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Death anniversary

The 28th death anniversary of Al-haj A K M Fazul Kabir Chowdhury will be observed at Gohira under Raosan thana in Chittagong today, says a press release.

Agrani Bank Literary Award goes to Al Faruque

Poet and juvenile litterateur Syed Al Faruque won the Agrani Bank Juvenile Literary Award 1404 for his book of Rhymes — 'Bangladesher Pa Duto', says a press release.

Procession in support of Palestinian state Sept 13

Palestine Repatriated Muk-tijoddha Sangsad will bring out a procession in the capital in support of the declaration of an independent Palestinian state on September 13, reports BSS. The programme was announced by Ziaul Kabir Dulu, chairman of the central command council of the Sangsad at a press conference at the national Press Club on Tuesday.



Employees of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) protesting the uneven distribution of sacrificial meat, donated by Saudi Arabia at its premises yesterday. — Star photo

BNPPP meets today

The BNP Parliamentary Party (BNPPP) will meet today at 7:30 pm at Sangsad Bhaban, reports UNB. Chief Whip of the Opposition Khondaker Delwar Hossain requested all its parliament members to attend the meeting. They are staying out of the current parliament session in continuity of their boycott programme.

JU first year Hons class from Nov 9

The first year Honours classes of the 1999-2000 session of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will begin on November 9, university sources said yesterday, reports BSS.

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Flood situation likely to deteriorate

Due to light to heavy rainfall at most places over the Ganges basin, the flood situation along the banks of the river Padma is likely to deteriorate inundating more low-lying areas in next 12 hours till 9 am today, reports UNB.

According to Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre, more low-lying areas of Chapainawabganj and low-lying areas at downstream of Jamuna are also likely to inundate while the flashflood situation in greater Sylhet may remain unchanged.

The Jamuna at all points except Sirajganj and the Padma at all points are likely to rise further during the period.

Light to moderate rainfall was recorded at most places over the Brahmaputra, Meghna and Southeastern Hill basins during last 24 hours.

The Brahmaputra-Jamuna at all points except at Bahadurabad and the Padma at all points recorded rise while the rivers in Meghna marked rise and fall and most of the rivers in the Southeastern Hill basin marked fall.

Out of 46 water level stations monitored by the centre, four rivers were flowing above danger level at seven points, 21 points recorded rise, 20 points fall and two points remained static.

The Padma marked rise by 11cm at Pankha, 14cm at Rajshahi, 8cm at Hardinge Bridge, 5cm at Goalundo and 6cm at Bhagyakul. The river was flowing 60cm above the danger mark at Pankha while 20 cm at Bhagyakul and 15 cm at Goalundo.

The Mohananda in Ganges basin marked further rise by 16cm at Chapainawabganj and it was flowing 33cm above danger mark.

In the Meghna basin, the Kushiya recorded rise by 15cm at Amalshid while 7 cm at Sheola. The river was flowing 114cm and 30cm above red mark at the points respectively while the Surma at Kanaighat was flowing 81cm above danger mark.

A significant 53mm rainfall was experienced in Rajshahi, 50mm at Jessore, 20mm at Kanaighat and 18mm at Sheola during 24 hours till 9 am yesterday.

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Formulation of a complete communication policy urged

DU students pay tribute to Prof Nuruddin

By DU Correspondent

Speakers at a seminar yesterday underscored the need for immediate formulation of a transparent, strong, complete and flexible communication policy under point of view from country's politics, economics, social structure, cultural values and public opinion in the age of advanced media.

Addressing the Professor Nuruddin Memorial Seminar on "Communication Policy: Bangladesh Perspective" they pointed out that a communication policy accelerates national development by integrating communication infrastructure and systems, which also inspire mass participation in communication works.

The former students of Department of Mass Communication and Journalism of the university organised seminar as part of the day-long programme, held at the Teachers and Students Centre (TSC), to accord a farewell reception to the Prof. QAIM Nuruddin, a noted educationist and communication expert of the country.

In his speech as chief guest Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, said, "It is tough to introduce a communication policy for different reasons. We are yet to finalise a pro-people education policy due to the obstructions of fundamentalist and religious fanatics."

Calling upon pressmen to protect the freedom of press, the minister said, "I will request the prime minister to finalise a communication policy according to the need at all and place a bill regarding this in the parliament."

In the keynote papers on the topic "Communication Policy: Bangladesh Perspective" Mofjur Rahman and Nadir Junaed, lecturers of the department, observed that "the existing policies are not well integrated and strong and allows the government control over the media. It also does not have directions towards development."

"In present scenario of national development, there are lacks of tuned communication policy and national planning and the policymakers also have lack of sufficient knowledge regarding role of media in development works," they noted.

Acting editor of Ittefaq, Rahat Khan proposed formation of a non-government body headed by Prof Nuruddin instead of government bureaucrats to formulate a communication policy saying that if bureaucrats are given the responsibility to formulate the policy to formulate the policy no one can be sure of what will be formed.

Chief editor and managing director of BSS Harun Habib said the absence of communication policy has always influenced state mechanism and as a result the distorted history of liberation war was communicated through the media for last 21 years after independence.

"If we do not adopt a communication policy right now we will be deprived of the benefits of information revolution and we would not be able to protect our own cultural heritage," he added.

At the beginning of the seminar Prof Nuruddin told the audience about his life and career. He said, I have been in a learning process during my teaching profession. When I was student, I learned, when I became a teacher I learned and now I am learning and the process will continue till the last moment of my life."

Presided over by convenor of Professor Nuruddin Reception Committee Dr. Golam Rahman, the programme was also addressed, among others, by Pro-Vice Chancellor of Prof. Shahadat Ali.

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