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BNP's call to make June 22 demonstration a success

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday called on the party's district and thana unit presidents and general secretaries to make the June 22 country-wide demonstration a success, reports UNB.

Attack on diagnostic centres in Ctg condemned

CHITTAGONG, June 19: The district unit of Bangladesh Medical Association and Chittagong Medical College Teachers' Association have strongly protested the attack on three diagnostic centres in the city, reports UNB.

The protest came from a joint rally of the two associations held here on Thursday. Addressing the rally, leaders of the associations alleged an organised group of extortionists demanded a large chunk of toll from some doctors of the medical college and ransacked their chambers in the clinics as they turned down their demand.

They warned to enforce an indefinite work stoppage programme if the government failed to take steps to curb terrorism immediately. They also demanded security of the doctors.

Bangabandhu Memorial Trust meet held

A regular general meeting of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust was held yesterday with Trust President Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair, reports BSS.

Held at the official Ganobhaban residence of the Prime Minister, the meeting unanimously approved the proceedings of the last meeting of the Trust. The proceedings were placed for approval by the Member-Secretary Sheikh Hafizur Rahman.

Chief Whip Abul Hasanat Abdullah, Sheikh Helaluddin MP, Advocate Gazul Haq, Dr Shafiq Ahmed Siddique, Rafique Ahmed, ATM Sadeque Hossain, Syed Siddiqur Rahman, Begum Farida Sheikh and Sheikh Hafizur Rahman, attended the meeting.

DU VC leaves for Australia

A 16-member delegation, led by the Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University, left for Australia on Wednesday to take part in a training course, reports UNB.

Apart from joining the course, "Financial Management and Accountability in Universities," the delegation will visit different universities and organisations in Australia and Singapore.

The delegation members also include VC of Khulna University SM Nazrul Islam and DU Director (PD) Shahadat Hossain.

More Indian papers praise Bangladesh PM's visit

NEW DELHI, June 19: More Indian newspapers yesterday hailed the "working visit" of Bangladesh Prime Minister to the Indian capital on Tuesday and said it would help boost Indo-Bangladesh ties, reports BSS.

Prestigious 'The Hindu' in an editorial said the SAARC nations have good reasons to worry about the effect of nuclear tests on their environment. Equally disturbing is their impact on the economic development of the region owing to the diversion of scarce resources.

Naturally, the moratorium on nuclear tests declared by India has been welcomed by Sheikh Hasina, although her itinerary covers Islamabad also, the editorial said.

It said the SAARC nations like Bangladesh and Sri Lanka have reacted to the nuclear tests according to their own perceptions. A nuclear arms race between India and Pakistan, the paper said, would undoubtedly add to the regional tensions to the detriment of the SAARC spirit.

With the SAARC summit to be held in Colombo only a few weeks away, Sheikh Hasina's meeting with the Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, is aimed at the consolidation of bilateral ties, the editorial observed.

The paper said that the signing of the water sharing treaty has removed a major irritant in the bilateral relations between the two countries and added if this breakthrough is to be followed up in other areas for the economic development of the region, fresh initiatives are needed.

The prospects for improved bilateral trade are bright if the transit facilities are stepped up in the border areas, 'The Hindu' said adding while the Bangladesh government had reportedly cleared the proposal for a transit route between Dhaka and Aizawl via Calcutta, New Delhi is dragging its feet as the "Umbrella Agreement" is yet to be finalised.

Sheikh Hasina's visit should help in the early implementation of other proposals to boost bilateral trade, the paper said.

BFUJ, DUJ slate attack on journalists during hartal

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday expressed deep concern and condemned the attack on journalists and damaging their vehicles during the hartal period in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

In a joint statement BFUJ President Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Secretary General Abul Kalam Azad, DUJ Acting President Suva Rahman and General Secretary Azizul Islam Bhuiyan said that such incidents had demonstrated the impatience of the hartal callers. They called upon all to assist journalists in discharging their professional duties.

The journalist leaders, at the same time, called upon all democratic forces to be vocal against the such evil activities.

Three housewives commit suicide

Three young housewives allegedly committed suicide in Mymensingh town and Iswarganj thana for various reasons on Wednesday, reports UNB.

They were identified as Rani Begum 25, wife of Selim Miah of Ram Krishna Mission Road, Motjan 30, wife of Suruj Ali of Poranbag, and Nasima 28, wife of Saiful of Maliati village in Iswarganj thana.

Police said Rani was found hanging at her husband's house. The body was hung from the ceiling fan with a cloth. Police recovered the body and sent to morgue for postmortem.

Another housewife Motjan allegedly committed suicide by taking poison on the same day. Her brother said she had been suffering from mental disorder.

The housewife Nasima also took poison and died at Iswarganj Thana Health Complex after admission. But the doctor said she had injury in her throat.

Three die in bus-car collision

A head-on-collision between a bus and a car on Feni-Majdee road near Silonia bridge yesterday left three people dead and two others injured, reports UNB.

The victims could not be identified immediately. Witnesses said the accident took place at about 8 am when a Chittagong-bound bus coming from Majdee rammed into the private car.

Traffic movement on the road was disrupted for about an hour after the accident.

The injured were rushed to Feni Hospital in critical condition.

A group of local youths allegedly took away the belongings of the passengers soon after the mishap.

Workshop on feature writing begins today

A three-day workshop on feature writing, organised by News Network, will begin today at Rangamati Local Government Council auditorium, reports UNB.

Some 22 journalists from newspapers and periodicals, mainly based in Rangamati, will participate in the workshop, said a press release.

Khulna Bar Assoc continues boycott of court

KHULNA, June 19: Khulna Bar Association (KBA) continued the court boycott programme for the fourth consecutive day on Thursday to realise their various demands, reports UNB.

