

PM orders stern action against Nurul's killers

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, shocked by the "brutal killing" of Ricksaw Sramik League member Nurul Haq, directed stern action against the assailants, reports UNB.

The ruling party labour-front activist died on the spot in a bomb attack on a peace rally of Bangladesh Awami League at city's Motijheel area during the opposition called hartal yesterday.

The Prime Minister strongly condemned the dastardly attack and directed the concerned authorities to track down and punish the "terrorists".

She also condemned a petrol bomb attack on tempo driver Mir Hossain at Khilkhet yesterday.

The PM asked the doctors to ensure best possible treatment for seriously injured Hossain.

Hasina prayed for the departed soul of Nurul Haq and conveyed her sympathies to members of the bereaved family.

BSS adds: Jatiya Ricksaw Sramik League has strongly protested the killing of its central leader, Nurul Haq in a bomb attack near Shapla Square during yesterday's hartal.

In a joint statement, Sukkur Ahmed and Mohammad Insur

All, president and general secretary respectively of the organisation, criticised the opposition parties for calling hartal. They said terrorists of the three opposition parties hurled a bomb on a peaceful procession which claimed the life of Nurul Haq and injured others.

The leaders demanded immediate arrest of those involved in the killing.

Meanwhile, Agrani Bank Karmachari Sangsad in a statement strongly criticised the killing of Nurul Haq and attack on some bank employees, including Mirza Eskander, a central member of Agrani Bank Karmachari Sangsad, during hartal hours.

'Nazrul festival' begins Feb 26

A two-day 'Nazrul Sangeet Festival' will begin from February 26 as part of the birth centenary celebrations of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam at the Nazrul Institute in the city, reports BSS.

The festival will include solo and chorus songs, recitation and reading from Nazrul literature and presentation from Nazrul drama.

Registration of participants will begin from 8 am on Feb 26 at the institute premises.



A devastating fire gutted cotton godown at Khilgaon Tilpapara in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Refreshers course for math teachers begins Mar 12

By Staff Correspondent

A two-day refresher course for Mathematics for higher secondary level teachers begins at the NAEM in the city on March 12, says a press release.

Teachers intending to participate in the course have been requested to send entries to the Editor, Shikkha Barta, 28/5 BUET Quarter, Dhaka by February 28.

Would be participants have also been asked to report at NAEM, opposite to Dhaka College, by 8 am on March 12.

BTV to air films from D-8 nations

Bangladesh Television (BTV) will screen documentary films from D-8 countries marking the two-day D-8 summit which begins in the city on March 1, an official press release said, reports BSS.

The films will be telecast at 7:05 pm daily starting from today.

Build up strong resistance against hartal: BCL

By DU Correspondent

Leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of ruling Awami League, accused the oppositions of hatching a conspiracy to destabilise the country's democratic process through destructive politics.

Addressing an anti-hartal rally on the Dhaka University campus yesterday the BCL leaders also urged the people to build up a strong resistance against the countrywide hartal enforced by the opposition parties.

The 66-hour hartal is designed to destroy the country's democratic practice and the ongoing development activities of the government," the BCL leaders alleged.

They also urged the opposition parties to refrain from such "undemocratic" activities for the sake of the country's economy.

Earlier, the BCL activists brought out a procession on the campus chanting anti-hartal, slogans.

BCL DU unit president Sajjad Hossain, general secretary AKM Azim, Shubas Ghos, Talukder Ehsanul Kabir, Hamayet Uddin Himu and Basiruddin addressed the rally among others.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of BNP, did not observe the hartal on the campus as they were ousted by BCL activists from the campus a few days back.

Meanwhile, two classes of the Department of Law of DU were held yesterday defying the hartal.

Price rise irks Madhu's Canteen clientele

Sweets no longer taste as good as it was in the past at the Madhu's Canteen of Dhaka University, reports UNB.

The price of a piece of sweet at the Canteen has been raised by 50 per cent to Tk 3 from Tk 2 causing widespread displeasure among its clientele of university students.

However, explaining the situation, the present owner of the Canteen said he was forced to raise the price despite a tradition of low prices at the Madhu's Canteen.

"I tried my best to keep the price at Tk 2 per piece of sweets. But the sweet-makers of Savar. But the sweet-makers of Savar, our suppliers for long, have recently increased their prices substantially," said Arun Dey, the eldest son of the Canteen's founder, martyr Madhusudan Dey, better known as Madhu-Da.

