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Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari Samannay Parishad and Bangladesh Prathamik Shikshak Samity brought out a procession in the city yesterday in support of their rally to be held at the Paltan Maidan on May 23.



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The clients of Sonali Bank branch No. 12 at Mirpur staged a demonstration yesterday demanding payment of their deposit as they were affected following an alleged embezzlement of their savings.

IUB course on Nursing Skills begins

The Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) launched a 5-day Basic Nursing Skills course yesterday, says a press release.

One of the primary objectives of IUB is to serve the changing needs of the community. The Extension and Continuing Education Centre (ECC) of the university organised the course which is designed for home health care in our country. The course focuses on acquisition of skills of the participants to deal with health-related emergencies and to ensure better health care for ailing members of the family.

The participants of the course are housewives and other family members. On completion of the 5-day course, the participants are expected to acquire understanding of the principles and methods of nursing.

Entry sailors' parade held

The passing out parade marking the induction of a batch of new entry sailors of the Bangladesh Navy was held at BNS Titumir parade ground in Khulna on Sunday, says a press release.

Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral A Taher reviewed the parade and took salute at the march past as the chief guest. He also distributed awards among the outstanding new entry sailors.

Mohammed Tanvirul Kabir, OD/UT was adjudged the best all round sailor and was awarded with "Chief of the Naval Staff Cup" in SSC group while Mohammed Munirul Islam, DE/STD-II/UT was awarded the "Titumir Cup" as the best sailor in the non-SSC group. Mohammed Tanvirul Kabir, OD/UT also commanded the parade which was divided into different trade groups.

Country's lone IV plant faces closure

STAR REPORT

The lone intravenous fluid (IV-Fluid) manufacturing plant in the country may have to be shut down unless immediate steps are taken to refurbish its logistics.

The entire health sector is dependent on the factory for its IV fluid output.

Sources say that the plant, run by the Institute of Public Health (IPH), is struggling to exist and its production is gradually decreasing every month as more than 20 of the main machinery have remained out of order for long.

The machine here are over 30 years old and its system is out-moded.

The factory, established in 1973, now produces only 16 lakh units of different types of IV fluids per year that meets only one third of the requirement in government hospitals and other public health centres. Some of these fluids are needed for saving life.

The plant's management last year, informed the Ministry of Health that the age-old machines had to be replaced on an urgent basis for it to function.

The ministry was also made aware of the fact that production was falling as damaged machines could not be repaired due to the non-availability of spare parts in

the international market as those gadgets are not manufactured or used anywhere in the world anymore.

As a result, much of the equipment are lying inoperative and are beyond repair.

Concerned sources believe that the obsolete technology can neither ensure quality production nor smooth supply as per the government's need.

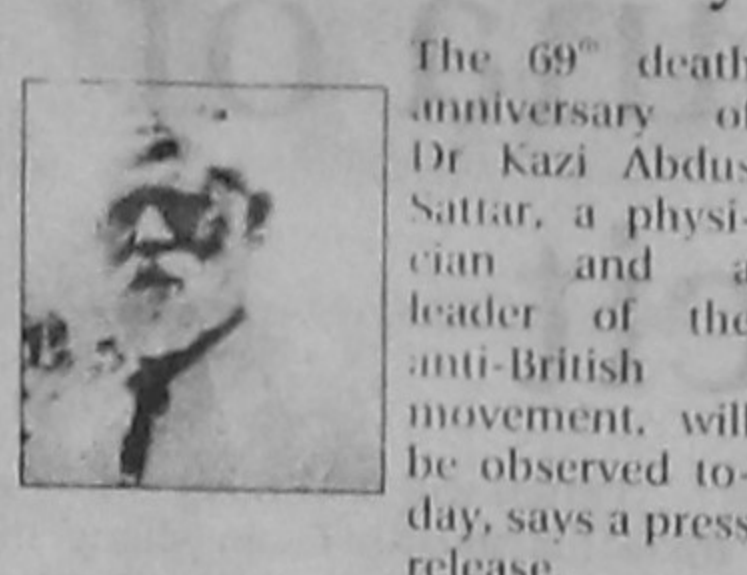
The plant authorities have proposed a 'Scheme Summary' for modernisation and renovation of the existing plant located in Dhaka's Mahakhali in accordance with the 'Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)' laid down by World Health Organisation (WHO).

