

# Announcement of election schedule faulty: Hanif

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Mohammad Hanif yesterday termed the announcement of election schedule for three city corporations 'faulty'.

Without elaborating, he said, "I can't tell you at the moment what the faults are due to some strategic reasons. But you will come to know after a couple of days."

Placing four-point demand, the mayor said he would not contest the election if his demands are not met. The demands are removal of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) MA Syed, release of AL workers and leaders by March 20, withdrawal of 'false' cases against them and an end to harassment of his party's activists.

"We are always pro-election and I am also ready to take part in the fray, provided that the environment is conducive to election," Hanif, who is also an Awami

League leader, said at a press conference at his office in the morning.

The atmosphere is not conducive to election as the AL activists are still facing arrests and repression across the country, he said.

"I demand the removal of CEC because I think he is not neutral,"



Mayor Mohammad Hanif

said Hanif, the first elected mayor of DCC. He also mentioned his party's reservation about the appointment of some advisors to the last caretaker government.

Criticising the Election Commission (EC) for the sudden announcement of the election schedule, Hanif said the EC should have had a discussion with all the political parties on the issue before announcing it.

The DCC Mayor said that 290 leaders and workers of AL and its front organisations have been arrested since the October 1 election and a list of the arrested was handed over to the Home Minister.

Asked about his performance as mayor, he said he was quite successful.

About a mosquito-free Dhaka city, Hanif said, "It is not possible to make the city mosquito-free." He, however, said that the menace of mosquito could be checked.

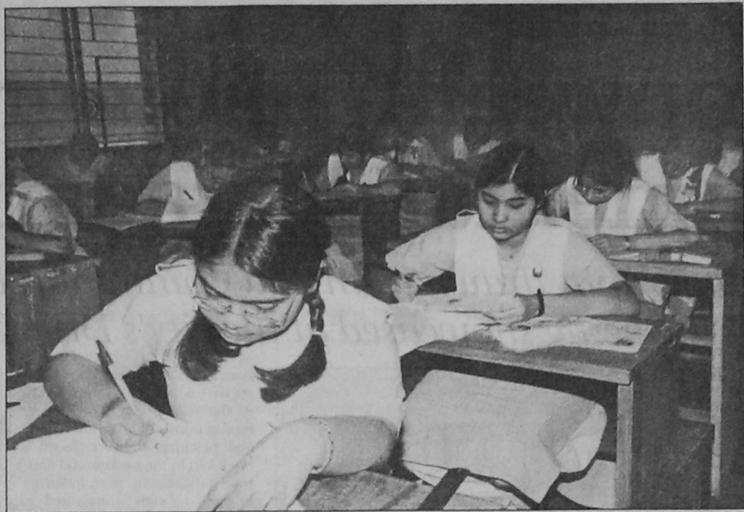


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The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations under the seven education boards in the country began yesterday. This picture was taken from the Willes Little Flower School in the city.

# Timber procurement Issuance of jote permit suspended from today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Minister for Forest and Environment Shahjahan Siraj yesterday declared the issuance of 'jote permit' postponed with effect from today.

The 'jote permit' is needed to procure timbers from the privately owned forests. The minister took the decision as he observed that some vested quarters were engaged in widespread destruction of forests by obtaining such permits illegally.

The minister said that a section of dishonest forest officers was also involved in this evil practice. They won't be spared, he added.

He also directed the official

concerned to implement the ban on hill-cutting strictly and sought cooperation of the conscious people in this regard.

Speaking at a press conference at the circuit house in Chittagong, the minister also said the brick kilns responsible for destruction of forests would be shut down.

In the last two days, the minister himself saw the mindless hill-cutting at different areas of Chittagong and Chittagong Hill Tracts while flying over the areas by a helicopter.

The minister said illegal hill-cutting and destruction of forests must be stopped to protect the ecological balance and to conserve the natural beauty of the hill districts.

The minister urged the conscious people and the journalist community to help put an end to the evil practice of forest destruction.

Replying to a question, the minister said there are 204 brick kilns in Chittagong, but only 59 of them got the permission to collect wood from the forest. And the rest are collecting the wood illegally.

State Minister for Forest and Environment Jafrul Islam Chowdhury, Chief Conservator of Forest (CCF) Anwar Faruq, Director of the Department of Environment (DoE), Ctg Md. Ismail and Additional Divisional Commissioner Nazrul Islam were also present at the press conference.

# Aleem-Al-Razee's death anniversary today

UNB, Dhaka

The 17<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Dr Aleem-Al-Razee, the noted political leader, jurist, educationist and social reformer, will be observed today with due solemnity.

Different voluntary, socio-cultural organisations and educational institutions have taken elaborate programmes to mark the occasion.

Shandhani National Eye Donation Society, Tangail Zila Samity, City Law College, Nagarpur Government College, and Dr Aleem-Al-Razee High School, Lawhati, Tangail arranged discussion meetings on the occasion.

