

# 'None can erase name of Bangabandhu'

## Nasim criticises President

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League leader Mohammad Nasim has bitterly criticised the president for showing disregard to father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and twisting the heroic history of the Bangalee's struggle for independence.

Talking to UNB yesterday, Nasim called Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury one of the champions of distorting the nation's history and said "Holding the highest office of presidency, he simply surrendered to the shabby party politics and falsehood."

"Breaking the chain of hundreds of years, the Bangalee nation gained independence under the able leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. But the way his name was pronounced by the president in his speech not only undermined

the contribution of the great leader but also diminished the position of Badruddoza Chowdhury as the president," he said.

Recalling the past machinations to erase the name of Bangabandhu and distort the history to make "villains into heroes", Nasim said none could erase the name of Bangabandhu Mujib from the hearts of the Banglaeese.

Speaking about the alliance rule for nearly four months, the former home minister said many autocratic regimes had grabbed power in the past, "but no regime like Khaleza Zia's government has been so isolated from people and faced with bitter criticism in so short time."

This government, Nasim said has completely failed to contain terrorism while set glaring example of politicisation, nepotism and autocracy.

# Language movement Rally at N'ganj to celebrate golden jubilee

BSS, Narayanganj

Narayanganj district administration yesterday organised a rally to celebrate the golden jubilee of the historic Language Movement and the International Mother Language Day 2002.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Advocate Abul Kalam MP, Dr Helaluzzaman, Deputy Commissioner, Znatul Hoq, ADC (General), Shafiqul Islam, Police Super, Advocate Zakir Hossain, president of Narayanganj District Krishak Dal, and Suruzzamal, convener of Narayanganj District Sechchasebak Dal.

Speakers at the rally paid glowing tributes to the memory of the martyrs of Language Movement.

The rally was followed by a colourful procession which started from Chashara Shaheed Zia Hall and ended at Ali Ahmed Chunka Paura Library.



Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote formed a human chain in front of the National Press Club yesterday protesting distortion of history of liberation war in the textbooks and the attacks on the minorities.

# Motivate people for dev, social welfare activities

## Bhuiyan urges govt officials

BSS, Narsingdi

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday urged the government officials to put in their best endeavours to motivate the local people for development and social welfare activities.

"One of the main objectives of decentralisation of the administration is to send the government servants to rural areas so that they can inspire the local people in different development and social activities" the minister said while addressing a scholarship distribu-

tion ceremony among the meritorious students at Narsingdi stadium.

Held under the auspices of Narsingdi Foundation, the function was addressed by local parliament members Samsuddin Ahmed Ishaq and Sardar Shakhwat Hossain Bakul, former MP Abdul Alim Mridha, Director General of Environment Hedayerul Karim Chowdhury, Deputy Secretary of the Science and Technology Ministry and founder president of Narsingdi Foundation Rafiqul Islam.

# Essay writing competition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League has organised an essay writing competition for students from across the country in connection with the 50 years of Language Movement, and the International Mother Language Day.

The subject of the essay for students upto class five is "Bhasha Andolan O Bangabandhu", for students of secondary and higher secondary level "Bhasha Andolan O Bangaleer Chetona" and for students of college and university "Bhasha Andolan Theke Antarjatic Matri Bhasha Dibas".

The last date for submitting the essay is February 12. The essay should be sent to Nurul Islam Nahid, Convener, Essay competition sub committee, Office of the president of Awami League, House-49/1, Road-12/A, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209.

# Feni is no longer 'a safe haven for terrorists'

BSS, Feni

Law, Justice and Parliament Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed yesterday said Feni which had the dubious distinction as a safe haven for terrorists in the past, has now got rid of the label.

He said that the people heaved a sign of relief after realising the fact that the present government was very much sincere to curb terrorism and extortion.

"Whoever is the terrorist, whatever his identity, none is above the law," he said this while speaking at the inaugural function of a seminar titled on 'Socio-Economic Development: Past, Present and Future of Feni.'

Lekhak Ghoshti, an association of the writers, organised the seminar in cooperation with the district administration held in the Jahir Raihan Auditorium.

