

JP city unit meets today

UNB, Dhaka
An emergency meeting of city Jatiya Party will be held at the party's central office in the city today to devise plans and programmes to secure unconditional release of JP president H M Ershad.

Central and city unit leaders, thana presidents, general secretaries, convenors and member-secretaries have been asked to attend the meeting, said a party press release.

Diplomat's body to be flown in today

UNB, Dhaka
The body of Mohammad Rezaul Huq, the first secretary of Bangladesh Embassy to Libya will arrive in the city today by an Emirates flight from Tripoli at 9 am.

Rezaul Huq died of cardiac arrest in Tripoli on February 22. He was 47.

He left behind his wife, a daughter, a son and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Born in Brahmanpara upazila in Comilla, Huq served as Deputy Assistant Director, Assistant Director and Deputy Director of NSL.

His namaz-e-janaaz will be held at Segun Bagicha at 11 am and then he will be laid to rest at his family graveyard at village Lorrybagh, said a press release.

Dhaka University Economics 1976 Alumni Association expressed deep shock at the death of Rezaul Huq and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Condolence book for Bradman

The Australian High Commission in Dhaka will open a condolence book for Sir Donald Bradman for signature by members of the general public at the High Commission 184, Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan 2, on Monday, from 9-00 am to 3-00 pm, says a press release.

Canada to give Tk 53 crore for legal reforms

BSS, Dhaka
Bangladesh will receive 15 million Canadian dollars (about Taka 53 crore) as grant for legal reforms in the country.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on "The Legal Reform Project" was signed between Bangladesh and Canada in the city on Thursday.

ERD Secretary Dr Masihur Rahman and Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh David Preston signed the MOU on behalf of their respective governments.

Under the project, Canada will provide the amount as technical assistance over a period of five years, a press release said tonight.

The objective of the project is to emphasise initiatives to protect vulnerable groups in the country. By strengthening institutions and processes of the public sector, the project seeks to reduce the arbitrary exercise of power to which the poor are so vulnerable.

The areas of activities of this project would cover include child protection/juvenile justice, consumer protection, legal aid, alternative dispute resolution, modernising the company law, criminal justice, strengthening of Ministry of Law, legislative drafting and Law Commission, the release added.

CU vacation on Eid begins today

CU CORRESPONDENT
Chittagong University (CU) will remain closed from March 3 to 8 on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha. Classes will resume on March 10.

However, offices of the university will be closed from March 4 and will reopen on March 10.

No examination will be held during the period, the campus sources said.



Jatiya Garments Sramik Federation brought out a torch procession in the city yesterday demanding arrear salary and bonus before the holy Eid-ul-Azha.

'Groom youths with IT to face challenges of 21st century'

BSS, Kulara

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday urged the posterity to be equipped with education, science and information technology to face the challenges of the current century.

"We want to break the shackles of prejudice as we want a society based on science, knowledge and technology," he said while addressing a Scout rally at Nabinchandra High School ground in Kulara, Moulvibazar.

Local MP Sultan Mohammad Monsur, DIG of Sylhet division Tofazzal Hossain, chairman of Kulara pourasava Abdul Malek and convener of the rally organising committee Abdul Wahid spoke on the occasion.

He called upon the younger generation to build Sonar Bangla

and said, "our predecessors have established an independent and sovereign Bangladesh under the leadership of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and now it's your turn to build the country as Sonar Bangla."

He said a massive development programme is being implemented in Kulara as the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is committed to ensuring equal development in all areas of the country.

Prof Sayeed said Kulara had never experienced such developmental activities in the last 50 years what the Awami League government did during its four and a half years of rule.

Earlier the minister inaugurated the first ever three-day Alhajj Abdul Bari Scout Village.

Maudud Ali new envoy to S'pore

Syed Maudud Ali, Director-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Bangladesh High Commissioner to Singapore, says an official handout yesterday.

A career diplomat, Ali obtained BA (Hons) and MA in English from Dhaka University and joined the Foreign Service in 1974. He received diplomatic training at Oxford University and language training at American University in Cairo.

He served with various capacities in Bangladesh Missions in Cairo, Brasilia, Jeddah, Washington, Tehran and Ankara.

Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka
The ninth death anniversary of SKM Shamsul Haque, a former joint secretary, will be observed today.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil and Qurankhuan will have been arranged at his Mohammadpur residence after Asr prayers.

Haque, a veteran freedom fighter, was the founder director of the Sonaragun Folk and Handicrafts Foundation.

Special launch, ferry for Eid

BSS, Manikganj

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) has arranged special launches and ferries to facilitate the movement of homebound people on the occasion of holy Eid-ul-Azha.

BIWTC yesterday started operation of the special launches and ferries from three ghats - Anicha, Natakholra and Doulatdia.

2500 Bangladeshis go to S'pore each year for treatment

BSS, Dhaka

At least 2,500 Bangladeshis patients have their treatment in Singapore annually, of whom one-third seek admission to hospitals while the others get treatment as outpatients.

The hospitalised patients spend about Taka 15 crore per year while outpatients spend about Taka 10 crore, according to estimates. The calculation has been made at an average rate of 7000-10000 Singapore dollars per hospitalised patient.

Kalamjeet Singh Gill, Senior Marketing Manager of Parkway Group Healthcare Limited gave this estimated expenditure during an hour talk at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday morning. Gill is in the city in connection with a seminar, "Current concepts in medical management of Rhinosinusitis," sponsored by Mount Elizabeth Hospital and Gleneagles Hospital at the hotel.

During the discussion Gill said, patients from Bangladesh visit Singapore for open heart surgery, neuro-surgery, kidney transplantation, ENT treatment and cancer, he added. Female patients go to Singapore usually for infertility treatment, he said.

Speaking at the seminar Dr AB John narrated different aspects of ENT problems and remedies. He said acute Rhinosinusitis is associated with secondary symptoms of headaches, facial pain and occasional tenderness in the area of affected sinuses, purulent nasal secretions, postnasal drip, sore throat and cough. He also replied to some queries from the participants.

Construction materials from police official's plot looted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Miscreants looted construction materials from an under construction plot owned by a high-ranking police official and former Deputy Commissioner of Detective Branch in the city's Mirpur area in the early hours of yesterday.

A gang of four miscreants appeared at the plot of Syed Bazlul Karim, Assistant Inspector General of Police (equipment and transport) at Plot 1, 2/B, Road 5 in Mirpur and took away construction materials from the plot.

When the guard of the plot tried to resist them, they beat him up and took away 22 aluminium window panel with glasses and wheel worth about Tk 30,000.

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