

BTV to telecast live oath-taking ceremony of PM

BSS, Dhaka Bangladesh Television (BTV) will telecast live the oath-taking ceremony of the Prime Minister and members of the cabinet from Bangabhaban at 7 pm today, a BTV press release said.

Body recovered in city

Police recovered the body of young man from Kowla area in the city yesterday. The identity of the victim, aged about 30, could not be known immediately. On receiving an unanimous call, police rushed to the Kowla Bridge and found the body in a bush near the Airport Road at about 5:45 am.

The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy. There were marks of injuries in his throat and shoulder. Police suspected that the man was strangled. Airport police filed a murder case in this regard.

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Two fake BDR personnel arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Two persons were arrested trying to impersonate BDR personnel at the office of National Board of Revenue (NBR) at Segun Bagicha yesterday.

The detective police arrested Mohammad Jahangir Alam, 35, and Jahangir Khan alias Khokon, 24, from the room of Tushar Kanti Ghosh, personnel assistant to the director of the Value Added Tax (VAT) section of the NBR. The two went to the office at about 11 p.m. and demanded Tk 2 lakh from Tushar Kanti Ghosh as toll after claiming themselves to be a Major and BDR man.

Acting on information, a team of detective police went to the spot and arrested the two for their alleged involvement in extortion. The detectives also recovered fake identity cards and fake duty pass for Zia International Airport along with other necessary papers from them.

Get-together

BSS, Dhaka A get-together of the former students of Comilla Residential Model School will be held at 3:00 pm on October 12 at Malibagh office of the Sohagh Paribahan Sangstha.

The Associates of the Residential Model School, Comilla (ARMS, Comilla) have been requested to join the meeting on time. The contact phone number is 017-785616 (Babul).

Ex-BNP MP dead

UNB, Dhaka Former BNP lawmaker from Bhairab-Kuliarchar Dr Abdul Latif Bhuiyan died at a city hospital yesterday morning. He was 78. Dr Bhuiyan was the founder chairman of the Institute of Marine Science, University of Chittagong.

He will be buried at his village home at Jamalpur of Bhairab upazila in Kishoreganj district.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Majbar Rahman Talukder, former Awami League MP, will be held at his Munsif Para residence in Patuakhali town today, says a press release. Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the chehlum and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Witnesses said the hooligans swooped on Abdul Malek, 26, soon after he came out of his house at 3:45 pm and chopped him to death on the busy road.

Sheikh Abdul Hashem, father of the victim, alleged that a gang of terrorists backed by BNP killed his son as he worked for Awami League.

Police recovered the body from the spot. Garment worker raped allegedly by BNP activists

UNB, N'ganj A garment worker was raped allegedly by two BNP activists at Deobhogh in Fatulla thana early yesterday.

Later, the girl tried to commit suicide by jumping from the rooftop of a building.

According to the victim, two BNP activists, Liton and Rony, kidnapped the garment worker from her house and took her to a house where she was violated.

However, local Jubo Dal denied involvement of any BNP activist in the incident.

Law and order situation reviewed

BSS, Dhaka Chief Advisor Latifur Rahman yesterday presided over a meeting on law and order at his office here. The meeting reviewed newspaper reports relating to deteriorating law and order and cases of tortures against members of minority communities.

The meeting was told that police have investigated 58 incidents in 25 districts and found that some cases were based on untrue information while other stories were exaggerated, it said.

Police have taken actions against 17 such cases and arrested 75 people in this connection.

Advisor Major General (Retd) Moinul Hossain Chowdhury, A S M Shahjahan attended the meeting.

N'ganj AL worker hacked to death

UNB, N'ganj An Awami League worker was hacked to death in Purbarapa Borobazar area of Fatulla thana yesterday.

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Death anniversary of Dr Sultan Ahmed today

UNB, Dhaka Today is the third death anniversary of Prof Dr Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury, a renowned child specialist, says a press release.

Dr Sultan played a pioneering role in the field of medicine in the country. He was one of the leading forces behind the establishment of Dhaka Shishu Hospital and Dr Sultan Ahmed Foundation.

Dr Sultan was awarded Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Gold Medal in 1998 in recognition of his contributions.

Dr Sultan Ahmed Smriti Sangsad will observe the day with religious programmes.

Ctg BNP leaders ask police to take action against terrorists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg A delegation of Chittagong city unit of BNP yesterday held a meeting with the local police administration to exchange views on the post-election law and order situation.

The meeting was held with a view to improving the law and order situation as the student wing of the party JCD went on a capture-sprees following a landslide victory of BNP-led 4 party alliance in October election.

In the meeting the BNP leaders assured the police administration of all out co-operation in maintaining law and order in the city.

Earlier, the CMP Commissioner Md. Shahidullah Khan sought the co-operation of political leaders to help check violence and untoward incidents.