However, the sizes of sweets are now bigger, he claimed.

Madhu's Canteen, a name well known not only on the DU campus but also across the country, witnessed many historic events of the many pro-democracy movements.

Chhatra League DU unit president Sajjad Hossain told UNB with a note of anguish that the Madhu's Canteen is now being used merely on commercial consideration to earn maximum profit.

But, he said, the Canteen gets everything — gas, electricity, water, accommodation, etc — free of cost from the university "just to keep the prices low."

"For some times the sizes of sweets were okay compared to the price of Tk 3. But the sweets have again reverted to their old size despite the increased price," Sajjad said.

'Stop supply of arms to parties in conflict'

Bangladesh has stressed the need for protection of the civilians who are the worst victims of armed conflict, reports UNB.

"Stop supply of weapons to parties in conflict," Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the UN, ambassador Anwarul Karim Chowdhury told a meeting on "Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict" at the Security Council on Monday.

He said the weaker and vulnerable groups of the society become easy victims of such conflicts. Abuses of rights of women and children are most common and humanitarian personnel do not have enough security coverage to carry out their activities smoothly, he added.

Chowdhury pointed out that poverty, hunger and ignorance, and deprivation and lack of accountability in use of political power are the root causes of such conflicts in many countries.

He suggested a reversal of the growing international inequalities as a possible solution to the problem, according to a message received yesterday.

Hartal disrupts book fair

By DU Correspondent

The Amar Ekushey book fair was disrupted yesterday due to the opposition sponsored countrywide three-day hartal.

A large number of people crowded the Bangla Academy during last few days. But, there was no such gathering at the fair yesterday. Moreover, a few bookstalls remained closed.

Though the number of visitors were very thin, selling of books was appreciable.

"Books worth Tk 50,000 were sold yesterday," said Public Relations Officer of Bangla Academy Sarkar Amin.

Meanwhile, a musical soiree was held at the Academy premises yesterday as part of the Amar Ekushey programmes.

Renowned artistes rendered songs based on the spirit of Ekushey February.

Weather

Rise in night temp likely

Dry weather is likely to prevail over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Slight rise in night temperature is expected over the country during the period, Met Office said.

The country's highest temperature was recorded 33.4 degree Celsius yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 11.4 degrees at Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 5:59 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	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.5	14.7	50	52
Chittagong	31.6	17.0	69	44
Rajshahi	31.3	13.2	61	59
Khulna	33.3	15.4	72	51

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Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H Road Division, Habiganj Telephone: 3269

Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No : 20 (Twenty)/Executive Engineer, R&H, Habiganj Road Division 1998-99.
- Name of work : Work of earth filling on the 4th KM (remaining) and 5th KM (remaining) of Habiganj-Habiganj-Sherpur Road under Habiganj Road Division during 1998-99 fiscal year.
- Estimated cost : Taka 3,12,810/-
- Earnest money : Taka 6,256/-
- Time limit for completion of work : 15 (fifteen) days.
- Head of expenditure : 266 Development.
- Eligibility of contractors : From 'A' to 'E' general category.
- Authority to approve estimate : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet.
- Offices where tenders will be received : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet/Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Habiganj.
- Offices where tenders will be sold : Executive Engineer, R&H Road Division, Habiganj/Moulvibazar/Sylhet/ Sunamganj/ Planning and Design Division, Comilla/Sub-Divisional Engineer, R&H, Road Sub-Division, Habiganj/Shaestaganj/Assistant Engineer, R&H, 1st Category Workshop Sub-Division, Habiganj.
- Last date and time of selling tender : 01-3-99 till office hours.
- Last date and time of receiving tender : 02-3-99 till 12:30 PM.
- Date and time of opening tender : 04-3-99 at 11 AM.
- Date and time of lottery : 06-3-99 at 12:00 Noon.

Md Sharfuddin
Executive Engineer, R&H (Current Charge)
Road Division, Habiganj.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

During the 2nd D-8 Summit to be held at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel from February 25 to March 3, 1999, access to the complex and ANZ Grindlays Bank's Sheraton Sales & Service Centre will be restricted.

