

Book presented to President

Former State Minister Sayed Abul Hossain called on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

JS body discusses procurement of ATP, Airbus

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry yesterday underscored the need for increasing facilities for the passengers by improving the standard of services, reports UNB.

It expressed concern over the alleged irregularities in the procurement of ATP and Airbus. The meeting discussed various issues of procurement, especially procurement of ATP and Airbus.



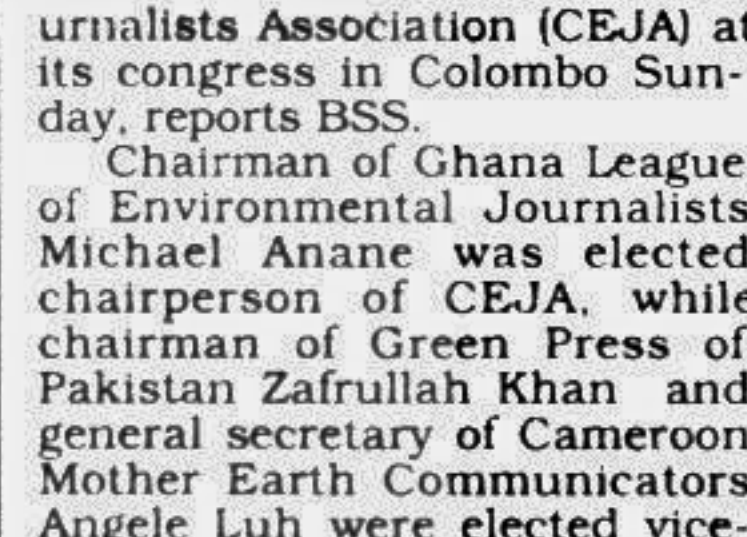
A three-day border conference of BDR and BSF began at the BDR headquarters in the city yesterday.

2-day workshop at BEA begins today

A two-day workshop on 'Labour Management Cooperation' begins here today, reports UNB. The workshop will not be held on Saturday as reported earlier.

Quamrul elected secretary general of CEJA

The chairman of Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB), Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, was elected secretary general of the Commonweal Environmental Journalists Association (CEJA) at its congress in Colombo Sunday, reports BSS.



Chairman of Ghana League of Environmental Journalists Michael Anane was elected chairperson of CEJA, while chairman of Green Press of Pakistan Zafrullah Khan and general secretary of Cameroon Mother Earth Communicators Angele Luh were elected vice-chairpersons.

Weather No change in temperature

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, according to the Met Office.

FM to attend Turkish National Day celebrations

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad will represent Bangladesh at the gala festival in Ankara later this week to mark the 75th national day of Turkey, reports BSS.

Seminar on cancer, cardiovascular diseases held

Speakers at a seminar yesterday underscored the need for undertaking necessary measures for preventing the occurrences of cardiovascular diseases and cancer, reports BSS.

DAAD director calls on DU VC

Hannelore Bossmann, Director, Regional Office (Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka) of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), New Delhi paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof A K Azad Chowdhury at the Administrative Building yesterday.

HERE and THERE

West End High School BOU A one-day workshop on preparation of reading materials in Home Economics for HSC programme of Bangladesh Open University was held yesterday.

By Staff Correspondent A meeting of the school management committee of the West End High School was held at the school premises with its member Haji Mohammad Shahjahan yesterday.

The meeting discussed issues related to holding of the 75th founding anniversary of the school and a reunion of the school's 1990 batch shortly.

Headmaster of the school Ali Hossain attended the meeting as special guest.

A 13-member convening committee was also formed at the meeting to help facilitate holding the founding anniversary and the reunion programmes.

Presided over by the Dean of Open School, Professor Mostafizur Rahman, the function was also addressed by Associate Professor Ansuruzzaman.



Hongkong Bank has put up a 29-inch colour TV at its Motijheel booth, which will be opened shortly, to provide cricket lovers an opportunity to watch the ongoing Willis International Cricket Cup matches. K T Ahmed, Senior Adviser of the bank, is seen in the picture.

2.7 lakh tons of foodgrains unloaded at Ctg port

CHITTAGONG, Oct 26: Over 2.72 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrain were unloaded from 23 ships as of Sunday at the Chittagong port where emergency cargo handling is being policed by the security forces, reports APB.

The foodstuffs included 42,031 mts of rice, 229,592 mts of wheat and 1,198 mts of other food items, it was revealed when Army Chief Lt General Muhammad Mostafizur Rahman visited the sea port today.

General Mustafiz inspected the activities of the army personnel deployed there in the wake of huge food imports necessitated by a colossal loss of rice crops in the last floods.

About 600 officers and troops of the Bangladesh Army and the Bangladesh Navy have been engaged to supervise the unloading and transportation

Test for recruitment of pry teachers Nov 13

The written examination for the assistant teachers' recruitment for the government primary schools will be held on November 13, reports BSS.

