

CPJ protests arrest of Shahriar Kabir

UNB, Dhaka

The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) has strongly protested the arrest and prosecution of journalist and writer Shahriar Kabir.

CPJ, an organisation of journalists dedicated to the defence of their colleagues across the world, urged the government to immediately drop all charges against Kabir and demanded his prompt and unconditional release.

Kabir was arrested for "anti-state activities" on November 22 after he returned home from India. Later, he was given one-month detention.

Four-day programmes to celebrate Victory Day

BSS, Dhaka

The government has drawn up a four-day programme to celebrate the Victory Day-2001 on December 16 to mark 30 years of Bangladesh's victory in the War of Liberation.

According to an official hand-out, an inter-ministerial meeting chaired by Home Minister Altaf Hossain Choudhury on November 17 decided to celebrate the Victory Day from December 16 to 19 in a befitting manner.

State Minister for Home Mohammad Lutfulzaman Babar, Home Secretary Dr Saadat Hossain, Religious Affairs Secretary

Mohammad Shafiuddin and high officials were present at the meeting.

The meeting also decided that the main Eid congregation at the National Eidgah would be held at 8.30 am instead of 8.00 am if the Victory Day coincide with the Eid-ul-Fitr.

The main programme of the day will begin with the 31-gun salute at one minute past mid-night on December 16.

The President and the Prime Minister will place wreaths at the National Memorial at Savar soon after the dawn.

The day will be a public holiday. National flag will be hoisted atop all major public and private buildings. Important public and private buildings will be illuminated, which will remain until December 19.

Besides, main roads and islands in the capital and other parts of the country will also be illuminated.

A reception will be arranged at Bangabhaban on the day, marking the 30 years of independence. Bangladesh Missions abroad will organise similar programmes.

Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar will air special programmes highlighting the significance of the day. Daily and weekly newspapers will publish special articles and supplements.

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy and Bangla Academy will arrange separate cultural programmes. The Mass Communication Directorate will arrange mobile cultural programme on trucks at different parts of the capital.

Bangladesh Shishu Academy will organise Shishu Mela, cultural programme and film exhibition for children and juvenile.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia with the recipients of National Youth Day Awards after inaugurating the day's programmes at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city yesterday.

Stalemate at Chittagong University 288 academic days lost this year

CU CORRESPONDENT

With a month-long vacation of the Chittagong University (CU) ending on December 31, the lost academic days will stand at 288 this year.

Classes were held on only 77 days this year due to a long-drawn stalemate caused by strikes and sieges on the CU campus.

Moreover, all classes will remain suspended until December 31 on various occasions -- Ramadan, Shah-e-Qadr, Martyred Intellectuals' Day, Victory Day, Eid-ul-Fitr and Christmas Day.

Different agitation programmes enforced for various demands by the student organisations have consumed these academic days.

All year round, the two major student organisations -- Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) -- resorted to strikes and sieges.

In addition, officials and employees of the university enforced a lockout at the university, which led to suspension of all classes.

The university was closed for

above 100 days on various occasions including last Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Azha.

Regional and countrywide hartals consumed 30 days from January to June before the takeover by the caretaker government.

In the first week of June, the Shibir went on an indefinite strike on the campus, which stretched into the monsoon vacation beginning on July 31, demanding rehabilitation of their activists in residential halls, with the University Day on June 28 in between.

No class was held in early August, as the university shuttle trains did not ply due to a movement by the Shibir.

On August 10, the Shibir started a strike that merged into the indefinite closure of the university beginning on August 13. The authorities closed the university sine die following a fierce gunfight between the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and the Shibir, which left 20 students injured.

On October 7, the Shibir took control of all dormitories and

barred the BCL leaders and activists from entering the campus. Consequently, they did not sit for their examinations fearing attacks.

The university reopened on November 1 and a clash took place between the BCL and the ICS on November 3, leaving ten BCL men injured.

The BCL enforced an indefinite siege on November 4 on the campus protesting the attack. The siege is continuing since.

Meanwhile, the university yesterday went on a month-long vacation until December 31.

Bangladesh, Qatar agree to exchange trade teams

UNB, Dhaka

Qatar is eager to develop trade and investment relations with Bangladesh for the interest of both the countries.

Ambassador of Qatar in Dhaka Abdulla Saad Al-Mana showed interest during a meeting with Industries Minister MK Anwar at his ministry office yesterday, said an official release.

During the meeting, the minister and the envoy have agreed to exchange trade delegations comprising government and private sector people to strengthen bilateral trade and investment relations.

They agreed that both the countries have ample opportuni-

ties for raising the volume of trade by expanding the areas, which can be explored by frequent visits of business leaders and officials.

The ambassador said businessmen and investors of Qatar are willing to expand their links with Bangladesh.

Welcoming the willingness of business community of Qatar, the minister said the government has given special attention to privatisation of SOEs.

Besides, the government is taking steps to ensure investment friendly environment and pro-investors regulations. Frequent visits of Qatari trade delegations would help them explore the avenues for investment in and export from Bangladesh, he added.

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