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Awami League brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting Israeli attack on Palestine.

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Jatiyatabadi Bastuhara Dal burnt effigy of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in the city yesterday.

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Oil, Gas and Port Protection Committee brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting move to set up private container terminal in Chittagong.

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Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury speaking as chief guest at a roundtable on "problems of garments workers" in the city yesterday.

Journalist Khairul Anam dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Khairul Anam, special correspondent of Daily Ittefaq died at a city hospital yesterday at the age of 58.

He fell seriously ill a month ago and was admitted to Samorita Hospital where he died at 2.00pm.

He is survived by his wife, one son and a daughter.

The first namaj-e-janaza for Anam will be held at Ittefaq office in the morning followed by another at the National Press Club. The third janaza will be held at Gopibagh Mosque after Juma prayers.

He will be buried at Gopibagh graveyard.

Khairul Anam in his illustrated career in journalism joined the Ittefaq as Lahore correspondent and since then he worked with the newspaper for more than 30 years. He was also the chief reporter of Ittefaq.

Hasina condoles death

UNB adds: Awami League President Sheikh Hasina expressed profound shock at the death of Khairul Anam.

She prayed for salvation of the departed soul and conveyed her sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

BFUJ, DUJ

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) president Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and secretary general Akhter Ahmed Khan, and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) president Kazi Rafiq and general secretary Mollah Jalal in separate condolence messages have expressed deep shock at the death of Khairul Anam.

They said the death of Anam is an irreparable loss for the nation.They also prayed for salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Anowara Haq

UNB, *Dhaka*

Anowara Haq, mother of M Anwarul Haq, special correspondent of The Daily Star and former president of Dhaka Reporters Unity, died of old age ailment in the city yesterday. She was 75.

Wife of late Prof Shamsul Haq, Anowara Haq left behind three sons, several grandchildren and a host of admirers.

Her Namaz-e-janaza was held at Eskaton Garden Mosque.

Her body has been kept at BIRDEM and will be buried at Banani graveyard after the return of one of her sons from abroad.

Jobeda Khatun

Al-haj Jobeda Khatun, wife of late Nasir Sarker died at the National Institute of Cardio Vascular Disease in Dhaka on April 3 at the age of 73, says a press release.

Her Namaj-e-janaza will be held at Baitul Mokarram Mosjid today after Juma prayers. She will be buried at their own graveyard at Sakhipur, Shariatpur on the same day.

Her Qulkhwani will be held at Shakhipur on April 7 after Zohr prayers.

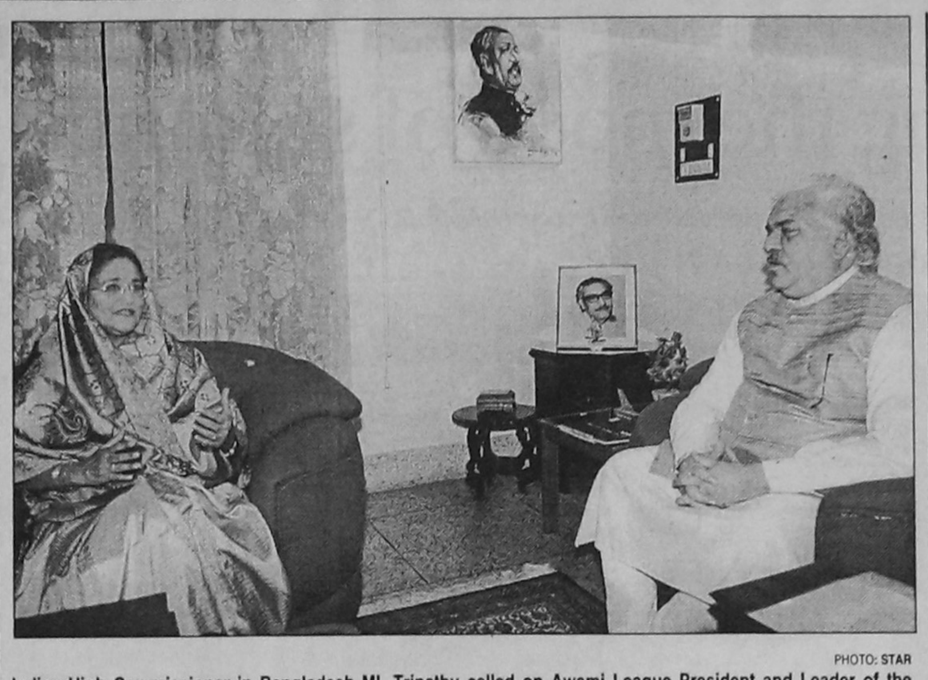

PHOTO: STAR

Indian High Commissioner in Bangladesh ML Tripathy called on Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her Shudha Sadan residence in the city yesterday.

