



C M Sami (centre) Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Motohiro Higashisono (2nd from left), Managing Director, Tokyo Sales office of All Nippon Airways (ANA) — a private sector Japanese airlines — are seen in the picture at a reception held yesterday on the occasion of appointing Orion Aviation Ltd the general sales agent (GSA) in Bangladesh. The reception was held at Sonargaon Hotel by ANA.

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Govt trying to ensure better life for the downtrodden: Hasina

TUNGIPARA, Gopalganj, Feb 19: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said today the present government is working hard to ensure a better life for the poor as well as overall development of the country, reports UNB.

The people have started yielding good results of our efforts, and soon they will reach the realm of development," she told a public meeting at Basuria Sener Char High School ground.

Hasina said that the government has started massive economic activities for the benefit of the common people. She said with the construction of housing projects, every homeless person will get a home and the poor will have the taste of a developed life.

The meeting was later declared as a 'condemnation meeting' in memory of late Nurul Halim Seku Master, who was the chairman of Bronee Union Parishad. He died on February 16 at Gopalganj general hospital.

Referring to Ashrayan project, allowance for homeless people, microcredit and other development schemes of the government, Sheikh Hasina said, "We are trying to bring smiles to the face of the downtrodden."

About various local problems, she said that the area had remained neglected for long time. After assuming power, the Awami League government has taken steps for the development of all neglected areas of the country.

The Prime Minister also said that the government has attached importance to communication development, eradication of illiteracy, reaching Medicare services to doorsteps of the people.

"We are constructing schools and colleges and have decided to set up a community healthcare centre for every 6000 people,"

"Without improvement of communication infrastructures, economic development will not be accelerated," she said, highlighting special programmes for development of roads and highways of this area.

She said that the government is setting some national institutions including Mukti-juddha, Bangabandhu and Bangladesh Research Institute in this area. Institutes for children, youths and women are also being constructed here, she said.

The government has taken up projects to impart training to women for expansion of small and cottage industries.

The meeting, presided over by Tungipara thana Awami League president Layek Ali Biswas, was addressed by Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman, Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim, Sheikh Helaluddin MP, local leaders Sheikh Abdullah, Abul Bashir Khair, Sardar Illias Hossain, Adhir Kumar Biswas, Shahed Ali Mullah and Faiz Miah.

Earlier, when the PM reached Tungipara, her ancestral home at about 10 am, she went straight to the mazar of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. She placed wreaths and offered feteha at the mazar.

Before her departure, the Prime Minister flew to Bornee High School to console family members of late Bornee UP Chairman Nurul Halim Seku Miah.

She also visited graveyard of Seku Master and offered feteha and munajat.

DUTA to publish book on Dr Shamsuzzoha

Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) yesterday decided to publish a research book projecting the life and contributions of Dr Shamsuzzoha, a young teacher of Rajshahi University who was killed by Pakistani Army during the Mass Uprising in 1969, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at a discussion meeting of the association on Dr Zoha with its President Prof R I M-Aminur Rasheed in the chair, a press release said.

Metropolitan Political parties urged to include environmental issues in their agenda

Speakers at a workshop called upon leaders of different political parties to incorporate environmental issues in their election agenda to help protect the ecology of the country, reports BSS.

They were addressing the concluding session of the Environmental Reporting Workshop organised by the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) at National Press Club.

Presided over by FEJB Chairman Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, it was addressed by Advisory Editor of the daily Janakantha Toab Khan, Chief Editor of the Financial Express Rezauddin Ahmed, News Editor of the daily Banglar Bani Anwar Hossain Manju, National Press Club President Khondker Manirul Alam and FEJB General Secretary Mofizur Rahman.

Toab Khan regretted that the environment of our country is being damaged under the direct or indirect patronisation of the influential people.

He said the river Buriganga is being encroached by the influential people, water of the rivers is polluted by industrial wastes and air is being polluted by faulty vehicles.

Khan said environment reporters must come forward to highlight ecological mess to raise awareness about protecting the environment.

He said FEJB has been playing a significant role since 1983 for creating environmental awareness in the country.

Rezauddin said environment issue is on the top in the global agenda but unfortunately it is not the same case in Bangladesh.

He said political parties and politicians should be more sensible to the dangers of environmental degradation.



The National Museum has been decorated with paintings on the occasion of International Mother Language Day tomorrow.

— Star photo

World Language Fair begins in city

Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria opened the World Language Fair at National Museum yesterday saying the declaration of 21st February as International Mother Language Day is a glorious example that Bangladesh as a nation had made a place for itself in the world community, reports BSS.

The Finance Minister said with the passage of time the day of victory against wrong and oppressive rules.

State Minister for Youth, Culture and Sports Obaidul Kader also spoke on the occasion. National Museum Trustee Board Chairman Mostafa Nurul Islam presided.

Representatives of different countries including the Netherlands, Japan, Iran and India also spoke at the opening function.

The ten-day fair was jointly organised by National Museum and Chittagong University Museum.

Old archeological scripts, newspapers in different languages and old inscription on stones are being displayed in the fair. Handwritten copies of famous people like Begum Rokeya, and Michael Modhusudan are also being displayed.

