



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

They urged the young generation to learn from the ideals and teachings of Moni Singh and launch a new movement to build an exploitation-free society.



Chittagong Samity, Dhaka accorded reception to the ministers and MPs elected from Chittagong at Osmani Memorial auditorium in the city yesterday.

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.

Presided over by CSD president Azizul Hoque Chowdhury, the reception was addressed by Water Resources Minister I K Siddiqui, Foreign Minister M Morsheed Khan, Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, State Minister for Civil Aviation

and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasruddin, State Minister for Communications Salahuddin Ahmed, State Minister for Environment and Forest Zafrul Islam Chowdhury, Chairman of the CSD Trust Board Engineer Afsaruddin Ahmed, and CSD general Secretary Jalaluddin Ahmed.

Seeking cooperation of all, the ministers said the government would finalise long-term, medium and short-term priority projects in different sectors for the development of greater Chittagong.

A series of round-table discussions would also be organised with the participation of ministers, political leaders, business and professional leaders, academics and government officials.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

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

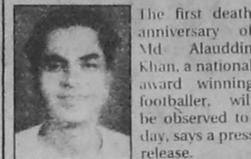
Kader, also general secretary of the Sramik Karmachari Union of the daily, fell suddenly ill while he was on duty.

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.

Death anniversary



On the occasion, a quranic khawari and milad mahfil will be held at his residence.



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



Architect Mubassar Hussain, a freedom fighter, handed over documents of a flat in 'Malibhaban' under the 'Villa Magnolia' project to Akku Chowdhury, director of the Liberation War Museum, at a function held at the museum yesterday. The architect presented the flat to the museum to facilitate its activities.

Rafiqul Haq's anniversary of birth Jan 8

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The 65th birth anniversary of the noted rhymist Rafiqul Haq Dadubhai will be observed on January 8.

A 65-member committee comprising poet, writer and journalist has been formed to accord a grand reception to Dadubhai at Biswa Sahitya Kendra at 4:00 pm.

Noted poet Al Mahmud will act as the chairman while lyricist Ahmed Kaiser, the convenor and Majharul Islam and Moshtak Ahmed, the joint convenors of the committee.

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

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.

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: BIAH auditorium. Time: 10:30am.

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 Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: BUSS 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 TechBariga, will be held with FBCCI President Yusuf Abdullah Hatur as chief guest. Venue: FBCCI Conference Centre. Time: 10:00am.

Seminar: Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran organises a seminar on 'Contribution of Abu Raihan Al Beruni in Science'. Venue: Iranian embassy auditorium, House 54, Road-8/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:00pm.

Discussion: Jatyatabadi Krishna 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: Bhashani auditorium. Time: 3:00pm.

WEATHER TODAY

Dry weather likely: Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country today.

Light to moderate fog may occur over the river basins of the country during the early morning and night temperature may rise slightly over the country, Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature: 28.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and the lowest 9.5 degree at Ishwardi. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:22 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:42 am.

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

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