

11-party protests eviction of slum dwellers'

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Leaders of 11-party yesterday urged the government to stop the eviction of slum dwellers...

At a press conference at the Asad Memorial auditorium in the city, they demanded of the government to construct low-cost housings with connection of wa-

Hindu Bouddha Oikya Parishad confce in Ctg today

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The 5th 'Chittagong Conference' of the Bangladesh Hindu Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad will be held at the Muslim Hall today.

Jyotindra Bodhipriyo Larma (Santu Larma), chairman of the CHT Regional Council, is expected to inaugurate the conference at 2.30pm while Barrister Amir-ul Islam and Major General (ret'd.) CR Dutta Bir Uttam will be present as chief guest and main speaker respectively.

ter, gas and electricity and sell them to the slum dwellers in installation.

The leaders also expressed deep anxiety over the deterioration of law and order situation in the country since the BNP-led four party alliance assumed power six months ago.

Dilip Barua, convener of the 11-party read out a written statement at the press conference protesting the eviction of slum dwellers and the deterioration of law and order in the country.

He said the alliance government has totally failed to maintain law and order as the killing, extortion and repression on women increased alarmingly in last six months.

Dilip Barua noted that both the government and the opposition are debating over the non-issues bypassing the main problems facing the nation. This will only push the country to a deep crisis and unstable situation, he added.

Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Nir-mal Sen, Alhaj Abdus Samad, Bi-mal Biswas, Morshed Ali, AFM Mahbulul Haq, Abu Hamed Shahabuddin, Bazul Rashid Feroz, Sarafat Ali Hira and Saiful Haq were present at the press conference.



The disabled children brought out a procession in the Chittagong city yesterday to mark the National Disabled Day.

British Council donates books to educational instts in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The British Council donated 150 world-famous books to some leading educational institutions of the port city at a simple ceremony at its Chittagong branch yesterday.

The books included classics and autobiography of renowned writers and literateurs, and those of literature, philosophy and history.

The British Council donated the books to the English department of Chittagong University (CU), Chittagong Grammar School (CGS) and the Sunshine Grammar School & College.

Chairman of CU English department Prof. Golam Sarwar Chowdhury, Principal of CGS Iaan Hamson and Principal of Sunshine College Safia Rahman received the books from Julia M. Crocket, Director of the British Council, Chittagong.

Bangladesh Rice Foundation formed

UNB, Dhaka

A new organisation titled 'Bangladesh Rice Foundation' (BRF) was formed with the objective of assisting the rice growers and promoting rice-related activities.

The first annual general meeting (AGM) of the BRF was held on Monday at the Dhaka office of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI).

The AGM elected a 14-member Board of Trustees and later on the board elected former finance minister M Syeduzaman as its chairman and former education secretary M Irshadul Haq vice-chairman.

Former IRRI representative to Bangladesh, Dr Sadiqul Islam Bhuiyan, has been elected treasurer, Mazharul Haq, executive director and Dr Nazmul Huda, secretary of the foundation.

Other members of the BRF Board of Trustees are - Maj Gen (ret'd) Amjad Khan Chowdhury, Dr Jubaida Khatoon, Khalid Shams, Tahrunnessa Abdullah, Prof AM Muazzem Hussain, Dr MA Mannan, Dr Zeba Islam Seraj, Dr M Shahjahan and journalist Reaz Ahmed, says a press release.

Attack on Christians Arrest of culprits demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the Sammilito Samajik Andolan (SSA) yesterday demanded that the culprits involved in attacks on the Christians in different parts of the country be arrested immediately.

'The government must take necessary steps to put an end to the repression on the minority communities to strengthen democracy in the country,' said Pankaj Bhattacharyya at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium in the city yesterday.

The organisation presented a report on such incidents at the press conference. The leaders of the organisation prepared the report after visiting Kamalapur village in Savar, Fozilozana village in Pabna and Ichhakathi village in Barisal where the incidents of attacks took place.

About 60 families, including 10 Christian families of Kamalapur in Savar, are still passing their days in panic as the local hoodlums who attacked the Christian families on March 7 were not arrested as yet, the leaders said.

They alleged that Shaikat Ali, Sentu Mia and their gang in Bhabanipur village attacked the Christian families, beat up male

members of the families and tried to rape some women. The gang also attacked another 50 Muslim families when they tried to resist the hoodlums.

Despite a case filed with the Savar police, the main culprits are roaming scot-free and even threatening to oust the Christian families from the village, said Chowdhury Khurshid Alam, a leader of SSA, at the press conference.

