

President, PM greet Assad

President Justice Sahabuddin Ahmed has felicitated President Hafez Al-Assad of Syria on the occasion of its National Day, reports UNB.

AL leader assaulted in Faridpur

FARIDPUR, Apr 16: Unidentified armed men beat up a local leader of ruling Awami League at the party's district unit office this morning, reports UNB.

Human chain in protest against bomb blast in Jessore

JHALAKATI, Apr 16: People from different walks of life put up a human chain in front of local press club on Wednesday in protest against the recent fatal bomb blast in Jessore at the national conference of Udichi, which took a toll of over a dozen lives, reports APB.

WARBE's resolution

Welfare Association of Repatriated Bangladesh Employees (WARBE) has demanded transparency in the account of the Wage Earners' Welfare Fund, says a press release.

Death anniversary

The 3rd death anniversary of Quazi Nuruzzaman, 1st VP of Saadat University College, Koratia, Tangaila; Audit & Accounts Officer of Commercial Audit Department and also a member of Dhaka Bar Council will be observed tomorrow.

Qulqhwani

Ms. Kanij Fatema Kamal (Lucy), the eldest daughter of SM Kamaluddin, died of cancer in a hospital of New York on April 11 at 10:50 pm of Bangladesh time. She was buried at Azimpur graveyard on April 15, says a press release.

Probe into Air Parabat crash incident demanded

By DU Correspondent Eminent personalities yesterday demanded proper investigation into the crash of Air Parabat in which Fareea Lara and her co-pilot Rafiqul Islam Sumar died on September 27 last year.

They also demanded immediate release of the report of the probe body formed to investigate into the crash incident. They were speaking the inauguration of 'Fareea Lara Foundation' at the National Museum auditorium. Renowned poet Sufia Kamal opened the plaque of the foundation.

The speakers expressed their resentment over the statement of some persons who believe that women are incapable of any challenging profession like a pilot. They alleged that people of our country were still trying to confine the women within houses.

Farid Hossain new chief of AP Dhaka Bureau

Farid Hossain, correspondent of The Associated Press (AP), has succeeded Hasan Saeed as the chief of Dhaka Bureau of the AP, one of the world's largest news agencies, reports UNB.

Hartal

From page 1 first since the February 23-25 municipal polls that took place amid a 66-hour hartal, called by the opposition parties which boycotted it.

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Left Democratic Front brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding of the government to solve the water and power crises immediately.



Demra and Shyampur thana unit of BNP demonstrating in the city yesterday in protest against the shortage of water and power supply and terrorism.

China looks into clues of Korean Air cargo jet crash

SHANGHAI, Apr 16: Investigators searched demolished shanty housing and a debris-strewn industrial park Friday for clues in the crash of a Korean Air cargo jet as the official death toll rose to nine, reports AP.

South of the airport. The impact left a crater 20 meters (65 feet) long and nearly 8 meters (26 feet) deep, the Shanghai News reported.

New Year celebrations mark final collapse of Khmer Rouge movement

PHNOM PENH, Apr 16: Cambodians concluded their first Buddhist New Year celebrations at peace in three decades Friday, a milestone underscoring the final collapse of the murderous Khmer Rouge revolutionary movement, reports AP.

ies hoped to create a radical communist utopia. As many as 2 million Cambodians died from overwork, disease, starvation and systematic executions.

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Need for self-flourishment of professionals stressed

Dhaka University Proctor Prof Nur-un-Nabi Chowdhury yesterday emphasised the need for self-flourishment of professionals to change the whole landscape of social net to achieve sustainable development, reports BSS.

He said the aspiration of a professional should be seen in a positive way and there should be a healthy competition among the professionals to raise their quality, expand the horizon of their knowledge and capacity of making judgement and taking decisions.

Dr Nabi Chowdhury was delivering his lecture on "Self-flourishment is the Precondition to Ensure Accountability and Meet Commitment" at the 22nd Council Lecture Session marking the National Conference '99 of the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDE, B) on its premise here.

He said there should be a social pressure to ensure accountability and raise the level of commitment among the professionals to help advance the nation along the highway of development.

What's on today....

- Award ceremony: The award giving ceremony of the 'War of Liberation' competition will be held. Teenage Awareness Group has organised the competition in cooperation with The Daily Star. Venue: Liberation War Museum. Time: 4 pm.

Healthcare facilities

From page 1 Some of the respondents also said that they were dissatisfied over the type of facilities available at the health centres. Nearly all service buyers are asked to purchase medicines from private pharmacies.

tal staff and 11 pc suggested more arranging beds. The report noted that not all the suggested improvements would necessarily be expensive to implement. Some would require provision for more facilities. Others are more to do with better management and staff training.

Gold worth Tk 17 lakh seized at ZIA

The Customs Surveillance team at Zia International Airport has seized gold and gold ornaments worth about Tk 17 lakh from two Dhaka-bound Pakistani passengers in the early hours yesterday, reports BSS.

BJP

From page 1 had decided to support Vajpayee government. Singh expressed the confidence that the BJP-led government would be voted out tomorrow and "all the fears voiced regarding success of the effort of the opposition are misplaced and misconceived."

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Customs sources said, they intercepted two Pakistani citizens, Chowdhury Naasob Hossain and Mohammad Sabir Alam who arrived at the airport from Singapore by a Biman Bangladesh Airliner last night.

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A procession of Centre for Democracy Practice in the city yesterday called for a national consensus on curbing terrorism.

Rafique-ul-Huq

From page 1 The defence lawyers had also pointed out that Barrister Huq was a legal adviser to AB Bank, making it a clear case of conflict of interest.

Huq was challenging an AB Bank notice served on four of its directors - Salman F Rahman, Sohel F Rahman, MA Quasem and Iqbal Ahmed of Eximco Group. The Bank had told them to repay their overdue loans or else they would lose their seats on the Board. The AB Bank had acted according to instructions from the central bank.

AB Bank protested Huq's role, and requested him not to appear against the bank in this case. The legal counsel refused to listen to the plea. Instead, he notified the MD for issuing the notices violating his advice not to do so.

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But he defended his own action. "I can definitely defend the Directors of the (AB) Bank, who are shareholders and sponsors of the Bank and own the Bank."

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The CDP call came from a rally at the Paltan Maidan yesterday. Later, they brought out a silent procession which ended at the Central Shaheed Minar.

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