

**Two fire incidents at Ctg: Eleven houses gutted**

CHITTAGONG, Mar 25: Eleven houses were gutted by two separate fire incidents in the city today, reports BSS. Fire service sources said, four houses were gutted at Berekh building square last night. The fire originating from an electric short circuit in a dwelling house spread to nearby areas quickly. Two fire unites from Agrabad fire station doused the blaze after about an hour.

**Hanif visits Mirpur fire victims**

Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif yesterday visited the victims of yesterday's fire at the Jute Patti and adjacent areas of Mirpur 10, reports BSS. Local Member of the Parliament (MP) Alhaj Kamal Ahmed Majumder, Ward Commissioners S Ali Haider, A K M Delwar Hossain and officials of the Corporation were with the mayor at the time. The mayor assured the affected people of all-out cooperation during his visit.

**Write more books on Liberation War: Hasina**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday stressed on publication of more books on the history of the country's liberation war so that the people can learn more about the war, reports UNB.

"For many years the people of the country could not learn the facts about our great liberation war but now they are getting the opportunity," she said while receiving a book published by Bangladesh Police.

Home Minister Mohammad Nasim, Home Secretary MM Reza and Inspector General of Police AYBI Siddiqui handed over volume-I of the book "Muktijuddhe Bangladesh Police" (Police in the Liberation War of Bangladesh) at a simple function at Ganobhaban.

The book in 3 volumes will depict the role of police in the liberation war, a list of police killed during the war and other aspects of the war. Police resistance to the Pakistani forces will also be described in the book. The Prime Minister thanked

the police for taking up the noble venture and said the people should know why the police was the first target of the Pakistani occupation forces during the crack down on the black night of March 25, in 1971.

She said police, EPR and Dhaka University were the first to come under attack of the Pakistani forces. They attacked the police because they came to understand that the police was no more a subservient force, she said.

Hasina suggested that the Police make an English version of the book, which will help the world to know about the contribution and sacrifice of the police during the liberation war.

Home Minister Mohammad Nasim said the police force had once joined the liberation war at the call of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. And now they will have to join the war to build up a peaceful and secured Bangladesh.

**DU, SUST students' token hunger strike today**

By DU Correspondent The general students of the Dhaka University (DU) and cultural activists of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) will organize a token hunger strike at the Teachers and Students Centre (TSC) of the DU today at 10:00 am, demanding security of the teachers and students of the SUST and protesting against 'fundamentalists'. The programme has been jointly taken up by the general students of DU and 'Shekor', a cultural organisation of SUST.

**Independence Day Heads of state, govt greet President**

A number of heads of state and government have sent messages of warm congratulations to President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on the occasion of the Independence Day of the country, reports UNB. In their messages, they wished for further development and prosperity of Bangladesh and well-being of her people. The messages, received by Bangabhaban are from Queen Elizabeth of UK, Emperor Akihito of Japan, Amirs of Kuwait

and Bahrain and Sultan Haji Hassan-al-Balkiah of Brunei. Other messages include those from Presidents of Russia, China, Germany, Sri Lanka, Austria, Indonesia, Korea, Tunisia, Trinidad and Tobago, Yemen, Greece, Ireland, Cost d'Ivory, Uruguay, Iceland.

Hungary, Syria, Mauritius, Cyprus, Czech Republic and Grand Duke of Luxembourg. United Nations Secretary General Kofi A Annan also sent a message of congratulation to President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on the occasion.

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**5 robbers held in the city**

Lalbagh police yesterday arrested five alleged robbers of an inter-district gang from the city's Bakshi Bazar area, reports BSS.

Acting on a top-off, a team of Lalbagh police, arrested the bandits from a private car at about 2.30 am. They were identified as Khokon, Ashraf, Aman, Shahjahan and Farukh. Police also recovered two sharp daggers, seven screwdrivers and some lock breakers from them.

Police suspect that they were preparing to commit a robbery in the area.

A case was lodged with Lalbagh police.

**Grand display of military hardware at Tejgaon Airport runway**

A grand display of military hardware has been arranged on the occasion of the Independence Day at Tejgaon Old Airport runway, reports UNB.

Various types of arms, ammunition, equipment, vehicles, tanks, ship's replica, helicopter and aircraft used in the Army, navy and Air Force will be on display, said an ISPR press release.

The exhibition will remain open for members of the public from 2 pm to 6 pm tomorrow (Sunday) and from 9 am to 6 pm everyday till march 31.

**Igloo opens new parlour at Banani**

By Staff Correspondent A new out of Igloo ice-cream Gelateria Igloo opened at Kemal Ataturk Avenue at Banani on Friday.

The parlour designed in Italian style will serve icecreams and sundaes with the choicest of toppings in an ambience with a class of its own. Igloo has 20 different flavours which can be served in over 60 combinations. These include fried icecreams soft icecreams and freshly baked waffle cones.

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"In fact new flavours will be added to the existing list every month", Monem says. Igloo's first offering this summer is Macho -an extruded product which is a premium vanilla ice-cream with strawberry ripples coated with hazel nuts.

Igloo hopes to soon export its products abroad, informs Monem as its products have attracted interest in neighbouring India, Sri Lanka, Burma and even the United Arab Emirates. There will be a lot promotional activities and competitions at the joint in the coming months, the director added.

**Body of young woman found in Motijheel**

Motijheel police yesterday recovered the body of an unidentified young lady from a slum near PWD Staff Quarters in the city, reports BSS.

Police said the blood stained body bore wound marks on its shoulder and neck. Police suspect that the lady, about 30 years of year, was kidnapped and tortured to death by miscreants. They left the body in a room of the slum.

Police sent the body to the morgue of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy.

A murder case was registered with Motijheel police in this connection.

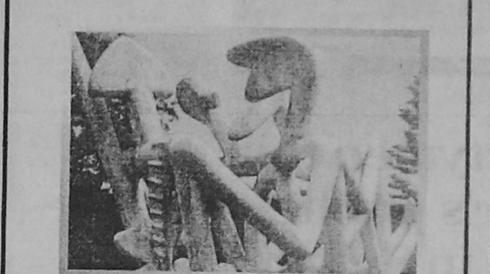
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