

DHAKA TUESDAY JANUARY 1, 2002

Call to a non-violent '02 terrorism-free year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The National Movement to Resist Terrorism yesterday called for launching a social movement against terrorism and made an appeal to all to announce 2002 a 'terrorism-free year'.

The newly floated organisation expressed deep concern over the alarming rise in terrorist activities and called upon all, including the civil society, to raise awareness among the people to stamp out terrorism.

At a press conference, Sheikh Nijam Uddin, convenor of the organisation, also urged the government to continue its anti-terrorism campaign.

He said terrorism and corruption are the main obstacles to improving the economy of the country.

The society is held hostage by only a number of terrorists, Nijam said, adding that "it is not possible for the government alone to up-

root the terrorism. The civil society and conscious citizens must come forward unitedly to back up the government's efforts."

Termining ruling party lawmaker Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu a 'top terror', the organisation lauded the role of Advocate Jahangir who 'faced' Pintu with courage.

It pledged to continue the anti-terrorism movement until the terrorism is uprooted and assist the government in its every step.

The organisation will bring out a 'peace procession' from the Press Club on January 6 and urged the professional organisations, human rights organisations and business organisations to join it.

Among others, journalist Glas Kamal Chowdhury, MD Abdus Salam, Advocate Kamrul Hasan and Fazlul Alam were present at the press conference held at the national Press Club.

Poet Jashimuddin's birth anniversary

UNB, Dhaka The 99th birth anniversary of poet Jashimuddin, known as 'Pallit Kabi', will be observed today (Tuesday), the first day of the New Year.

Different socio-cultural and political organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day in a befitting manner.

In Faridpur, the home district of the poet, the Jashim Foundation has drawn up a number of programmes including milad mahil, offering feteiha, placing wreaths at the mazar of the poet at Gahindapur on the outskirts of the town.

US embassy to remain closed today

BSS, Dhaka US embassy offices, including the American Centre, Information Resource Centre (IRC), and the student counselling service will remain closed today to observe the New Year's Day, a national holiday of the United States, said a press release yesterday.

Kalim Sharafi, Binod Dasgupta get Janakantha awards

The daily Janakantha selected Kalim Sharafi, a Tagore song exponent, and journalist Binod Dasgupta for its Guniyan and Protibha Sammanana-2001 award announced yesterday, says a press release.

Kalim Sharafi got the Guniyan award and Binod Dasgupta Protibha award.

Apart from a gold medal and a crest, Kalim Sharafi will receive Tk one lakh and Binod Das Gupta Tk 25 thousand. In addition, both the winners will get monthly honorarium of Tk 5,000 each for life.

The Janakantha instituted the award in 1998 and 20 personalities have been awarded so far.



Women entrepreneurs at a workshop on "Awareness building for selling legal consultancy services" in the city yesterday.

Low-cost services for women entrepreneurs

UNB, Dhaka In an effort to protect and promote women entrepreneurs, two legal and IT training firms, also owned by women, offers low-cost services.

The firms -- Dr. Taslima's Legal Consultancy Services and Techno-chic Ltd -- will provide legal services to women entrepreneurs to protect their property and goods and essential IT training to boost professional quality, and thus empower and promote women entrepreneurs.

Chiefs of the two firms -- Dr. Taslima Monsor and Tarana Ahmed -- at a workshop here yesterday said it's for the first time that women-owned legal and IT firms were offering services exclusively to female entrepreneurs.

Any female entrepreneur can avail of the facilities spending only Tk 1,000, they told the workshop, on "Development of Women Entrepreneurs by Information Technology and Awareness Building for Selling Legal Consultancy Services" at IDB Bhaban.

President of Bangladesh Women Chamber of Business and Industry Salma Ahmed, Deputy

Youth Fair-2002 begins today

UNB, Dhaka The Youth Fair-2002 begins at city's Ramna Batamul today.

Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas will inaugurate the 10-day fair at 3 pm.

State Minister for Youth and Sports M Fazlur Rahman will be present as special guest.

