

Qulhwani of
Pir of Bishwa
Zaker Manjil

UNB, Dhaka

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Zaker Manjil Hazrat Moulana
Shah Sufi Khajababa Faridpuri will
be held today.

On the occasion, special programmes, including mifad mafil, will be held at Bishwa Zaker Manjil after Jumma prayers, said a press release.

Ershad leaves
for S Arabia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Latifa Party chairman HM Ershad left Dhaka for Saudi Arabia yesterday for his treatment.

This is the first foreign trip of the deposed president following his release from the jail on April 8.

Talking to newsmen prior to his departure, Ershad, who commands one of the three factions of IP, brushed aside the speculation that he was going abroad to 'manage' fund for the upcoming general election.

AL Presidium
meet May 6

BSS, Dhaka

A meeting of the Presidium of Bangladeshi Awami League will be held on May 6 at 7 pm at Gonobhaban.

Awami League president and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will preside over the meeting, said a party press release.

Awami League General Secretary and Local Government Minister Zillur Rahman has requested all members of the Presidium to attend the meeting on time.

22 killed in bomb blasts last month

BSS, Dhaka

The number of incidents of bomb blasts across the country went up during the month of April, leaving 22 people dead and 181 others injured, says a human rights organisation.

Bureau of Human Rights Bangladesh (BHRB) recorded 45 incidents of bomb blasts during the month. They included the Ramna Baramul bomb explosion that killed 10 people on the first day of Bengali New Year.

A BHRB report said repression on journalists continued in the country, claiming one more life. Thirteen others fall prey to torture during the month of April.

The report said political violence, including conflicts between two parties and internal feuds, left 16 people dead in 62 incidents.

Abduction also showed an increasing trend, the report said. There were 77 incidents of abduction during the month and 10 people were killed by the abductors.

The number of robberies was 207 and 13 people were killed by the robbers. Some 112 incidents of mugging took place in the month in which three people were killed.

Dowry, a daunting social problem, continued as a toll of repression on housewives, leaving 11 killed and 6 injured in 17 incidents recorded.

Kidney diseases claim 40,000 a year

BSS, Dhaka

One among every 12 people suffer from urological disorders or kidney diseases, which silently kill some 40,000 people every year in the country, National Kidney and Urology Institute sources said.

"Almost 90 per cent of the country's kidney patients are deprived of proper treatment for lack of modern equipment despite radical developments in the treatment of kidney diseases particularly in the fields of dialysis and transplantation in the developed countries," one senior doctor of the institute said.

He added that nearly one crore people were suffering from renal diseases, of them 40,000 were dying every year, most of them instantly after kidney failures.

But 70 per cent of these 40,000 people could return to almost normal life through dialysis though in chronic cases the patients needs repeated dialysis or

kidney transplantation.

Currently only Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University is equipped with complete treatment where 30 to 40 people are getting their kidneys dialysed everyday while one patient gets his kidney transplanted.

Despite separate urology departments at different medical college hospitals including that of the Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Barisal and Salimullah, the doctors there can handle limited cases of dialysis.

But yet the treatment for kidney diseases, particularly for dialysis and transplantation, involves a huge cost. A patient needs around Tk 2.5 lakh every year for dialysis, while a transplantation case requires Tk three lakh.

However, good news for kidney patients is that, the government has planned to introduce or expand "hemodialysis" treatment facilities in eight medical college hospitals.



PHOTO: STAR
The storm on Wednesday night brought a temporary relief from the ongoing heat wave in the capital city. It also brought down a lot of trees in the city. Picture shows one such ill-fated krishnachura tree at Bakshi Bazar area.

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The Bangladesh Environmental Management Project (BEMP), a project of the Department of Environment (DOE) co-funded by the Canadian International Development Agency and Government of Bangladesh, is inviting applications from firms and individuals for the short-term position of **INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST**.

The Consultant is to assist with all BEMP's institutional development activities including developing strategic, tactical and performance plans and working closely with the planning section of the DOE to help develop competency in all aspects of institutional planning and development.

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Applicants are requested to send a letter of application with two copies of a relevant resume, a recent photograph and expected daily fees to P.O. Box 6117, Gulshan, Dhaka 1212. Applications are to be received no later than 20th May 2001. The position of Institutional Development Specialist must be clearly noted on the envelope.

Only short-listed applicants will be contacted

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National Credit and Commerce Bank Limited
Registered Office: 7-8, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.

NOTICE OF THE 16TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 16th Annual General Meeting of National Credit and Commerce Bank Limited will be held on **Monday, the 28th May 2001 at 12.00 Noon** in the **Grand Ball Room** of the **Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka**.

The following agenda will be transacted in the meeting:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Bank held on 02.5.2000.
2. To receive, consider and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts alongwith the Auditors' Report thereon for the year ended 31st December, 2000.
3. To declare 20% Dividend (10% Cash and 10% Bonus Share) for the year ended December 31, 2000 as recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by Bangladesh Bank.
4. To elect the Directors in place of the retiring Directors in terms of Articles of Association of the Bank.
5. To appoint Auditors for the year 2001 and fix their remuneration.
6. To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

By order of the Board of Directors

Dated: Dhaka, the 3rd May 2001

MD. TARIKUL ALAM
Company Secretary

Notes:

1. A Shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. The proxy form duly filled in and stamped must be submitted to the Registered Office of the Company at least 48(forty eight) hours before the time fixed for the Meeting, i.e. latest by 12.00 Noon on 26.5.2001.
2. The Register of Shareholders and Share Transfer Book of the Company shall remain closed from 15th May 2001 to 28th May, 2001 (both days inclusive).
3. As per Articles 102, 103 & 104 of the Articles of Association of the Bank, total 9 Directors, 8 from Sponsor Shareholders and 1 from General Public Shareholders shall retire in the said AGM and they are eligible for re-election.
4. Shareholders are requested to notify change of addresses, if any, to the Company, well in time.

শাখা স্থানান্তর

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জে এল নং - ১৪২
মোজা - গুরেন্দুর
ইউনিয়ন - উত্তুলী
পোষ্ট - উত্তুলী
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জে এল নং - ৬৮
মোজা - শিবালয়গুর
ইউনিয়ন - উত্তুলী
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