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## Ershad urges govt to scrap SPA, reintroduce Upazila system

Former president and Jatiya Party (JP) chairman HM Ershad, MP, yesterday urged the government to repeal the Special Powers Act (SPA), reports BSS.

Ershad was inaugurating the national council conference of Jatiya Ainjibi Federation, a front organisation of Jatiya Party, at the auditorium of Engineers' Institute of Bangladesh (IEB) at Ramna.

Acting president of the Federation in the city Yusuf Hossain Humayun, JP secretary general Nazim Rahman Monju, Fazle Rabbi MP, Barrister Abdul Hasib, Khondoker Mahub Hossain, acting general secretary of the federation Mohamud Nurul Islam Khan, Sheikh Sirajul Islam and Sudhir Kumar Hajra, among others, addressed the inaugural session.

The Jatiya Party chief also suggested to the government to reintroduce Upazila system along with Upazila Court for speedy trial of cases at the thana level.

He further proposed reintroduction of Upazila system with provision of Upazila Court.

Referring to the Jail Code of the country, the JP chairman said, "The Jail Code was introduced to meet the needs of the British colonial empire and it needs immediate reform with the abolition of 'danda bert' inside the prison."

Terming himself as a law-abiding citizen, the former President said, "Some people call me 'Shorachar (autocrat)' but it is a recorded fact in the history that as former army chief and president I never followed the path of autocracy and tried very hard for development of the people of Bangladesh."

## Myanmar FM calls on President

The visiting Foreign Minister of the Union of Myanmar, U Ohn Gyaw, made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

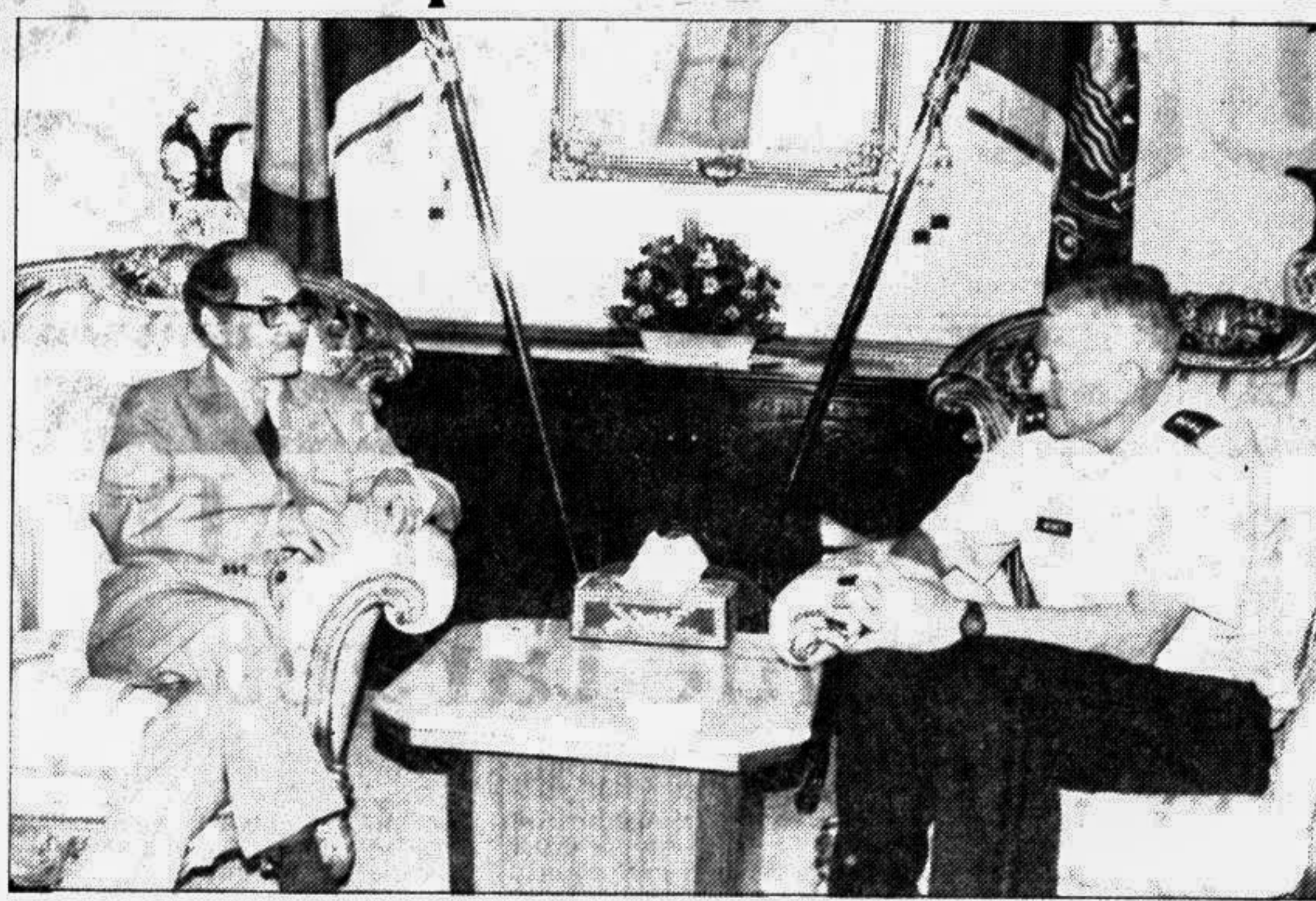
The visiting Foreign Minister, U Ohn Gyaw, thanked the President for receiving him and the members of his delegation. He apprised the President of his fruitful talks with Bangladesh and hoped that the remaining Myanmar refugees will be repatriated as soon as possible.

