



Bangladesh Chhatra League brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday hailing the arms surrender by Shantibahinimen in Khagrachhari. — Star photo



JAGPA brought out a procession protesting the CHT peace accord in the city yesterday. — Star photo

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Reception hosted

Mohammad Sadegh Fayyaz, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran, hosted a reception at the Embassy on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of the Islamic revolution in Iran, reports BSS.

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Arms surrender by Shantibahini hailed

Different socio-cultural organisations and individuals have hailed arms surrender by members of the Shantibahini at Khagrachhari yesterday.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Dr. Nazrul Islam, have renamed my children, Hasanat Rafi Muktadeer, Sami Mohammad Mustansir, Nashiat Najiya Islam and Niamah Nazin Islam, as Rafi Nazrul Islam, Sami Nazrul Islam, Nashiat Nazrul Islam and Neamah Nazrul Islam respectively.

of Jatiya Mohila Sangstha congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the arms surrender by the Shantibahinimen.

UNB adds: Bangladesh Islamic Biplobi Andolan yesterday offered sukriyah to the Almighty Allah for ending the two-decade-long insurgency through laying down of arms and ammunition by Shantibahini.

In a joint statement President of the Andolan Moulana MA Qudus Shariatpur and Secretary General Hafez Moulana Ziaul Hasan thanked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her far-sighted leadership in signing and implementing the CHT peace accord.

Describing Sheikh Hasina as a symbol of unity of Bangalee nation in the absence of father of the nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, they prayed for success of her able leadership in the future.

BSS adds: Rajshahi University Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Khaleque yesterday hailed the arms surrender by the Shantibahini members yesterday.

The VC congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Shantu Larma for the historic arms surrender ceremony which will ensure economic development in the region.

Prof M Shahidul Islam, former president, Rajshahi University Teachers Association (RUTA) also hailed the arms surrender by the members of Shantibahini guerrillas and termed it as historic event on our national life.

Jatiya Samajtantik Dal (JSD) president ASM Abdur Rob and general secretary Hasanul Haq Inu in a joint statement yesterday hailed arms surrender by the members of Shantibahini.

Meanwhile, pro-Awami League Chhatra League brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus hailing the arms surrender of Shantibahini in Khagrachhari yesterday.

They also held a rally congratulating the Prime Minister for resolving various problems of the country since her assumption of power.

The BCL leaders urged the BNP and its allies to abandon the politics of destruction and cooperate with the government in implementing the CHT peace accord.

Chaired by Ishak Ali Khan Panna, the rally was addressed, among others, by Muniruzzaman Munir, Akhter Hossain, Suljt Roy Nandi and Abdul Wadud Khokon.

Quad-e-Azam Road finally renamed!

By Staff Correspondent Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has long last taken steps to rename Quad-e-Azam Road under Block-D and E in city's Mohammadpur area, said a press release of the DCC.

Part of the road under Block-D has been renamed as Shaheed Salimullah Road, while the rest under Block-E has been renamed as Zakir Hossain Road.

The release said that the concerned department of the DCC has been instructed to put up signboards with the new names immediately.

Young woman allegedly commits suicide

By Staff Correspondent A young woman who allegedly tried to commit suicide by setting herself alight at city's Demra area on Friday died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) Monday night.

Police said the woman was identified as Rahima Khatun, 20, daughter of Abdur Rahim, a resident of Paschim Para at Matuail. The reason behind the alleged suicide could not be known immediately.

Rahima reportedly poured kerosene over herself and set it afire beside a pond near her house at about 12 pm. Hearing her screaming, locals rushed to the scene and took her to DMCH, where she succumbed to her injuries at about 10 pm Monday night.

Thai envoy makes farewell call on President

The outgoing Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh Sunthorn Vidhyameth made a farewell call on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

President Shahabuddin welcomed the ambassador and said that relation between Bangladesh and Thailand have been friendly and cordial.

He mentioned the signing of a few agreements between the two countries covering air links, trade and commerce and said that there are ample scopes for expansion of trade and joint venture project to the mutual benefit of our two peoples. He also said that the Thai-Bangladesh joint commission is playing a vital role in identifying areas of cooperation.

Gyashuddin made envoy to Netherlands

The government has decided to appoint Gyashuddin as ambassador to the Netherlands, an announcement said yesterday, reports BSS.

Presently working as director general in Prime Minister's Office, Gyashuddin who joined the Foreign Service in 1973, served in several diplomatic missions abroad including Cairo, Baghdad, Doha and Bonn.

Prior to joining Prime Minister's Office, he was a director general in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Cancellation of CHT accord demanded

By Staff Correspondent

The political parties and organisations opposed to the CHT accord brought out procession and held rallies in the city yesterday demanding cancellation of the peace accord signed.

