

Tree plantation campaign begins at DU today

By DU Correspondent

The 15-day long tree plantation programme will begin on the Dhaka University campus today.

Some 5,000 different kinds of trees bearing flower and fruit will be planted in and around the campus to make the campus greenery.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of ruling Awami League took the decision of plantation on the occasion of World Environment Day.

BCL brought out a colourful procession on the campus yesterday morning to mark the Environment Day.

Several hundred BCL activists participated in the procession with placards, banners and festoons highlighting the significance of the day.

Starting from in front of Madhu's Canteen, the procession ended at the Aparajeyo Bangla where the BCL held a rally.

The BCL leaders emphasised on creating mass awareness among the people with a view to containing environment pollution.

They urged the students to attend tree plantation programmes that will be inaugurated by the Forest and Environment Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury at 3 pm today.

Presided over by BCL president Bahadur Bepari, the rally was addressed among others by Golam Sarwar Tuku, Asadul Haq Asad, Sajjad Hossain and A K M Ajim.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presenting crests to senior Awami League leaders at the Golden Jubilee celebrations of AL at Rajshahi Madrasah ground yesterday. — PID photo

CU Public Admin Dept students continue boycott of classes

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 5: A stalemate situation is prevailing at the Public Administration Department of Chittagong University after the students of Masters final year called an indefinite term strike demanding removal of a teacher of the department.

The students declared an agitation programme against Professor Abdun Nur when he submitted a legal notice against 66 Masters student of the department due to their absence in his classes. The students alleged that Professor Abdun Nur a Jamaat-backed white panel teacher, tried to compel them to take Islamic Administration as a subject. He also made derogatory comments on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Rabindranath Tagore in his classes. The students have been boycotting his classes and observing strike in the department for a month since then.

DU Senate polls in Khulna div June 14

The election of registered graduate representatives to Dhaka University Senate in Khulna division will be held on June 14 instead of today as announced earlier, a DU press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The voting in the division will be held in Azam Khan Commerce College, Khulna, Michael Madhusudan College, Jessore, and Kushtia Government College, Kushtia.

Emergency meeting of AL city unit today

An emergency extended meeting of the City Awami League will be held at the party office at Bangabandhu Avenue today at 6 pm, reports BSS.

All leaders of the city committee of the party, party MPs of the city and presidents, secretaries of the ward committees and party ward commissioners have been requested to attend the meeting.

Historic June 7 tomorrow

The historic June 7 will be observed tomorrow to pay homage to the martyrs of the 6-point movement, reports UNB.

On this day in 1966, Jatiya Samik League worker Monu Mia and many others were killed in police firing in Dhaka during a hartal called by Awami League in support of the 6-point.

Awami League has drawn up programmes to observe the day.

The national and party flags will be hoisted atop Bangabandhu Bhaban, the party central office and all district and branch offices at 8 am.

Party President Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will place wreath at the portrait of father of the nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangabandhu Bhaban at 8 am.

Gulshan Ladies' Club rally tomorrow

Gulshan Ladies plan to come out on the roads to protest environment pollution of the capital city and attempts to fill up the Gulshan lake, reports UNB.

The Gulshan Ladies Community Club has decided to hold a silent procession tomorrow and appealed to the female community from all over the city to join it in support for a pollution-free environment and to raise their voice against encroachment of the Gulshan lake.

The procession, to be led by GLCC president Khurshida Alam, will start from North Park, Road No 83 at 11.30 am and assemble for a rally in front of the City Corporation office at Gulshan, Road No 90, said a press release yesterday.

Garment worker raped in city

By Staff Correspondent

A teenage garments worker was gangraped at a slum in Kalapani under Pallabi thana in the city Friday night.

Two alleged rapists — identified as Tahmid and Matur — were arrested after the 17-year-old victim lodged a case under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act 1995 with Pallabi thana yesterday, police said.

Police took the victim into safe custody. She is likely to be sent for medical examination today, police added.

According to the FIR, a gang of about six local youths, including the arrested two, dragged her out of a shanty at about 9.30 pm. They took her to a nearby place and raped her.

Minakshi De's art exhibition begins in city

By Staff Correspondent

A week-long solo painting exhibition of Minakshi De began at the Divine Art Gallery of the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel Friday afternoon.

Noted artist Rafiqun Nabi, Professor of Fine Art Institute, Dhaka University, inaugurated the exhibition. Country Delegate of Terre des Hommes Foundation Geoffrey Cordell spoke on the function as special guest.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Rafiqun Nabi lauded the works of Minakshi De and said she is undoubtedly a very good artist. The paintings being displayed at the exhibition are very polished and life of women were given priority in her work, he added.

