



Pro-hartal pickets damaged a microbus parked at Naya Pallan area in the city yesterday morning during the hartal hours. PHOTO: STAR

Dr Shoaib joins Agri ministry as Secy

Dr Shoaib Ahmed joined the Ministry of Agriculture as Secretary-in-charge on Thursday, says a press release.

Prior to his joining Agriculture Ministry, Dr Shoaib was Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

Previously, he served as Managing Director of Bangladesh Krishi Bank and Shilpa Rin Sangstha, Chairman of Trading Corporation of Bangladesh, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, and as Director General, Export Promotion Bureau.

Dr Shoaib has many publications on economic subjects to his credit.

Concerted efforts needed in Asia to eradicate diseases

BSS, Dhaka

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim has stressed the need for coordinated efforts of the South Asian countries to eradication of diseases like dengue, malaria, kala-azar and AIDS.

Selim said this while discussing the matter with his Indian counterpart at New Delhi. The minister is on a visit to Delhi to visit South East Asia Regional office of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Book published on Hasina

BSS, Dhaka

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria released a book titled "Role of Sheikh Hasina in Improving International Relations" at the Bangla Academy yesterday.

Speaking at the launching ceremony of the book published by Anupom Prakashani, Kibria said the prime minister has earned name and fame for the country for her outstanding contributions to the development of international relations.

The minister also released a book of rhymes by Aslam Sami titled "Nishashe Biswashe Bangabandhu" and a little magazine titled "Khontho Kolom" edited by Rashel Ashiq.

No classes held at JU Special arrangements for exam

JU CORRESPONDENT

Academic and administrative activities of Jahangirnagar University (JU) were disrupted yesterday due to dawn-to-dusk hartal.

No classes were held in any department and the second year final examination of 'Electronics and Computer Science' scheduled for yesterday was postponed.

The university authorities, however, made special arrangements to hold the seventh semester examination of 1995-96 session of Business Administration yesterday. The examination began at 6:00 pm and continued till 10:00 pm.

Similar arrangements have been made for the second year final examination of 1997-98 session scheduled for today. The exam will begin at six in the evening.

Few offices including Vice-Chancellor's and Pro-VC's opened but administrative activities were hampered due to thin attendance of employees.

Ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) brought out an anti-hartal procession and held a rally on Saturday evening.

Jibon Tori completes eleventh project

BSS, Dhaka

Impact Life Vessel, an all-out modern floating hospital serving the distressed poor for the last 22 months in the country's far flung areas concluded its 11th project near the Bangabandhu Bridge at Bhupur in Tangail district on Saturday.

The life vessel named "Jibon Tori" equipped with all modern apparatus of a full-pledged hospital, has been engaged in providing treatment to the poor suffering from blindness, ENT problems and orthopedic complexities.

Over 1,000 poor patients were given eye operation-oriented treatment side by side medical services to others with various ENT and orthopedic problems

from this highly specialised hospital through its 11th project near the Bangabandhu Bridge area.

Secretary of the Jamuna Bridge Division Syed Margub Murshed described the treatment drive of the hospital as an excellent step towards ridding the poor people of such diseases.

"Such a step is very much necessary in the greater national interest," he said while addressing as the chief guest the concluding function of the hospital's 11th project in Bhupur in Tangail district yesterday. It was also addressed by the project director of Jamuna Bridge Trevor M T Powel.

The hospital will now conduct its activities from March 27 to April 30, the release added.



BNP leaders and activists seen in front of Dhaka Match Factory in the city during a pro-hartal procession yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Sadique calls for no hartals during SSC exams

BSS, Dhaka

Education Minister ASHK Sadique yesterday called upon the people of all walks of life to extend all out cooperation for holding of the upcoming SSC examinations in a free, fair and peaceful manner.

In a statement, he said that all preparations have been taken for holding the SSC (Secondary School Certificate) examinations across the country.

The minister called on the opposition political parties to refrain from calling hartals during the

examinations in consideration for the students.

He hoped that the opposition will consider the appeal of the students.

A total of 10 lakh candidates are scheduled to sit for the examination from March 15, he added.

Referring to the recent hartals called by the four-party opposition alliance, Sadique said thousands of students will suffer if the opposition alliance enforces hartal during the examinations.

It is the rights of the students to complete their examinations

without fear and tension, he said.

Terming the opposition enforced hartals as baseless and issueless, he said such hartals would not bring any positive results for the people of the country.

GrameenPhone services disrupted

The services of GrameenPhone were disrupted yesterday from 1:00 am to 1:00 pm all over the country excepting the capital city due to disruption in the optical fibre link, says a press release.