A total of 150 stalls of ready-made garments, handicrafts and foods have been set up in the fair that will remain open from 9am to 8.30pm everyday.

Cultural programmes will be held every evening in addition to workshops on sewing, block, batik and printing on January 4 and 5 and an open discussion on January 7.

An essay competition and prize distribution ceremony and raffle draw will be held on the concluding day on January 10.

175 piece of VCD players recovered

A patrol squad of the Bangladesh Navy recovered 175 pieces of sophisticated VCD players worth about Tk 31.50 lakh from Gohira in Chittagong on Sunday night, says a press release.

The contrabands were deposited with the local customs authorities.

Siraj Ahmed dead

UNB, Dhaka Siraj Ahmed, one of the main suppliers of lighting accessories in the country's theatre arena, died of cardiac arrest at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday at the age of 65.

He left behind his wife, four sons and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation has expressed deep shock at the death of Siraj Ahmed and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

Salimullah Korayes

S M Salimullah Korayes, a celebrated hockey and football player, died at a city clinic at the age of 73.

S M Salimullah, popularly known as Jambu Bhai, was born in 1927 at Damdam in West Bengal. He came to Dhaka in 1950.

His namaj-e-janaza will be held at Sonali Ott Club premises after Zohr prayers today.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman consoled the death of Jambu and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Jahangir Hossain

Jahangir Hossain, headmaster of Otra High School, Barisal, died of brain hemorrhage at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. He was 53.

Hossain, who received best teacher award from Barisal district twice, is survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter.

Md Monir Hossain

Md Monir Hossain, a senior lab assistant of the chemistry department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), died on Sunday night in India.

He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

The BUET Employees' Welfare Club consoled the death of Monir and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

Nirmalendu Chy

Nirmalendu Chowdhury, a noted teacher and former headmaster of Shah High School in the town, died at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) on Sunday night. He was 75.

He left behind his wife, two sons and one daughter to mourn his death.

DHAKA TODAY. Dhaka Book Fair. The 15-day Eighth Dhaka Book Fair will be inaugurated. Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will be present as chief guest. Venue: National Parade Ground, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 3:00pm. Rotary Club meeting. Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held. Guest speaker Saiful Huda, Director General of Bangladesh Post Office, will speak on 'Postal Service in Bangladesh'. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:00pm. WISE Fair. The two-day 'WISE Fair 2002', arranged by the Women in Student Entrepreneurship (WISE), a student organisation at Vagranusia University, will begin. Venue: University campus, New Bailey Road. Time: 10:00am to 5:00pm. Seminar on 'Tech Transfer'. The Centre for Management Research and Publications of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) will hold a seminar on 'Technology Transfer: A traditional Market Orientation'. Dr Shafi A Khaled, Department of Economics, Metropolitan State University, USA, will present the keynote paper. Venue: IBA auditorium. Discussion. Shaikat Osman Parishad organises a discussion meeting on the occasion of 86th birth anniversary of litterateur Shawkat Osman. Poet Shamsur Rahman will be present as chief guest. Venue: Poet Sulfa Kamal Auditorium, National Museum. Time: 4:00pm.

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 fall slightly over the western part of the country. Met Office said. Country's highest temperature 27.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and the lowest 9.3 degree at Srirangol. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:23 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:42 am. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity in some major cities and towns yesterday were: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius, Humidity in percentage. Dhaka: Max 25.1, Min 14.4, Morning 56, Evening 70. Chittagong: Max 27.8, Min 14.8, Morning 60, Evening 72. Rajshahi: Max 25.2, Min 11.6, Morning 68, Evening 73. Khulna: Max 25.3, Min 11.7, Morning 67, Evening 73. Barisal: Max 26.0, Min 11.0, Morning 68, Evening 69. Sylhet: Max 26.5, Min 13.5, Morning 69, Evening 80. Cox's Bazar: Max 26.7, Min 17.0, Morning 70, Evening 66.

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