



Jatiyatabadi Hawkers Dal staged a protest rally in the city yesterday demanding immediate rehabilitation of hawkers.

Treasury bench members criticise Khaleda

Treasury bench members yesterday criticised opposition leader Khaleda Zia for placing a 7-point demand before the foreign diplomats instead of attending parliament session, reports UNB.

They also questioned the honesty of her intention to set up a separate ministry for freedom fighters as she has signed an agreement to form a united government with anti-liberation Jamaat-e-Islami and others.

Will she give the charge of that ministry to Gulam Azam or Salahuddin Qader, Chowdhury who worked against the liberation war and do not believe in the country's independence? Awami League MP Pan-chanda Biswas said taking part in the discussion on the President's New Year's address to the House.

Awami League members Rafiqul Anwar, Prof Jannatul Ferdous, Begum Nargis Ara Huq and Kazi Sekandar Ali also took part in the discussion.

The ruling party MPs praised the President's speech, saying that it has depicted a true picture of progress and achievement of the Awami League government.

LARC submits report to minister

The Lalon Akhra Rokkha Committee (LARC) yesterday submitted its report to Obaidul Kader, State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs, after visiting the mazar of Lalon Shah in Kushtia.

A LARC delegation submitted the report, signed by Prof Shamsur Rahman and Prof. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, at the official residence of the minister in the morning.

The minister also assured the delegation to look into the matter and discuss it with the concerned authority of the government.

A LARC delegation, led by Prof. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, visited the Lalon's mazar on December 18 and made the report. The report was disclosed in citizens rally at the National Press Club on January 8, which suggested to build the guest building and auditorium outside the main premises of the Lalon's mazar to keep its uniqueness and tradition.

DUEDAA reunion

The Dhaka University Economics Department Alumni Association (DUEDAA) will hold an Eid Reunion at Kotbari, Comilla on January 26.

A press release said that several buses will transport the alumni from the Shapla Chatrar, Motijheel at 7:45 am.

The association invited all the alumni and their spouses to join the day-long programme and requested them to contact the following persons for details - Rafiqul Haq Thakur- 9661900-59/4446.4422. Fariduddin Ahmed-8111272. 017537100. Shariful Islam Khan-9551790. 9117227. Habibullah Bahar-9350215. 9550452. Nurul Amin- 018220259. Taslim- 9660607 and Abbasuddin Afari- 9565010, 9331331.

JS body for passage of pvt school regn bill

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Education yesterday recommended passage of the Registration of Private Schools (Amendment) Bill, 2001 in an amended form, reports BSS. Placing the recommendation in the House, Chairman of the Committee Nurul Islam Nahid said, in the amendment, the committee suggested bringing the schools imparting education under foreign education curriculum under the purview of registration of private schools.

The amended bill suggested that "Higher Secondary education" would mean education pertaining to class XI and XII and include courses equivalent to "A" level of any foreign educational institution.

59 women cadets appointed in Armed Forces

Some 59 women cadets have so far been given appointment in the Bangladesh Armed Forces, Parliament was told yesterday, reports UNB.

Replying to Abdul Latif Mirza (Awami League-Sirajganj), Science and Technology Minister General (Rtd) M Nooruddin said 30 women cadets were receiving training with the 47th BMA Long Course in the Bangladesh Military Academy at Bhatary from January 7.

He said they would be commissioned as Second Lieutenant of Bangladesh Army after two years' successful training and would be posted in all branches of the Army except armoured corps and infantry. The process of appointing women soldiers has not started.

Of the 21 women naval officers, the minister said, two will be posted in the Education Corps. Besides, eight women officers were appointed in the Air Force.

Ekushey February programmes

The government has taken up elaborate programmes to observe 21st February 2001 as International Mother Language Day with due respect to the language martyrs, reports UNB.

The programmes were finalised yesterday in an inter-ministerial meeting at the boardroom of National Museum chaired by State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader.

The meeting decided to observe the day across the country more elaborately and in different outlook as UNESCO declared the 21st February as International Mother Language Day. The day will be a public holiday. All the schools, colleges, universities and other educational institutions as well as government, semi-government and autonomous institutions will hoist national flag half-mast on the day.

Different important streets of the capital city including the VIP roads will be decorated with festoons inscribing Bangla alphabets. State-run Bangladesh Betar and Bangladesh Television will broadcast special programmes and the national newspapers will publish special supplements highlighting the significance of the day.

Bangladesh missions abroad will also take necessary steps to observe the day with due respect while district and upazila administration will take similar programmes.

BCS (Economic) officers' assoc submits memo to planning div

Bangladesh Civil Service (Economic) Officers' Association yesterday submitted three memoranda to the Secretary of the Planning Division Dr Toufiq-e-Elahi regarding promotion process of the BCS (Economic) Cadre, says a press release.

About one hundred officers led by association president M A Sattar Bhuiyan and secretary general Md Abdul Hye Talukder called on the Secretary and discussed their various demands with him. The demands were framed at an emergency extended meeting of the association held on the Planning Commission premises on Sunday.

The meeting demanded that immediate appointment/promotion from amongst the members of the BCS Economic Cadre should be considered in the rank of Deputy Secretary, Joint Secretary, Additional Secretary & Secretary as per Cadre strength. They also demanded that the promotion process of BCS Economic Cadre be resumed by solving the litigation problem.

Their other demands included granting selection grade to 50 per cent of Senior Asstt Chiefs (76 posts) of BCS Economic Cadre and providing full logistic support to all desk officers of BCS (Economic) Cadre similar to Admin Cadre.

দাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ৪১তম সমাবর্তন বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ৪১তম সমাবর্তন আগামী ২৭ জানুয়ারি ২০০১ এর পরিবর্তে আগামী ৩ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০০১ শনিবার সকাল ১০-০০ টায় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের খেলার মাঠে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

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M Ganjer Ali
Chairman
Dept of Computer Science & Technology
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'Tk 6 cr given to religious institutions'

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday informed the Jatiya Sangsad that Taka five crore 76 lakh 70 thousand were given to 10,820 mosques, temples, churches and homes between June 1996 and June 2000 from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Faruque Khan, the Prime Minister said Taka two lakh was given for the development of 20 mosques, temples and religious institutions of Kotlipara upazila while Taka 4.28 lakh for the development of 64 mosques, temples and religious institutions of Moksdepur and Kashiani upazilas.

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