Dr Aleem-Al-Razee Memorial Council members will place wreaths and offer foteha at Razee's grave in Banani, feed the orphans and hold milad mehfil.

President A Q M Badrudduja Chowdhury in a statement paid glowing tributes to Dr Razee's memory. The President recalled Dr Razee's heroic role in establishing the rule of law in the country.

# Use proper technology in developing projects

## President tells engineers

BSS, Dhaka

President A Q M Badrudduja Chowdhury yesterday asked the engineers to use appropriate technology in development projects in line with the country's situation.

"You must ensure optimum utilisation of water resources to augment farm production and avoid use of costly technologies as far as possible," the President told the engineers describing them as the 'builders of dream'.

The President was speaking at the "Conference Dinner" of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) on the concluding day of its four-day annual conference.

Water Resources Minister L K Siddique attended the dinner. Engineer Monowar Hossain, General Secretary of Dhaka Centre of IEB, Khan Monzur Murshed, Dr Engineer M A K Azad, outgoing

general secretary and president of IEB spoke on the occasion.

The president said the engineers of developing countries like Bangladesh must prioritise problems and take appropriate measures to overcome those.

He advised the engineers to adopt foreign technology in line with our socio economic situation and stressed the need for setting up proper research institutes to meet our need.

He asked the engineers to select the right type of technology that could turn the country's huge manpower into human resources.

He said the engineers must also keep in mind the need to utilise all available resources for development.

Referring to the ways of raising the standard of engineering profession, the President said they should attend refresher courses

and acquaint themselves with the fast changing science and technology of the world.

He expressed the hope that the engineers would be able to contribute significantly in the development of the country.

The engineers through their coordinated efforts for proper use of man, material and money will keep their mark in the society, the President said.

# 'Diversity is spirit & strength of Commonwealth'

BSS, Dhaka

President A Q M Badrudduja Chowdhury yesterday said diversity is the spirit and strength of Commonwealth and efforts should be made so that diversity among nations is maintained in the interests of member states.

Diversity is one of the Commonwealth's basic tenets and could be seen in areas such as culture, history, race, religion and ethnicity, the President said while inaugurating a seminar on "Celebrating Diversity" at Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM) in the city.

Organised by Commonwealth Society of Bangladesh (CSB), the seminar was held to mark Commonwealth Day which fell on March 11.

Chaired by Prof Muzaffar Ahmad, president of CSB, the inaugural session was addressed by Reaz Rahman, State Minister for Foreign Affairs and Tanvir Nawaz Khan, secretary general of CSB. Prof Imtiaz Ahmed of Dhaka University read out keynote paper on the occasion.

# BCS (Judiciary) Assoc protests attack on Ctg court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Civil Service (Judiciary) Association (BCSA) protested the attack on the judge and employees of First Labour Court, Chittagong and demanded exemplary punishment of the attackers.

At a meeting on Wednesday, the BCSA called upon the authorities concerned to take necessary steps for the security of judges.

The meeting stressed the need for deploying sufficient number of police personnel during the trial.

Lauding the government step for posting security guards at the residences of the District and Sessions Judges of Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet, the meeting called for providing such facilities for all district judges.

The association also appreciated the government initiative to provide car to the Judges of Special Judge Court and called for same facility for the judges of Women and Child Repression Court immediately.

Held at the conference room of Dhaka District and Sessions Judge, the meeting was chaired by Siddiqur Rahman Mia, District and Sessions Judge of Dhaka and president of BCSA.

# CU 22nd batch reunion today

CU CORRESPONDENT

A reunion of the 22nd batch of Chittagong University (CU) will be held at the Chittagong Club today. Eminent scientist Prof. Jamal Nazrul Islam will be the chief guest.

A blood donation programme, tea party, recollection of past memories, raffle draw and cultural function will highlight the reunion.



PHOTO: STAR

The residents of Khilgaon brought out a procession in the city yesterday in support of Mirza Abbas, an aspirant for the post of mayor, (left) while Kafur Ithana BNP marched through the street demanding that Sadeq Hossain Khoka be nominated as a candidate in the mayoral election.

# DU students submit memo to VC

DU CORRESPONDENT

Students of the Dhaka University staged a sit-in in front of the Vice-Chancellor's office yesterday to press home their four-point demand including relocation of the proposed construction site for Centre for Persian Language Studies.

The students, under a banner of 'Students Unity Against Unplanned Installation' (SUAUI), have been staging protests for several days as the centre will be built on the open space between the central library and DUCSU Building at the cost of the campus environment.

As many as 19 trees are to be chopped down to make room for the centre.

The students also submitted a memorandum to the VC in support of their demands.

In the memorandum, the students threatened to launch a tough movement involving 28,000 students of the university if the authorities do not shift the construction site.

They also urged the authorities to find a suitable site for the construction and spare the green space on the campus.

The students also announced they would keep a vigil on the site today as they think that the construction workers may cut down the trees on the weekly holiday.

They will also hold a protest programme in the afternoon today.

The students urged all the students, teachers and employees of the university to take part in the programme.

