

Booksellers in Bangla Bazar area are doing brisk business as students settle into a new academic year. — Star photo

Resist anti-liberation forces: AL leaders

Awami League leaders have called upon the people, especially the youths, to resist unitedly the anti-liberation forces, reports BSS.

The anti-liberation forces have again united to create anarchy and destroy the ongoing democratic process, they warned.

The leaders were speaking at a function organised by Awami Jubo League to accord reception to three newly appointed ministers in the city's Ramna Green yesterday.

Awami Jubo League General Secretary Advocate Kazi Iqbal Hossain presided over the function.

Workers of different units of Dhaka City Awami League carrying banners and festoons came to the meeting venue to greet Food Minister Amir Hossain Amu, Commerce Minister Abdul Jalil and Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim.

The central leaders of Jubo League presented the ministers with bouquet and crests.

Amir Hossain Amu said the country was liberated with the

spirit of democracy and secularism. But the anti-liberation forces have made an alliance to destroy that spirit, he said urging the youths to uphold the spirit of the Liberation War.

Abdul Jalil also called upon the youths to remain alert against 'evil' forces who are out to foil the verdict of trial of those accused in the Bangladesh killing case.

Sheikh Selim said the killers of 1971 and 1975 are unitedly trying to destroy the rule of law and democracy in the name of hartal. He called upon the Jubo League workers to build resistance against the heinous design of the killers.

'Nature Cure' published

The translation of 'Nature Cure', written by Morarjee Desai former Prime Minister of India has been published recently in Dhaka, says a press release.

'Prakritik chikitsa' was translated by Mahmud Khan & edited by Mustafa Haroon.

Shahabuddin invited to Bishwa Ejtema

A four-member delegation of Bishwa Ejtema called on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Member of the Egyptian Ejtema Committee Hasan Makrum led the delegation.

The delegation formally invited the President to attend the Ejtema to be held on January 29 at Tongi, particularly at the Akhri Munajat.

They apprised the President of the significance of such a huge assembly of devoted Muslims and its religious and social impact on society.

President Shahabuddin said he would hopefully attend the Akhri Munajat.

Other members of the delegation were former Adviser and Secretary Kafiluddin Mahmud, Prof. Mushfiq Ahmed of Rajshahi University and Muhammad Rashid, member of South African Ejtema Committee.

Health minister visits ailing Alema Bhasani

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim visited Alema Bhasani, wife of late Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani, at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital (BSMMU) yesterday, reports BSS.

The minister stayed there for some time and enquired about her treatment. He directed the authorities to take all measures for best treatment.

Alema Bhasani is suffering from cancer.

A six-member medical board has been formed with State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr M Amanullah as its chairman.

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date-19-12-99 and 11/99-2000 dt-19-12-99

With reference to this office memo No-2295 date-19-12-99 & 2296 dt-19-12-99 this is for general information to all concern that the last selling date will be 16-2-2000 in place of 1-2-2000 and 16-2-2000 in place of 1-2-2000 respectively and the dropping date will be 17-2-2000 in place of 2-2-2000 and 17-2-2000 in place of 2-2-2000 respectively as per the tender notice clause No-'e' of the International Tender Notice No-10/99-2000 date-19-12-99 and 11/99-2000 date-19-12-99. This is part and parcel of this tender.

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Metropolitan Mass Upsurge Day observed

The Mass Upsurge Day was observed yesterday across the country to commemorate the popular uprising against the Pakistani dictatorship in 1969 which helped pave the way for the country's independence, reports BSS.

Matiur Rahman Malik, a student of class ten of Nabakumar Institute in the old part of the city scarified his life on this day while leading a students' procession in support of the 11-point demand of the then Chhatra Sangram Parishad during the mass upsurge against the Ayub regime.

Different political, socio-cultural organisations and student bodies organised elaborate programmes to mark the day.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in a message on the eve of the day, paid tributes to the memory of Shaheed Matiur and other martyrs.

Different organisations placed wreaths at the portrait of the Shaheed Matiur at 8.30 am.

A discussion was held at the city's Nabakumar Institute premises at 10 am to mark the 31st death anniversary of Shaheed Matiur. Teachers and Students of the Institute and Dr Shahidullah College jointly organised the discussion.

Separate programmes were also held at Matiur's residence at Sabujbagh in the city.