Welcoming Gyaw, the President said that Bangladesh and Myanmar, having common border as well as cultural heritage, are good neighbours and Bangladesh values her friendship with Myanmar.

He said as members of the UN, BIMSTEC, Nam and various other regional and international organisations, Bangladesh has been working very closely with Myanmar.

Both the countries should enhance their cooperation in the fields of trade and investment, agriculture and industrial development, education and culture, he added.

The President expressed satisfaction that process has been started for the repatriation of the remaining Myanmar refugees from Bangladesh. He stressed frequent air-links for better communication among the peoples of both the countries.



US Army Chief General Dennis Joe Reimer called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

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## Tapan Mahmud presents solo Tagore songs

"Baitalik" — a noted organisation of Tagore songs organised a solo music evening of Tapan Mahmud at the National Museum auditorium here yesterday, reports BSS.

Presided over by the Baitalik president Dr Engr. A K Azad, a discussion prior to the session, was addressed by eminent singer Kalim Sharah, Abdullah Al-Muti Sharfuddin, Prof Anisuzzaman, Journalist Kamal Lohani and poet Asad Chowdhury.

Tapan Mahmud, in his 29 years of career as a singer, kept the packed audience spell bound for over two hours with various Tagore songs of his choice as well as requested by the audience.

## Forest Minister listens to people's problems

Forest and Environment Minister Sayeda Sajeda Chowdhury yesterday urged all party members to come forward for building the country as a prosperous one being imbued with the spirit of the country's Liberation War, reports BSS.

"Forgetting personal interest, we should have to engage ourselves for building Bangladesh 'Sonar Bangla' as dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman," she said.

The minister said this while addressing the party leaders and activists at the party central office here this evening as part of the 'meet the people programmes.'

## Young man succumbs to his injuries

A young man succumbed to his injuries yesterday morning at Pangu Hospital in Dhaka nine days after receiving wounds in a clash when another man was killed, reports UNB.

The victim, identified as Russel 20, of village Pakulla in Mirzapur thana of Tangail, was undergoing treatment in police custody.

He had been beaten up by an angry mob at Bilashpur in Gazipur town for allegedly killing Shamim and attacking Nannu.

Police said Russel on April 9 attacked and stabbed his roommate Nannu following a quarrel with him. Russel killed Shamim when he came to save his neighbour Nannu.

Two separate cases were filed with police in this connections.



The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding punishment to the killer of Jewel during hartal on April 15. — Star photo

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)  
Road Division, Dinajpur

## Tender Cancellation Notice

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that, the Tender Notice No 27 EE/DRD/1997-98 (Divided in 2(two) Groups) invited vide this office Memo No 331 dt 24-2-98 & amended vide Memo No 401 dt 12-3-98, is cancelled under unavoidable circumstances.

