

'Hartal to hamper economic activities'

BSS, Dhaka

Business leaders yesterday cautioned all concerned against calling hartal, saying it would slow down the economic activities in the country sparking fears and apprehension of growing political instability among the business community.

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) president Kutubuddin Ahmed told BSS yesterday that BGMEA always protests any action that slows down the economic activities of the country.

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IIUC convocation today

CU CORRESPONDENT

The first convocation of International Islamic University, Chittagong (IIUC) will be held on its permanent campus at Kumira in Chittagong today.

Chancellor of the university President AQM Badruddoja Chowdhury will be present at the function as chief guest while Justice Latifur Rahman, chief advisor to the former caretaker government as convocation speaker.

ouncement by Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina to keep the readymade garments sector out of hartal purview. The sector still would suffer as import, export and transport of garments related goods would be halted during the hartal period," he said.

Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) chairman Sheikh Khan told BSS that although hartal is a democratic right of any political party, it left manifold adverse impacts directly on the bourse, one of the nerve points of the economy. He said "I do not want to sound very politically but hartal certainly creates hardship for us who depend on everyday transaction in their businesses."

Some other leaders at the DSE observed that hartal created fear and apprehension of instability in the market that in turn keep away the investors from the floor of trading. Hartal gives wrong signal both for the local and foreign investors, they said.

Different leaders at Foreign Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FCCI) said local business entrepreneurs might be forced to baulk with hartals that always slowed down economy but the case of foreign investors is much more sensitive.

1038 more held

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Police arrested 1,038 people including six identified terrorists, seized 9 firearms, 4 different type of arms and 68 round bullets from across the country during last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

Housewife beaten to death in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two incidents of unnatural death occurred under Banskhali upazila in the district on Tuesday.

In one incident, a housewife identified as Mostafa Khatun, 24, was reportedly tortured to death by her husband Md. Ilias at Kutuk khil village.

Sources said she was seriously beaten up by her husband for dallying on Sunday night.

As her condition became critical, the husband allegedly poured poison into her mouth and got her admitted into local health complex where she died in the early hours of Tuesday.

The victim's father Md. Ibrahim filed a case in this connection. But none was arrested till filing of this report last evening.

In the other incident, one Zaker Ahmed, 26, was killed in a clash over a land at Sonarkhil on Tuesday morning.

Zaker was an employee of a private bank at Hathazari.

Seminar

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry and SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry jointly organise a seminar on 'Post Doha WTO Negotiations: Future Strategy for SAARC Countries'. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 9.30am.

WASA seminar

Dhaka WASA Diploma Engineers Association organises a seminar on 'The expectations of city dwellers from Dhaka WASA and their fulfillment: Role of the authorities'. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 10.00am.

Conference

The 13th Biennial National Conference-2002, organised by Zoological Society of Bangladesh will be held with Fisheries and Livestock Minister Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: Teacher Student Centre, Dhaka University. Time: 9.30am.

Optical fair

Bangladesh Optical Industries and Traders Association organises its 4th International Optical Fair 2002 with Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Rajmoni Isha Khan. Time: 3.00pm.

General meeting

A general meeting of Jalalabad Association, Dhaka will be held. Venue: Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University. Time: 4.00pm.

DRU meeting

The second meeting of the scrutinising committee of Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) will be held. Venue: DRU Office. Time: 11.00am.

Musical evening

The cultural sub-committee of National Press Club organises a musical evening. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 6.30pm.

DRU meeting

The closing session of the regional workshop on 'Sexual Abuse of Children Beyond Commercial Dimension' will be held. Venue: YWCA Bhaban, Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur. Time: 11.00am.

BFJA award

Bangladesh Film Journalists' Association organises the Film, Television, Music, Dance and Stage Performance Award 2001. Venue: Sheraton Hotel. Time: 4.30pm.

Obituary

Noted music director Yunus Ali died at a clinic in the city on March 25 at the age of 62, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, one son, seven daughters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

Late Yunus Ali retired from Bangladesh Betar as music producer in 1997.

He was buried at Azimpur graveyard after namaj-e-janaza at Noorbagh Jame Mosque in Khilgaon.

Qulhwani of Yunus Ali will be held at his residence at 376/B, Khilgaon, Taltala tomorrow after Asr prayers.

Relatives, colleagues and admirers are requested to attend the qulhwani.

Rahman died on March 25 at his residence at the age of 72.