Arms surrendering by the Shantibahini is a 'stage-managed drama' they said, adding that it was another step taken by the government to implement the 'black accord'.

The main opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad, BNP-led Seven Party Alliance rejected the accord earlier and also observed a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the Chittagang division yesterday.

Shamim Al Mamun, secretary general of Jatiya Party (Z-M), addressing a rally at the Mukhtangan said that "the government has created unrest and confusion in the country in the name of the peace accord."

He urged the people to prepare for a greater movement against the government to save the country and protect its sovereignty.

"A stage-managed arms surrendering is taking place at Khagrachhari to implement the so-called peace accord," said Matur Rahman Nizami, secretary general of the Jamaat-Islami, addressing a rally at Purana Paltan yesterday.

"Laying down of arms will not bring peace in the CHT," said a joint statement issued by Proshoti Khisha, secretary general of Pahari Gono Parishad, Dipti Shankar Chakma, president of Pahari Chhatra Parishad, and Kabita Chakma, chairperson of Hill Women's Federation.

The Priti-group had earlier also surrendered their arms in 1985, but it did not bring peace in the CHT, the joint statement added.

"Surrendering ceremony of arms by the Shantibahini is a conspiracy to humiliate the Jummas," said a statement issued by Suhas Chakma, spokesperson of the Jumma Peoples Network.

Criticising the arms surrendering ceremony as 'insanity', the statement said "the arms surrendering is taking place even before the Bangladesh Parliament adopted the CHT Accord."

BSEHR slates Eidgah for rallies

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) has criticised the government's attempt to turn the Eidgah adjacent to the Supreme Court of Bangladesh into a venue for public rally.

The BSEHR considers the attempt as a bar to administering rule of law, which would also affect the image of the Supreme Court, a press release said.

Normal activities of the SC and the existing peaceful atmosphere of the area will be badly affected once the Eidgah is turned into a venue for public rally, it said.

MBA Students' Forum Feb 23-25 at British Council

The British Council is organising an MBA Students Forum from February 23 to 25. Two British universities, University of Luton and University of East London, will participate in this event, says a press release.

During the three-day forum, representative from the participating institutions will visit local schools and universities, to make presentations to students and staff.

Interview session will be held at the British Council premises Feb 23 and 24 from 9 am to 1 pm, aimed at providing prospective students an opportunity to meet with the visiting academics. In addition, information, course details and academic advice will be on offer for those who are interested to study MBA in Britain.

Garments worker succumbs to injuries

By Staff Correspondent

A teenage boy who was fatally injured after assailants hacked him at city's Khilgaon area on Thursday succumbed at the Orthopedic Hospital Monday night.

Police said the dead was identified as Mohammad Panna, 18, son of Altaf Sardar, a resident of East Goran, Panna, a garments employee, was killed sequel to previous enmity, police said.

A gang of about five attacked Panna with machete when he reached near a butcher's shop at Tilpapara at about 8 am. Killers hacked Panna indiscriminately and left the spot.

Panna sustained fatal wounds in his leg. Immediately he was taken to Orthopedic Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at about 8 pm Monday.

Meanwhile police arrested a person identified as Rafiqul Islam in connection with the murder yesterday. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Hannan, Panna's brother, filed a case with Shabujbagh thana accusing five person including the arrested one Thursday.

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What's on today . . .

Ekushey Grantha Mela: A discussion on 'Mass literacy in Bangladesh: Need and Practice' will be held. Venue: Bangla Academy. Time: 4 pm.

Launching ceremony: The launching ceremony of a publication, 'The Child Nutrition Survey of Bangladesh 1995-96', jointly prepared by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics and UNICEF, will be held. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, 17 Tophkhana Road. Time: 10 am.

Lecture: A lecture on 'Science and religion' will be given by Prof Md Ferdouse Khan, Additional Secretary (retd), Ministry of Education. Organiser: Bangladesh Academy of Sciences. Venue: BAEC auditorium, 4 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 10 am.

Cultural function: Uttaradhikar has organised a cultural function marking its 6th founding anniversary. Venue: Central Public Library auditorium. Time: 6:30 pm.

Jazz concert: A concert by German Jazz musicians will be held. Organiser: Goethe Institut, Dhaka, in cooperation with Shilpakala Academy. Venue: Osman Memorial Hall. Time: 7 pm.

Founding day: The founding day celebration and Eld-reunion of Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: House: 9 (GE), Rd: 23, Block-B, Banani. Time: 6:30 pm.

Club meeting: The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga will be held. Guest speaker: Prof AF Salahuddin Ahmed will speak on 'Bangladesh: Bridge between South and Southeast Asia'. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm.

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