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No. 61 (95-97)/Import  
(Import Trade Control)

Dated: 22 Chaitra, 1404 BS/05 April, 1998

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that, the importability/terms & conditions of import in column 4 against HS Heading Nos. 87.02, 87.03 & 87.04 of the list of conditional importable goods under Import Policy Order 1995-97, the date of manufacture of reconditioned/old vehicles will be decided in the following system:

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2. This rule will be applicable to the LCs to be opened from the date of issuing this notice.

**Abul Hossain Talukder**  
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| Day(s)                           | Departure | Arrival | Flt No | Aircraft |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|
| <b>DHAKA TO CHITTAGONG</b>       |           |         |        |          |
| DAILY EX TUE/FRI                 | 0800      | 0845    | BG 411 | ATP      |
| TUE/FRI                          | 1000      | 1045    | BG 413 | ATP      |
| SUN                              | 1300      | 1345    | BG 435 | ATP      |
| THU                              | 1300      | 1445    | BG 433 | ATP      |
| MON                              | 1315      | 1400    | BG 415 | ATP      |
| SAT                              | 1315      | 1350    | BG 615 | F-28     |
| DAILY EX THU                     | 1645      | 1620    | BG 417 | F-28     |
| THU                              | 1645      | 1730    | BG 417 | ATP      |
| <b>CHITTAGONG TO DHAKA</b>       |           |         |        |          |
| SUN                              | 0905      | 0950    | BG 030 | DC-10    |
| DAILY EX-TUE/FRI                 | 0915      | 1000    | BG 412 | ATP      |
| FRI                              | 0935      | 1015    | BG 028 | AIRBUS   |
| WED                              | 1120      | 1200    | BG 026 | AIRBUS   |
| TUE                              | 1235      | 1315    | BG 046 | AIRBUS   |
| SUN                              | 1415      | 1600    | BG 436 | ATP      |
| SAT                              | 1420      | 1455    | BG 616 | F-28     |
| MON                              | 1430      | 1515    | BG 416 | ATP      |
| TUE/FRI                          | 1500      | 1545    | BG 414 | ATP      |
| THU                              | 1515      | 1600    | BG 434 | ATP      |
| DAILY EX THU                     | 1800      | 1835    | BG 418 | F-28     |
| THU                              | 1800      | 1845    | BG 418 | ATP      |
| <b>DHAKA TO COX'S BAZAR</b>      |           |         |        |          |
| THU                              | 1300      | 1350    | BG 433 | ATP      |
| SUN                              | 1300      | 1440    | BG 435 | ATP      |
| <b>CHITTAGONG TO COX'S BAZAR</b> |           |         |        |          |
| SUN                              | 1415      | 1440    | BG 435 | ATP      |
| <b>COX'S BAZAR TO CHITTAGONG</b> |           |         |        |          |
| THU                              | 1420      | 1445    | BG 434 | ATP      |
| <b>COX'S BAZAR TO DHAKA</b>      |           |         |        |          |
| THU                              | 1420      | 1600    | BG 434 | ATP      |
| SUN                              | 1510      | 1600    | BG 436 | ATP      |
| <b>DHAKA TO JESSORE</b>          |           |         |        |          |
| DAILY EX MON/SAT                 | 0815      | 0845    | BG 661 | F-28     |
| MON/SAT                          | 1100      | 1130    | BG 663 | F-28     |
| <b>JESSORE TO DHAKA</b>          |           |         |        |          |
| DAILY EX MON/SAT                 | 0915      | 0945    | BG 662 | F-28     |
| MON/SAT                          | 1200      | 1230    | BG 664 | F-28     |
| <b>DHAKA TO RAJSHAHI</b>         |           |         |        |          |
| FRI                              | 0740      | 0815    | BG 481 | ATP      |
| DAILY EX TUE/FRI                 | 1040      | 1115    | BG 483 | ATP      |
| TUE                              | 1100      | 1130    | BG 681 | F-28     |
| <b>RAJSHAHI TO DHAKA</b>         |           |         |        |          |
| FRI                              | 0845      | 0920    | BG 482 | ATP      |
| DAILY EX TUE/FRI                 | 1145      | 1220    | BG 484 | ATP      |
| TUE                              | 1200      | 1230    | BG 682 | F-28     |
| <b>DHAKA TO SAIDPUR</b>          |           |         |        |          |
| SUN                              | 0810      | 0850    | BG 691 | F-28     |
| WED/SAT                          | 1300      | 1350    | BG 491 | ATP      |
| MON/TUE/THU/FRI                  | 1345      | 1425    | BG 693 | F-28     |
| <b>SAIDPUR TO DHAKA</b>          |           |         |        |          |
| SUN                              | 0920      | 1000    | BG 692 | F-28     |
| WED/SAT                          | 1420      | 1510    | BG 492 | ATP      |
| MON/TUE/THU/FRI                  | 1455      | 1535    | BG 694 | F-28     |
| <b>DHAKA TO SYLHET</b>           |           |         |        |          |
| DAILY EX SUN                     | 0845      | 0915    | BG 601 | F-28     |
| DAILY EX SAT                     | 1045      | 1115    | BG 603 | F-28     |
| SAT/SUN                          | 1345      | 1415    | BG 605 | F-28     |
| THU                              | 1750      | 1820    | BG 607 | F-28     |
| DAILY EX THU                     | 1915      | 1945    | BG 607 | F-28     |
| <b>SYLHET TO DHAKA</b>           |           |         |        |          |
| DAILY EX SUN                     | 0945      | 1015    | BG 602 | F-28     |
| DAILY EX SAT                     | 1145      | 1215    | BG 604 | F-28     |
| SAT/SUN                          | 1445      | 1515    | BG 606 | F-28     |
| THU                              | 1850      | 1920    | BG 608 | F-28     |
| DAILY EX THU                     | 2015      | 2045    | BG 608 | F-28     |