GrameenPhone Limited regretted the temporary inconvenience to its subscribers, the release added.

BCL holds rally on DU campus

DU CORRESPONDENT

Ruling party backed student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday brought out a procession and held a rally on the Dhaka University campus to observe the 11th death anniversary of its leader Chhunu.

Shahidul Islam Chhunu was president of BCL's Zahurul Haq Hall Unit.

Addressing the rally at the Aperiao Bangla, BCL leaders recalled memories of Chhunu.

The leaders also announced that they will bring a procession and hold a rally on the campus today demanding withdrawal of Khaleda Zia from her post as Leader of the Opposition.



Students of Oxford International school rendering a chorus number at a function held on the school premises to mark Amar Ekushey February.



A Seminar on "Company Act 1994 and Trade Organisation Rules 1994" was held February 22 at the BCI Board Room, organised by Bangladesh Chamber of Industries. Commerce Minister Md Abdul Jalil inaugurated the seminar as the chief guest. BCI President Khandker Mosharrar Hossain also spoke at the seminar while AK Azad, Vice President of BCI delivered the welcome address.

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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Tender Notice No-36 (2000-2001)

Credit No. IDA-2815_BD
IFB No. P-419/99/937 Date: 15/2/2001

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association in various currencies towards the cost of Agricultural Research Management Project (ARMP) BRR1-Part. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Procurement of Computers and Accessories (Package G17 lot 2) worth Tk. 8 lakh (approx).
- The Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRR1) now invites sealed bids under National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures from eligible bidders for the supply of Computers and Accessories.
- Payments made under this contract will only be in Bangladesh Taka. Interested eligible bidders (including foreign bidders who are willing to receive payments in Bangladesh Taka) may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the office of the undersigned at BRR1, Gazipur, Bangladesh, Phone : 9350125.
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders from 1.3.2001 on the submission of a written application to the undersigned and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk. 600.00 (either in cash or in Bank Draft or Pay Order from any schedule bank in Bangladesh issued in favour of Director General, BRR1, Gazipur) in all working days. Bidders are requested to be present in a pre bid conference on 25.03.2001 at 3.00 PM.
- The provisions in the instructions to bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Goods (SBD), National Competitive Bidding (Trial Edition--August 1997), issued by the World Bank Resident Mission in Bangladesh. The Sample Forms (except price schedules) of the SBD remain unchanged.
- Bids must be delivered to the office of the undersigned on or before 03.00 pm on 02.04.2001 and must be accompanied by a security of 2% (two per cent) as provided for in the Instruction to Bidders.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 03:15 pm on 02.04.2001 at the offices of undersigned.

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Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association

BTMC Bhaban, 7-9 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26 February '2001

NOTICE

To: All Members of BGMEA

The 18th Annual General Meeting of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) will be held on 12 March 2001 at 11 a.m. at the Ball Room of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka.

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Agenda:

- Confirmation of the minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting held on 03 June 2000 at the Ball Room of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, Dhaka.
- Consideration and adoption of the reports of the Association and the Accounts of the Association with Auditors' Report thereon for the year ending 31 December, 2000 and approval of budget for the year 2001.
- Appointment of Auditor(s) and fixing up of their remuneration for the year 2001.
- Announcement of the names of the newly elected Office Bearers and Board of Directors, BGMEA.
- Any other business, notice for which shall have to be given to the Board of Directors 10 clear days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting or such other business as may be placed before the meeting with the permission of the Chair.

By order of the Board of Directors,

(M. Fasihur Rahman)
Secretary

Note: Hon'ble Members are requested to send their questions, if any, to the Secretary, BGMEA to reach at least 72 hrs before the Annual General Meeting in order to finalize reply in time.

Directorate General Defence Purchase

Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in foreign currency are invited from all bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/Suppliers/Indentors (Enlisted Firms in DGBP only) for supply of the following stores/equipments required for the use of Defence Services:

Sl No	Description of Stores/Equipments	Date of Selling		Date of Opening	Currency	Tender No
		From	To			
a.	Electro Medical Equipments/ Instruments (Maintenance contract of existing MRI Machine) (Renewal) Double Envelope system	26-2-2001	13-3-2001	14-3-2001	Foreign	214/235/EM/P-3

2. The tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available at the fixed rate (non-refundable) on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened at 1005 hours on above mentioned date in presence of all available tenders.

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Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Narayanganj Midtown will be held at Narayanganj Club at 6:30 pm today.

Flat Sale

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