

City Mohila AL rally

The Dhaka City Mohila Awami League held a rally in front of the central office of Awami League at Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday afternoon demanding the trial of killers of four national leaders, reports BSS.



Mohila Awami League brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding the trial of the killers of Bangabandhu and four national leaders. —Star photo

FAO to provide Tk 2.24cr as flood relief

Bangladesh will receive a grant assistance amounting to Tk 2.24 crore (475,500 US dollars) from the FAO as flood relief, reports APB.

The money will be spent under two projects for supplying emergency veterinary medicine to flood-affected livestock farmers and for assessing flood damage in fisheries and livestock sector.

To this effect, two agreements were signed at ERD yesterday.

The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock will implement the projects 'Emergency Supply of Veterinary Medicine and Vaccine to Flood Affected Livestock Farmers in Bangladesh' and 'Assessment of Flood Damages in Fisheries and Livestock Sector.'

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The wounded six, identified as Basonti, 16, the daughter of Minoty, Ruma, 12, Rangmala, 50, Musne Ara, 12, Parboti, 18, and Mariam, 30, were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), police and hospital sources said.

According to police the incident took place when they were preparing brick chips at a road side place under a power supply line at about 12.30 pm.

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BCU to launch movement Nov 10

The Dhaka University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) will launch a movement on November 10 to realise its 11-point demand.

The BCU leaders announced this during an exchange of views with members of the Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA) yesterday.

The 11-point demand includes establishment of a muk-tijudho research institute at the university, setting up of a computer village, cardphone facility for students, modernisation of the university library, publication of results within two months of examinations and immediate holding of the DUCSU election.

Shechchhasebak League mass procession today

Bangladesh Shechchhasebak League will organise a mass procession today demanding punishment of the killers of Bangabandhu and those collaborated with the killers, reports BSS.

The procession will start from Osmani Uddyan at 3 pm and march through various city streets.

NGO office ransacked in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 4 (APB): Miscreants ransacked the office of Proshika Manabik Unnayan Sangstha at Natun Bhanganbari here Tuesday.

BMRC honoured

Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC) has been honoured with the Primary Healthcare Development Award on the occasion of WHO's 50th anniversary for its significant contribution in the field of primary healthcare, reports UNB.

The award was scheduled to be presented to the Health and Family Welfare Minister at the last meeting of the Ministers for Health of South East Asian countries held in New Delhi.

The minister could not attend the meeting due to devastating flood in the country.

WHO country representative Dr Hardjotjanajo handed over the award to State Minister for Health and Family Welfare yesterday to present it to the chairman of BMRC Prof Syed Modasser Ali.

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3 shot by armed men in Magura

MAGURA, Nov 4: Three villagers sustained bullet wounds when a group of armed men opened fire at Jaria village in Sreepur thana on Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Witnesses said about eight armed men who identified themselves as the members of Sarbahara Party (Bidhan) demanded toll from the villagers entering into some houses at about 9:30 pm.

But they opened indiscriminate gunfire on the villagers when they caught some of the armed men. However, they left the scene after the mob released their accomplices.

Monojit Chakrabarty (40), Ujjal (15), and Swapan (20), received bullet injuries at different parts of their bodies.

Police rushed to the spot and sent the injured people to Sadar Hospital.

Of the injured, Monojit's condition was stated to be critical. He received bullet wounds at his head and chest.

A case was filed with Sreepur police.

A trust fund was established yesterday at the Dhaka University in memory of Hasina Begum, an Associate Professor of Mathematics Department of Kabi Nazrul Government College, reports BSS.

PKSF team meets Kibria

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria said yesterday that the NGO's would have to play effective and timely role side by side with the government's activities for the success of poverty alleviation and post-flood rehabilitation programmes, reports BSS.

The minister said this while talking with the president and members of the Palli Karma Shahayak Foundation (PKSF) who called on the former at his office.

President of PKSF Prof. Wahiduddin Mahmud, members Prof. Mohammad Yunus and Dr. Sheikh Maksud Ali took part in the discussion.

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Maintain fairness in distribution of VGF cards

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 4: Minister Lt General (ret'd) Mohammad Nour Uddin Khan today called for maintaining fairness in the distribution of Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) cards among the flood affected people in the country, reports BSS.

Any irregularities in the distribution of VGF cards would be dealt with seriously, he said, while distributing special VGF cards among the flood affected destitutes in the Faurashava areas of the town.

The minister distributed cards at Shaheed Muktijoddha Hall and Narayanganj district Awami League office on BB Road.

Khan said the post-flood reconstruction worked including the repair of damaged roads, culverts, educational institutions, improvement of rural infrastructure, rural housing schemes and supply of fodder to the cattle, going on all over the country.

The minister also attended a meeting of the district disaster management committee at the DC office in the morning.

AKM Shamim Osman, MP, SM Akram, MP, Emdadul Hoq Bhuiyan, MP, Abdur Rahman, DC, Narayanganj, and AHM Nour Uddin were present on the occasion.

JS body on Defence Ministry meets

A meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Defence was held yesterday at the Sangsad Bhaban with its Chairman Maj Gen (ret'd) KM Shahfulah in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed the organisational structure and training activities of the Bangladesh Armed Forces.

The meeting was told that there are various types of training institutions to provide training to the members of the Armed Forces.

Besides, three other institutions like National Defence College, Military Institute of Science and Technology and Armed Forces Medical College have been established and the academic activities in these institutions would start next year.

Committee members Col (ret'd) Shaukat Ali, Mohammad Farook Khan, Sheikh Helal Uddin, Golam Mohammad Quader, Lt Col (ret'd) Md Akhtaruz-zaman and Prof Mohammad Rezaul Karim attended the meeting.