Any inconvenience to our valued customers is deeply regretted and you are requested to utilise the services of our Dhaka Main, Dhanmondi, Kawran Bazar or Gulshan Sales & Service Centre during this period.



Attention Josephites!!

St. Joseph's Old Boys Association (SJOBA) is playing a cricket match against ANZ-Grindlays Bank on Saturday February 27, 1999 at 10 AM. For more details, please contact:

Quazi Waseem Ahmed Tel # 911-0038 (Res) 933-5601 to 08 (Off)

Adil Islam Tel # (018)-214180

A. Farjad Ahmed Tel # 406096 (Res) 966-6701 to 05 (Off)

The match will take place at WAPDA ground located at Banani Road # 11 (inside the WAPDA Colony)

Friends & family of ALL Josephites are invited.

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Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Division, Meherpur

Tender Corrigendum Notice

This is for information for all concerned that the Memo No: 82/1(24) dated 31.1.99 through which the work for "Construction of Meherpur District Veterinary Hospital (Sub-head: Garage and internal road construction) (from the existing road to garage)" and the last date of selling of tender of which, the date of receiving tender and the date of holiday lottery are fixed on 22.2.99, 23.2.99 and 3.3.99 respectively. The last date of selling tender, the date of receiving tender and the date of holding lottery are fixed on 7.3.99, 8.3.99 and 16.3.99 respectively instead of 22.2.99, 23.2.99 and 3.3.99 respectively. Other terms and conditions of tender will remain unchanged. This corrigendum to tender will be considered as part and parcel of the tender.

Kazi Monzurul Haque
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division
Meherpur

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Consignees are requested to take delivery of their cargo from FCL containers within 5 days free time from the date of landing. If the cargo is not cleared within 45 days from landing then the disposal of the cargo will be governed by the relevant customs Act.

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February 22, 1999

Admn: R-1/RA/99

Applications are invited from bonafide Bangladeshi nationals for the post of Research Associate in the scale of pay (NPS '97) Tk 4300-185-5595-EB-195-7740/- plus other allowances as admissible under the prevailing rules.

The candidates should have Master's degree in Economics/Sociology/Anthropology/Environment; with a first class either in Bachelor's or Master's level, or have equivalent qualifications from a foreign University. In case of second class Honours/Master's degree, the candidate must have at least 55% marks (or equivalent) and one research publication of BDS (quarterly journal of BIDS) standard to his/her credit. The candidates who have first class Honours degree and appeared in MSS/MSc examination in any of the above subjects may also apply.

Application with complete bio-data giving details of division/class obtained and year of passing from SSC onwards along with two passport size photographs and attested copies of marksheets (the name of papers studied in Masters should also be mentioned) and academic certificates addressed to the Secretary, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), E-17, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka - 1207 should reach at the latest by April 15, 1999. Candidates already in service should apply through proper channel.

The authority reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason.

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Secretary
BIDS

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NOTICE OF THE 10TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 10th Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of Prime Textile Spinning Mills Limited will be held on Saturday the 20th March, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. at the Factory premises, Nandalalpur Road, Pagla, Narayanganj, to transact the following business:

AGENDA

- To confirm the minutes of proceedings of the 9th Annual General Meeting held on 28 June, 1998.
- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Balance Sheet and Manufacturing, Trading and Profit & Loss Accounts for the year ended on 30 June 1998, together with the Reports of the Chairman, Auditors and Directors thereon.
- To retire and re-elect Directors as per Articles of Association.
- To consider re-appointment of Managing Director.
- To appoint Auditors for the year 1998-99 and to fix their remuneration.
- To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

Dhaka
17 February, 1999

By order of the Board
Sd/
Sultan Ahmed, FCA
Director-(Finance)
&
Company Secretary

Notes:

- The Register of Shareholders and Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from 06th March 1999 to 20th March 1999 (both days inclusive), and during that period no transfer of shares will be effected.
- Any shareholder of the company entitled to attend and vote at the General Meeting, may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. The proxy form, duly stamped and signed by the shareholder must be deposited at the Corporate Headquarters, Sena Kalyan Bhaban (8th floor), 195, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, not less than 48 (forty eight) hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
- Admission to the meeting venue will be on production of the attendance slip.
- Shareholders interested to avail Company's transport are requested to collect their transport coupon from the Company's Share Department after 15th March 1999.



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