

FFs urged to call off sit-in strike

Political Adviser to the Prime Minister Dr S A Malek and Minister of State for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday met the sit-in striking unemployed and distressed freedom fighters (FFs) as the Jatiya Press Club premises and requested them to call off their strike, reports BSS.

During the meeting, both Dr Malek and Prof Sayeed gave a patient hearing to the grievances and demands of the striking freedom fighters and assured them of taking necessary arrangements for a meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

They also offered soft-drinks to the striking members of the unemployed and distressed freedom fighters.

It was decided that a six-member delegation of the striking freedom fighters led by their president Abdus Sattar would hold a meeting at the office of the political adviser to the prime minister today for discussing their grievances and demands and working out necessary measures.

Lalon Geeti evening at Indian HC

Oct 28

The High Commission of India here is going to organise a Lalon Geeti evening on October 28 marking the 50th anniversary of India's independence, reports BSS.

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The programme will start at 6.30 pm.

Press can be collected from the Cultural Wing, High Commission of India at House No. 121, Road No. 3 Dhanmondi and the Cultural Centre, one press release added.

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Syedabad Water Treatment Plant Hasina to lay foundation stone tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will lay the foundation stone of the Syedabad Water Treatment Plant tomorrow.

The plant to be built at a cost of Tk 750 crore, with finance from the World Bank, the French and the Bangladeshi government will have a capacity to supply daily 225 million litres of water to Dhaka city by 2001.

The plant will process water from river Shitalakhiya. The capacity of the plant will be increased to daily 900 million

litres in three phases afterwards.

In the face of permanent water crisis in the city which requires some 1300 million litres of water everyday, the WASA also has plans to set two more deep tubewells by 2001. This would add an additional supply of 600 million litres of water everyday.

Currently, the WASA is able to supply upto 850 million litres of water per day from its 222 deep tubewells and three small water treatment plants.

Martyred freedom fighters' clothes on display at Muktijoddha Jadughar

The clothes belonging to many of the freedom fighters, who sacrificed their lives in the Liberation War are on display in the Muktijoddha Jadughar (Liberation War Museum), says a press release.

The clothes belong to the following martyred freedom fighters: Harinath Dey; Dr Mohammed Shafi; Captain Monsur Ali; Syed Najmul Haq; Mamoon Mahmood; Golam Hossain; Aktruzzaman Monsur.

Meanwhile, Muktijoddha Jadughar has become a member of the American Museum Association, said the press release.

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One held with revolver

By Staff Correspondent

The Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested one person and recovered a firearm from Kamalapur area in the city Saturday evening.

During raid a DB team arrested Mamun Mia, 20, from South Kamalapur under Motijheel thana at about 6.15 pm, police said. Police seized revolver and three rounds of live bullets from the arrested person.

The DB of the metropolitan police being informed by the Feni police arrested Dulal Chandra Nath and Amzad Hossain from city's Azampur area under Uttara thana on Friday.

Later, following the confession of the arrested men, the detectives rescued the girl from Simultoli area in Gazipur in the early hours of Friday.

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The witness saw soldiers of Tank Bahini there and they were further divided in six sections. Artillery CO Major Rashid and Lancer CO Major Syed Farooq Rahman briefed the troops.

At that time the two COs were accompanied by Major Rashed Chowdhury, Captain Mostafa, Major Shariful Haq Dalim, Captain Majed and some other officers, the PW said.

Yasin informed that Major Dalim also addressed the troops after the briefing by Major Rashed and Major Farooq and made some deliberations.

The witness quoted them as saying "we liberated the country through relentless struggle and at the cost of many lives. But this government has failed to protect the chastity of our mothers and sisters. People are starving to death."

"So we have to topple the government," Yasin quoted them as further saying. Major Farooq, Major Rashid and Major Dalim by turn made some other deliberations which he said he can't recall now.

He said: "They also asked the troops to take ammunition. Farooq saheb told us to receive ammunition from his unit. Following directive I took 20 bullets and we boarded trucks.

"Later the six sections in six trucks started altogether and reached Farmgate after crossing MES and Mahakali," the PW said, adding four trucks took a right turn there. Major Rashed Chowdhury was on the truck that the witness had boarded.

The truck along with another proceeded further and

Abducted girl rescued from Gazipur: Two arrested

By Staff Correspondent

The Detective Branch (DB) of police rescued an abducted teenage girl from Gazipur on Friday and arrested two persons in the city for their alleged involvement in the kidnapping.

The rescued girl aged about 17, was kidnapped from Sajrajpur village under Sonagazi thana in Feni on Monday last at about 2 am. She was an HSC student.

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