Call to shun hartal culture

BSS, *Chittagong*

Leaders of different trade and professional bodies in the port city have called upon the political parties to shun 'hartal culture' and find out alternative means of political agitation.

Talking to BSS, they appealed to the politicians not to use such 'deadly political weapon' any longer as the country's economy is not in a position to bear any more damage.

Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) President Farid Ahmed Chowdhury has said that hartal can do no good, rather it causes too much damage to our economy and contributes to the deterioration of law and order.

He called upon the Awami League leaders to withdraw their hartal call for April 6 and said: "It's unfortunate that Awami League is going to enforce hartal again ignoring the announcement on this issue made by Sheikh Hasina in the parliament when she was the prime minister."

Reiterating the rigid stand of the CCCI against hartal, Chowdhury said shutdowns would only alienate the political parties from people instead of mobilising support for them.

Renowned industrialist and Chittagong Stock Exchange President Mirza Salman Ispahani urged the politicians to find out other means of protest instead of hartal so that the business community could smoothly run their businesses.

He stressed the need for 'systematic dialogue' between the political parties in this regard and said: "We are less concerned about politics but keen on welfare of the economy and the country."

Chairman of the Wages Consultative Committee, Chittagong Zone of Bangladesh Employers Federation, Salahuddin Quasem Khan said hartal definitely has a serious negative impact on the economy, particularly in such a situation when some vital sectors are in downtrend.

Hartal gives us only political unrest, deterioration of law and order and violence – all such things that harm investment and smooth production and project a negative image of the country abroad, he said.

Khan, also a leading business figure of the country, hoped that good sense would prevail upon the politicians and economic agenda would be given top priority by whoever is in power.

Chairman of the Port and Shipping Standing Committee of FBCCI Tarek Anis Ahmed believes that hartal has become an insignificant political weapon and so parties should solve their problems inside the parliament, not in the streets.

President of the C&F Agents Association M Salimullah said hartal is like a suicidal act in an underdeveloped country. He called upon the political leaders to make a public announcement that they would give up the 'hartal culture', whatever be their position.

He also pointed out that if calling hartal is a democratic right, not observing hartal is also a democratic right.

Former CCCI President Engineer Ali Ahmed said people are always against hartal, but unfortunately it is imposed by the parties ignoring public opinion.

Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) First Vice President Ershad Ullah said strike hits garments industry by many ways although the sector is exempted from strike. Because, he said, in the absence of transport movement and port operation, the production of the sector faces major interruption.

Bangladesh Master Stevedores Association (BMSA) Chairman Alhaj A H M Manzur Alam said cargo-loaded ships remain idle during hartals for which they have to pay huge foreign currency as a demurrage to the ship owners.

He blamed the former prime minister for deviation from her commitment in this regard.

President of Women Entrepreneurs Monwara Hakim Ali proposed a law on the basis of broad-based national consensus with the provision of prohibiting hartal for at least 20 years.

General Secretary of Port Truck Owners Association Alhaj Zahur Ahmed said hartal causes irreparable damage to the economy. He said politicians should take lessons from Malaysia and Indonesia about how they achieved tremendous progress within a short time.

Four Keraniganj AL leaders get anticipatory bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The High Court on Monday granted anticipatory bail to four leaders of Keraniganj upazila Awami League in a criminal case.

The case was filed with Keraniganj thana on January 14.

The bench comprising Justice MA Aziz and Justice Momtaz Uddin Ahmed granted bail till submission of the police report.

The court also asked police not to harass or arrest the accused during the period.

The accused are Hazi Mohammad Abu Siddique, Mohammad Sakur Hossain Saku, Mohammad Taher Ali and Mohammad Ansar Uddin.

The court further issued a rule upon the government to show cause why the four AL leaders should not be granted anticipatory bail.

Barrister M Zahir moved the petition on behalf of the accused.

Capt Quamruzzaman's body yet to be brought home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The body of Captain Quamruzzaman, who died in Sierra Leon while working in UN peace keeping mission, is yet to be brought home even after two weeks.

The bewildered family members have been waiting every day for his body expressing only frustration over the delay.

Captain Quamruzzaman, a young officer of the artillery regiment, was injured seriously in a road accident at Water Lue in Sierra Leon on March 21 along with three other soldiers.

He succumbed to his injuries on way to hospital in Dakar, the capital of Senegal. He was taking there for better treatment.

Although bodies of other victims in the accident were brought home within a few days, his body is still in the hospital in Dakar, family sources said.

When contacted, Lt Col Jamal Uddin at MO Directorate said the arrival of the body of Quamruzzaman may be further delayed due to what he said lengthy procedures in Senegal.