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## Dy High Commission in Calcutta marks 1st flag hoisting in foreign soil

Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Calcutta yesterday commemorated the historic first hoisting of the national flag of independent Bangladesh in a foreign soil on this day in 1971, a message received in the city from Calcutta said, reports BSS.

All officials and members of staff of the Calcutta Mission at a ceremony yesterday remembered the historic moment of the flag hoisting by the then Deputy High Commissioner, Hossain Ali, who along with the entire staff of the then Pakistan Deputy High Commission in Calcutta declared allegiance to the government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Deputy High Commissioner Sheikh Ahmed Jalal led the officials and employees to the roof of the mission building and assembled around the flag stand at noon and remembered the courageous role of late Hossain Ali in siding with the cause of Bangladesh.

A special *munajat* was offered for the eternal peace of the departed souls of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and members of his family, the national leaders, martyrs of the Liberation War, late Hossain Ali and other officials and staff of the mission who died in the meantime.

A discussion was held in the conference room of the mission on the significance of the first flag hoisting abroad and the historic role of Hossain Ali which was chaired by the Deputy High Commissioner.

## Zillur visits ailing AL leaders

General Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League and LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday visited ailing Kuliarchar thana Awami League leaders Mohammad Jahangir Alam Bhuiyan and Swapan Barman at Zahurul Islam Medical College Hospital, reports BSS.

Bhuiyan and Barman, President and General Secretary respectively of Kuliarchar thana Awami League were injured by miscreants during the BNP called strike on April 15.

The minister inquired about the condition of the injured Awami League leaders and told them that the terrorists must be taken to task and would be dealt with severely.

## One injured in clash at Demra

**By Staff Correspondent**

A policeman was injured and a police van was damaged in a clash between a group of local people in the city's Demra area Friday.

Police said, following a complaint from one Rafiq, a team from Demra thana went to Nurbagh area but a section of local people hurled brick bats at them and damaged the police vehicle.

Driver of the vehicle, constable Moznu, was injured.

He was taken to Razarbagh Police Hospital, police said.

Three persons, identified as Nurul Alam, Shiraz Khan and Gazi Jashim, were arrested from the spot on charges of assaulting police.

Earlier, Rafiq had complained that one Haji Rahim and his accomplices ransacked his sister's house and beat her up. As police arrived at the spot to investigate the matter, they were attacked.

Some local people, however, alleged Rafiq had beat up Haji Rahim for some reason and went to police with a false complaint.

## British Council programmes on World Book Day

The British Council in Bangladesh will hold various kinds of events at its centres in Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi on the occasion of World Book Day to be observed on April 23, reports UNB.

The events include readings from the authors at the British Council libraries, children's literary competition, bookshop competition and discounts on books and window displays from its sponsor, the Bookworm.

The World Book Day is observed on April 23 — the anniversary of legendary English literature Shakespeare's birth and death and St. George Day.

The tradition began in Catalonia in Spain where people celebrate St. George Day by giving a book and a rose to loved one. St. George is patron saint of Catalonia.

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