Dhaka Urban Transport Project to ease traffic congestion

Heavy traffic jam and air pollution in the capital will ease significantly on implementation of the donor-financed Dhaka Urban Transport Project (DUTP), parliament was told yesterday, reports UNB.

Replying to a question, Environment Minister Begum Sajeda Chowdhury said the government was implementing the 237 million US dollar scheme funded by the World Bank to solve the nagging problem of traffic congestion and to control air pollution.

Meanwhile, another project — Air Quality Management Project (AQMP) — costing over Tk 29.25 crore will be implemented by year 2002 in Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna cities, she said.

Implementation of the project started last July. Under the project 20 permanent checkpoints will be constructed at different important points of these cities to control black smoke emission.

The government will phase out the two-stroke engines, including the three-wheelers, said the minister replying to another question from Kamal Ahmed Majumder of the ruling party.

Implementation of yet another scheme — the Bangladesh Environment Management Project-involving more than Tk 39.12 crore funded by Canadian CIDA is under way.

Besides, the Environment Department has established an Ozone Cell to reduce the use of materials that deplete the Ozone layer.

The Save-Buriganga programme has completed its primary survey identifying 244 establishments, including 133 industrial units, that cause pollution.

The committee formed to survey encroachment upon the river bank has completed its draft report. The government will take necessary steps after it gets the final report of the committee, the minister told the House.

Kuwait Army chief lauds Dhaka's role in UN peace-keeping force

Chief of Staff of Kuwait armed forces Lt Gen Ali Mohammad Al-Moumen yesterday lauded the role of Bangladesh armed forces personnel in UN peace-keeping forces as well as those Bangladeshis who are serving in other fields in his country, reports agencies.

The visiting Kuwait Army chief conveyed this when he called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Sangsad Bhaban office.

Earlier, General Ali conveyed greetings of Kuwait Ameer to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

He appreciated an excellent relationship existing between the two countries. "Relations between the two armed forces are also very good," said General Ali Mohammad Al-Moumen.

He appreciated the contribution of the Bangladeshis working in various sectors in his country. "They are very disciplined and sincere."

The Prime Minister told the General to convey her greetings to the Ameer of Kuwait. She said she was happy to know that a good number of people are working in the Gulf country.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr SA Samad, Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Mustafizur Rahman, PSO Maj General Imamuzzaman and the Kuwaiti Ambassador in Dhaka were present on the occasion.



An old woman searches through a pile of oyster shells for pearls. The oysters are collected from the Buriganga. The pearls inside fetch good price for foreigners. — Star photo

Dhaka College '63-'65 batch reunion Feb 4

A get-together of the 1963-65 batch students of Dhaka College will be held on February 4 near BKSP at Savar, reports BSS.

Interested alumni have been requested to contact the following persons by January 30 to confirm their participation and for further information.

They are: Quazi Mannan (8114747), Mesbahuddin Ahmed (8611318), Waliul Islam (8614415), Md Yunus (9554605), Rais Khan (9667271), Qamrul Ahsan (9552278) and Mia Muhammad Moniruzzaman (8616448).

UNB-Bangla TV agreement

United News of Bangladesh (UNB) has signed an agreement with London-based Bangla TV Ltd to supply news items, reports UNB.

Chief Editor and Managing Director of UNB Enayeturrahman Khan and Programme Director of Bangla TV Sayed Golam Dastagir Nishad signed the agreement in the city yesterday.

UNB has already started supplying international, national and rural news to the Bangla TV on an experimental basis.

Bangla TV is the first digital TV in Bangla language that broadcasts 30-minute news bulletin three times every day.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka New City will be held today at 5:30 pm at Vintage Restaurant, Sobhanbagh, Mirpur Road, says a press release.

Rotarians are requested to attend the meeting on time.

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held today at 5:30 pm at Dhaka club (Family lounge), says a press release.