Asked if any special efforts are being made by the Bangladesh Army to bring his body quickly, he said "The local procedures cannot be bypassed."

On being insisted how long will it take to complete the formalities, he said "We hope the body can be brought back within a week."

Asked if the body of the late captain has to be taken to Sierra Leone where he served, Jamal Uddin replied " Possibly the body will be flown back by commercial flight direct from Senegal."

"Although an officer of Bangladesh Army died during a peace keeping mission in distant Sierra Leone two weeks ago, there are no signs that the army authorities are making any efforts to bring his body for burial with honour", said family sources.

Capt Quamruzzaman, 31, went on the peace keeping mission on March 2 to enhance the dignity of the country. But his untimely death has left his family in utter distress.

He married Rehana Zaman Liza, a first year honours student of Eden Girls College in October last. Liza fainted and remained unconscious for several days after hearing the death news of her husband.

Captain Quamruzzaman was the youngest among the four sons of late A S M Abdus Sattar, a retired government officer who died three years back.

The bereaved mother and wife are now waiting only to have a last look at the body before the burial.

Captain Quamruzzaman was born in a respectable Muslim family of Pirojpur in 1971. He joined the army and got commission in 1992 after completing Higher School Certificate (HSC) examination from Notre Dame College.

The members of his family expected that Quamruzzaman's body would arrive yesterday but after waiting for hours in futile hopes they rang up Army Headquarters for some message but there was hardly any response from there.

Family members said some of the colleagues of Quamruzzaman visited them to express their shock but no ranking officer nor the Chief of Army Staff visited his family to express condolence.

DHAKA TODAY

Council

A special council session of Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad will be held with Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 9.30am.

Seminar

The College of General Practitioners of Bangladesh (BCGP) organises a seminar on Heart Disease. Venue:

BCGP Lecture auditorium, 215/A Outer Circular Road, Bara Magbazar. Time: 9.00am.

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. Venue: Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, Khamarbari, Farmgate. Time: 4.00pm.

Photo exhibition

A solo photo exhibition of Fazlul Karim titled 'Alochhayar Bhubane', organised jointly by National Bank Ltd. and the Shilpakala Academy, will begin with Education Minister Dr. M. Osman Farukh as chief guest. Venue: Shilpakala Academy Gallery. Time: 4.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till April 10 from 2.00pm to 8.00pm daily.

Film show

Under its Friday Movies Programme, Alliance Francaise will screen two films titled 'Germinal' and 'Diva'. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 10.30am and 6.00pm respectively.

Art exhibition

The 7th solo Graphics Art Exhibition of artist Md. Mohibul Islam will begin with Science and Information and Communication Technology Minister Dr. Moyeen Khan as chief guest. Venue: Alliance Francaise Gallery

Get-together

The annual get-together of Management Net, an organisation of the old students of Management Department of Dhaka University will be held. Venue: Business Studies Conference Room. Time: 9.30am.

Reception

Siddheswari Girls College will accord a reception to visiting Rotarians from India and the UK. Venue: College auditorium, Baily Road. Time: 3.30pm.

Music concert

International School Dhaka organises a Music Concert by Tofail Ahmed. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 6.30pm

Award giving ceremony

The second award giving ceremony of Mohammad Modabber- Hosne Ara Smriti Sangsad will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: Afternoon.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, *Dhaka*

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

Day temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country, Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature 33.5 degree celsius was recorded yesterday at Khepupara and the lowest 17.0 degree at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:16 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:46 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.0	18.6	67	58
Chittagong	31.4	17.3	57	64
Rajshahi	29.8	19.5	80	67
Khulna	31.0	18.0	90	73
Barisal	31.7	19.0	87	58
Sylhet	30.4	17.5	64	63
Cox's Bazar	31.5	19.5	67	77

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet

PWD Notice Inviting Tender

Tender No 30/EM/2001-2002

Sealed tenders are invited in BD Form No 2911 for the undermentioned work as per terms and conditions stated below:

1. Name of work : Providing Split Type Air-Cooler i/c Renovation, Addition & Alteration of Internal E/I to VVIP Suite of Cottage at Circuit House, Sylhet.
2. Estimated cost : Tk 3,36,431/- only.
3. Earnest money : Tk 6,730/- only.
4. Time allowed for completion of work : 30 (thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
5. Price of tender schedule : (Tk 400/- + 25/-) 425/- only per set.
6. Place of selling & receiving tender : Office of the undersigned & office of all Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Sylhet.
7. Date of selling tender : During office hours up to 10.4.2002.
8. Eligibility of contractors/firms to compete in the tender:
   A) All classes of approved electrical/ mechanical contractors of PWD as per their financial limit (having valid ABC/ BC/C contractor's and supervisory licence).
   B) Intending tenderers must VAT registration certificate.
   C) Attested copy of VAT registration, TIN certificate & original money receipt to enclose along with the tender.
9. Date of receiving & opening of tender : Up to 12-00 Noon on 11.04.2002 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM.
10. Lottery (Applicable where necessary) : Lottery will be held on 18.04.2002 at 12-30 PM in the office of the undersigned in presence of intending tenderers who may like to remain present at the time of lottery.
11. Due to unavoidable circumstances (if any) receiving & lottery date shall be shifted to the tender immediate next working day.
12. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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Executive Engineer
Sylhet PWD Division, Sylhet