He also said the masterminds of the attacks in other two areas were not arrested till now. 'To make things worse, police are harassing the victims and complainants by implicating them in false cases.'

Alam said the main accused were roaming freely and threatening the victims and other Muslims who sympathise with the victims. He urged the government to bring the culprits to book and withdraw false cases against the victims.

He also called for ensuring security to the minority communities.

Among others, Ajay Ray, president of SSA, and Samududolaha, a former MP, were present at the press conference.



An agreement was signed between LGED, WFP and two NGOs in the city on Tuesday for imparting training on health, nutrition and education and various income generating activities to 3,000 destitute women. Shahidul Hassan, Chief Engineer, LGED, Peter Dijkhuizen, Country Representative, WFP and Ram Saravanamuttu, Chief Operations Implementation Service, WFP, are seen in the picture.

BFUJ, DUJ ultimatum to BSS authorities

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) have given a 7-day ultimatum to the BSS authorities to reinstate the nine terminated journalists.

'We will launch vigorous movement to oust the BSS Managing Director if the dismissed journalists are not reinstated within the period,' the union leaders said at a meeting held here yesterday.

The union leaders have strongly condemned the deployment of police in BSS office and putting the office under lock and key. 'None would be able to foil the movement of journalist community by putting the office under lock and key or by forces,' they said.

Earlier, they laid a siege to the office of the BSS Managing Director.

DU exams rescheduled

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka University authorities have announced fresh schedule for 2nd and 3rd year BA/BSS (honours) examinations under the faculties of Arts and Social Science.

Examinations of 2nd year BA and BSS (honours) will begin on June 16 while 3rd year BA and BSS (honours) on August 27, said a DU press release.

Death Anniversary

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Today is the third death anniversary of Alhaj Dr. Captain Abul Quasem, member of former Ganapari and Jatya Sangsad and close associate of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, says a press release.

On this occasion, Quasem will be held at his graveyard at Katalganj Boro Masjid graveyard under Panchbilh Upazila, Chittagong in the morning and milad-mahfil at his residence at Panchbilh Residential Area after Asr prayers.

DHAKA TODAY

Meeting: The 12th meeting of Bangladesh-Japan Joint Committee for Commercial and Economic Cooperation... Discussion: Odhakar with the support of the Norwegian Human Rights Fund...

Conference: The 10th National Conference of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad will be held with former chief advisor of the care-taker government Justice Habibur Rahman as chief guest... Rally: Sammilita Sangskritik Jote organises a rally to protest the siege of Palestine...

Certificate awarding ceremony: The certificate awarding and closing ceremony of the training programme on 'Environmental Laws and Court Proceedings'... Baul music: Alliance Francaise organises a Baul Music Concert by Baul Shahjahan Miah...

Musical evening: Bangladesh Rabintra Sangeet Shipi, Sangstha organises a musical evening... Exhibition: A national exhibition on 'Solar Energy Technology'...

Workshop: A workshop on 'Oil Spill Impact and Response Management Programme'... Dialogue: A national roundtable dialogue on 'Problem of Garment Workers and Industry: Towards Strategic Response'...

VOA transmission: The inaugural ceremony of the transmission of VOA broadcasting on the FM radio band will be held with Information Minister Tanjil Islam as chief guest... Workshop: A workshop on 'Professional Development Needs in the Energy Sector and Environment Protection'...

Reception: Nougan Zila Samity, Dhaka organises a reception in honour of the Deputy Speaker, the State Minister for Works and Housing and other MPs elected from the district... Photo exhibition: A solo photo exhibition of Fazul Karim titled 'Alochhayar Bhubane'...



Suraiya Farashuddin, wife of Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, President, Board of Directors and Founder Vice-Chancellor of East West University, handing over a cheque for Tk five lakh to Syed Manzur Elahi, Treasurer of the university, for its Mehdalalon Fund.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna division today.

West-northwesterly kalbaishakhi squalls speeding 60-80 KPH or more may occur at places over the regions of Rajshahi, Bogra, Rangpur, Pabna, Dinajpur, Mymensingh, Tangail, Dhaka, Faridpur, Khulna, Barisal, Patuakhali, Noakhali, Comilla, Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Sylhet during next 18 hours commencing 4pm yesterday.

Slight rise in day temperature is expected over the country. Met offices said.

Country's highest temperature 29.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and Patuakhali and the lowest 16.3 degree at Kutubdia.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.16 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.47 am.

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

Table with 3 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

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