They said the move could lift IV fluid production to over 35 lakh units a year.

The management claimed that after the renovation, the government would save Tk 4.5 crore annually which is now used to import fluid to meet shortfalls. The plant will also develop the capacity to produce varieties which are being brought from abroad now.

It is estimated that Tk 21 crore would be required to bring the plant under Balance Modernisation and Renovation (BMRE).

Death anniversary



The 69th death anniversary of Dr. Kazi Abdus Sattar, a physician and a leader of the anti-British movement, will be observed today, says a press release.

One of the pioneering Muslim physicians Kazi Sattar was born in Gopalpur village under Kalkini thana in Madaripur district in 1875.

He served as a physician at the Ashram run by Mahatma Gandhi at Shebagram and came in close contact with Gandhi.

To mark the day, Dr. Kazi Abdus Sattar's Death Anniversary Observation Council has taken up various programmes.



The first death anniversary of Walur Rahman, director of Investigation and Discipline Department of Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

To mark the day, a *Doa Mahfil* will be held at his residence at PDB Officer's Colony, Mugdipara after Asr prayers on Tuesday.

'S Asian nations should enact laws for refugees'

BSS, Dhaka

South Asian countries including Bangladesh have no laws for regulating the refugees and their movement but the region needs such legal cover because of its background and frequent experiences in dealing with the issue, experts said.

They said it is a matter of principle to uphold norms of human rights and this is a mystery why South Asia, whose record in dealing with the refugee problem is praiseworthy, not enacting laws to address the problems of refugees.

Refugee issue had been an integral part of the state formation process in South Asia as this region has been marked by a number of refugee movements in the last five decades, said Professor C R Abar, Coordinator, Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU).

He said the creation of Bangladesh was quickened by forced migration of about a mil-

lion refugees to neighbouring India and added that the country has also been a major refugee recipient country as twice in the last two decades Bangladesh experienced inflow of Myanmar refugees. Abar also pointed out to more than 50,000 tribal refugee who took refuge in eastern Indian states in the 1980s and emphasized the need for enacting national laws in this regard since this would serve a meaningful purpose.

Dr Shamsul Bari, a former senior official of the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees (UNHCR) strongly believes that all democratic societies should be guided by laws to deal with specific problems as absence of such laws contributes to compounding problems by depending on ad-hocism. He said Bangladesh benefited from international refugee laws for assistance to protection of refugees in India during the Liberation War.

DHAKA TODAY

Painting exhibition

A week-long 2nd Young Artists' Exhibition of Japan-Bangladesh will be inaugurated. Works of 7 Japanese and 7 Bangladeshi young artists will be put on display at the exhibition. Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, DU. Time: 5 pm. The exhibition will remain open from 2 pm to 8 pm daily till May 28.

Launching ceremony

The Centre for Environment and Resource Management (CERM) of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) will be launched. Venue: Council Bhaban, BUET campus. Time: 9:30 am. Chief guest: Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria.

Training course

Asian University of Bangladesh has organised a short training course on Total Quality Management (TQM). Dr Rafiqul Islam from BITS, Pilani, India will conduct the course. Venue: AUB campus, House No-72, Road No-12/A (New), Dhanmondi. Time: 9:30 am.

BTV signs MOU with ABU to exchange news

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Television (BTV) and the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) yesterday for mutual cooperation for eight years.

Director General of BTV Sayed Salahuddin Zaki and Managing Director of ABU Alan Williams signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides, an official release said.

The MOU would pave ways for greater linkage with television stations of many countries in Asia and Europe and Arabian states under Asia-vision's transactions with Eurovision and Arab-vision.

The Asia-vision under soft-loan package would provide resources for BTV's procurement of logistics worth Tk two crore for setting up of a digital satellite ground station at Rampura for exchange of news photos. The BTV would also get privilege of payment of dues of Asia-vision in easy terms.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna and Barisal divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Little change in day temperature is expected over the country during the period, Met Offices said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.5 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and Sathkira and the lowest 22.2 degree Celsius at Dhaka.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:38 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:13 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday.