Defence Secretary Syed Yusuf Hossain, Chief of Armed Forces Lt Gen Mustafizur Rahman and high officials concerned were present at the meeting.

Filing of 'false' cases against BNP men condemned

City BNP convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka yesterday condemned the filing of 'false' cases against BNP men and the arrest of hawk leader Abdul Latif Golap, reports UNB.

In a statement, Khoka alleged that police in the name of raid are harassing BNP leaders in the city and misbehaving with their family members.

He said that the government would not be able to foil the mass movement by filing 'false' cases against BNP leaders and harassing their family members.

'The fall of this anti-people government is imminent,' he said demanding immediate release of the arrested BNP leaders and withdrawal of all 'false' cases filed against them.

CUFL resumes production after four months

CHITTAGONG, Nov 4: Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd (CUFL) resumed its production today after four months, reports UNB.

CUFL's production remained suspended since July 2 following shortfall of gas supply from Bakhrabad Gas System Ltd (BSSL).

CUFL sources said BSSL authority agreed to supply the gas of Ghorashal Fertiliser Factory till November 28 as the factory went for overhauling work.

BSSL supplies 57 million cubic feet of gas to GFF whereas CUFL needs 43 million cubic feet for its production.

CUFL earlier suspended production for 11 months since July in 1996. The recent production suspension has caused an estimated loss of Tk 110 crore to the factory.

BKSAL holds discussion

By Staff Correspondent Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Awami League (BKSAL) has demanded exemplary punishment to the killers of the Father of the Nation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the four national leaders.

At a discussion meeting on 'Four National Leaders and Bangladesh' held at the Photo Journalists' Association auditorium on Tuesday, the BKSAL leaders also called upon the people to gear up movement for establishing a exploitation-free society and rule of law in the country, says a press release.

The discussion was arranged to mark the Jail Killing Day. BKSAL chairman Sharif Mohammad Amruzzaman, secretary general Jaina Abidin, organising secretary Shahidul Islam, publicity and publication secretary Rafiqul Islam, Rezaul Karim Majumder, Shima Abedin and Abdul Khaleq Haolader also spoke on the occasion, the release added.

British parliamentarians say Talks only way out of war in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Nov 4: Sri Lanka's military offensive against Tamil rebels has become a zero-sum game and peace talks are the only way out, visiting British legislators said Wednesday, amid signs of battle fatigue among the military and the guerillas, reports AP.

The lawmakers arrived in Sri Lanka ahead of next week's trip by a senior British envoy. Reports in Colombo say his help may be sought toward resolving the civil war.

'Neither side can have a military victory, it has to be negotiations,' said William O'Brien of the Labour Party.

The six-member delegation, including three from the Labour Party and three Conservatives, met with President Chandrika Kumaratunga, opposition leader Ranil Wickremasinghe and other leaders during the trip.

Referring to the 25-year effort to resolve the Northern Ireland crisis, Conservative MP Robert Walters said Sri Lanka's 15-year conflict has gone on long enough. 'We believe a confidence-building process should start followed by peace talks,' he said.

The parliamentarians were here on an exchange programme, but they took the opportunity to discuss the war that has left 55,000 people dead, 1 million displaced and which has devastated parts of this Indian Ocean republic off India's southern coast.

The visit by British envoy Derek Fatchett beginning Nov 9 comes in the backdrop of reports that the Sri Lankan government is looking for an opening to resume peace talks with the guerillas, who also appear to be searching for a break.

Fatchett is coming to inaugurate a British trade fair, but his schedule includes meeting with Mrs Kumaratunga and Wickremasinghe. The two leaders have been unable to agree on a common approach to the rebels.

Arms recovered in Rangamati

RANGAMATI, Nov 4: Police recovered two country-made firearms from Mahajanpara in Longdu thana of the district early Monday, police said, reports AFP.

On a tip-off, a police team led by ASP S M Rokon Uddin and Longdu thana OC Abdul Ohid went to Mahajanpara in the early hours of the day to nab a gang of armed hoodlums.

The gangsters, 15-16 in number, fled the scene sensing police presence, leaving behind two locally-made guns at a nearby jungle.

The members of the group were preparing to commit dacoity in the locality, police said. A case was filed with the local police.

WP concerned at unrest in political arena

Workers Party (WP) has expressed concern at the unrest in the country's political arena over the verdict of August 15 killings, launching trial process of the jail killings and the initiative to probe into the Zia murder, reports UNB.

'As in the past, attempts are being made to divide the country's politics into pre and post-75 politics,' said a resolution of the party's central committee meeting in the city yesterday.

It said the Workers Party of Bangladesh has always demanded trial of all killings, including those of August 15 and November 3, and of Siraj Sikder, Col Taher and General Manzur.

The resolution said: 'All the parties in the three alliances against autocracy are committed to end the politics of killing, coup and conspiracy.'

'The process has begun through the trial of the August 15 murders and jail killings,' it added, saying that 'at the same time, people want to see the realisation of Prime Minister's commitment of holding trials of all killings.'

It said: 'People will refuse with contempt any move to foil the trial procedures as well as any bid for rightist polarisation of politics.'

The WP meeting demanded bringing to book all people involved from behind the curtain in the August 15 killings and political changeover, the Zia killing and the usurpation of power.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Paripatna Shakti Commission. Includes a table with columns for 'ক্রম নং', 'পদের নাম ও বৈতনিক', 'শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা', 'বিষয়/ক্ষেত্র', and '১৯-১১-৯৮ইং তারিখে বয়স'. The table lists various positions like 'সহকারী প্রকৌশলী', 'বৈজ্ঞানিক কর্মকর্তা', etc., with their respective qualifications and age limits.