



Relatives waiting for the dead in Wednesday's trawler accident in Hazaribagh (L) and preparations being taken for funeral of the victims (R).

BKL to accord reception to PM Apr 26

BSS, Dhaka
Bangladesh Krshak League (BKL) is taking all-out preparations to accord a reception to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Paltan Maidan on April 26 for attaining food autonomy.

Cattle trader robbed of Tk one lakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
A gang of miscreants snatched Taka 1.03 lakh from a cattle trader at Charghat bus stand on Thursday noon.

Astronomers celebrate Yuri Gagarin Festival

BSS, Dhaka
Hundreds of Bangladeshi astronomers, both professionals and amateurs, are participating in the Yuri Gagarin Festival-2001 which began in the city on Wednesday to recall the world's first human adventure in the space.

Centre has organised the nine-day festival. Display of posters and photographs and screening of video film Cosmos and computer software show, science quiz contest and sky-browsing by telescopes have been arranged at the festival.

More funds urged for N-medicine treatment

BSS, Dhaka

Scientists at an international conference yesterday urged the rich countries of the South Asian region to help raise fund for peaceful uses of atomic energy instead of financing nuclear weapons.

Speaking at the conference on nuclear medicine, the scientists said that the countries spending a huge amount of money for nuclear weapons should invest it to develop nuclear medicine treatment for the well-being of a vast population of the region.

They observed that although nuclear medicine has been introduced soon after the World War II,

the developing and the least developed countries could not extend the most modern medicare to patients due to fund constraints and lack of proper attention of the respective governments.

In Bangladesh, they alleged, fund constraints are a major hurdle to the expansion of nuclear medical service to the people. Although the country has 13 nuclear medical centres (NMC) and one institute, those are not functioning properly due to lack of fund, skilled manpower, medical equipment and radioisotope.

The scientists underscored the need for proper attention of the

government as well as skilled manpower for immediate expansion of the service at least up to geographically important district level.

They also proposed formation of a nuclear medicine foundation to popularise the nuclear medicine service to the people.

Society of Nuclear Medicine, Bangladesh (SNMB), organised the day-long conference held at the Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM).

Prof Abdul Malek, Secretary General, National Heart Foundation, was chief guest in the conference while Mohammad Habubuddin, Chairman of Bangladesh

Atomic Energy Commission, was present as special guest.

Chaired by President of SNMB Dr M A Karim, the function was also addressed by Prof Dr Nayyem Chowdhury, Dr Abdul Mannan, Dr Kaiyum and Dr Fouzia Moslem.

A number of nuclear scientists from home and abroad participated in the conference.

Earlier, Dr Rustam Uddin Ahmed, Director of Rajshahi Nuclear Medicine Centre, and Dr Shankar Kumar Dey of Faridpur Nuclear Medicine Centre have been awarded as the best nuclear scientists in the country.

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Radio signals sent to the capsule by a computer programme guided the reentry of Vostok-1. Gagarin was supplied with a key sealed in an envelope that could override the computer programme in case of any emergency.

The Soviet cosmonaut, popularly known as "Columbus of the Cosmos" began his cosmonaut training soon after graduating with honours from the Soviet Air Force in 1957.

He was one of 20 fighter pilots chosen to be part of the first group of cosmonauts. Gagarin's flight lasted 108 minutes and he could reach a height of 327 kilometres above the Earth.

His trip concluded as he reentered the Earth's atmosphere, ejecting from the capsule and parachuting to the ground near the village of Smelovka in the Seratov region of the erstwhile USSR.

Gagarin completed his Earth's orbit 25 days before the first US sub-orbital manned flight.

Jewellery shop looted in Ctg, one killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Armed robbers looted gold ornaments and money from a jewellery shop at BDR supermarket in the city's Halishahar area after killing an employee on Thursday night.

A gang of three robbers stormed into the Bashundhara Jewellers at around 9.50 pm and started looting the valuables.

As the employee, Md Kajoj, 25, raised an alarm, the gang shot him dead and decamped with the booties. They fled the scene in an autorickshaw.

The owner of the shop filed a case in this connection.

Tight security measures in Ctg during hartal hours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

More than 2500 police and BDR men will be deployed at different points in the port city during the 72-hour hartal beginning on Monday while a special mobile team of CMP equipped with 15 video cameras will patrol the city, CMP sources said.

The decision to step up the security measure was taken at a high-level meeting held at the CMP headquarters on Thursday with CMP Commissioner A.I. Ahmedul Haq in the chair. The meeting discussed the ways to avert violence during hartal hours.

Meanwhile, in a bid to create mass awareness against hartal and to make Chittagong a 'hartal-free' city, City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury is expected to hold a meeting with BGMEA leaders, leading industrialists and businessmen, importers, professionals and transport owners at 11.00 am today at the auditorium of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC).

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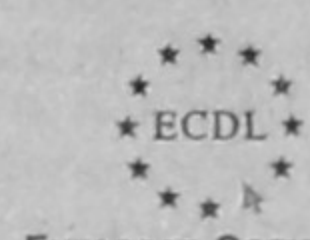


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