

DUTA calls for CEC's resignation

By Staff Correspondent
Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) yesterday demanded resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and called for rescheduling the municipal elections through discussions.

Expressing concern over the volatile and confrontational political situation, DUTA said the elections without participation of the major opposition parties would destabilise the country and push the economy into further crisis, said a statement signed by DUTA president Prof Youssif Haider and general secretary Ferdous Hosain yesterday.

"The democratic process cannot continue without free, fair and fully contested elections. Besides, elections with major opposition parties out of the fray would not gain recognition," the DUTA statement said.

Scouts observe BP Day

Bangladesh Scouts observed the 142nd birth anniversary of Robert Stephenson Smith Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell, best known as BP, yesterday in a befitting manner all over the country.

All the Regions, Zilla and Thana Scouts organised rallies, seminar, walkathon and discussion meetings on this occasion, says a press release.

Amar Ekushey observed abroad

Amar Ekushey February was observed in a befitting manner at Bangladesh missions abroad, reports BSS.

The day started with hoisting of the national flag at half-mast and observing one-minute silence in commemoration of the valiant sons of the soil who made supreme sacrifices on this day in 1952 to establish Bangla as one of the state languages of the then East Pakistan.

Officials and employees of the missions and Bangladeshi expatriates joined the various programmes organised on the occasion.

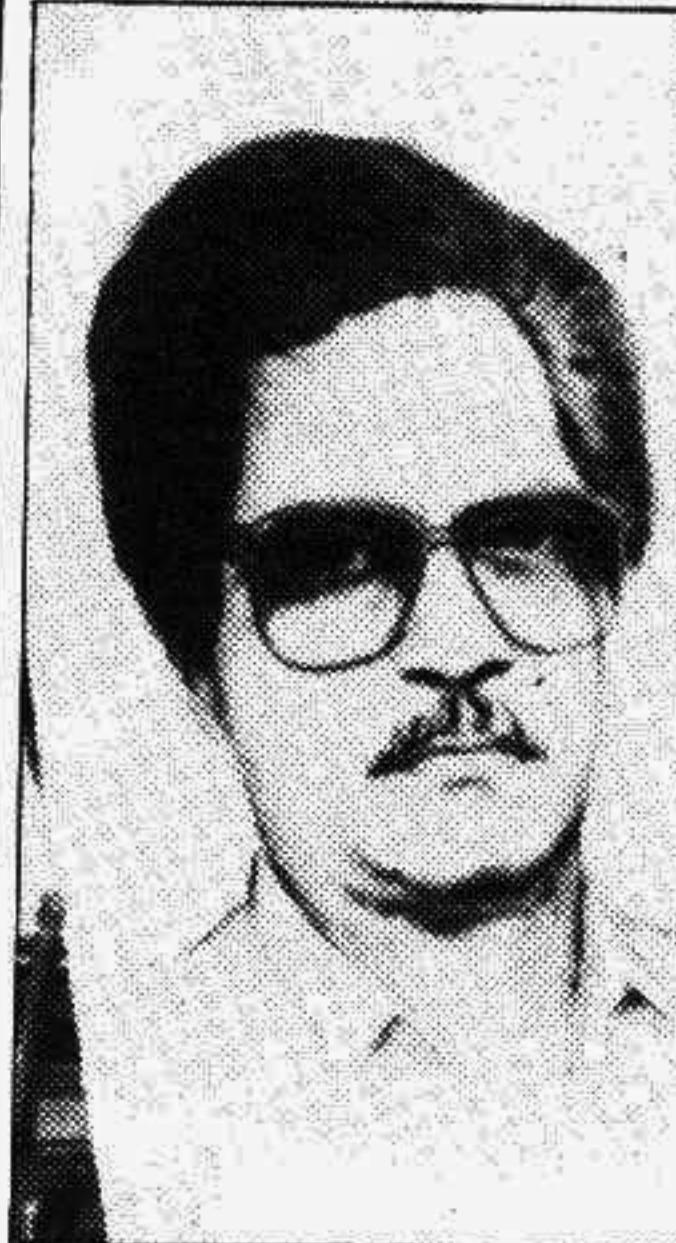
Bangladeshi students in New Delhi held a series of programmes in the Jawaharlal Nehru University auditorium.

Bangladesh High Commissioner to India CM Shahi Sam was the chief guest at a discussion meeting on Ekushey organised by the students. The discussion was followed by a cultural function and a drama.

The Bangladeshi Permanent Mission and Bangladeshi expatriates in New York placed wreaths at the *Shaheed Minar* near the UN headquarters.

Some missions also organised book fairs.

Bangladeshi missions in The Hague, Paris, Madrid, Singapore, Stockholm, Tokyo, Canberra, Colombo, Moscow, Cairo, Beijing, Yangon, Abu Dhabi, Islamabad, Calcutta, Kathmandu, Kuala Lumpur, Ankara, Dubai and Bahrain also observed the day with various programmes.



Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak speaking at a meeting in memory of JSD leader Kazi Aref Ahmed at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday, organised by Jatiya Samannay Committee. Kazi Aref was gunned down at Daulatpur in Kushtia on Feb 16.

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Metropolitan



One held for snatching in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Feb 22: A special team of Chittagong Metropolitan Police today arrested one Bahadur alias Mera Bahadur from Lohagara, reports BSS.

In connection with the snatching of Taka seven lakh from a cloth merchant at Korbaniganj on Eid-ul Fitr day.

Bahadur was said to be the main accused in the case.

Saudi envoy calls on Nurul Islam

Ambassador of Saudi Arabia Abdullah Omar Barry called on State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana Mohammad Nurul Islam in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The ambassador discussed with the minister matters relating to upcoming Hajj pilgrimage.

The ambassador assured the minister of all cooperation in respect of Hajj, especially issuance of Hajj visas to both ballotee and non-ballotee pilgrims.

They also discussed matters of evolving a formula to issue visas to the non-ballotee Hajj pilgrims.

Religious Secretary Mohammad Morshed Hossain was also present.

Weather

Temperature may rise

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country during the next 12 hours, reports BNS.

According to the Met Office, slight rise in night temperature is expected over the country during the period.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 32.6 degrees Celsius was recorded at Sitakunda and the lowest 12.3 degrees at Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 5:58 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:25 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in Percentage
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