



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia exchanges views with the representatives of NGOs at her office in the city yesterday.

Call for social movement against corruption

DU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday called for launching a social movement against corruption that has taken root at all levels of the society.

Bribery and corruption have become so widespread that the mindset of the people has become corrupt, they said.

The discussion titled "Good governance through eradicating corruption" was held at the seminar room of the TSC, Dhaka University.

Stressing the need for democracy and greater accountability of the politicians, the speakers urged the government and the opposition to work together to stamp out corruption from the society.

They urged all to boycott the corrupt officials after identifying them.

The 'Bribe- and Illegal Income-Free Bangladesh Forum' organised the discussion.

Presided over by Prof. AAMS Arefin Siddique, the discussion was addressed by journalists Santosh Gupta and Habibur Rahman Milon and Harun ur-Rashid of University of Science and Technology, Chittagong.

Linguistic movement veteran Gaziul Haque was present as chief guest.

The participants regretted that many politicians changed their parties before the general election for personal gains.

After winning the elections, they became busy recovering the huge amount of money they spent in the election, the speakers added.

They noted that corruption cannot be eliminated by only filing corruption cases against members of the immediate-past cabinet. "It is being used just as a weapon to harass the rival leaders."

Qulkhwani of Syeda Badrun Nesa Begum, wife of late MA Mohaimin, former MP and founder of the Pioneer Printing Press Ltd. will be held at her residence at 373 Dilu Road, Maghbarar, after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Badrun Nesa died at Gulshan Group Clinic on January 14 at the age of 71. She is survived by three sons.



Information Secretary Syed Marghub Murshed speaking at the concluding session of a 5-day global conference on water at the CIDRAP auditorium yesterday. On his left are Jay Pal Shrestha, Regional Environmental Specialist of the US embassy in Kathmandu, and Syed Fahim Munaim, Managing Editor of The Daily Star; while on his right are Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, secretary general of WWFJ and chairman of FEUB, Gamin Weerakoon, Editor of The Island, a Sri Lankan daily, and Elizabeth Roxas, a journalist from the Philippines.

'Work unitedly to root out terrorism, communalism'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday called upon the people from all walks of life to work unitedly to root out terrorism and communalism from the country.

They said some activities of every government after the independence were responsible for the deterioration of law and order in the society.

The seminar on 'Communalism, terrorism and our Reactions' was organised by the Mukto Forum, a socio-cultural organisation based in North America to uphold the image of Bangladesh abroad.

Mahmudur Rahman Chowdhury, coordinator of the association presented the key-note paper with Dr Sirajul Islam Chowdhury in the chair.

Mahmudur Rahman in his paper said the present government failed to stop persecution on the minority communities and its front organisations are now busy in capturing everything from university halls to bus terminals.

He suggested that the government should treat communalism and terrorism as the basic problems of the country and devote all attentions to root out them rising above the political narrowness.

Mahmudur Rahman said the intellectuals are the conscience of the society but in our country they are divided politically. They speak only for the political parties they support, he added.

Prof. Intiaz Uddin Ahmed stressed on preventive and curative measures to root out terrorism and communalism from the country.

Prof. Anu Mohammad said communalism and violence against women are inter-related. Grabbing property of the minorities is easy as they cannot build up strong resistance.

Dr. Dalur Rahman, president of the Mukto Forum, Dr Ahmed Kamal, Mahmudur Rahman Manna also spoke at the seminar at the National Press Club.



Transport workers staged a demonstration in the city yesterday protesting the ban on the movement of worn-out vehicles.

WEATHER TODAY

Light rain or drizzle likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore, Tangail and Mymensing 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 light to moderate fog elsewhere over the country, Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature 30.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and the lowest 12.5 degree at Kutubdia.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.35 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43 am.

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

Table with 5 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening)

US embassy closed on Sunday

UNB, Dhaka

The American Embassy office, including the American Center, Information Resource Center, and the Student Counseling Service will be closed on Sunday in observance of the birth anniversary of Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

The birth day of slain civil rights leader Dr King is a national holiday in the United States, says a press release yesterday.

Obituary

A A Mostaq Hossain, former general manager of Jute Marketing Corporation and Jute Trading Corporation, died of a cardiac arrest at his residence in North Kafur, Dhaka Cantonment, on January 8, says a press release.

He was buried at his family graveyard at Shahbazpur under Sarail upazila in Brahmanbaria district on January 9. He left behind his wife, two daughters and two sons.

His chelhum will be held on February 15 after Juma prayers at his home at Shahbazpur.

DHAKA TODAY

Certificate award ceremony: The certificate award ceremony of the Intensive Trial Advocacy Workshop will be held with Law and Parliament Affairs Minister Barister Moudud Ahmed as chief guest.

General meeting: The Annual General Meeting of Ratanpur Unnayan Parishad, Dhaka will be held. Venue: 121/1, New Eskaton. Time: 3:30pm.

Mahfil: The weekly Ashequ-e-Rasul(S) Mahfil of Dewanbagh Sharif will be held. Venue: Babe Narain, 147 Arambag. Time: 10:00am.

Reception: A mass reception will be accorded to newly elected Members of Parliament from the Feni district and the Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof. Anwar Ullah Chowdhury. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 4:00pm.

Prize giving ceremony: The prize giving ceremony of the Bangladesh Change Communication Message organised by the Rural Association for Social Advancement, Bangladesh and the Associated Country Women of the World, England will be held. Venue: Institute of Modern Language auditorium, University of Dhaka. Time: 10:30am.

Human chain: Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will form a human chain in protest against the price spiral of oil, gas and electricity, the repression on opposition workers and the filing of false cases against them. Venue: In front of the National Press Club. Time: 11:00am.

Recitation festival: The two-day Children's Recitation Festival organised by the Bangladesh Abriti Samannya Parishad opens. Venue: Liberation War Museum. Time: 4:00pm.

Sajna An Exclusive Restaurant: Serving full range of Indian dishes. Also available OUTSIDE CATERING *TAKEAWAY *PARTY FACILITIES

ক্যাডেট কলেজ ভর্তি কোর্সিং-২০০২: ক্যাডেট কলেজ ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় আজ যারা অংশগ্রহণ করছেন তাদের বৈশিষ্ট্য...

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Large table with multiple columns showing financial data for various companies under categories like BANK, INVESTMENT, ENGINEERING, FOOD & ALLIED, FUEL & POWER, MISCELLANEOUS, INSURANCE, DEBENTURE.

Day's Market - January 17, 2002

Table showing market indicators like DSE, CSE, 7 days DSE 20 Index, DSE: Last 30 Days Price Index and Turnover, CSE: Last 30 Days Price Index and Turnover.

Non Traded Issues

Table showing non-traded issues for various companies including Bank, Investment, Engineering, Food & Allied, Fuel & Power, Miscellaneous, Insurance, and Debenture.

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