



Jatiya Party brought out a procession in the city yesterday to drum up support for today's hartal. —Star photo

Mujibnagar Day to stimulate spirit of freedom seekers

MUJIBNAGAR (Meherpur), Apr 17: Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad today expressed his firm optimism that Mujibnagar and Mujibnagar Day would continue to inspire and enlighten the future generations of freedom seekers and fighters against alien rule, reports BSS.

Both Mujibnagar, the place and Mujibnagar Day symbolise the spirit to fight for freedom and independence keeping the head high. Mr. Azad told a function here marking the 28th anniversary of the historic day when the Bangladesh provisional government took oath in the Amro Kanan (Mango Garden) of Meherpur district during the Liberation War.

Organised by the Ministry of Culture, the function was also addressed by State Minister for Textile A K M Jahangir Hossain and Secretary, Ministry of Culture Dr S Zaman Mahmood.

Scarcity of drinking water in Ishwardi

ISHWARDI, Apr 17: Drinking water has become scarce in many areas of the district including the Sadar thana due to fall in the level of groundwater and drying up of sources of surface water, reports APB.

'Post '75 rulers tried to erase contributions of freedom fighters'

SIRAJGANJ, Apr 17: Home, Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim said the post '75 rulers tried to erase the glorious contributions of freedom fighters in the Liberation War and distort history, reports APB.

Eight bodies of missing fishermen found in Noakhali

NOAKHALI, Apr 17: Eight bodies of the missing fishermen were recovered from the river Meghna near Char Gazaria in Rangtali thana of Laxmipur district on Sunday, reports UNB.

3 killed in bus-truck collision

FENI, Apr 17: At least three people were killed and 41 others injured in a head-on collision between a bus and truck at Samity Bazar near the town on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway today, reports UNB.

BGHOA executives

A seven-member executive committee of Bangladesh Guest House Owners Association has been formed with Sadique Ahsan as its president, says a press release.

Body of housewife exhumed in Joypurhat

JOYPURHAT, Apr 17: The body of a housewife was exhumed at Raghurbar village in sadar thana on Tuesday after eight days of her burial, reports UNB.

Obituary

Motia Begum, wife of late AKM Hashem, former headmaster of Rajshahi College School died at the BIRDEM Hospital in the city yesterday. She was 80, says a press release.

Four held in Sylhet

SYLHET, Apr 17: BDR jawans arrested four people, including an Indian national from the frontier Baragram village in Baniabazar thana on Monday, reports UNB.

Two women commit suicide

JOYPURHAT, Apr 17: Two women allegedly committed suicide by taking pesticides in sadar thana of the district on Thursday, reports UNB.

Pahela Baishakh celebrated at JU

By JU Correspondent
All were in a festive mood at the Jahangirnagar University (JU) campus yesterday on the occasion of Basanta Mela and Baishakhbaran Utsab organised by the Department of Bangla.

BNP dissolves Meherpur Dist Committee

The opposition BNP abolished its Meherpur District Committee and formed an 81-member Convening Committee of the unit, reports UNB.

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Dacoity, toll collection free zone

MAGURA, Apr 17: No dacoity or illegal toll collection was reported from Jessore-Kamarkhali part of the highway although such crimes increased manifold in other parts of the country, reports UNB.

Deposit of silt turns rivers non-navigable in Netrakona

NETRAKONA, Apr 17: All the rivers flowing through the district except Dhonu have become non-navigable due to deposit of silt and emergence of innumerable shoals, reports APB.



Transport workers march in a procession in the city yesterday, chanting slogans against today's hartal. —Star photo

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BCL call to resist hartal

President and General Secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Bahadur Bepari and Ajoy Kar Khokon in a joint statement yesterday urged the people to reject and resist the anti-people hartal called today by the fallen autocrat, fundamentalist civil forces and vote dacoits, reports BSS.

Benazir calls for unity in South Asia

LONDON, Apr 17: Former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has called for an "Asian Free Zone" that will build upon a "pre-1947" commonness among the peoples of South Asia, help South Asian governments "to set aside territorial ambitions and seek economic progress" for the region, reports IANS.

Farmer tortured to death in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, Apr 17: A poor farmer was tortured to death during arbitration at a Union Parishad Office in Chakoria Thana of the district on Friday, reports APB.

Detention of alleged organiser of Harkatul Zihad declared illegal

The High Court Thursday declared the detention of Ahmed Saadik Ahmed, a South African citizen and allegedly an organiser of Harkatul Zihad, illegal and without lawful authority.

Fire Service & Civil Defence Station facing problems in Sylhet

SYLHET, Apr 17: The Fire Service and Civil Defence Station of the town has been facing many problems since long, reports UNB.

Dacoities on alarming rise in Choudhagram

COMILLA, Apr 17: Dacoities are on alarming rise in different areas of Choudhagram thana of the district creating panic among the villagers, reports UNB.

Indian goods worth Tk 2.5cr seized

JESSORE, Apr 17: Anti-smuggling team of Bangladesh Rifles seized Indian smuggled goods worth about Tk 2.52 crore from different frontier points of the district during last three months till March 31, reports UNB.

Diarrhoea claims 60 lives in Barisal

BARISAL, Apr 17: Diarrhoea claimed 60 lives in Barisal Division in the last one week and over 5000 people are now suffering from the disease, official sources said today, reports APB.

Seven awarded life-term for killing

BARISAL, Apr 17: Seven persons have been given life term for killing a man at a village under Agailjhara thana in 1995, reports APB.

Sex workers' confce Tuesday

A conference of sex workers at Daulatdia will be held there on Tuesday to prevent child prostitution, reports APB.



Thai Songkram festival was celebrated at the residence of the Ambassador of Thailand in the city.