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Directorate of Women's Affairs
37/3, Eskaton Garden Road, Dhaka

Memo No DWA/ATPCRW/Jirani/15/94/207 Dated: 27.3.2002

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders subject to the undermentioned terms & conditions in own letterhead pad are invited from Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co Ltd enlisted contractors for installation of gas line from internal gas line at newly constructed barrack/dormitory for poultry workers and transfer of 6 single burner stoves from old barrack to newly constructed barrack of "Agro-based Training & Production Centre for Rural Women" run on self-finance at Jirani, Savar under Directorate of Women's Affairs. The distance of new/old barrack from internal main gas line is more/less 100 feet.

Description of work:

A) Installation of gas line & gas connection from internal gas line to poultry workers' new barrack/dormitory.
B) Transfer of 6 single burner stoves from old barrack to newly constructed barrack & refitting.
C) The estimated cost of the work is Tk 60,000/- (sixty thousand) only.

Terms & conditions:

1) Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of the quoted amount should be deposited with the tender in favour of "ABRDP for Women, DWA."
2) Up-to-date papers/documents in support of Titas Gas Co Ltd. enlistment & up-to-date trade licence should be submitted with tender.
3) Contractor shall have to bear security/bank deposit & materials including all other expenses in this regard.
4) Contractor is requested to attend the local office & inspect all aspects of work on the spot prior to submitting tender and then submit tender.
5) Tender will be received at local office & head office up to 10.04.2002 till 2-00 PM and opened at 3-00 PM by the tender committee in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers.
6) Should be able to finish the work within 30 (thirty) days of issuing work order.
7) The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

Director General
Directorate of Women's Affairs
Dhaka

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Study in UK

Credit transfer-এর সুবিধা সহ যে কোন বিষয়ে IELTS, TOEFL ছাড়া ভর্তি। যারা ইন্টারভিউ দেতে পেয়েছেন বা নতুন ভাবে আবেদন করতে চাচ্ছেন তাদের ভিসা এবং পেশাগত প্রস্তুতির এর ব্যাপারে ইনফরমেশন/ Visa Councilling এর মাধ্যমে সার্বিক সহযোগিতা করা হয়। সার্ভিস চার্জ ভিসা হওয়ার পরে।

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Bangladesh Power Development Board

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বিদ্যুৎ চালিত সেচপাম্প বন্ধ রাখুন।

Tender Notice

Name of office: Office of the Executive Engineer, PC Pole Construction Plant, PD, Aricha, Manikganj. Name of work: 1) Supply of track side gear box of two bridge cranes, 2) Supply of resistance plate for speed control of motors of different types cranes, 3) Supply of electrical goods for fledge making machine, bar cutting machine & pole carrying trolley. Eligibility of contractor: 1) PDB's 2000-2001 enlisted A&B class contractors & bonafide supplier firms with past experience of such work, for 2 & 3 PDB's 2000-2001 enlisted A, B & C class contractors & past experienced bonafide supplier firms: a) Firm ownership affidavit, b) Authorisation with specimen signature in case of purchasing tender through representative other than the owner, c) VAT registration, d) Trade licence, e) TIN/Tax certificate, requisite papers. Estimated cost: 1) Open tender, 2) Open tender, 3) Open tender. Price of tender: Tk 1) 600/=, 2) 300/=, 3) 200/= only per set (non-refundable) to be deposited in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of "Deputy Director (Accounts), ZAO (P&CO), PDB, Dhaka. Place and date of getting tender: Tender can be purchased from Chief Engineer, Civil Work, PDB, 1, A Gani Road, Biddut Bhaban, Dhaka/Director, Civil Works, PDB, 1, A Gani Road, Biddut Bhaban, Dhaka/Manager, Agrani Bank, Arichaghat Branch, Manikganj up to 10-04-2002. Date of receiving & opening tender: At the said offices (except bank), at the office of the undersigned up to 12-00 Noon of 11-04-2002 & tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence (if any) of the attending tenderers. Other terms & conditions of tender mentioned in the schedule and all rules & regulations of PDB's tender must be complied with properly.

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Executive Engineer
PC Pole Construction Plant
PDB, Aricha, Manikganj.