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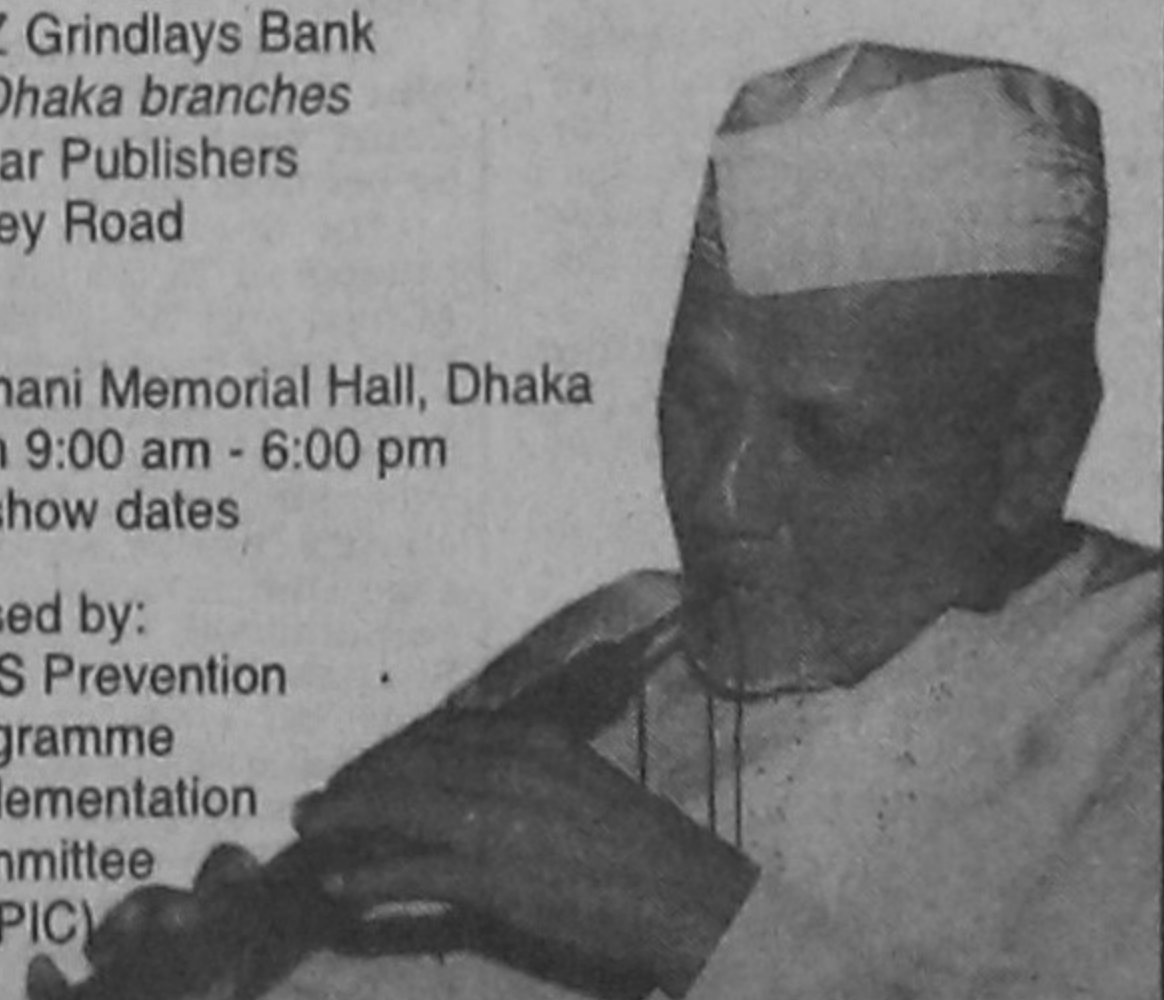
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Applications are invited from experienced lawyers for appointment of 2 (two) retainers on contract for prescribed time for conducting cases of the Ministry of Food under trial at the High Court, Supreme Court and other courts.

2. Application should state (1) Applicant's name, (2) Father's name, (3) Nationality, (4) Permanent address, (5) Present address, (6) Date of birth, (7) Educational qualification, (8) Experience and two copies of recent passport size photographs, certificate of educational qualification and experience attested by any first class gazetted officer should be enclosed therewith.

3. Fees at govt. prescribed rate will be paid for conducting cases.

4. Application should reach the Secretary, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka within office hours of 31-01-2000. No application will be accepted after the prescribed date.

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Proposals will be received under sealed cover by the Company Secretary, Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd., House No. 1/A (5th floor), Road No-13, Dhanmondi Residential Area, Dhaka-1209 upto 3-00 P.M. on 08-02-2000 and will be opened on the same day at 3-15 P.M. in presence of representatives of the bidder, if any.

(Mohammed Salim)
Company Secretary