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50th birthday of painter Shahabuddin today

By Staff Correspondent
Shilpi Shahabuddin Janmabasi Parishad (committee) will accord a reception to the valiant freedom fighter and internationally renowned painter Shahabuddin Ahmed at 5:00 p.m. today at the main auditorium of the National Museum on the occasion of his 50th birth anniversary.

Noted poet Shamsur Rahman and eminent painter Mohammad Kibria will attend the function as chief and special guests respectively while Prof. Kabir Chowdhury, chairman of the committee will preside.

The programme includes greetings to the artist, citation, handing over of mementoes and musical soiree.

To mark the occasion, a 12-day special solo painting exhibition by Shahabuddin Ahmed will also begin on September 15

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10 hurt as JCD, BCL clash at Barisal

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Sept 10: At least ten people were injured in a gunfire between the activists of JCD and BCL in the town last night.

Of the injured, JCD activists - Mizan and Biplob - and BCL activist Iqbal were shifted to Dhaka from Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated this morning.

The trouble began at around 10 pm following assault of a BCL worker by JCD activists at Barguna road in the town.

Both the groups traded gunshots and exploded bombs during the clash.

The BCL activists later ran across a shop belonging to JCD activist Mizan.

Police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. They also recovered a rifle, eight cartridges from the spot.

Police said the clash was a sequel to previous rivalry between the two rival student groups over illegal drug trading in the town.

Two shot in separate incidents

By Staff Correspondent
Two people were shot in two separate incidents in the city last night.

The victims - Mohammad Shaheen, 22, a rod mechanic and Hadikul Hug Sarker, 27, a trader of construction materials sustained bullet injuries in face and legs respectively, hospital sources said.

Shaheen was caught in the crossfire when two local groups led by Hadu and Afsar, exchanged gunshots at Dayanganj rail crossing in the city. The victim received several pellets in his face when he reached the rail crossing at about 7 pm.

He was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

In another incident, Hadikul was shot in both his legs for refusing to pay toll money to a gang at Nawabpur at about 8 pm last night.

The gang dragged him out of his shop, took him behind the Jinnat Market and shot him in both his legs.

He was rushed to the DMCH in a critical condition.

One stabbed to death in Ctg

From Our Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Sept 10: A young man was stabbed to death while trying to save a woman of a neighbouring house from torture and oppression of her husband at Betagi union under Rangunia there last night.

Shah Alam, 35, was stabbed by his neighbour Abul Fazal as he went to rescue the latter's wife from torture. He succumbed to his injury on way to local health complex. Abul Fazal was arrested.

Opposition's call to teachers community Oust AL govt thru' agitation to realise demands

By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of the four-party opposition alliance have urged the teacher community to join the on-going movement to force Awami League out of office and realise their demands, including nationalisation of non-government primary schools.

Addressing a grand rally at the city's Osmani Udyan yesterday, the alliance leaders also assured the non-government primary school teachers of inclusion of their demands into the election manifesto of the party.

Bangladesh Non-Government Primary Teachers' Association (BNPTA) organised the rally to press home their demand for nationalisation of primary schools and full payment of salary from the government exchequer.

BNP Chairman Sheikh Hasina for backing out of the commitment she had made with the primary teachers who are now getting 60 to 80 per cent of their basic salary from the public coffers.

Khaleda alleged that the AL government is advancing with a secret agenda to destroy the

country's education sector. It has not fulfilled the commitments it had made with the non-government primary school teachers before the last general election.

The BNP chief condemned the government for not allowing the teachers to hold rally at Paltan Maidan. "AL repeatedly claims to be a democratic government, but their autocratic and anti-people activities suggest otherwise."

Criticising the prime minister for her remarks about introduction of a common currency in Bangladesh and India during an interview with CNN, Khaleda said those were very objectionable and went against the country's sovereignty.

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BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia addressing the rally of non-government primary teachers at Osmani Udyan in the city yesterday. The teachers are on strike demanding nationalisation of their institutions and full payment of their salaries from public exchequer.

- Star photo

Rab murder Memo to PM demanding arrest of killers

From Staff Correspondent

RAB, Sept 10: Shahid SMA Rab Smriti Parishad today submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina through the police commissioner Iqbal on leave.

The memorandum containing 11 demands was received by additional police commissioner Mokhsur Rahman as police commissioner Anwarul Iqbal was on leave.

The demands include immediate arrest of the killers of AL mayoral candidate SMA Rab and their exemplary punishment keeping investigation of the case free from political influence, trial in the Special Tribunal, arrest of masterminds and financiers of the murder and declaring them politically unwanted, and expulsion of persons from the ruling party involved overtly and covertly in the murder conspiracy.

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