



Ranen Kushari passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Ranen Kushari, an eminent radio drama personality, died at BIRDEM Hospital in the city last night after prolonged illness at the age of 81, says a press release.
A producer, director and artist, Ranen Kushari had been admitted to the hospital on February 22.
He left behind his three sons and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death. One of his sons, Samir Kushari, is the chief cameraman of Bangladesh Television.
Born in Bikrampur in 1921, Ranen Kushari was awarded Eku-shey Padak in 1980.
During the War of Liberation, Ranen Kushari worked for the Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra. He was also associated with the Voice of America since its inception.
A former head of the drama department of Bulbul Lalitkala Academy, Ranen Kushari received many awards. Tenasinas, Thatre, Bulbul Academy, Hrishij, Udichi and Bangladesh Betar awarded him for his contribution to the cultural arena.

City corporation elections No date fixed yet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Election Commission (EC) sat for the second time yesterday to finalise the schedule of the elections to three city corporations but could not draw up it.
The EC, however, decided to meet again on March 12 to take the final decision on the issue.
Chief Election Commissioner MA Syed presided over the yesterday's meeting.
Earlier, the EC met on February 28 but failed to outline the schedule of election to the city corporations in Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi.
Sources at the EC indicated that the schedule might be finalised on March 12 and polls might take place in mid-April.
Elections to the three city corporations have been pending for over three years as the last elections were held on January 30, 1994.
Yesterday, the meeting decided

to update the voter list and relocate the polling centres.
Sources said the voter list would be finalised by March 10 and steps be taken for setting up adequate polling centres.
The meeting also stressed the need for extensive campaign to motivate and educate the voters about electoral code of conducts.
Apart from the mayoral election, the voters will also elect ward commissioners and women commissioners for the reserved seats.

UAE urged to help develop health sector

UNB, Dhaka
Underlining the importance of increased economic cooperation between Bangladesh and the UAE, President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury has said the UAE may extend its cooperation in the development of health sector in Bangladesh.
The President made the remarks when UAE Ambassador in Bangladesh Sayeed Mohamad Sultan Al-Zaa' Bi called on him at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Nigerian governor meets Bhuiyan

UNB, Dhaka
Executive Governor of Jigawa of Nigeria Ibrahim Saminu Turaki yesterday met LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at his secretariat office and discussed issues of business interest.
"There is ample opportunity to export jute, jute goods, medicines, soaps and farm and brickfield workers from Bangladesh to Nigeria," the Minister told the Nigerian Governor when he expressed interest to bolster trade ties with Bangladesh.



The Bangladesh Diploma Student Nurses' Association staged a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding cancellation of examination held on November 25, 2001.

Killing of journalist Harun condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Different organisations yesterday condemned the killing of journalist Sheikh Harun-or-Rashid Khokon and demanded arrest and exemplary punishment to the culprits immediately.
Miscreants gunned down Harun, senior staff reporter of The Daily Purbanchal on Saturday night in Khulna.
Condemning the killing 11-party, a platform of the left leaning

parties in a statement yesterday said the existence of independent journalism would be under threat if killing of brave journalists like Harun continues to occur.
The 11-party said Harun was killed as no one was punished for these sort of crimes in the past.
The government would find the culprits, arrest them and give exemplary punishment, it hoped.
Leaders of Bangladesh Crime Reporters Association at a meeting yesterday expressed grave concern over the recent rise of killing and harassment of journalists across the country and demanded of the government to take necessary steps to prevent these sort of killing and harassment.
Presided over by Shankar Kumar Dey, president of the association, the meeting also prayed for the salvation of the departed soul of Harun and expressed sympathy to members of the bereaved family.
Bangladesh Manabdhikar Samannay Parishad in a statement yesterday said any kind of threat on journalists and newspapers is the violation of human rights.
"For the sake of democracy and human rights these incidents have to be stopped," it said.
It also demanded punishment to the killers of journalists including Harun-or-Rashid.

10101 policemen punished since July '96, JS told

UNB, Dhaka
Some 10,101 policemen were awarded departmental punishment on charge of corruption and irregularities from July 1996 to date.
Replying to Fariduddin Chowdhury during question hour in Parliament on Sunday night Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury said 11,983 policemen were brought under trial during this period on various charges.
He told another questioner that 6,326 licensed firearms were deposited to the police by the time

Viva-voce for admission in MBBS cancelled

BSS, Dhaka
Government cancelled viva-voce for first year admission in MBBS course for 2001-2002 session which was scheduled to be held on March 11.
The decision was taken following review the policies of admission tests for the MBBS and BDS courses in government medical and dental colleges, a press release of Health and Family Welfare Ministry said yesterday.
According to the decision candidates for admission in MBBS course would be selected on the basis of their marks obtained in SSC, HSC and written test, the press release said.
Other terms and conditions of the admission would remain unchanged.
Admission in BDS course would also be held on the basis of written test of 80 marks without any viva-voce, the press release added.

Two DU teachers made provosts

DU CORRESPONDENT
The Dhaka University (DU) authorities has appointed Prof. Sirajul Islam of the Department of Management Studies and Prof. Abul Khair of the Department of Chemistry as provosts of the Surya Sen Hall and Shahidullah Hall respectively.
Both were appointed on March 2 for a three-year term.

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Hasina condemns rape of girl by 'armed BNP men'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Awami League president and Leader of the Opposition in parliament Sheikh Hasina yesterday strongly condemned the rape of a teenage girl by 'armed BNP men' at Char Parvati village of Companyganj in Noakhali district.
In a statement, Hasina demanded immediate arrest of and exemplary punishment to the rapists.
Expressing grave concern, the opposition leader noted that hundreds of young girls and women, including Mukta, Mahima and Purnima, have been violated by the armed cadres of 'BNP and Jamaat' following the October 1, general elections.

Hasina alleged that 50 leaders and workers of her party including Mukta's father Abu Yusuf and Bashurhan pourashava chairman Mirza Kader were put behind the bar.
And the armed goons belonging to BNP made attacks on the residences of chairmen of different unions under Companyganj upazila, she added.
Hasina said that AL leaders and workers in Companyganj could not stay at their houses even during Eid vacations due to terrorism unleashed by the pro-government hoodlums.
She alleged that false cases were filed against over 500 leaders and workers of AL and its front organisations in Companyganj to harass them.

Workshop of D-8 states begins in city today

BSS, Dhaka
A three-day International Workshop of D-8 countries on "Sharing Experience and Formulation of Future Strategy for Rural Development" begins in the city today.
Delegates and representatives from D-8 countries - Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Turkey and the host country Bangladesh - will attend the workshop.

1220 more held

BSS, Dhaka
Police recovered 6 firearms, 10 other type of arms and 13 bullets in the countryside police operation during last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.
Two explosives were recovered and 1,200 people, including six alleged identified terrorists arrested over the period, a police headquarters press release said.
Eight people were arrested in connection with the arms and ammunition seizure.

Qulkhwani



Nilufar Huq (44), wife of Md. Jamilul Huq passed away (inna rajoun) on 2nd March. She was suffering from Pancreatic Cancer. She left behind her husband, son Safir Jamil, daughter Reeti Jamil and host of relatives and well-wishers.

Her qulkhwani will be held on Tuesday 5th March after Asr prayers at 2/14, Block-B, Lalmatia. (Ph: 9114918).

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Only short listed candidates will be contacted for interview by 21st March 2002 and expected joining is early 1st week of April 2002.
At present women are under-represented and therefore are particularly encouraged to apply. The appointment will be initially on a contract basis for a period of 21 months with relevant probationary period.

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