

Plea to stop spending on N-arms

Stop pouring money on nuclear weapons, instead divert it to feed the hungry millions to help them live in peace in the world.

This was the unanimous call of the speakers in the city yesterday at the Silver Jubilee celebration of the day when the world prestigious award, the Julio Curie Peace Award, was given to Father of the Nation

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Dhaka 25 years back, reports BSS.

On this day in 1973, the World Peace Council as per its decision taken in October in 1972 gave the award to Bangabandhu for his successful leadership in the War of Liberation, protection of this nation's right of self-rule and establishment of independent and sovereign

Bangladesh through his relentless struggle against colonialism.

Four more world leaders including Fidel Castro of Cuba were awarded the Julio Curie Award along with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The Silver Jubilee celebration was organised by Bangladesh Peace Council in the National Museum auditorium.

What's on today....

Discussion: A discussion meeting and cultural programme will be held to mark the birth centenary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Organiser: JASAS. Chief guest: BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia. Venue: Engineers' Institution. Time: 3 pm.

Workshop: The inaugural ceremony of the IDA assisted project launching workshop on Primary Education Development Project for Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 9:30 am.

Cassette launching: An audio-cassette on self-composed Bengali and English poetry recitation 'Midnight Blue' by Rumana Chowdhury will be launched. Venue: National Museum Child Auditorium. Time: ?

Exhibition: A group exhibition by Ex-Shade will begin. Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, DU. Time: 5 pm.

Film show at JU: On the concluding day of retrospective of films by Buddhadeb Dasgupta 'Charachar' and 'Lal Darja' will be screened. Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: The Amphitheatre, Jahangirnagar University campus, Savar. Time: 6:30 pm.

Seminar: A seminar on 'Management of peptic ulcer', organised by the Bangladesh Gastroenterology Society, will be held. Sponsor: Novartis (Bangladesh) Ltd. Keynote speaker: Prof Klaus Gyr, University of Basle, Switzerland. Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Time: 9 am.

Seminar: A seminar on 'A voyage of ancient philosophy of science to Latin Europe attired in Arabian dress: A historic review' will be held. Organiser: Centre for Advanced Research in the Humanities. Venue: Room No 434, Lecture Theatre, DU. Time: 4 pm.

Zahir Raihan Film Society: A 6-day film session, organised by the Zahir Raihan Film Society, will begin to celebrate its 12th founding anniversary. 'Black Rain' and 'Belle de Jour' will be screened on the occasion. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Rd 9, Dhanmondi. Time: 5 pm and 7 pm respectively.

Symposium: A symposium on 'Bangladesh seed industry' will be held. Organiser: Bangladesh Seed Associations in cooperation with Agrobased Industries and Technology Development Project (ATDP). Chief guest: Finance Minister S A M S Kibria. Venue: Surma, Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 11 am.

Over 1000 join AL

MONGLA, May 23: Over one thousand leaders and workers of different parties and labour organisations yesterday joined Bangladesh Awami League, expressing their solidarity with the ideals of the party and total support to the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, reports BSS.

The leaders included Mustafizur Rahman, General Secretary of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal Mongla Unit, Abul Kashem Master of launch Labour Association, Shahidul Islam, Joint Secretary of Mongla Port CBA, renowned businessman Ruhul Amin Badal, Al-Amin Patwari, General Secretary of Mongla Port Bank Samity and labour leader Shamsul Alam.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mr. Rafiqul Ameen and Begum Masuda Ameen on their Golden Marriage Anniversary. The Golden Couple celebrated their anniversary at a reception at the Ladies Club on May 23, 1998. Apart from relatives and friends, a number of elites of the city also attended.

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Jamaat protests Govt indifference to resolve load-shedding

Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday protested the government's indifference to resolve continued load-shedding and water crisis in the city, reports UNB.

Jamaat City Ameer A T M Azharul Islam and Secretary Dr Syed Abdullah Mohammad Taher in a statement said the continued scarcity of water and electricity in this sultry and hot weather aggravated the misery of the people as well as exposed the inefficiency of the government.

They said the government is investing crores of taka in unproductive sectors that will not do any welfare of the people.

The Jamaat leaders demanded effective measures to solve load-shedding, water problem and other basic needs.

Discussion at Nazrul Institute today

By Staff Correspondent

Nazrul Institute has organised a discussion and cultural programme at 7 pm today to mark the day Poet Nazrul Islam came to Bangladesh, says a press release.

Professor Ataur Rahman and Mustafa Sarwar will take part in the discussion with Prof Mustafa Nurul Islam in the chair.

Shaheen Samad, Fatematz Zohra and Khilkhil Kazi will render songs at the cultural programme. It will be followed by a recitation and a dance programme.

Gaziul Huq to leave for Calcutta May 25

Gaziul Huq, one of the pioneers of Language Movement of 1952 and a member of the Advisory Committee of Bangladesh Awami League, will leave for Calcutta on May 25 to attend a memorial function for paying tributes to the language martyrs of Bangladesh at Surendranath (Curzon) Park in Calcutta as the chief guest on May 26, a press release of Bhasha Shaheed Smarak Samity said.

Noted litterateur Sunil Ganguly will preside over it while distinguished writer Annada Sankar Roy will unveil the plaque of a monument at the function.

31-member body of CHT Students' Council formed

By Staff Correspondent

A 31-member central committee of Greater Chittagong Hill Tracts Students' Council (GCHTSC) has been formed with Palash Khisha and Tanaya Deoan as its president and general secretary respectively.

The committee was formed at the 8th central council of the organisation held at the TSC auditorium in the city yesterday.

The council which began with the demand to 'Implement CHT treaty properly' on Thursday, was widely attended by representatives and observers from the universities of Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and from the districts of Rangamati, Khagrachhari, and Bandarban.

Other office-bearers of the committee are: Vice presidents Mriganka Khisha, Mang Eching, and Kamong Marma, organising secretary Mang Chaling Marma, treasurer Biplob Chakma, office secretary Ushingmang Marma, international affairs secretary Jiten Chakma.

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