



Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Sangram Parishad organised formation of a human chain in front of the National Press Club yesterday to protest the attacks on members of the minority communities of the country.

Directive to reduce system loss of Titas Gas

UNB, Dhaka

State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources A K M Mosharrar Hossain yesterday directed the officials to reduce the non-technical system loss of Titas Gas as well as improve standard of client service putting behind inefficiencies.

"Ensure that the applicants get gas connections within a deadline without harassment and delay," he said addressing the high officials of Petrobangla in the conference room of the ministry.

The minister said the government would not tolerate any weaknesses in management or financial irregularities in the oil, gas and mineral resources sector

from which the nation has a lot of expectations.

"There is no room for negligence and inefficiency in this sector. From now on, all works will have to be finished against specific deadlines with requisite standards."

Mosharrar Hossain asked the officials and employees of Petrobangla and its affiliated enterprises to work with sincerity. "If any financial loss is incurred due to negligence or unnecessary delays, the officials concerned will have to take the responsibility."

Energy Secretary M Akmal Hossain, Petrobangla Chairman Hossain M Mansur and other officials concerned were present.



Bangladesh Mohila Awami League took to the streets yesterday to protest the continuing attacks on minorities in the country.

Malaysia keen to recruit more workers

BSS, Dhaka

The Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dr Md Yusuf Ahmad said yesterday that his government will explore possibility of recruiting more Bangladeshi workers to Malaysia.

Dr Yusuf Ahmad said the above during a farewell call on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office.

He also extended the Malaysian prime minister's greetings to her for the BNP-led alliance's landslide victory in the October 1 national elections.

The high commissioner thanked the prime minister for extending all assistance and cooperation during his tenure in Bangladesh.

During the meeting, Khaleda Zia requested the envoy for increasing his country's imports from Bangladesh and more investment from Malaysia to Bangladesh particularly in IT sector.

The Prime Minister underlined the need for recruiting more skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers from Bangladesh. In this regard Khaleda Zia said she had already instructed the concerned authorities to streamline the process for sending skilled and semi-skilled professionals and workers from Bangladesh.

He recalled the existing brotherly relations between the two countries and expressed his government's keen desire to further expand the relations in the coming days.

Recalling contributions of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for promoting bilateral ties between the two countries, Yusuf expressed the hope that the relations would further be enhanced in the years to come.

Reports invited for DRU Award

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka Reporters' Unity has invited reports from its members for DRU Award, 2001.

Like previous years DRU will give six awards for best reporting in various fields. The reports will be received at the DRU office from 10 am to 7 pm everyday till November 9.

The prizes, five of Tk 50,000 each and one of Tk 10,000, will be decided by a five-member jury board.

The awards are: Manik Mia Award for investigative report (sponsored by Daily Ittefaq), Zahur Hossain Memorial Award for report on women and child repression (sponsored by Daily Bhorer Kagoj), Award on Investigative Economic Reporting (sponsored by FBCCI), Objective Economic Reporting (sponsored by DCCI), Award on Sports Reporting (sponsored by Navana), Award on Crime Reporting (sponsored by Home Ministry) and Award for report on Liberation War (sponsored by Shahid Jaya Hasna Hena Kadir Smriti Parisad).

The reports published between November 1, 2000 and October 31, 2001 will be eligible for the contest.

Each contestant can submit only one report for the contest. But for the two awards in economic reporting, reporters can submit two separate reports.

The reports must be attested by the Editor of News Editor of the concerned organisation, said a DRU press release.



No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions and weather may remain mainly elsewhere over the country in the 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Little change in day temperature is expected over the country, Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.0 degree Celsius at Sitakunda and lowest 20.8 degree at Dhaka.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.27 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.00 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.0	20.8	71	73
Chittagong	32.7	23.0	76	73
Rajshahi	32.2	23.0	78	86
Khulna	33.0	23.5	75	--
Barisal	31.6	22.8	89	85
Sylhet	33.8	23.0	70	80
Cox's Bazar	34.0	24.8	76	77



Rally

The Hunger Project will hold a rally in observance of 'Girl Child Day'. Venue: Shishu Academy. Time: 8:00 am.