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.0	22.2	69	63
Chittagong	33.5	24.0	70	75
Rajshahi	34.6	24.0	83	74
Khulna	34.8	25.3	77	73
Barisal	33.5	23.4	84	84
Sylhet	32.7	23.4	86	68
Cox's Bazar	32.5	23.0	85	69

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Company	FV ML (Tk.)	DSE			CSE			Financial Performance		
		Price	Change (%)	Pre Day	Price	Change (%)	Pre Day	Last	EPS	DPS
BANK										
AB Bank Ltd.	100.5	215.25	-0.12	215.30	139.05	220.00	Not Traded	26.1000	21.6	12.5
City Bank Ltd.	100.5	182.50	1.11	181.50	30	120.00	Not Traded	25.1100	90.1	—
IFIC Bank Ltd.	100.5	288.00	-0.17	288.50	1625	295.00	Not Traded	05.0700	23.3	—
Islamic Bank Bangladesh Ltd.	100.5	1276.75	0.88	1274.50	299	275.00	0.36	274.00	181	21.0
National Bank Ltd.	100.20	286.00	1.15	282.75	41580	290.75	0.61	288.00	6320	—
Paboli Bank Ltd.	100.5	275.00	0.36	282.50	165	115.00	Not Traded	30.1100	124	—
Rajshahi Bank Ltd.	100.10	95.25	-3.30	98.50	500	75.00	Not Traded	11.0300	5.9	—
U.C.B. Ltd.	100.5	165.00	2.80	160.50	3180	155.00	Not Traded	15.0900	15.6	—
Uttara Bank Ltd.	100.5	282.00	-0.27	282.75	645	—	Not Traded	19.1200	19.0	—
Al Baraka Bank Ltd.	100.001	310.00	2.99	124.00	1	—	Not Traded	21.0900	20.2	—
IDLCL Ltd.	100.20	490.00	-1.21	496.00	40	490.00	Not Traded	11.0600	37.3	27.5
United Finance and Invest.	100.20	292.50	1.61	284.50	4450	250.00	Not Traded	20.0600	22.4	15.0
Al Araby Islamic Bank	100.05	734.50	-0.47	742.75	30	748.00	0.72	735.50	260	—
Prime Bank Ltd.	100.5	374.00	0.27	373.00	4750	372.00	Not Traded	07.0400	72.0	30.0
Southeast Bank Ltd.	100.50	331.50	0.00	331.50	31250	332.75	-0.08	333.00	10500	—
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	100.50	312.50	0.88	310.75	9550	281.00	Not Traded	17.0600	31.1	25.0
N.C.C Bank Ltd.	100.50	208.50	0.12	208.25	18550	211.25	1.08	204.00	4700	—
Social Investment Bank Ltd.	100.50	1560.00	1.69	1560.00	370	—	Not Traded	—	142	—
Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd.	100.50	386.00	-1.00	394.25	5100	—	Not Traded	—	14.8	—
INVESTMENT										
ICB Mutual Fund	100.10	235.00	-1.29	232.00	10	196.50	Not Traded	02.1100	26.6	21.0
6th ICB Mutual Fund	100.10	153.00	-5.95	168.00	240	156.00	Not Traded	02.1100	22.4	15.0
5th ICB Mutual Fund	100.50	144.00	-1.37	146.50	150	132.00	Not Traded	02.1100	15.9	12.5
1st BSR Mutual Fund	100.50	822.50	0.00	822.50	2880	83.00	0.00	83.00	250	—
ANIS FUND	125.00	997	-2.02	1009	262500	0.99	1.02	0.98	10000	—
ENGINEERING										
Afrah Automobiles Ltd.	100.5	228.50	-0.87	230.50	320	231.00	Not Traded	14.1200	18.9	16.0
Aziz Pipes Ltd.	100.5	285.00	1.00	282.00	575	321.00	Not Traded	14.0900	-31	—
Olympic Industries Ltd.	100.5	137.75	0.73	136.75	6970	140.00	-1.41	142.00	5	09.1000