# Obituary

Md Abdul Latif of West Raja Bazar in the city passed away on March 11 at his residence after prolonged illness at the age of 85, says a press release.

Qulkhwani and milad mahfil for the deceased will be held today after Asr prayers at his residence at his 65/B, West Raja Bazar.

# Alhaj Zaker Hossain

Ex-Officer of BIRDEM Alhaj Zaker Hossain of Dumuria upazila under Noakhali district breathed his last yesterday. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University at the age of 64, says a press release.

His nama-e-janaja will be held at Gulbagh Jame Mosque in the city today after Jumma prayers.

He will be buried at his family graveyard at Senbag. He left behind his wife, three sons, one daughter, three brothers, two sisters and grandsons and grand daughters to mourn his death.

# DHAKA TODAY

## Meeting

A meeting of the BNP National Committee for Observance of Independence and National Day will be held with its convenor and party secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: BNP Dhaka City office. Time: 4.30pm.

farmers' chain and discussion meeting to mark the Farmers' Killing Day. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3.00pm.

## Seminar

LasComp Dhaka Centre will organise a seminar on 'IT Career in Networking'. Venue: H&A-Ka, R#13 (New) 30 (Old), Dhanmondi. Time: 10.00am

## Workshop

Green Valley Shelter will organise a workshop titled 'Woman at work, Reality versus Practice' on the occasion of International Women's Day. Venue: Gulshan Club. Time: 10.00am.

## AGM and Election

The annual general meeting of Bangladesh Scout and Guide Fellowship and the election of the Central Executive Committee will be held. Venue: National Scout Bhaban, Kakrail. Time: 6.00pm.

## Dhaka meet

A four-day Dhaka Meet organised by Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad will begin. Venue: BIAM auditorium, 63 New Eskaton. Time: 4.00pm.

# DHAKA TOMORROW

## Rally

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will organise a colourful rally in observance of the 82nd birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Venue: In front of National Press Club. Time: 11.20am.

## Seminar

The Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) will organise a seminar on 'Bangladesh: Development Challenges and Opportunities'. Venue: IDB Bhaban, Argagaon. Time: 9.30am.

## Memorial meeting

A memorial meeting will be held to pay homage to the memory of eminent economist Dr. Abdul Gafur. Venue: Liberation War Museum. Time: 4.30pm.

## Inauguration

The inaugural ceremony of the Centre for Bangladesh Cultural Studies will be held with Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Lecture Theatre Building. Time: 12.30pm.

## Farmers' chain

Bangladesh Krishak League will form



# Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi division and the regions of Tangail, Mymensingh and Sylhet today.

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country during the period. Met Office said predicting day temperature nearly unchanged over the country.

Country's highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore, Chuadanga and Rangamati and the lowest 14.4 degree at Sitakunda.

The sun set in the capital today at 6.08 pm and rises tomorrow at 6.07 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.0	19.7	42	31
Chittagong	33.8	20.2	56	56
Rajshahi	34.6	17.2	48	32
Khulna	34.0	19.4	61	44
Barisal	33.5	18.6	70	50
Sylhet	31.3	17.8	56	51

# Qulkhwani

BSS, Dhaka

The qulkhwani of industrialist K A Sattar will be held after Asr prayers today at his residence at House 11, Road 11, Gulshan here, family sources said.

A leading industrialist and former president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) Sattar died at the BIRDEM Hospital on Tuesday at the age of 83.

# Death anniversary

The first death anniversary of Emdadul Haq will be observed today, says a press release. He died of cancer on this day last year.

A Doa Mahfil will be held at his residence Chowdhury Lodge at East Guptapara in Rangpur today to mark the day.

# RHD Auction Notice (2nd Call)

- Auction Notice No : 01/EE/RHD/Netrakona/2001-2002.
- Name of work : Auction for different shops, houses, tree at Netrakona-Kamalakanda Road at 6th KM of Desher Bridge approach road under Netrakona Road Division, during the year 2001-2002.

Description of auction	Book Value	Time allowed	Eligibility of boder	Rate of schedule
Shops, houses, tree	Tk. 22,16,336.80	7 (Seven) days of work order	Personnel/ Organisation	Tk. 520/= (Five hundred twenty) only.
3. Name of offices availability of auction documents	Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Mymensingh/Tangail/Jamalpur/Sherpur/Kishoreganj/Dhaka/Planning (Roads & Bridges) Division-1, Dhaka/Planning & Design Divn., Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Netrakona/Kendua/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Netrakona.			
4. Name of offices to receive auction documents	Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka/Addl. Chief Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Mymensingh/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Divn., Netrakona/Mymensingh/Tangail/Jamalpur/Sherpur/Kishoreganj.			
5. Last date of selling auction documents	Up to 20-03-2002 during office hours.			
6. Last date of receipt auction documents	Up to 12-30 PM on 21-03-2002.			
7. Date and time of opening auction documents	At 11-00 AM on 24-03-2002.			

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Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division, Netrakona.

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