He is survived by his wife and four sons.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The fourth death anniversary of renowned social worker Abdul Jobbar Master will be observed today at Charkona village under Pakundia thana in Kishoreganj district.

Abdul Jobbar, who was also called Master Shahab, was the founder of Charkona High School.

A *milad mahfil* will be held after Asr prayers on the occasion of the deceased house at village Charkona. Relatives and friends are requested to attend the *milad*.

For Project Director

Masuda Akand

Deputy Project Director

Nat'l Film Policy soon

BSS, Dhaka

Information Minister Tariq Islam yesterday said the government would soon formulate a National Film Policy to induce discipline and creativity in the industry.

"We shall soon formulate a film policy after discussions with the persons involved with the industry to protect the interest of our films and check vulgarity," he said.

The minister was addressing a discussion as the chief guest at Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (FDC) premises jointly organised by FDC and Chalo Chitra Samanoy Parishad to celebrate the Independence and National Day.

The discussion was followed by a cultural function.

Homage to '71 martyrs



Different organisations and individuals place wreaths at the National Memorial at Savar to pay homage to the martyrs of Liberation War on Independence Day on March 26.

PHOTO STAR

Truck with Tk 15 lakh fabrics looted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An organised gang snatched a truckload of imported fabrics worth Tk 14,84,773 from Savar Friday night.

The truck with a shipment of 86 rolls of 100 per cent cotton denim for the Regency Garment Limited was coming from Benapole and was scheduled to offload the fabrics in Chittagong EPZ.

The truck was looted near Hemayetur under Savar thana at about 11:00pm.

The following day, police seized the empty truck near the Joydevpur police camp and found the driver, Suruj, and the helper, Farid, roped to the vehicle.

The clearing and forwarding agent of the garment factory filed a case with Savar Police Station on Saturday.

In the FIR, the agent termed the incident mysterious and he believes that the driver and the helper looted the fabrics with the help of the gang.

The driver and the helper arrested on suspicion gave contradictory statements during interrogation, police said.

Abdul Awal, the clearing and forwarding agent, said the truck's three-hour unnecessary stay on Dhaka-Aricha Highway proved their involvement.

Muktijoddha Sangsad Central Command Council.



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Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are invited from this project pre-qualified 2001-2002 financial year renewed contractors for execution of sanitary & other works of Jessor Youth Training Centre under the project titled "Establishment of Eleven New Youth Training Centres and Development & Finishing the Unfinished Works of Existing Centres" under Directorate of Youth Development.

Tenders will be received at the office chamber of the undersigned, Senior Assistant Secretary (Youth-2), Ministry of Youth & Sports, Building No-7, Room No-724, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka & consultant firm Engineers Consortium Ltd, 870

Shewrapara, Begum Rokeya Road, Dhaka up to 12.00 Noon of 03-04-2002/20-12-1408 BS and the tenders received will be opened on the same day at 12.15 hrs in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers.

Earnest money at the rate 2% of estimated cost should be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank in favour of "Director, Establishment of Youth Training Centre Project, Directorate of Youth Development, Dhaka." Time limit for work is 45 (forty-five) days. Tender terms & conditions and schedule can be purchased by depositing Tk 450/- (four hundred fifty) only (non-refundable) through Bangladesh Bank/Treasury Chalan under "Code No 1/3640/5130/2681" and submitting the original copy of Chalan to the office of the undersigned, Senior Assistant Secretary (Youth-2), Ministry of Youth & Sports, Building No-7, Room No-724, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka & consultant firm, 64/B, Green Road, Dhaka and on production of pre-qualification register & other information known during office hours up to 02-04-2002 by the contractor himself or his representative (his signature attested by the contractor). No tender form will be sold on the date of opening tender. Attested copy of 2001-2002 financial year renewed pre-qualification register & trade licence must be submitted with the tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled outright. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason. Bill will be paid according to estimate approved by head office.

Description of work

Serial No Name of scheme Estimated cost (in Taka) Price of schedule (in Taka) Amount of earnest money (in Taka) Time allowed Class of contractor

1. Construction of Kapasia Agricultural Training Centre under Kapasia upazila of Gazipur district (TTDC) 7,93,256/- 500/- 2.5% of quoted amount 60 days LGED's "special," 'A', 'B', 'C' & project pre-qualified contractors.

2. Prescribed time for toll collection

3. Last date of selling quotation documents (during office hours)

4. Last date of receiving quotation

5. Date & time of opening quotation

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