



Abdus Shaheed, Chief Whip of the Opposition in Parliament, who led the Awami League fact-finding team to Hafania village in Chandpur, addressing a press conference at the party's Dhahmondi office yesterday.



Fruit traders at Mohammadpur Town Hall Market staged a sit-in in front of the National Press Club yesterday demanding arrest of the attackers of fruit trader Sujan.



Bhola District Chhatra Kalyan Parishad formed a human chain in front of the Press Club in the city yesterday demanding protection of Bhola from river erosion.

Tortured BCL leader dies

UNB, Dhaka

A BCL leader rescued from abductors in a critical condition on Thursday died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Monday. Hospital and family sources said Iqbal Basher Biplob, 22, BCL general secretary of Duttapara Degree College, was abducted by the armed cadres of 'Anwar Bahini' on Thursday.

Hamid Afghan dead

UNB, Khulna

Veteran leftist politician Abdul Hamid Afghan died of cancer at his residence here yesterday at the age of 59.

Afghan coordinator of left-leaning Ganotantrik Biplobi Jote Khulna unit, is survived by his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and admirers.

He was buried at Tutpara graveyard after namaj-e-janaza in front of a mosque at Gogababu Road.

Sultana Kabir

Sultana Kabir, wife of freedom fighter Humayan Kabir died at city's Shikhar Medical College Hospital on Sunday night.

She left behind two daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death.

Her namaj-e-janaza will be held on Thursday at Baitul Mokarram mosque after Jehr prayers.

Fazal Ahmed

Alhaz Fazal Ahmed, father of M E Islam, the Corporate Secretary of American International (BD) Ltd died of old age complication on Tuesday at 10 am BST in a hospital of Los Angeles in America. He was 76.

Fazal Ahmed left behind his wife, four sons and two daughters. His body will arrive in Bangladesh by Thai Airways on Friday. He will be buried at his village at Kachukhain at Raizan in Chittagong.



Students of Khulna Art College brought out a silent procession in Khulna city yesterday demanding trial of those responsible for the death of Simi, a student of Narayanganj Art College.

WEATHER TODAY

Light rain drizzle likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle with temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, and Khulna divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country till 6pm today.

Moderate to thick fog may occur over the river basins and coastal belt and moderate fog elsewhere over the country during early morning, Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature 28.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 10.5 degree at Srimangor.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:33 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:44 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	26.0	14.5	78	65
Chittagong	27.7	13.8	56	67
Rajshahi	27.3	12.0	85	79
Khulna	28.2	14.4	96	70
Barisal	27.2	12.6	93	91
Sylhet	26.0	13.2	89	71
Cox's Bazar	28.5	14.8	64	78

Attackers of Poet Hanif yet to be arrested

BSS, Dhaka

Police could not yet make any headway in tracing any of the miscreants involved in the attack on Poet Hanif M Siddiqui even after about four months.

Hanif, executive editor of the monthly Computer Bichitra, was mercilessly beaten by a group of miscreants in Gopibag area on September 16 last year.

The miscreants attacked him on the day of lodging a General Diary (GD) with Gulshan police for continuous threat to him by miscreants over anonymous telephone calls and letters allegedly for publication of one of his poetry books, family sources said.

He was admitted to a private hospital for treatment.

Hanif apprehended that the miscreants may attack him again as none of them has been arrested yet.

After release from hospital, Hanif is at present living abroad fearing further attack.

DHAKA TODAY

Prize giving ceremony

The annual prize giving ceremony and a cultural function of the Viganurina Noon School and College will be held, Venue: School premises, Time: 9:30am.

IUBAT Foundation Day

International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) will hold a discussion and cultural function in observance of its Foundation Day, Venue: IUBAT campus, 4 Embankment Drive Road, Sector-10, Uttara Model Town, Time: 4:00pm.

UK higher education

Dr Steve Pettit, Deputy Vice Chancellor, and Mike Sherrif, Governor, University of Luton, UK, will give a presentation on 'Changes and Developments in UK Higher Education and Community Development in the UK', Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Time: 5:00pm.

Dialogue

A dialogue on 'Reforming governance in Bangladesh' organised by the Centre for Policy Dialogue will be held, Venue: CPD Dialogue room, Time: 3:00pm.

Discussion

A discussion on 'Shaheed Zia's Krishi Biplob' organised by the Jatilyabadi Krishak Dal will be held with Post and Telecommunications Minister Barstler Aminul Haq as chief guest, Venue: Bhasani auditorium, 80 Nayapalton, Time: 3:00pm.

National seminar

A national seminar on 'Performance audit' organised by Strengthening the office of the CAG(STAG) Project of the Comptroller & Auditor General of Bangladesh will be held, Venue: Sheraton Hotel, Time: 9:30pm.