Bangladesh Lamps Ltd.	100.5	505.00	-0.35	506.75	25	480.00	Not Traded	25.0900	9.11	15.0
Eastern Cables Ltd.	100.5	147.25	-2.78	145.25	31114	147.75	-5.19	140.25	2290	—
Monno Jute Ltd.	100.5	625.00	0.00	625.00	10	—	Not Traded	22.1100	82.0	20.0
Singer Bangladesh Ltd.	100.5	346.25	-1.70	352.75	220	1245.00	-0.80	1255.00	15	27.0500
BD. Autocare Ltd.	100.5	25.75	1.98	25.25	200	25.00	Not Traded	31.1200	-32	—
Quamem Textile Ltd.	100.20	20.20	-0.49	20.30	189800	20.40	0.09	20.20	220950	—
Apex Textile Ltd.	100.5	23.00	-0.77	23.75	200	—	Not Traded	26.1100	24	—
BD. Thai Aluminium Ltd.	100.10	197.75	0.13	197.50	3010	200.00	Not Traded	08.0500	14.4	10.0
Anwar Galvanizing Ltd.	100.50	151.00	-2.58	155.00	300	148.00	Not Traded	28.0900	1.61	—
Kay & Que (BD) Ltd.	100.50	124.25	-0.13	125.00	10750	107.50	Not Traded	20.1200	-5.9	—
Benetton Land Toys Ltd.	100.50	23.50	-0.40	24.00	10	29.50	Not Traded	06.1000	1.39	15.0
Bengal Textile Ltd.	100.50	23.80	-0.42	23.70	38500	24.30	2.97	23.60	3500	—
FOOD & ALLIED										
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	100.50	55.70	-0.71	56.10	1550	58.00	Not Traded	29.0300	50.0	42.5
Amam Sea Food Ltd.	100.5	260.00	0.00	260.00	5	—	Not Traded	10.1200	-42	—
Apex Food Ltd.	100.5	396.00	0.00	396.00	1476	445.00	Not Traded	09.1200	16.0	10.0
Trig Industries Ltd.	100.5	60.00	8.60	55.25	761	53.00	Not Traded	21.1200	16.0	10.0
Bangladesh Biscuits Ltd.	100.5	188.00	-0.60	189.00	5	—	Not Traded	09.1200	14.0	15.0
BATFCL	100.50	105.00	-1.41	106.50	51750	105.00	Not Traded	10.1000	5.92	40.0
Gemini Sea Food Ltd.	100.5	155.00	1.14	153.25	10	—	Not Traded	12.1200	12.8	10.0
Dhaka Vegetable Ltd.	100.5	20.00	-0.76	21.00	100	—	Not Traded	10.1000	9.7	5.3
Zee Bangla Sugar Mills	100.50	5.00	-1.61	4.80	100	—	Not Traded	24.1100	-75	—
Tulip Dairy & Food Ltd.	100.10	78.50	-1.26	79.50	1110	—	Not Traded	05.0300	-8.8	—
Chittagong Vegetable	100.10	66.00	Not Traded	—	66.00	-1.43	70.00	10.00	—	—
Benetton Fisheries Ltd.	100.20	72.50	-1.36	73.50	660	66.75	-1.79	70.00	140	25.0600
Bangladesh Biscuits Ltd.	100.20	145.00	-1.64	145.75	1660	147.50	-2.19	145.75	200	25.0600
Magnum Shrimp	100.20	128.25	-0.58	129.00	4500	128.00	-1.54	130.00	200	20.1200
Raspi Int. (bd) Ltd.	100.50	11.00	-1.65	11.20	70500	12.10	0.30	12.00	225000	—
Shamsher Sugar Mills	100.10	40.75	-0.24	40.825	1352	41.700	-0.24	41.800	110	14.1200
AMCL (Pan)	100.10	20.25	-0.52	20.75	100	22.25	Not Traded	16.1100	24	—
Bangladesh Vegetable	100.10	44.50	-0.52	45.00	100	42.25	Not Traded	16.1100	24	—
Rahma Food Corp.	100.50	39.00	-1.27	39.50	200	37.00	Not Traded	18.1200	-14	—
Gulf Foods Ltd.	100.50	67.00	-1.29	68.50	100	68.00	Not Traded	10.1000	31.1	—
Mon Food Ind. Ltd.	100.50	52.00	0.00	52.00	1450	52.75	-2.43	51.50		