

**Hasina visits AL, Krishak League leaders at CMH**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday visited injured Awami League leader and freedom fighter Havildar (Retd) Hazi Abdul Malek at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH), reports UNB.

Malek, Gunabati Union Awami League president, who was seriously injured in an attack by Jamaat-Shibir terrorists on July 28, is undergoing treatment at the CMH. His right hand was chopped off by the terrorists, party sources said.

The Prime Minister also visited Rangpur Gangachhara Krishak League secretary Shahidur Rahman, who is under treatment at the CMH. He was seriously injured in a road accident.

Col (Retd) Shawkat Ali, MP, Mujibul Huq, MP, and Army Chief Lt Gen Habibur Rahman were present during the visit of the Prime Minister.

**DRU criticises Nat'l Press Club managing body**

Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) yesterday criticised the managing committee of Jatiya Press Club for allowing the workers and leaders of a particular political party to use the club for enforcing their day-long hartal programme on Aug 24, reports BSS.

"This has not only tarnished the neutral image of the press club but also endangered the security of the journalists," a DRU press release issued after its executive committee meeting said.

It added: "When most of the journalists are not even allowed to enter the press club due to its so-called rules and regulations, the liberal attitude of the club management in allowing the leaders and workers of a particular party to use the club facilities has proved that it (managing committee) is more interested in protecting the interest of the particular party than that of the journalists."

**T&T to disconnect illegal phone lines**

The T&T Board will disconnect more unauthorised lines in the capital, the port city of Chittagong and other parts of the country under its ongoing illegal line disconnection drive, reports UNB.

According to a T&T press release, some subscribers in the capital, Chittagong city and different parts of the country are illegally using direct telephone lines as PABX junction lines.

These unauthorised lines across the country are being disconnected by the board. It sought cooperation of all in maintaining a smooth telephone system in the country.

**Qulkhwani**

The qulkhwani of Major (ret'd) M A Hamid will be held today after Asr prayers at his residence at Old DOHS (House: 90, Rd: 6/C) in the city, reports BSS.

Hamid, 75, died of heart attack on Aug 24 at the CMH, Dhaka.

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

**Muktijuddho Jadughar:** Deben Bhattacharya, a renowned music collector and researcher from India, will hand over tapes of folk songs recorded by him at various refugee camps during the 1971 Liberation War of Bangladesh. Venue: Jadughar premises, 5 Segun Bagicha. Time: 5 pm.

**Workshop:** A workshop on 'extent of foreign exchange liberalisation and how the business community can benefit out of it' will be held. Organisers: Standard Chartered Bank and Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI). Venue: DCCI auditorium, 65-66 Motijheel C/A. Time: 3 pm.

**Shilpakala Academy:** A discussion and musical programme will be held in observance of the 21st death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Venue: Academy auditorium. Time: 5 pm.

**Bangla Academy:** A discussion commemorating the death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam will be held. It will be followed by presentation of Nazrul songs. Venue: Academy seminar room. Time: 10 am.

**Shishu Academy:** A discussion and cultural function commemorating the death anniversary of Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam will be held. Venue: Academy premises. Time: 4:30 pm.

**Bulbul Lalitakala Academy:** A discussion and musical programme marking the death anniversary of Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam will be held. Venue: Academy auditorium, 7 Waz Ghat. Time: 7 pm.

**Inner Wheel Club of Dilkusha:** The 3rd installation ceremony of the club will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 7:30 pm.

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

**Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga:** A club assembly will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 3:45 pm.

**Parshuram AL leader dead**

Fakir Abul Kasem Chowdhury, Parshuram (Feni) Thana Awami League president, died of kidney failure at a city clinic yesterday at the age of 62, reports UNB.

He left behind his wife, four sons, four daughters and a host of relatives.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of Awami League leader Fakir Abul Kasem Chowdhury.

In a condolence message, the Prime Minister prayed for salvation of the departed soul and conveyed her deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

**Indian NDC team calls on FM**

The visiting Indian National Defence College (NDC) team led by its commandant Lieutenant General SRR Aiyengar yesterday called on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at his office, reports BSS.

Foreign Secretary Farook Sobhan and Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dev Mukharjee were present during the meeting.

The Foreign Minister said we are working to resolve the outstanding bilateral issues between Bangladesh and India.

He said signing of the thirty-year Ganges Water Sharing Treaty with India is a testimony of our goodwill and perseverance.

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