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Lailatul Qadr prayers Dec 23

The holy *Lailatul Qadr* prayers will be held at Bishwa Zaker Monjil at Atrashi in Faridpur and Banani in the city on December 23, reports BSS.

Peer Sahib of Bishwa Zaker Monjil Hazrat Moulana Syed Shah Sufi Khwajababa Faridpuri will offer his Shab-e-Qadr prayers here at his Banani residence, a Zaker party press release said yesterday.

All necessary arrangements have already been completed for muslim devotees which include food, shelter and sanitary facilities, sources said.

The nightlong programme including *Quran telawat, milad mahfil, zikir, fateha sharif* and special prayers.

DV interview date changed

The US embassy has changed the date for interview of the Diversity Visa (DV) applicants which was scheduled for December 27 due to Eid vacation, reports UNB.

According to the new schedule, the date for appointments is January 7, 2001.

A release of the US Embassy requested all rescheduled applicants to come to the Embassy according to the time given in their letter of notification.

Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) staged a demonstration at the Jatiya Press Club premises yesterday. They protested the stringent laws that restrict fresh membership to the Press Club. – Star photo

26 held, 2 arms recovered

Police arrested 26 people and recovered two firearms along with huge smuggled goods from different areas of the city during last 24 hours ending 6 pm yesterday, reports BSS.

Detective Branch of police arrested one Jamal from a slum in Agargaon area and recovered about 915 bottles of phensedyl from his possession.

Sutrapur police, acting on a tip-off, arrested a wanted criminal Abul Kashem, 25, from a slum at Gendaria on Wednesday evening and recovered one foreign-made revolver with one bullet.

Kafrul police arrested one Shaon, 18, with a local-made pistol from Senpara Parbata area of Mirpur on Wednesday.

Detective Branch of police caught red-handed Omar Faruq, 28, and Mukul, 34, from a super market under Motijheel thana on Wednesday night and recovered pirated video cassettes from their possession.

DRU demands easing of JPC membership

By Staff Correspondent

Members of Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU), the country's largest forum of professional journalists, yesterday staged a demonstration at the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) premises to protest the stringent rules that restrict fresh membership to the club.

The DRU members holding a banner "Open membership to Jatiya Press Club for Professional journalists" staged the demonstration when members of the JPC sat for its biennial general meeting.

Earlier, when the members of DRU came to the JPC, ABM Musa, former President of the JPC, GM Yakub, Acting President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists' (BFUJ), Altaf Mahmood and Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, President and General Secretary respectively of Dhaka Union of Journalists' (DUJ) expressed solidarity with the DRU members.

M Anwarul Huq and Motaher Hossain Masum, President and General Secretary respectively of DRU led the procession, which was attended among others by members of DRU executive committee and former office bearers.

Jatiya Press Club polls today

Members of the Jatiya Press Club will elect a 17-member executive body for a two-year term today, reports BSS.

Five hundred and four members of the Club will elect 17 office-bearers from two slates: Shafiq-Swapan parishad and Monir-Badi parishad.

The voting will begin at 9:30 in the morning and continue till 5 pm with a break from 1 pm to 2 pm, club sources said.

Shafiqur Rahman, a special correspondent of The Ittefaq, is vying for the President's post while incumbent General Secretary and Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) News Editor Swapan Kumar Saha, is seeking re-election to the same post for a second consecutive term.

Incumbent President of Jatiya Press Club Khondoker Monirul Alam (Holiday) and Badiul Alam (The Financial Express) are leading the other panel in the poll.

Nazrul Islam of BSS is the lone candidate to contest the polls independently. He is vying for the post of the club president.

DCC activities discussed at JS body meet

A meeting of the Jatiya Sangsad Standing Committee on the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives was held in the city yesterday with its chairman Abdul Mannan in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting mourned the death of former speaker Mirza Golam Hafiz and sitting parliament member Syed Kamal Bakth and prayed for the peace of the departed souls. It also observed one minute's silence.

The meeting discussed sector-wise income and expenditure of Dhaka City Corporation, fixation of taxes and their realisation, steps to collect arrears, other relevant issues including raising the income of the corporation and different problems and steps to solve them.

It also discussed the Corporation's land asset, conditions and projects under implementation, unutilised land and its maintenance.

7 held with firearms

MANIKGANJ, Dec 21: Seven people were arrested along with firearms on charge of attacking a brickfield at Borunti village in Singair upazila Wednesday, reports UNB.

A worker of the brickfield, Nazrul Islam, 40, was critically injured in the attack. He was admitted to a local hospital.

The arrested were identified as Hayder Ali Tara, 30, Monir, 22, Sultan, 24, Shahinur, 21, Zahidur Rahman, 26, Abdur Razzak, 22, and Tapan, 24.

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US$ 155/20'; 205/40'; 230/40H'; 260/45'
It will be eliminated once the existing contracts have the IFA clauses are expired. The above FAF will not be applicable to the tariff cargoes, or new service contract accounts.
Interim Fuel Surcharge (IFA/IFS)
The IFA is applicable for those existing contract holders who have an IFA provision shown in the contract. Effective from Jan 1, 2001, the current IFA level is US$80/40', will be adjusted to US$120/d40.
This IFA will be eliminated for new service contracts in 2001 contract season.
New Bunker Charge
The following new floating Bunker Charge will be applicable for the tariff cargoes with effect from Jan 1, 2001, and also any new contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2001.
From Asia, West Asia, Middle East to USA.
US$4.0 per RT
US$ 140/20'; 185/40'; 210/40H'; 235/45'
TSA
Transpacific Stabilization Agreement
TSA CARRIERS SET CHARGE FOR PROVIDING CHASSIS
Goal is to recover a portion of costs now fully absorbed by container lines
Oakland, CA/October 16, 2000 — Clarification for the New Chassis Charge
With reference to previous press releases announcing the Chassis Charge, to be implemented in the Transpacific Eastbound Trade to all USA Destinations, to be effective on January 1, 2001 for all tariff cargo and May 1 for service contract cargo.
The Chassis Charge at US$60 per container for all sizes. This Flat fee of US$60 is a Bill of Lading Charge will be shown on the bill of lading and paid along with the ocean freight. Carrier shall refund the Chassis Charge to the customer in the case the customer provide their own chassis.
Members include:
American President Lines, Ltd; CMA-CGM, COSCO Container Lines, Ltd; Maersk SeaLand, Evergreen Marine Corp (Taiwan), Ltd; Hanjin Shipping Co Ltd; Hapag Lloyd Container Line Hyundai Merchant Marine Co Ltd; Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd (K Line), Mitsui OSK Lines Ltd. P&O Nedlloyd Ltd; Nippon Yusen Kaisha (NYK Line); Orient Overseas Container Line, Inc. Yangming Marine Transport Corp.
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