Geoffrey Cordell in his speech highly praised the art and culture of Bangladesh and said art works is also part of national development. He said Minakshi in her paintings upheld the positive aspects of Bangladesh's society.

Discussion on Kosovo held

A discussion meeting was held in a local hotel in the city on "Kosovo Problem and its Practical Solution" at 7-15 pm on Friday under the auspices of Jamiatu Nashrilm Islam (Islamic Preaching Society), says a press release.

Moulana Nur Hussain, chairman of the society, presided over the meeting. Al-Hajj Advocate H K Abdul Hye, member of the World Islamic Call Council, Mr A Z M Shamul Alam, Chairman of Al-Arafah Islami Bank, Dr A N M Raisuddin, Professor of Islamic Studies, DU, Moulana Zainul Abedin, Advocate Ataus Samad of Gono Azadi League, Islamic Preaching Society, Moulana Mahmud Ahmad, General Secretary of Islamic Preaching Society and others spoke on the occasion.

The speakers highlighted the points Kosovo problem and bitterly condemned the inhuman atrocities carried out on Kosovo Muslims.

Obituary

Khondoker Al Nazir Afzal, son of late Khondoker Ali Afzal, Joint Secretary of the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan, and grandson of late Khondoker Fazle Rubbee, Dewan of Murshidabad, died of cardiac arrest on May 23, in Karachi. He was 66, says a press release.

After his early schooling at St. Xavier and Hare School, Calcutta, he completed his studies in Karachi. He graduated from the Karachi University in 1956 and started his career with the Pakistan Tobacco Company. Later he joined Pakistan Oxygen and served as sales manager in Dhaka and as area manager in Khulna.

After his retirement from the Pakistan Automobiles Company he had turned to religion. He has written several articles on Sufism and Islamic practices. He was a regular contributor to the daily newspaper The Dawn.

'Save the trees'

By Staff Correspondent

About 89.6 per cent residents of Dhaka city think that the government should find an alternative site to build the proposed International Conference Centre while 10.4 per cent believe Osmani Udyan was the best site for such a centre.

This has been revealed in an Opinion Poll conducted by the Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD) among the residents of Dhaka on June 2 and 3.

The objectives of the poll were to find out how the city people take the recent government's decision to construct an international conference centre at Osmani Udyan for the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in 2001.

Seminar held on 'Tissue Banking'

By Staff Correspondent

A scientific seminar on "Tissue Banking: A challenge in the next millennium" was held at the Dhaka Shishu Hospital auditorium yesterday morning.

Prof M S Akbar MP, the governing body president of Bangladesh Institute of Child Health (BICH) chaired the session while Prof Manzoor Hussain, the Director of Dhaka Shishu Hospital, gave introductory speech and Dr A R Khan, an Associated Professor of BICH, read out the key note paper.

Later, Prof Quazi Quamruzzaman, Prof A M Ruhul Haque and Dr Sirajul Islam took part in the discussion.

The speakers emphasised that the Tissue Bank plays an important role in orthopaedic, plastic and dental surgery and the treatment of burns.

The seminar was jointly organized by BICH, Dhaka Shishu Hospital and Beximco Pharmaceuticals.

Call to elect GOP candidates

Sixteen teacher representatives to Dhaka University Senate yesterday urged the university's registered graduates to elect the candidates of Ganotantrik Oikya Parishad (GOP), reports BSS.

In a joint statement, they said it is necessary to elect aspirants who believe in Bangladeshi nationalism and in the spirit of the War of Liberation for the development of DU.

Prominent among the signatories to the statement included Professors SM Imamul Huj, AZM Naosher Ali Khan, Mohammad Hossain Monsur, Abul Hasem, Moniruzzaman, Tofael Ahmed Chowdhury, Iftekhar Gani Chowdhury, MA Mannan, ABM Mahmud, Dr Shahid Akhter Hossain, Sultana Safi and Prof. Aminur Rashid.

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Polls to elect 25 registered graduate representatives to the Dhaka University Senate, the highest policy-making body of the university will be held today.

A total of 111 candidates from four panels are contesting the elections, to be held in 37 centres in the city and across the country.

This year, a total of 31,424 voters will cast their votes to elect the new representatives to the DU Senate for the next one year.

The panels are ruling Awami League-backed Ganatantrik Oikya Parishad, opposition BNP and Jamaat supported Jatiyatabadi Oikya Parishad, left-leaning Progart Parishad and independent Satantra

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Movement to save 11 thousand trees of Osmani Udyan held a gathering in the city yesterday on occasion of World Environment Day and to protest the felling of trees at the proposed NAM Conference Centre site. — Star photo

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rate programme to mark the day.

