

Discussion on Begum Rokeya on Wednesday

By Staff Correspondent

A discussion meeting will be held at the Dhaka University TSC cafeteria on Wednesday at 3 pm on the occasion of 119th birth and 67th death anniversary of Begum Rokeya, a pioneer of the movement of women's rights.

Samajtantrik Mahila Forum has organised the discussion session.

Anti-hartal processions held

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League brought out a number of 'peace' processions during hartal hours in the city yesterday.

The processions organised by different units of the ruling party and its front organisations raised slogans against the dawn-to-dusk hartal and called the opposition's programme illogical, anti-people and without any issue.

AL leaders including MPs joined the peace processions that marched through the city thoroughfares.



An anti-hartal peace procession led by Awami League in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Anti, pro-hartal processions on campus

No classes held at DU

By DU Correspondent

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday brought out separate processions and held rallies on the Dhaka University campus in favour of and against the countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal called by BNP-led opposition.

Classes and academic activities of the Dhaka University were disrupted due to hartal yesterday.

Campus sources, however, said that administrative activities at the Registrar's Building went on partially during the hartal hours. Central Library of the university was also remained open during the hartal hours, but the attendance of the students was very thin.

Ruling Awami League-backed BCL brought out a procession from the Madhu's Canteen and held a rally at the Aparajeyo Bangla, which was addressed, among others, by its DU unit president Sazzad Hossain, A K M Azim, Iftekharul Alam Sujan, Joyal Abedin Joy and Hemayet Uddin Himu.

The BCL leaders said that the politics of hartal should be stopped immediately to save the country and its flourishing economy. They urged the opposition not to call 'unnecessary' shutdown, which they said was only destabilising the country.

Its peaceful atmosphere and hampering the economic growth.

They warned that the BCL in cooperation with the student community would resist the hartal if the opposition failed to refrain from unleashing such destructive political programmes.

JCD, the student wing of opposition BNP, brought out a separate procession from the TSC that paraded campus streets and held a rally at TSC road island to drum up support for the hartal. Among others, Monjur Elahi, Tariqul Islam Banu, S M Nuruzzaman, A B M Mosharraf Hossain, Manir Hossain and Mostafizul Islam Mamun addressed the rally.

At the rally, they said that the present Hasina government would not be allowed to stay in the power as it was working to serve its petty party interest and not for the country.

Condemning ruling Awami League for its repressive measures against opposition, the JCD leaders said that the misrule would come to an end with the ouster of the 'tyrant' Hasina government.

They urged the countrymen to join the opposition sponsored 'out-governments' movement to topple the AL government and save the country.

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Mohammed Iqbal Hossain
MIS Director

Directorate General Defence Purchase

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Lt Commander BN
For Director General



BNP activists brought out a procession in support of the hartal at Paltan area yesterday. — Star photo



For whose good is this anyway?

Young hartal activists take out their anger on an innocent rickshawpuller and his rickshaw. They seemingly have no sympathy for the man and his only means of livelihood as they carry on their hooliganism for what they term is in the greater interest of the country.

— Star photo

Prof Sayeed tells press briefing

BTV transmission to be turned into digital soon

Transmission of Bangladesh Television (BTV) will soon be turned into digital from current analog system, State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed said yesterday in a press briefing, reports BSS.

The matter was settled in the 2nd International Conference and Europe Asia-Pacific Dialogue on Public Service Broadcasting held late last month in Manila. Prof. Abu Sayeed attended the three-day conference that began in Quezon city on November 29.

Talking to journalists in the conference room of the Ministry of Information Prof. Sayeed said digital transmission is likely to be operational in March or at the latest in April next year.

The state minister said once converted from analog to digital the BTV transmission would be much better and the state-run organisation will be in a position to have direct access to Asia Vision and Eurovision.

The conversion will entail an expenditure of nearly Taka 1.85 crore including 2 lakh US dollars in foreign exchange for equipment.

Kuala Lumpur based Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) will extend the amount as credit on easy terms, the minister said. ABU will also provide experts to carry out the conversion task.

The Information Minister said Asia Vision and Euro Vision would soon enter into an agreement, which he said would help BTV to transmit any footage to any one any time directly without taking recourse to via media system.

Replying to a question, Prof. Sayeed said the government was contemplating enacting laws to stop the influence of decadent culture. "Out attempt is to protect our thousands year old cultural heritage and at the same time enrich it with new ones," he added. To another question, the minister said permission will be given to more private channels aimed at improving the quality of TV programme.

