



Rowshan Ershad, acting chairman of Jatiya Party (Ershad), speaking at a discussion at a city hotel yesterday on the occasion of 16th founding anniversary of the party.



Left Democratic Front staged a demonstration in the city yesterday protesting the price hike of oil, gas and electricity.



Community Development Library (CDL) organised a workshop on 'Digital Divide: A Challenge for Bangladesh' in the city on Sunday to identify and prioritise the future course of action to bridge the digital gap.

JU Day on Jan 12

JU CORRESPONDENT

The Jahangirnagar University Day, 2002 will be observed on January 12.

The university authorities have drawn up elaborate programmes, including discussion and cultural function, on the occasion.

A colourful procession will be brought out in the morning with the participation of former and present students, teachers, officers and employees.

Students, teachers, officers and employees have been requested to register for the programmes.

Registration forms are available at different department offices, Registrar office and other offices and also at the Agrani Bank, JU branch.

The registration fee for the students is Tk 80, for teachers and officers Tk 200 and for employees Tk 125. The family members of students, teachers, officers and employees can also join the programme with registration fee.

The deadline for submission of registration forms is January 6. The Registrar's office will receive the forms, official sources said.

Sramik Dal wins Ctg port CBA elections

BSS, Chittagong

Dock Jatiyatbadi Sramik Dal won the CBA elections of the country's premier sea port on Monday, officials said.

The BNP-backed Sramik Dal won the CBA elections bagging 2,370 votes. Its rival the Awami League-backed Chittagong Port Dock Workers Union, got 2178 votes.

Two other Awami League supported dock workers' associations also took part in the election.

About 85 per cent votes were cast in the election, which was held peacefully after long 10 years.

Voting took place at the CBA office at the port. Director (Labour) of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) Habibur Rahman Mandol conducted the elections.

Elections could not be held in 1996 and 1998 due to court order as workers lodged complaint with the court.



Bangladesh Chhinnamul Hawkers Samity brought out a procession in the city yesterday to campaign against polybags.

Ctg AL protests price hike of fuel, gas

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Awami League leaders at a rally here on Tuesday protested the sudden price hike of petroleum products and gas.

They have threatened to launch a tougher movement across the country unless the government does not shift away from its decision of price hike immediately.

Central leaders of Awami League Abdus Samad Azad, Matiya Chowdhury and Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser, Chittagong city unit of AL General Secretary and Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, and city AL leader Advocate Ibrahim Hossain Chowdhury Babul addressed the rally at Laldighi Maidan. The rally was presided over by city AL president and former minister MA Mannan.

Condemning the government's hasty move to file graft cases against AL President and opposition leader Sheikh Hasina and some other party leaders, acting AL chief and former foreign minister Samad Azad remarked, "Is this democracy?"

City AL extended meet today

UNB, Dhaka

An extended meeting of Dhaka City Awami League will be held at its Bangabandhu Avenue party office today.

General Secretary Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya requested all leaders of thana and ward units, president and general secretaries of front organisations, including the commissioners, to attend the meeting at 6pm.

National Social Service Day today

BSS, Dhaka

The National Social Service Day-2002 will be observed with due enthusiasm across the country today under the auspices of Social Service Directorate of the Ministry of Social Welfare.

Besides the directorate, 23000 non-government organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day. A colorful procession will be brought out from the premises of IDB Bhaban at Argagaon in the city at 10 am.

Venue shifted

The 86th birth anniversary programme of literatureur Shawkat Osman scheduled for today at 4pm at the National Museum auditorium has been shifted to Fine Arts Institute for unavoidable circumstances.

Other programmes will remain unchanged, said a press release.

DHAKA TODAY

Seminar: Centre for Advanced Research in Social Science will hold a seminar on 'How to Avoid Nuclear War in the Sub-continent'. Dr MA Fazal, Principal Lecturer in law at Nottingham Trent University, UK, will present the keynote paper. Venue: Seminar room of the centre. Time: 11:00am.

Golden jubilee: The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh celebrates its golden jubilee with a daylong programme. President ACM Badruddoza Chowdhury will be present as chief guest. Venue: Auditorium of the Society.

CD launching: Bengal Foundation will release a CD containing Tagore songs vocalised by Shanaz Rumana. Venue: Bengal Shipilaya, House-275/F, Road-27, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00pm.

Opening of sales centre: Jordana Color Cosmetics will open a Sales and Display Centre. Venue: Rifles Square, BDR, Peelkhana. Time: 11:00am.

WEATHER TODAY

Dry weather likely

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country and mild cold wave may sweep over northern part of the country today.

Light to moderate fog may occur over the river basins of the country during the early morning. Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature 28.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and the lowest 9.0 degree at Rajshahi and Dinajpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:23 pm and rises on Thursday at 6:42 am.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

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

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