The lawyers have been boycotting the courts since Monday protesting attack on lawyers, ransacking the Ainjibi Bhaban and inaction of police.

Their demands include removal of the DC and Additional DC (General) and exemplary punishment of the attackers.

The lawyers brought out a silent procession in the town carrying black flags and wearing black badges on Thursday.

Call to build society free from poverty, hunger

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday called for concerted effort to build a society free from poverty and hunger for the posterity, reports BSS.

"We should have to launch an united war against hunger and poverty for bringing peace in this region" the minister said at a juvenile rally at the Shishu Academy premises in the city yesterday afternoon.

Khelaghar, a cultural organisation, organised the peace rally protesting any sorts of nuclear test in the globe. Chaired by Prof Panna Kaiser, MP, the rally was also addressed by eminent Language Movement leader Advocate Gazul Haq, litterateur Syed Shamshul Haq and Syeda Anwara Huq, journalist-cum-columnist Sharier Kabir, Director of Shishu Academy Golam Kibria and eminent artist Kamaluddin Hossain.

Referring to the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord the minister said the present government is working relentlessly to establish peace in the country.

"After signing the CHT accord peace has been established in this region, the minister said adding that "we want peace to protect our children."

The minister lauded Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for arranging talks with her Indian and Pakistani counterparts with a view to remove tension that arises out of the recent nuclear tests by the two countries.

Referring to the contribution of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to global peace Prof Sayeed said Bangabandhu in his historic speech in the United Nations (UN) in 1974 had urged all global leaders to declare war against poverty and hunger instead of nuclear arms race.

After the brief rally, a colourful procession was brought out by the member of 'Khelaghar Asar'. Around 500 children aged between six and fifteen participated in the procession. They were bearing different types of banner condemning the recent nuclear test by India and Pakistan.

3 held with arms in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, June 19: A special team of the port police recovered firearms and 15 cartridges from the possession of two persons from Charpatharghata here today, reports BSS.

The recovered firearms included two foreign-made guns and three light guns.

In another drive, police arrested one Abu Taher with one light gun and two cartridges from Barisal Colony.

Separate cases have been filed against the arrested persons.

Mannan returns from Geneva

Minister for Labour and Manpower MA Mannan returned home yesterday after attending the 86th annual conference of International Labour Organisation (ILO) in Geneva, reports BSS.

Mannan led a nine-member delegation at the June 2-18 conference. The members of the delegation included permanent representative of Bangladesh mission in Geneva Dr Itekhkar Ahmed Chowdhury, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Manpower Reza-e-Rabbi, President of Sramik League Abdus Salam Khan, President of Bangladesh Employers Association Rokeya A Rahman and Secretary General CK Haider and Executive President of Jatiya Sramik League Shirin Akhter.

During his stay in Geneva, the Bangladesh Minister had separate meetings with Director General of ILO and his counterparts from other countries and discussed matters of mutual interest.

'Govt intervention needed to ensure optimum use of land, water'

Land and water resources should not be left totally under marketing system as the extent of land is limited and its management is completely different, and the flow of river does not bother political territory, reports BSS.

The optimum use of land and water is not possible in the existing general marketing system and so it needs the government's intervention, Prof Aminul Islam Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University said yesterday while inaugurating as the chief guest a two-day international conference on "Land and water: Use and misuse" in the LGED auditorium at Agargaon in the city.

The inaugural session, chaired by president of BGS Prof Rosie Ahsan, was addressed by secretary of BGS Mohammad Abdul Baque, Prof Aminul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Open University presented the keynote paper.

Prof Chowdhury said land and water are real resources of the country. One or two decades are not good enough to invest in land and water sectors, he said adding, "it requires more time justifying proper investment."

The speakers urged the geographers to apply their skills studying the inter-relationship between the physical environment, economy and nature of society and problems of people.

In the inaugural session Prof Serajul Arefin of Rajshahi University and Prof M Moniruzzaman Miah, former VC of Dhaka University, were awarded fellowships of the society for their outstanding contribution to professional arena.



Nurjahan Begum, (2nd-R), Editor of the weekly 'Begum', addressing as chief guest the 8th founding anniversary of the Bangladesh Mohila Forum at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. Also seen in the picture are Md Nurul Alam, DIG Police, Dhaka Range, Ferdousi Sultana and Yesmin Zakaria, President and General Secretary respectively of forum.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh - Secondary Education Development Project - Notice for Appointment of Local Consulting Firm. Memo No. SEDP/PIU/11326 Dated: 17.6.98. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan [No. 1268-BAN (SF)] from the Asian Development Bank towards the cost of different components of Secondary Education Development Project (SEDP) under the Ministry of Education. A part of the proceeds will be used for which proposals are invited.

Notice of RHD Inviting Tender - Tender Notice No. 228 BRD of 1997-98. Construction of flexible pavement work at 3rd KM(P) of Guachitra-Chakhar-Banaripara Road under Barisal Road Division during the year 1997-98.

LEATHER TECHNOLOGIST SOCIETY BANGLADESH - SEMINAR AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Chief Guest: Mr. S. A. M. S. Kibria, Hon'ble Finance Minister. Special Guest: Prof. Abu Sayeed, Hon'ble State Minister for Information. Time: 9 AM Date: 20th June '98. Venue: Pan Pacific Sonargaon, Dhaka.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh - Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests - Tender Notice (3rd Call). Tenders are hereby invited from importers/agents/dealers/suppliers in sealed envelope for purchasing the goods mentioned in the short schedule below: Short Schedule table with columns: Sl No., Name of goods with quantity, Short description, Amount of earnest money, Place of delivery & installation, Time allowed for completion of the supply.

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