



Lankan minister arrives Feb 10

Prof G L Peiris, Minister of Constitutional Affairs and Industrial Development and Deputy Minister of Finance of Sri Lanka will make an official visit to the city during February 10-14, says a press release.

He will be leading a trade delegation comprising of 15 members of the Chamber of Young Lankan Entrepreneurs (COYLE).

Prof GL Peiris has visited Bangladesh twice before. In mid 1999, he led a delegation of very senior Sri Lankan entrepreneurs.

Some of the entrepreneurs who visited Bangladesh at that time have already commenced joint venture operations here.

The present visit is on the invitation of Tofail Ahmed Minister for Industries.

BCSIR scientists association election held

M Junab Ali and M Shahidul Islam have been elected president and general secretary respectively of the executive committee of the BCSIR Scientists Association held yesterday in the auditorium of Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Dhaka for this year, says a press release.

Other elected office-bearers are: ASM Aminur Rahman and Dr Rahima Khatun, vice-presidents, Shafiqur Rahman, joint secretary and Md Abdul Matin Sarkar, treasurer. Members: M Ali Hossain, Dr Md Yunus Mia, MM Golam Hossain, Gour Chandra Saha, Badrunnesa Feroza, M Mokbul Hossain Mondol, AKM Mozammel Hoque and Dr Husna Parveen Nur.

Salana jalsa begins Feb 9

The 77th annual holy salana jalsa of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Bangladesh will begin on February 9 at 3.00 pm at the 'Darul Tabligh', 4, Bakshi Bazar Road in the city and it will continue till February 11, says a press release.

Prominent scholars of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat will address the jalsa salana.

2 get 5 years RI under PSA for snatching Tk 1250

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Special Tribunal for Prevention of Public Safety Disturbances and Crimes, Dhaka Tuesday awarded five years' rigorous imprisonment to two people in an extortion case.

The judge Mohammad Shah Newaz found Alauddin and Khorshed guilty of extortion and gave the verdict. The court also acquitted two others of charges as the allegations against them were not proved.

Aslam, a truck driver of Lalbagh attack of four extortionists at Palashi Bazar at about 12:30 am on May 4 last year while he was returning from Chankhar pool. The muggers snatched Tk 1250 from Aslam.

Two of them were caught red-handed by him with the help of on duty police nearby.

He filed an extortion case with Lalbagh thana on May 5 last year against the four.

Sub-Inspector Rezaul Karim the investigation officer of the case submitted the charge sheet against the four on June 4 last year.

The Court framed charges against them on July 12.

After cross-examination of all 10 prosecution witnesses, the court delivered the judgement.

Special PP Abdullah-AL-Mamun appeared for the state.

Students' bodies denounce BCL attack on rally at Eden College

DU CORRESPONDENT

Different students organisations yesterday condemned the alleged attack of ruling party backed student leaders on the general students of Eden College in the city on Tuesday.

Gonotantik Chhatra Oikyo (GCO), a conglomeration of some left leaning student organisations, yesterday condemned the attack and said, "the recent terrorist activities of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) in the institution is heinous."

The GCO demand called on the college authorities to take punitive action against those are responsible for the incident.

ISD-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) protested the attack on the general students of the college by 'outsider terrorists'.

In a statement, Obaidur Rahman Chhunu, Karim Sikder and Mirza Anwarul Haq, the BCL leaders, demanded immediate arrest of and exemplary punishment to those involved in the incident.

They also demanded to strengthening of security measures for the general students of the women's college.

Bangladesh Chhatra Federation (BCF), a left leaning student organisation also condemned the incident.

FFs' anti-hartal procession in city

UNB, Dhaka

Muktijoddha Central Command Council yesterday brought out a procession in the city protesting the hartal and atrocities in violence unleashed by the communal forces.

The freedom fighters of the 1971's Liberation War wearing red bands and carrying sticks chanted slogans against hartal and fundamentalist forces.

Parading the city streets, they held a rally in front of the National Press Club from where Council's chairman Principal Abdul Ahad Chowdhury directed its all units and front organisations to stage protest rallies across the country.

He said the defeated forces of 1971 were now fanning communalism in the name of religion, resorting to killing and unleashing a reign of terror across the country.

He called on all patriotic and democratic forces to get united to resist the religious fanatics.



PHOTO: STAR
Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad Dhaka city unit, a forum of freedom fighters, took to the streets yesterday against hartal. The anti-hartal processionists carried sticks in their hands and chanted slogans against the defeated forces of 1971's Liberation War.

No classes held at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

The academic activities of the Dhaka University were disrupted during the opposition-sponsored dawn to dusk hartal yesterday.

Classes were not held but all the libraries including the central library, science library and all banks on the university campus remained open.

Despite the hartal the authorities held all scheduled examinations yesterday and the all examinations scheduled for today will also be held as per the timetable, said a DU press release.

The administrative activities in all the offices at the Registrar's building and halls were operated normally, the release added.

Meanwhile, ruling party backed student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus in protest of the hartal.

Obituary

Al-hajj Abul Hossain Khan alias Milon Khan, of Alam Khan Lane in the city died of cardiac arrest in a city clinic yesterday morning. He was 62, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, a son, three daughters, a host of admirers to mourn his death.

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