Assuring the Commissioner of all out co-operation, the leaders urged the police administration to take legal actions against all terrorists irrespective of their party affiliation.

The leaders included City BNP General Secretary Dostogir Chowdhury, Ershad Ullah, Abu Sufian, Advocate Abdus Satter and Abdul Hannan. Presidents and

general secretaries of all the twelve thana-units of BNP were also among others present in the meeting.

Recently, the armed cadres of JCD and Shibir, student wings of BNP and Jamaat took control of some educational institutions including Chittagong University, Chittagong Medical College and Nasirabad Polytechnic Institute by forcing out the BCL activists from there.

Shibir activists also established their control over all the six male dormitories of Chittagong University.

Some notorious cadres and listed terrorists of JCD and Shibir led the recapture moves.

The local leaders of BNP and Jamaat admitted the involvement of their respective student wings in these recaptures and expressed their embarrassment over the incidents.

While talking to the Daily Star, the leaders of both the BNP and the Jamaat said, "We are embarrassed by such acts of our student wings and we condemn it strongly. We would never support such immoral acts nor would we indulge in them in future".

TTC students threatened by outsiders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Tension was prevailing at the Teachers' Training College (TTC) in the city following some untoward incidents on the campus, sources said.

The students residing at the dormitory of the college were being tortured and threatened by the pro-Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders and outsiders in the last couple of days.

On Monday night, a group led by vice president of the TTC students' union Shahid Mohammad Musa reportedly beat up another leader of the same union Maloy Ballav for his involvement with Awami League-backed student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL).

Sources said that they also allegedly threatened the Hall Super Prof. Ramjuddin Ahmed when he intervened in the incident.

Later, police brought the situation under control. Earlier on Sunday night, this group ransacked some rooms of the dormitory and warned the trainees belonging to the minority community to leave the hall if they support BCL.

According to sources, the election of the students' union was apolitical, but the VP is now claiming himself to be a JCD leader following the landslide victory of BNP in the October 1 general election.

Mystery shrouds death of domestic help in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Mystery shrouds the death of a domestic help who allegedly committed suicide in the early hours of yesterday in the city.

Mala Akhter, 13, daughter of Inamul Haq, was found hanging from the ceiling at the residence of Abdul Haq at section No. 2 of Mirpur, hospital sources said.

Zinat, wife of Abdul Haq, who came to the office of The Daily Star yesterday, said she found Mala dead, after returning home from office in the afternoon.

Police and hospital sources said Mala committed suicide at about 1:30am yesterday, as she was not allowed to go to her village, Shamolipara, in Kishoreganj.

The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue for autopsy. A UD (unnatural death) case was filed with Mirpur Police Station.

In another incident, a prisoner on trial succumbed to his injuries at the DMCH yesterday.

On Friday, Sutrapur police arrested Abdul Halim, son of Mohammad Fazlu, along with two others on charge of mugging at Kaptanbazar in the city.

The three alleged muggers were caught by the mob when they were mugging a pedestrian. The police sent them to the hospital. After first aid treatment, they were sent to the Dhaka Central Jail.

Again in the early hours of yesterday, Halim was admitted to the hospital where he died at 4:15am. The body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

JS will be centre of all political activities, hopes FBCCI

UNB, Dhaka The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) has expressed optimism that from now on the Jatiya Sangsad would be the centre of all political activities.

The federation in a statement yesterday urged all political parties to give clear directives to their followers to avoid the path of violence.

On behalf of the business community, the federation also appealed to the parties concerned to accept the people's verdict and to withdraw the siege programme.

The business community has become deeply concerned as Awami League has announced the agitation programme to realise their demand for re-polling across the country, the statement said.

Democracy and peace-loving people across the country hope that the new government would play important role for national development and stability, FBCCI said.

BPJA regrets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Bangladesh Photo Journalists' Association (BPJA) leaders yesterday regretted that the press photographers were not allowed to cover the swearing-in ceremony of the newly elected members of parliament.

In a statement, BPJA president Md Salahuddin and general secretary Nuruddin Ahmed said that the photo journalists, for the first time, were not invited to the oath-taking ceremony.

The leaders urged the caretaker government to look into the matter. They also hoped that the new government would extend its all-out cooperation to the photo journalists.

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The arrested are Sirajul Islam, Rafiqul Islam and Hasina. A case was filed with Tejgaon thana in this connection.

Heroin seized in city: 3 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT A team of Narcotics Control Department (NCD), Dhaka, yesterday seized one kilogram of heroin and arrested three persons from the city's Tejkunipara area.

Acting on a tip-off, the team went to Tejkunipara Railway slum at Tejkagan at about 9:30 am and seized the heroin.

The arrested are Sirajul Islam, Rafiqul Islam and Hasina. A case was filed with Tejgaon thana in this connection.

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