The examination, under the Department of Primary Education, will be held simultaneously in the 61 district headquarters at 10 am, an official handout said.

The three hill districts — Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban — will be excluded from this examination.

Candidates have been asked to present at their respective centres.

Drive to check air, noise pollution begins today

The government has decided to launch a permanent drive from today to check the emission of black smoke and high-pitched sound by the defective vehicles plying on the city streets, official sources said yesterday, reports BSS.

Forest and Environment Minister Sajeda Chowdhury will inaugurate the programme at 9:30 am in the city's Manik Miah Avenue.

Jointly organised by Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), Dhaka Metropolitan Police and Magistrate and some voluntary organisations, the launching programme will be attended by the officials concerned.

The sources said nearly 2,50,000 defective vehicles ply in the capital everyday, constantly emitting thick black smoke and making high-pitched sound which cause severe air and noise pollution.

ASK concerned

By Staff Correspondent Ain-O-Salish Kendra (ASK), a human rights and legal aid centre, has expressed concern at the possible deportation of Bangladeshi workers from Malaysia.

In a press release issued yesterday, ASK also urged the Ministry of Labour and Employment to take necessary steps to simplify repatriation procedures, and provide financial assistance for their return to their respective villages, ensure transfer of assets, increase transport allowance pay dues to workers from the Wage Earners Welfare Fund and allow NGOs to assist workers at airport.

Illegal firearms factory unearthed in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, Oct 26: Police unearthed an illegal arms manufacturing factory in deep forest area under Ramu thana this morning, reports APB.

In a four-hour drive, police found the hideout at Kodali-akata under Eidgarh union and recovered four cut-rifles and 18 types of arms manufacturing accessories.

None, however, was arrested in this connection as they had escaped through a hidden tunnel, police said.

With this, police unearthed a total of seven illegal firearms manufacturing dens in the district over the last two years.

Meanwhile, Cox's Bazar, Ramu and Chokoria police in separate drives recovered 12 cut-rifles and arrested three people in the last two weeks.

BNP demands release of party leaders

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday demanded release of his party leaders and workers arrested during last hartal in Sirajganj, reports UNB.

In a statement, he alleged that many BNP leaders and workers were charged with false cases and demanded withdrawal of those cases.

Bhuiyan criticised the ruling party for creating a reign of terror in Sirajganj and demanded arrest of the terrorists who attacked and injured BNP workers, including the general secretary of Sirajganj College Students Union.

He warned that tougher movement will be launched against the government's blueprint to gag the voice of the opposition.

CEC orders quick disposal of audit objections

Chief Election Commissioner Muhammad Abu Hena has directed the officials concerned for quick disposal of the audit objections through discussion with the officials of Comptroller and Auditor General, reports UNB.

If necessary, identify the persons involved in financial mismanagement and take legal action against them," he said inaugurating a week-long training programme on Financial Management at the LGED auditorium in the city yesterday.

Forty-three officials from the Election Commission and different districts under Dhaka division are taking part in the programme organised by the Election Training Institute.

The Chief Election Commissioner asked the officials of administration to properly carry out their duties and maintain financial discipline, said an official handout.

Election Commissioners Abdur Rahman and Mushtaq Ahmed Chowdhury, Comptroller and Auditor General M Hafizuddin Khan and Election Commission Secretary Abdullah Harun Pasha also spoke on the occasion.

Body of abducted youth recovered in Jessore

JESSORE, Oct 26: Police recovered the body of an abducted youth from the river Bhairab near Nilganj Bridge in the town Sunday, reports APB.

Ziaul Haque Zia, 25, son of Habibar Khan of Nilganj, was abducted 20 days ago. The body, packed into a sack, was found floating in the river.

Zia's hands and legs had been cut off from the body, police said. His face also bore some marks of cut injuries.

A case was filed with the Sadar police station in this connection.

Export Promotion Bureau Tender Notice. Sealed tenders from reputed offset printing press are invited for printing 20,000 (twenty thousand) copies folder titled of list of Bangladesh Exportable Products by 12-00 Noon on 05-11-98.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি. নংঃ ১০৬/নোরাড-৫/৯৮/শিক্ষা. নোরাড সাহায্যপত্র ফ্রিমেল সেকেন্ডারী এডুকেশন স্টাইপেন্ড প্রজেক্ট (২য় পর্যায়) শীর্ষক প্রকল্পে অস্থায়ীভাবে সূত্র নিম্নবর্ণিত পদসমূহ পূরণের নিমিত্তে প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হইতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাইতেছেঃ

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Environment and Forest Section-5 Re-Employment Notice. No-MEF-5/Project-3/(Post creation)/96/543 Dated 20-10-1998. Applications are invited from bonafide nationals of Bangladesh for appointment to the following posts on purely temporary basis (for the duration of the project) under a project Forest Resources Management under implementation of the Forest Directorate.