SCF protests teachers' decision

By DU Correspondent

The Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) unit of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) yesterday protested the decision of 'some teachers' to continue classes at BUET on February 21, the International Mother Language Day.

The SCF will also submit a memorandum to Vice Chancellor of BUET today demanding postponement of academic activities on February 21.

In a statement yesterday, Mosharraf Hossain Russel and Abdullah Al Noman, president and general secretary respectively of BUET unit SCF, termed the decision as an attack on the spirit of Ekushey February and urged the students to resist the decision.

Two policemen hurt in bomb blast in city

By Staff Correspondent

Two policemen sustained injuries after bombs were allegedly hurled at them by a gang of unidentified miscreants at Golapbagh in the city's Demra area yesterday afternoon.

The injured policemen were identified as Hawilder Abdus Satter, and Constable Wabab Ali. None, however, was arrested.

Language Rights Day observed Speakers for use of mother language at all levels

Speakers at a meeting yesterday urged all concerned to use our mother language at all levels to show proper respect to it, reports BSS.

Speaking at a discussion meeting organised by the Workers Party of Bangladesh in observance of the 'Language Rights Day', they said the establishment of rights of people could ensure the right to use mother tongue.

The speakers regretted that the history of all democratic movements including the Language Movement was being distorted now to serve one's ulterior motive.

The future generation, they said, would be deprived of true history of Language Movement and all other democratic movements unless such act of distortion is stopped.

They also paid tributes to the veterans of the Language Movement and urged all concerned to show due respect to them by giving proper recognition to their contribution.

Presided over by Workers Party leader Amal Sen, the function was addressed by general secretary of Workers Party Rashed Khan Menon, Badruddin Umar, Kamal Lohani, Faiz Ahmed and Abdul Latif. It was held at the National Press Club.

Editor of the first Ekushey book late poet Hasan Hafizur Rahman and late Mohammad Sultan were honoured in recognition of their contribution to the Language Movement. They were given crests which were received by their family members.

Abdul Latif performed his well-known song 'Ora Amar Mukher Katha Kabra Nite Chai'.

Kamala Lohani recalled the contribution of Mohammad Sultan in the Language Movement and said he had played an important role till his death in the political movement with dedication and respect.

Expressing concern over the distortion of history, Lohani said everything will be distorted if the political history was distorted.

He underlined the need for projecting true history of different movements of the country.

Menon gave a brief resume of the history of the Language Movement and urged all to come forward in establishing the rights of mother tongue.

Badruddin Umar urged all Language Movement martyrs.

He said the Language Movement was not the movement of any party or an individual but of the mass people.

Faiz Ahmed called to contribution of poet Hasan Hafizur Rahman in the Language Movement.

President visits residence of late Nizamuddin

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed visited the residence of Muhammad Nizamuddin, Dhaka Divisional Commissioner who died on Thursday, at Mintoo Road yesterday, reports UNB.

President Shahabuddin stayed there for some time and consoled the members of the bereaved family. He prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Establishment Secretary Muhammad Enamul Haq and senior government officials were with him.

Two month-long training for judges opens

A two-month long 19th basic training for the newly appointed judges was inaugurated yesterday at the Old High Court Bhaban by Justice Bimalendu Bikash Roy, judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, reports UNB.

Organized by the Judicial Administration Training Institute, 44 Assistant judges are taking part in the training.

Justice Bimalendu said fair justice was the foremost necessity to establish rule of law and an exploitation-free society. He called upon the trainee judges to ensure fair justice within the shortest possible time to safeguard the freedom of speech and basic human rights.

In his presidential address Director General of the Institute Justice Badruzzaman said the judges apart from the obligation to the Constitution are also accountable to their own conscience.

He called upon them to take up the training with utmost importance so that they can apply the same in their practical field. Director-1 of the Institute Abu Bakar Siddiqui also spoke on the occasion, said a press release.

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Int'l Trade Fair in Khulna from March 24

KHULNA, Feb 19: The first ever International Trade Fair in Khulna City will begin at the Circus House ground on March 24. Khulna Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) President MM Nazrul Islam formally announced at a press conference today, reports UNB.

Nazrul hoped that the fair would help increase trade and commerce in the southern region.

KCCI, ITPC of Germany and GTZ are jointly organising the fair which will end on April 7.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the fair while the Opposition Leader Khaleda Zia will speak at the concluding function.

Some 200 stalls and 30 pavilions will be set up in the fair displaying ceramic products, electronic goods, computer, textiles, cosmetics, furniture, food, cement and handicrafts.

Abu Zafar Obaidullah taken to S'pore for treatment

Former Minister and country's eminent poet Abu Zafar Obaidullah Khan, has been flown to Singapore for treatment, family sources said, reports BSS.

Khan was admitted to the Neuro-surgery unit of the Mount Elizabeth Hospital yesterday.

Soon after his arrival in the city state, Khan had a C.T scan test, sources added. Khan has been in coma since the brain surgery carried out at the Combined Military Hospital three days back.

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MONEY SUIT NO. 82 OF 1999

ANZ Grindlays Bank Limited

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----- Plaintiff,

-Versus-

Mahbubul Haque Jhontu

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And of Proprietor Tanjila Business Traders 6/12, Block-A, Lalmatia, Dhaka.

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