A grand rally was brought out from Bangladesh Shishu Academy to Osmani Memorial Hall, Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury led the procession.

An Environment Fair was also organised at the Osmani Hall. The Environment Minister went round the stalls along with UN Coordinator in Bangladesh David E Lockwood and Environment Secretary Syed Marghub Morshed.

At a discussion meeting at the Osmani auditorium, the Environment Minister highlighted the government steps to protect the environment.

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NAP for cut in government expenditure

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National Awami Party (NAP) has called for dealing with tax evasion and corruption in tax collection with a strong hand. It also called for cutting down the size of the government expenditure in different fields.

NAP President Prof Mozfar Ahmad said that the new budget must be a pro-poor one. He underlined on the need for taking general peoples' view while drafting a new budget for the nation.

He was speaking at a rally organised by NAP city unit near Paltan Crossing.

Bangabandhu Hospital

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ployed huge contingents of police on the campus to maintain law and order. The number may be increased if necessary, sources there said.

But the Parishad, pressing its five-point demand, claims that the authorities have left it with "no choice but to go for movement" by turning deaf ears to appeals for talks.

About 900 nurses, cleaners, security guards, cooks, sardars and ward boys of the hospital observed strike on May 30 and 31 at the call of the Parishad to realise the demands.

"We have repeatedly urged the BSMMUH authorities to sit for talks, but to no result. They left us with no choice but to go for movement," Md Abul Quasem, President of the Parishad, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Referring to the BSMMUH Act 1998 he said, "We have requested the authorities to im-

BCB car rally

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lam's conquistadors, peeping through balconies and roofs.

The BCB, however, arranged 15 yellow cabs (hired tax) to accommodate a couple of hundred cricket enthusiasts on the distaff side.

As the motorcade with a long tail buzzed past the Rampura area, industrial workers from nearby garment factories came out in the street, forcing an impromptu lay-off, for a while.

Cheering crowds showered rose petals and shouted "Sabash! Bangladesh! (Bravo Bangladesh)" to hail the cricketers as the procession passed through residential areas.

"The crowds lining up along the city streets waved at the motorcade, escorted by army personnel on motorbikes. At least 50 vehicles joined the spectacular rally."

A sea of cricket lovers — including girls and boys, wearing masks of the Royal Bengal Tiger and painting their cheeks with the national bi-colour — joined the long line of the processionists.

Hasina pledges prosperity

RAJSHAHI, June 5: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today called upon the Awami League leaders and workers to strengthen the party at grassroots level to work for economic emancipation of the people, reports UNB.

"Only the Awami League can ensure economic freedom of the people," she said asking her party workers to dedicate themselves to the cause of the people.

Addressing the golden jubilee celebration programme of the Awami League at Rajshahi Madrasah Maidan, Hasina directed the workers to go to the people and project the ideals of the party to them.

"Go to the people, serve them and request them to vote for Awami League," she said reminding her partymen that earning the people's confidence and faith is the most valuable asset for a politician.

"This confidence can be earned through sacrifice and dedication," Hasina said adding, "Expectation of the people is much from Awami League, the party of the people."

The Prime Minister mentioned that her party got only one seat in greater Rajshahi in the last election. People of this region did not vote for Awami League, but the government did not make any discrimination in its development programme, she said.

The government believes in balanced development and working for the welfare of the people, Hasina added.

Party workers and leaders from all 17 districts of the Rajshahi division joined the rally today at the Madrasah maidan, where a big pandal was erected.

Hasina, also the Awami League President, hoisted the national flag at the beginning of the programme, released a bunch of balloons and some pigeons.

Party general secretary hoisted the party flag and district presidents and general secretaries the district unit flags.

Criticising the opposition leader, she said Begum Zia took advantage from the Ershad government after the killing of her husband, the party of the people, Hasina said Khaleda Zia,

once identified Ershad as the killer of her husband but did not take any step to try the killers of General Zia.

"Now Begum Zia started movement to oust the elected government joining hands with Ershad, whom she identified as the killer of her husband," she said.

Marking the Golden Jubilee of the Awami League, 13 elderly leaders of Rajshahi Division were given party crests. Hasina handed over the crests to the leaders.

Earlier, on her arrival at Rajshahi, the Prime Minister laid the foundation of Mosharraf Hossain Lions Eye Hospital. Later, she attended the law and order co-ordination meeting at the Rajshahi circuit house.

In the meeting, the Prime Minister directed the officials to taken stern action against the terrorists irrespective of their party affiliations.

Home Minister Mohammad Nasim, Divisional Commissioner and DCs and SPs of the division were present at the meeting.

plement it but they are ignoring the issue."