Primary and Mass Education advisor to the Prime Minister Prof. Jahannara Begum and local parliament member Prof. Joyal Abedin alias VP Joyal were present as special guests. The function was presided over by Fokul Uddin Mahmud, former advisor to the

caretaker government and a renowned economist. Playwright Selim Al Din, industrialist Abdul Awal Minto and deputy commissioner of the district Solaiman Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

Senior journalists A B M Musa, Gias Kamal Chowdhury, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Ershad Mazumdar and Prof. C S Karim attended the seminar.

The minister said the government had already arrested the son of a minister, a party MP and a brother of another party lawmaker to prove its sincerity in order to improve the law and order situation.

League to join parliament in the greater interest of the nation.

Earlier, the minister inaugurated the internet service at a simple function at T and T office here.

He also laid the foundation stone of the Revenue Bhaban at Companiganj, the home constituency of the minister.

# Islamic book fair begins

BSS, Dhaka

State Minister for Religious Affairs Mosharref Hossain Shahjahan yesterday inaugurated the month-long Islamic Book Fair at the South Gate of the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque.

Islamic Foundation Bangladesh organised the book fair on the occasion of golden jubilee of the Language Movement and the International Mother Language Day.

Acting Secretary of the Religious Affairs Ministry Khwaja Abdur Rahman, Director General (DG) of Islamic Foundation Syed Ashraf Ali and officials of the foundation were present on the occasion.

Fifty leading Islamic publishing houses of the country are taking part in the book fair.

# Week-long int'l review on rights of adolescent girls begins today

BSS, Dhaka

A broad-based international team of over 140 participants, including 25 adolescent girls and boys from 16 countries, will meet in the city today for a week-long international review on 'Meeting the Development and Participation Rights of Adolescent Girls'.

Minister for Women and Children Affairs Khurshid Jahan Huq will inaugurate the meeting at Sonargaon Hotel. State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman and Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs Mahfuza Islam will be present as special guests on the occasion.

UNICEF, UNFPA and WHO have jointly organised the meeting marking a major step forward for building practical partnership among governments, development partners and adolescents, a UNICEF press release said.

This global effort is supported by the United Nations Foundation to lend impetus to initiatives in developing countries for realising the rights of adolescent girls through a global project.

The resident representatives of UNICEF, UNFPA and WHO in Dhaka Morten Gierling, Dr Suneta Mukherjee and Sunita Acharya will touch upon their common interests and commitments in realising the rights of adolescents at the opening session.

According to UNICEF, the meeting focuses on active participation of adolescents at every stage from planning, implementation to monitoring and evaluation.

The outcome of a review held in the city yesterday is geared towards future directions for global work on the adolescents and building networks as well as connections between countries and organising partners.

More importantly, exchange of ideas and experience among adolescents, who bring fresh vitality and outlook, will enable them to actively participate in decisions affecting their lives and society at large, the press release said.

Recognising the reality of adolescent girls, the United Nations Foundation has come forward to support initiatives in developing countries for realising the development and participation rights of adolescent girls through a global project.

The project initially supported the countries through UNICEF field offices in assessing the situation of adolescents and designing interventions applicable to the particular context of the country.

Obituary

M T Uddin, a retired joint secretary, died at IPGMR in the city yesterday at the age of 71, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, Jahanara Begum, three sons and two daughters.

M T Uddin was the SDO of Pirojpur in 1971 and the DC of Dinajpur in 1980. He retired as joint secretary, Cabinet Division.

He was buried at the Mirpur Budhhijibi Graveyard.

His qukhwani will be held at House No. 14/20, Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur after Asr prayers on Tuesday.



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# Over 1400 held, 13 firearms seized

BSS, Dhaka

Police arrested a total of 1408 people including nine identified terrorists from across the country and seized 13 firearms, seven other types of arms and 15 rounds of bullet during last 24 hours ending at 6:00 am yesterday.

Of the arrested, 852 are war-wanted and the remaining 527 people have been rounded up in connection with various cases.

Police also arrested 15 people with eight firearms and lodged eight cases under the arms act.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) seized an explosive.

The listed terrorists are Noor Alam and Zakir Hossain of Khulna City, Selim, Badiar and Abdul Wahab of Jessore, Peshan of Meherpur, Arjul and Ibrahim of Sakkhira and Sanaul Haque of Brahmanbaria.

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