Human chain

Bangladesh Manabdhikar Samonny Parishad (BMSPP) will form a human chain to protest the attack on minorities. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11:00 am.

Human chain

Nirapad Sharak Chai (NSC) will form a human chain in observance with the "Road Safety Day". Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11:00 am.

YES! seminar

Young Entrepreneurs' Society (YES), a student activity club of North South University will hold a seminar on "Starting a New Business". Venue: NSU campus. Time: 3:00 pm.

Reception

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Samajik

Sangskritik Sangstha will accord a reception to Foreign Minister A Q M Baqrul Hossain. Venue: LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Information Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan, State Minister for Culture Selina Rahman, Political Advisor to the Prime Minister Haris Chowdhury and member of parliament and Sangstha vice-president M Rashiduzzaman Millat. Venue: Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Hall of Shishu Academy. Time: 4:00 pm.

Memorial meeting

Bangla Academy will hold a memorial meeting to mark the death anniversary of poet Jibananda Das. Venue: Seminar Room of Bangla Academy. Time: 4:00 pm.

IBA seminar

The Centre for Management Research and Publications (CMRP) of Institute of Business Administration of Dhaka University will hold a seminar on "Principles of Macroeconomic Policy: An overview of the IMF approach." Venue: IBA auditorium. Time: 12:15 pm.



Minister of LGRD&C Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan attended a review meeting on LGEDs diversified activities in the city yesterday. Ziaul Haque Zia, State Minister of LGRD&C, Secretary, Local Government Division, Badriur Rahman and Chief Engineer, LGED, Shahidul Hassan were present on the occasion.



A cultural function was organised by the Association of the Mechanical Engineering students at the BUET central auditorium recently.

DUTA meeting adjourned

DU CORRESPONDENT

A meeting of Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) was adjourned abruptly yesterday evening following altercation between two groups of teachers.

Sources said, DUTA called for the emergency meeting at the Teachers Club at 5pm yesterday to discuss the prevailing situation of the country after the formation of BNP government. The meeting was also scheduled to discuss the alleged attack and repression on minority communities.

But the teachers belonging to Awami League-supported Blue group and ruling BNP and Jamaat-backed White group started exchanging hot words soon after the DUTA executive member Prof. Mesbah Uddin Ahmed began condemning BNP for handing over charge of a ministry to a 'razakar' and Pakistani collaborator with a ministry.

The teachers belonging to the White locked in altercation with the Blue protesting the remarks. DUTA president Prof. RIM Aminur Rashid adjourned the meeting when the situation went out of control.

Sources said that White panel teachers also put up pressure on the president to withdraw a condemnation proposal placed by Prof. Mesbah Uddin Ahmed for including 'razakars' who were actively involved in killing of DU teachers in 1971, in the BNP-led alliance cabinet.

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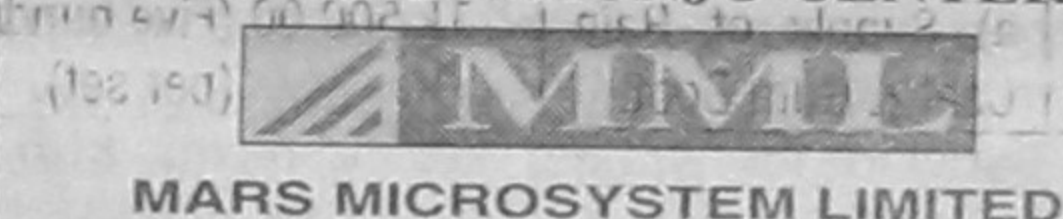
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Lecturer in CSE	25.10.2001	28.10.2001	9:00 A.M.
Sr. Assist. Director, ACFD	27.10.2001	29.10.2001	9:00 A.M.
Lab Attendant (Female)	27.10.2001	30.10.2001	9:00 A.M.
Assistant Director	28.10.2001	30.10.2001	9:00 A.M.
Assistant Professor-QSIS	06.11.2001	06.11.2001	10:00 A.M.
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