International conference

The inaugural ceremony of international

2 snatchers beaten up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two alleged snatchers were beaten up by mob after they robbed a businessman of Tk 2 lakh in front of Junior Laboratory High School in the city's Dhahmondi area Monday afternoon.

They were identified as Delwar Hossain, 28, and Mohammad Selim, 27.

The incident took place when a businessman, Rafiqul Islam, was going home after withdrawing cash from the Standard Chartered Bank at 2:30 pm yesterday. As he reached near the school, the snatchers stopped his rickshaw and took away the money.

The businessman cried for help and the local people chased the snatchers and caught two of them. A portion of the robbed money was recovered from them.

Later, police came to the spot and took them to custody.

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DSE				CSE				Financial Performance								
Company	FV/ML (Tk./No.)	Price Closing	Chg (%) Pre Day	Company	FV/ML (Tk./No.)	Price Closing	Chg (%) Pre Day	Company	FV/ML (Tk./No.)	Price Closing	Chg (%) Pre Day	Last	EPS	DPS		
BANK				Apex Weaving & Finis	100.50	63.00	0.00	1250	62.00	Not Traded	---	22/07/01	38.7	18.0		
AB Bank Ltd.	100.5	267.25	-2.55	Dandy Dyeing Ltd.	100.50	100.00	-2.91	63.00	500	---	---	20/12/01	41.6	---		
City Bank Ltd.	100.5	290.00	-6.69	Beximco Textiles Ltd.	100.50	92.25	-2.38	94.50	3000	91.25	-24.20	25/25	20	---		
IFIC Bank Ltd.	100.5	245.25	-3.25	BD Zippor Ltd.	100.50	49.50	0.00	49.50	100	50.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Islami Bank BD Ltd.	100.5	297.75	0.35	Beximco Denims Ltd.	100.50	130.25	-0.57	131.00	100	140.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
National Bank Ltd.	100.20	274.25	-2.58	Prime Textile Ltd.	100.50	78.50	-4.27	82.00	9000	80.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Pubali Bank Ltd.	100.5	382.25	-1.48	M. Hossain Garments	100.50	30.25	-2.26	30.25	100	32.25	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Rupali Bank Ltd.	100.10	98.50	-2.96	Sajib Knitwear Ltd.	100.50	37.75	-5.63	40.00	400	40.25	Not Traded	---	---	---		
UCBL	100.5	234.50	-4.36	Chix Text Ltd.	100.50	5.80	0.00	5.80	1000	5.80	0.00	5.80	1000	21/12/01	208	5.00
Utara Bank Ltd.	100.5	553.75	-4.36	Momo Fabrics Ltd.	100.50	60.00	-1.64	61.00	2600	59.25	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Eastern Bank Ltd.	100.20	300.00	0.00	Allied Industries Ltd.	100.50	57.25	-2.14	58.00	900	58.25	0.43	58.00	30	30/12/01	8.98	5.00
Utara Finance and Inv.	100.50	267.25	0.75	Anima Yam & Dyeing	100.50	102.00	0.00	102.00	250	87.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Al Arafia Islami Bank	100.5	210.00	-0.82	H.R. Textile Ltd.	100.50	78.50	-1.26	79.50	450	103.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Prime Bank Ltd.	100.50	397.00	-3.29	Sark Spinning Mills	100.50	72.25	-3.4	72.50	700	73.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
South-east Bank Ltd.	100.50	309.25	-3.74	Beximco Synthetics Ltd.	100.20	126.00	-0.98	127.25	860	127.25	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	100.50	445.50	-2.88	Pharma & Chem.												
N C C Bank Ltd.	100.50	245.50	-1.90	Ember Pharma	100.50	43.20	-1.82	44.00	580	45.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Social Investment Bank	100.50	232.75	-1.47	Beximco Pharma	100.50	46.00	-0.44	46.00	500	45.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd.	100.50	418.25	-2.11	ACL Limited	100.50	53.40	0.00	53.40	6000	53.00	0.22	46.00	91000	20/09/01	12.6	30.0
INVESTMENT				Renata Ltd.	100.50	63.00	-1.56	64.00	10	---	---	---	---	---	---	
1st ICB Mutual Fund	100.5	525.00	0.00	Pharmaco	100.5	22.25	-1.11	22.50	300	---	---	---	---	---	---	
2nd ICB Mutual Fund	100.5	410.00	-0.24	Pharmaco Benciser (Bd) Ltd.	100.50	89.30	0.00	89.30	2950	89.00	-1.22	90.10	500	18/06/01	12.0	40.0