The Information Minister flew to Tehran after attending Quezon city meeting to lead Bangladesh at the 5th conference of OIC Information Ministers where a number of resolutions for better exchange of information among member states were adopted.

Director General of BTV Syed Salahuddin Zaki and Director General, External Publicity Wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hussain Komol, who accompanied the minister in Philippines and Iran meetings respectively also, spoke at the briefing.

Obituary

Sohelia Salahuddin, wife of Brigadier (ret'd) Firoz Salahuddin, died of a massive heart attack at Sulair Hospital on Saturday night, family sources said. She was 64, reports BSS.

The third daughter of late Khan Bahadur Abdul Khaleque, she is survived by her husband, two daughters, grand children and a host of relatives.

She was buried at the cantonment graveyard after zohr prayers yesterday.

Her kulkhwani will be held on December 7 after Asr prayers at 6/1 Orphanage Road, Bakhshazar. Relatives, friends and well wishers have been requested to attend the kulkhwani.

Mohammad Tariqul Alam, Nakla thana Agriculture Officer of Sherpur district, died of cardiac arrest in Mymensingh Hospital yesterday. He was 45, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife, one son and one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Food and Agriculture Minister Motia Chowdhury condoled the death of Tariqul Alam and expressed deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Workshop on radiotherapy begins

A six-day workshop on "Medical Physics in Radiotherapy and Nuclear Medicine" began at the Council Bhawan of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Vice-Chancellor of BUET Prof Dr Nooruddin Ahmed inaugurated the workshop as the chief guest, organised by Department of Physics of BUET and sponsored by UNESCO, New Delhi.

In his inaugural speech, Prof. Nooruddin said Medical Physics is playing a very important role for diagnosis and treatment of cancer. "So we need skilled medical physicists in the hospitals and diagnostic centres."

He also emphasised the need for taking necessary safety measures to avoid radiation hazards.

The inaugural function was also addressed by Dr Karl-Heinz Hoever, a renowned German medical physicist, Prof A H Bhuiyan, head of the Department of Physics of BUET, Prof Dr Glasuddin Ahmed, Chairman of the workshop organising committee, and Dr. Syed Mokarram Ali, Managing Director of Delta Medical Centre Ltd.

Bangladesh elected member of Montreal Protocol Implementation Committee

Environment and Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury returned home yesterday from China after attending the fifth session of Vienna Convention and 11th session of Montreal Protocol, reports UNB.

She attended the session as rapporteur and led a three-member Bangladesh delegation. She also exchanged views with Chinese President Jiang Jemin who formally inaugurated the high level meeting.

During the session Bangladesh was elected member of Montreal Protocol Implementation Committee for two years.

During her visit, the minister made a courtesy call on Chinese Forest Minister Jin Hua and discussed various aspects of environmental development.

The Chinese minister assured her of taking necessary steps for the use of jute materials instead of polythene in his country and said this step, after taking worldwide, would play important role in environmental equilibrium.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid City will be held today at 6:30 p.m instead of 5:30 pm at CIRDAP auditorium, says a press release.

MJC anti-hartal procession today

Muktijoddha Jubo Command (MJC) central committee will hold an anti-hartal procession in the capital today, reports BSS.

The procession, which will start from the central office of MJC at 10 am will march through the streets of Moghbazar, Topkhana Road, Shahabadi, Kakrail before ending in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

Convener of Jubo Command Central Committee Ashraf-Ud-Doula Bhuiyan Chan will lead and procession which will be followed by a rally in front of the Press Club.

All concerned have been requested to attend the procession and the rally, a press release said.

Chehlum of Iqbal Ansari Khan tomorrow

Chehlum of Iqbal Ansari Khan, a leader of the historic Language Movement of 1952, a freedom fighter and a past district governor of RI District 3280 will be held at his 23, Green Road residence tomorrow at 6:30 PM. PDG Khan died at a Bangkok hospital on October 30 and was laid to rest at Banani graveyard on November 2, says a press release.

Relatives, friends and admirers, Rotarians and their spouses and particularly members of Dhaka North West Rotary Club and their spouses have been requested to attend and pray for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Four flight engineers attending the 8th general assembly meeting of International Flight Engineers Organisation held in Windsor, England recently are seen in the picture. From right Flt Engr Azam ("reasurer), Flt. Engr Halim Khan, Flt Engr Sharif 4th (vice-president), delegation leader and Flt. Engr Ali Tareque (2nd left) with president, general secretary and regional vice-presidents.

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