



President Badruddin Chowdhury addressing the annual general meeting of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society in the city yesterday.



BSR brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting repression on religious minorities.



Architect Mubasshar Hussain, a freedom fighter, handed over documents of a flat in 'Mali Bhaban' under the 'Villa Magnolia' project to Akku Chowdhury, director of the Liberation War Museum, at a function held at the museum yesterday.

Comrade Moni Singh's death anniversary today

UNB, Dhaka The 11th anniversary of death of veteran communist leader Comrade Moni Singh, a founder of Communist Party of Bangladesh, will be observed today.

A daylong 'Moni Singh Fair' will be held at Tanka Smriti Stambha at Susang Durgapur, the center of Moni Singh's movement. A discussion meeting, followers' gathering and children's painting competition will also be held at Netrokona.

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The committee has taken elaborate programmes including cake-cutting, poetry recitation, exhibition of photograph and publication of souvenir on the occasion.



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Ministers pledge to make Ctg commercial capital

BSS, Dhaka Ministers elected from Chittagong region said yesterday that they would work together for the development of greater Chittagong as well as to make it a commercial capital in the greater national interest.

The prime minister pledged to make Chittagong the commercial capital and the cabinet members, particularly the ministers from Chittagong, would put their all-out efforts to realise her commitment, they said at a reception at the Osmani Memorial auditorium.

The Chittagong Samity, Dhaka (CSD) accorded the reception to the ministers, state ministers, whips, deputy minister and parliament members elected from Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka Abdur Kader, shift-in-charge of the Computer Section of the daily Dinkal, died of heart attack last night at the age of 50.

He was rushed to the Suhrawardy Hospital where attending doctors declared him dead.

He left behind his wife, one son, three daughters and a host of admirers to mourn his death.

The body will be taken to his village home at Kuliar Char under Kishoreganj district for burial at the family graveyard.

Director of UCBI, Jahangir Alam Khan and Superintendent Engineer of RAJUK Emdadul Islam were elected president and general secretary respectively of the samity.

DHAKA TODAY

Drama festival A three-day Nagark drama festival, 2002 will begin with the presentation of 'Grihabasi'. Nagark Natyanganjan organises the festival to mark its founding anniversary. Venue: Guide House auditorium. Time: 8.30pm.

Seminar on Japan-Bangla ties The Japan Study Centre will hold a seminar on 'Japan-Bangladesh Relations: Future Direction' with DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Anwarul Hossain as chief guest. Venue: BISS auditorium. Time: 9.00am.

Mohila Parishad fair Bangladesh Mohila Parishad organises a two-day fair on the occasion of 17th founding anniversary of 'Rokeya Sadan', a rehabilitation centre for the oppressed women. Venue: Mohila Parishad Office premises. Time: 9.30am.

Workshop A workshop on 'Modernising IT Industries in Bangladesh', organised by

the FBCCI and TechBarilla, will be held with FBCCI President Yussuf Abdull Hatan as chief guest. Venue: FBCCI Conference Centre. Time: 10.00am.

Confere on 'Thermal Engineering' An international conference on 'Thermal Engineering', organised by the Bangladesh Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, will be inaugurated. Venue: BIAM auditorium. Time: 10.30am.

Seminar Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran organises a seminar on 'Contribution of Abu Raihan Al Biruni in Science'. Venue: Iranian embassy auditorium, House 54, Road-8/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm.

Discussion Jatyatalabi Krishak Dai arranges a discussion to mark the 30 years of independence of the country. Law Minister Bamister Moudud Ahmed will be present as chief guest. Venue: Bhanshani auditorium. Time: 3.00pm.

WEATHER TODAY Dry weather likely

Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature (Max, Min), Humidity (Morning, Evening). Cities include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

STOCK MARKET TABLE: TODAY'S TRADED ISSUES (DECEMBER 30, 2001), Day's Market, Non Traded Issues, Turnover Leaders, Capital Gainers, Capital Losers, Book Closure/AGM/Dividend/IPO.