been running without adequate number of interns for the last two months as the last batch of these doctors finished their internship in June. Only those who passed four months later of the last batch are now in the hospital as interns. The students who were scheduled to appear at the final MBBS examination in January this year, took the exams in May due to session jam. Their examination results are yet to be published.

Due to the shortage of doctors, normal activities of various units of DMCH, specially the casualty, pediatrics and surgery units, are facing problems.

The professors, assistant professors, registrars, assistant registrars, medical officers and the honorary doctors have to bear extra burden. The patients who come for treatment specially at night, suffer the most.

The results of the final MBBS examination are expected to be published later this month and placement of the new doctors in the hospital may take some more time.

'Scent of flowers can wash out smell of gunpowder from varsity campuses'

Fragrance of flowers can wash out the smell of gunpowder if the campuses of educational institutions are turned into greenery through planting trees, reports UNB.

This was stated by Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury yesterday while inaugurating a tree-planting programme on the Dhaka University campus on the occasion of National Tree Plantation Week.

She said the country's highest seat of learning could be endowed with green plants at the joint initiative of the university authorities, students and teachers, the minister said, emphasising the utility of trees in adding beauty to nature.

Educated people can play active role in afforestation programme for solving problems like environmental degradation, preservation of flora and fauna, and alleviation of poverty, she observed.

"We have got immense natural resources including the world's largest mangrove forest, the Sundarbans," Sajeda Chowdhury said, asserting her government's firm commitment to build a self-reliant Bangladesh through proper utilisation of all resources.

She, however, regretted that country's forest resources were squeezing because of rampant felling of trees that affected the environment of urban areas.

Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury and Pro-VC Shahiduddin also attended the programme, arranged jointly by Forest Department and Plantation Committee of Dhaka University.

Theatre Art drama week begins

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad said the government is determined to pave the way for free exercise of culture in the country by removing deterrents, report agencies.

"Any evil effort to hinder the advancement in our national life will have to be resisted," he said.

The Foreign Minister was inaugurating a drama week, organised to celebrate the founding anniversary of Theatre Art at Guide House auditorium in the city yesterday.

Among others, Group Theatre Federation chairman Nasiruddin Yusuf Bacchu, Syed Shamsul Haque and Golam Quddus addressed the inaugural.

BBC official due in city today

Elizabeth Wright, the head of Asia and the Pacific Region of the British Broadcasting Corporation, arrives in the city today on a four-day visit, reports UNB.

This will be the first trip by a senior BBC official to Bangladesh in last seven years.

During her stay in the city, Wright will meet President Shahabuddin Ahmed, members of the Cabinet and senior officials of the government, according to a press release.

She will also open the new BBC bureau office at Dhanshiri Apartment Complex at 35 In-dia Road in the city.

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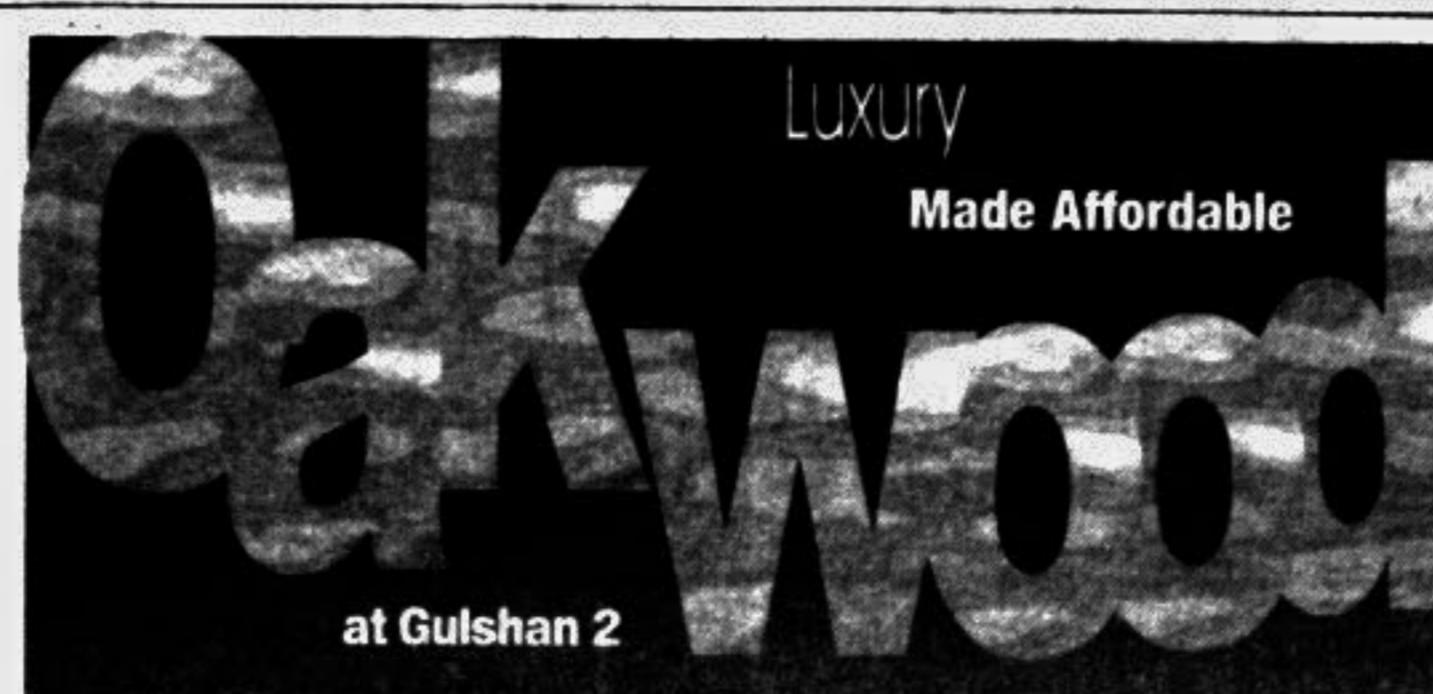
Memorial lecture: Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury National Memorial Council has arranged a lecture on 'pledges of the Liberation War, march of democracy and economic development in today's perspective'. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 5 pm.

Seminar: Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh have organised a seminar on 'The Estimation and Policy Implications of the Underground Economy: The case for Bangladesh'. Venue: DCCI auditorium, 65-66 Motijheel C/A, 5th floor. Time: 3 pm. Chief guest: Finance Minister.

Film show: 'Rich and Strange' and 'The Secret Agent' by Alfred Hitchcock will be screened. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 4 pm and 6 pm respectively.

Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Officers Club. Time: 5:15 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30 pm.



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