3rd ICB Mutual Fund	100.5	225.00	Not Traded	Kohinoor Chemical	100.50	157.00	-2.51	160.75	15	167.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
4th ICB Mutual Fund	100.10	157.00	-0.63	The Ibn Sina	100.50	20.00	0.40	24.00	130	167.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
5th ICB Mutual Fund	100.50	136.00	-1.49	Rahman Chemicals	100.10	22.25	-3.19	23.25	10	---	---	---	---	---		
6th ICB Mutual Fund	100.50	136.00	-1.49	BCL	100.50	120.00	-0.21	120.50	50	120.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
7th ICB Mutual Fund	100.50	80.25	-2.13	Jais Chemicals Ltd.	100.20	17.25	-2.30	17.25	40	235.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
8th ICB Mutual Fund	100.50	80.25	-2.13	National Polymer Ltd.	100.10	167.50	-0.74	174.00	100	246.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
AIMS First	125.00	0.89	0.00	Libra Infusions Ltd.	100.20	22.40	0.00	22.40	20	100.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
ENGINEERING				Onion Infusions Ltd.	100.20	35.00	-1.41	35.50	10960	35.00	0.00	35.00	100	27/07/00	-46	---
Aftab Automobiles Ltd.	100.5	216.00	-0.22	Saigra Pharma	100.20	201.75	-1.39	218.75	820	243.00	0.65	223.50	100	13/09/01	22.9	70.0
Aziz Pipes Ltd.	100.5	170.00	-2.27	Anam Baiton Ltd.	100.50	99.50	-2.45	102.00	1250	100.25	-2.67	103.00	150	27/12/01	128	70.0
Olympic Industries Ltd.	100.5	105.00	-1.64	Perfume Chemical	100.50	34.75	-5.44	36.75	300	38.25	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Bangladesh Lamp Ltd.	100.5	291.00	-2.56	J.H. Chemical Ind.	100.50	29.60	0.87	28.75	350	30.75	-8.28	28.00	50	14/10/01	2.01	---
Eastern Cables Ltd.	100.5	141.50	0.89	Keya Cosmetics Ltd.	100.50	15.00	-0.64	15.00	103500	15.00	-0.64	15.00	100	---	---	---
Singer Bangladesh Ltd.	100.5	102.30	-4.37	PAPER and PACKAGING												
Atlas Bangladesh Ltd.	100.50	130.00	-3.77	Eagle Box & Carton Ltd.	100.50	11.00	0.00	11.00	200	---	---	---	---	---	---	
BD Autocare Ltd.	100.5	23.50	-2.17	BD Monopack Paper	100.50	116.90	-0.77	117.00	5200	---	---	---	---	---	---	
Quasar Dyechills Ltd.	100.5	17.90	-0.56	GO Ball Pen Ind. Ltd.	100.50	74.00	0.00	74.00	350	75.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Renwick Jewellery Ltd.	100.5	25.75	0.00	Momo Ceramic Ltd.	100.50	226.50	-3.11	229.50	615	232.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
National Tubes Ltd.	100.10	575.00	-0.52	Umanisa Glass	100.5	485.50	-2.46	497.75	95	510.25	Not Traded	---	---	---		
BD. Thai Aluminium Ltd.	100.10	183.50	-1.61	Savar Refractories Ltd.	100.50	85.00	-1.45	86.25	200	---	---	---	---	---		
Wonder Land Toys Ltd.	100.50	37.50	-1.32	BEXIMCO LTD.	100.50	36.25	0.28	36.10	2300	38.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Raymond Franchise Ltd.	100.50	19.80	-0.50	Chittagong Cement	100.5	80.75	-1.61	82.00	1560	80.00	-3.03	82.50	170	20/03/01	172	70.0
FOOD & ALLIED				Apex Footwear Ltd.	100.20	200.00	-0.74	201.50	60	200.00	Not Traded	---	---	---	---	
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	100.50	49.00	0.00	Confidence Cement	100.20	321.75	-1.91	324.00	410	322.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Apex Foods Ltd.	100.5	250.00	-0.50	Meghas Cement Ltd.	100.50	327.25	-0.33	325.00	13100	325.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Tripo Industries Ltd.	100.5	37.00	2.78	Levo Ltd.	100.10	83.00	-3.49	86.00	100	86.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
BATFCL	100.5	176.25	-3.16	BD Luggage Ltd.	100.50	42.25	-4.52	44.25	1050	41.25	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills	100.50	5.50	-6.78	Standard Ceramic Ltd.	100.50	100.00	-2.91	103.00	50	130.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Tulip Dairy & Food Ltd.	100.10	70.00	-0.71	Exclusion Shirts Ltd.	100.50	19.50	0.00	19.50	2000	20.00	Not Traded	---	---	---		
Chittagong Vegetable	100.10	38.00	3.40	Mark BD Ships & Engg	100.50	1										