"The Act says those who will opt to remain government employees in the university will continue to enjoy all government benefits as per rules."

Quasem explained, "We are supposed to get our salary from the office of the Auditor General (AGB) but it is not happening. The authorities, through an order last year, took the responsibility of disbursing our salary directly from the university without specifying benefits like pension and provident fund. We do not know where the money deducted from salary goes. It is illegal."

The five-point demand include disbursement of salary and other allowances directly by the government, formation of a 'pension cell' in the hospital, two-day weekly holiday as in government hospitals and free treatment facilities for the staff and their families.

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Clusener blasts Shoab

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Gibbs, caught at gully for a duck, and Cronje, top-edging to third man for four, to make it 19 for two.

Akhtar, dubbed the "Rawalpindi Express", surpassed the previous fastest World Cup delivery as a newly-installed speed gun struggled to keep up.

Soon Gary Kirsten had padded up to Wasim Akram without playing a shot. Daryll Cullinan had waited a catch to cover and Jonty Rhodes had played across the line as the Proteas were reduced to 58 for five.

Azhar Mahmood took three wickets.

But Klusener, nicknamed "Zulu", then appeared to turn the match.

The left-hander had saved his side against England and Sri Lanka earlier in the tour-

Beyond the boundary

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it going to be another of Klusener's trademark innings that would allow South Africa to scrape through? The questions were hurtling thick and fast.

Lance Klusener did exactly what Moin Khan did for Pakistan. The Pakistanis knew that as well as anyone the counter attack was coming from this flank. The fact that Klusener was a left hander made the essential difference. Saqlain was hurried into changing his line while Shoab he took it. Of all the cogs in the wheel that was meant to perform, Saqlain it was that let his captain down.

Relieved of the pressure of the nagging medium fast bowling, Kallis and Pollock broke free. Suddenly, Pakistan saw the improbable about to happen. They were making more than a match of their meagre total but a different graffiti was being written on the wall. It was going down to the wire. Would Pakistan's famed fighting qualities pull them through or would their equally notorious temperament let them down again? It was the sort of metaphysical question asked so many times before regarding matters related to Pakistan. What was the answer likely to be? Kallis and Pollock fell just when they seemed to have pulled off the impossible. The stakes were never as high. Was

Scoreboard

Pakistan won toss

Pakistan	
Saeed Anwar c Boucher b Elworthy	23
Yasir Hameed c Boucher b Donald	17
Abdul Razzaq c Kirsten b Elworthy	30
Ijaz Ahmed c Cullinan b Klusener	23
Inzamam-ul-Haq run out	4
Yousuf Youhana run out	17
Moin Khan run out	63
Azhar Mahmood not out	15
Wasim Akram not out	5
Extras: (lb11, w11)	23
Total (for 7 wickets, 50 overs)	220
Fall of wickets: 1-41, 2-58, 3-102, 4-111, 5-118, 6-150, 7-206	
Did not bat: Saqlain, Mushtaq, Shoab, Akhtar	
Bowling: Pollock 10-1-42-0, Kallis 10-0-47-0, Donald 10-2-49-1, Elworthy 10-2-23-2, Klusener 9-0-41-1, Cronje 1-0-6-0	

South Africa

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G. Kirsten lbw b Akram	19
H. Gibbs c Ijaz b Akhtar	0
H. Cronje c Saqlain b Akhtar	4
D. Cullinan c Anwar b Mahmood	18
J. Kallis c Moin b Saqlain	54
J. Rhodes lbw b Mahmood	0
S. Pollock c Inzamam	30
b Mahmood	30
L. Klusener not out	46
M. Boucher not out	12
Extras: (lb11, w14, nb13)	38
Total (for 7 wickets, 49 overs)	221
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-19, 3-39, 4-55, 5-58, 6-135, 7-176	
Did not bat: S. Elworthy, A. Donald	
Bowling: Akram 10-0-44-1, Akhtar 9-51-2, Mahmood 10-1-24-3, Razzaq 10-1-40-0, Saqlain 10-0-51-1	

Azad ties knot

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Obaidul Huq solemnised the marriage with Nili Khan, now to be known as Bilqis Samad Azad.

The new Mrs Azad, a widow is around 50. Her first husband, the banker, died about five years ago. They have three sons and one daughter.

Azad said that his friends and well wishers encouraged him to marry again to put an end to "a lonely life."

He, however, added, "I remember my previous wife with affection and admiration."

In reply to a question, he said, "Initiative for the marriage was taken by Rashed Maksud Khan, a former president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industries. "Now I seek the blessings of all," he said. The foreign minister will host a post-wedding reception this evening at the MP hostel.

Some 500 guests including the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament had been invited.

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