

Govt urged to impose more tax on tobacco

BSS, Dhaka

Anti-smoking campaigner ADU-NIK yesterday urged the government to impose more taxes on tobacco products in the coming budget to help reduce their uses as smoking and other tobacco items causes deadly diseases including 23 types of cancers.

"If more taxes are imposed on tobacco, the poor people will get more relief from tax burden and the country will be able to save huge money spent for treating cancer patients," National Prof. Nurul Islam, President of ADU-NIK told newsmen at a press conference at Latifa Press Club.

ADU-NIK's Vice President and President of 'Coalition Against Tobacco' (CAT) Amanullah Khan

and Chief Editor United News of Bangladesh (UNB) Enayeturrahman Khan also spoke at the press conference.

The organisation arranged the press conference ahead of the World Tobacco Free Day-2002 to be observed on May 31 by World Health Organisation (WHO) across the globe.

The aim of the day is to create awareness among people about the harmful effects of tobacco to human body. The theme of this year is "tobacco free sports: Play it clean." WHO has chosen the slogan as the tobacco companies are sponsoring a different sports programs around the world for alluring sports fans particularly the young generation to smoking.

"Please stop patronisation and

circulation of tobacco advertisements in media through enacting laws," Prof. Islam requested the government.

Terming tobacco as the largest killer in the world, the veteran physician said tobacco related diseases kill about four million people around the globe annually.

Replying to a question Prof. Islam said country's eminent journalist SM Ali Shipacharya Joybul Abedin and comedian Rabibul died of cancer caused by smoking.

He suggested to shift the tobacco factories outside the capital because many people living in DOHS area have been suffering from breathing problems as the weather of the area is polluted by the tobacco factory located there.

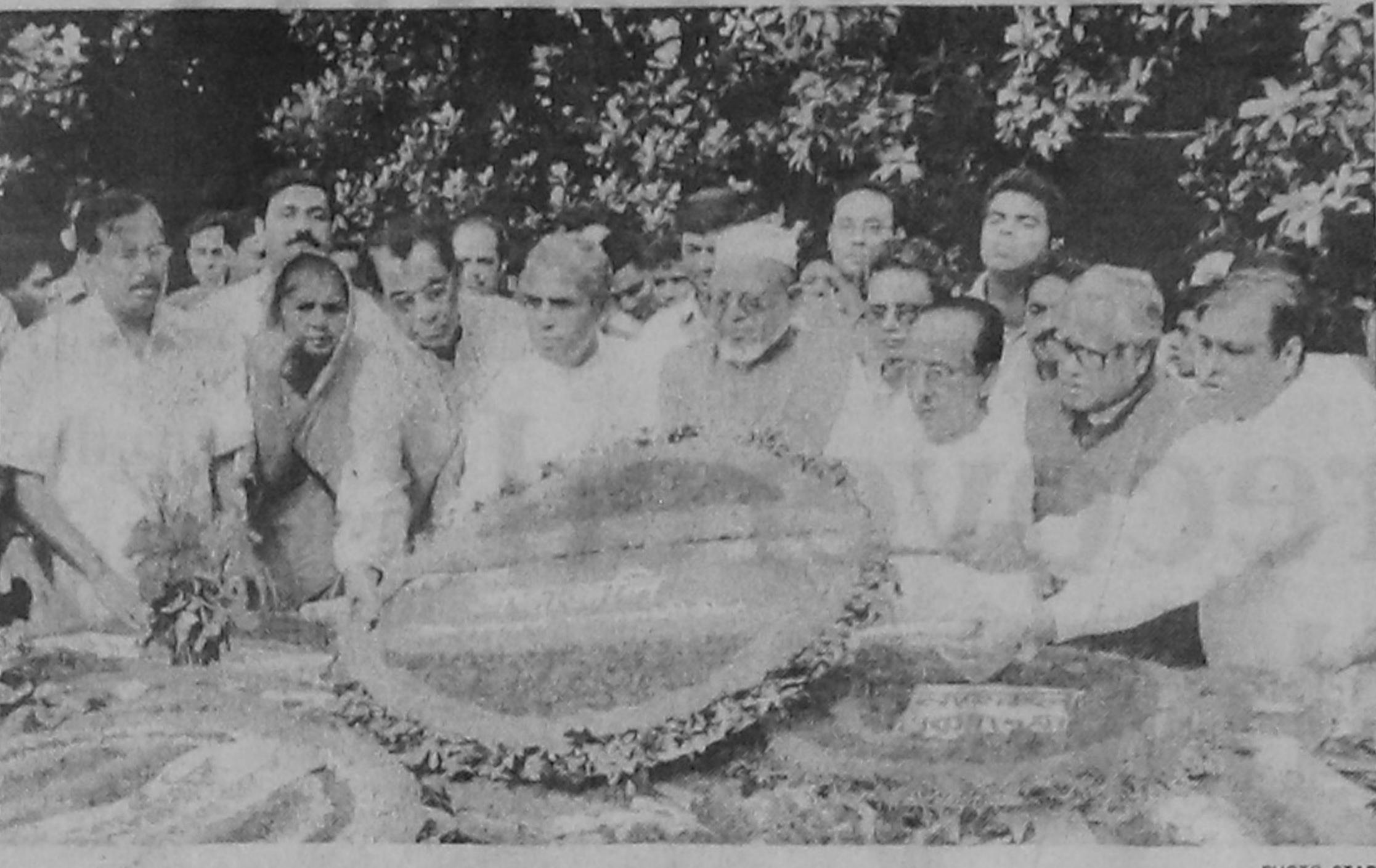


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The Awami League leaders placing wreaths at the mazar of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam in the city yesterday on the occasion of his 103rd birth anniversary.



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Prof Nurul Islam speaking at a press conference on 'World No Tobacco Day' at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Three policemen closed in N'ganj

UNB, N'ganj

Three police constables of Fatullah thana of the district have been closed for negligence to duty and sent to the police lines following a dacoity in Shashong area on Friday night.

The constables were identified as Abdul Kalam, Selim and Habib.

Police sources said an armed gang of 7-8 people committed dacoity in the house of former industrialist Badruddin Ahmed

late at night after confining the family members in a bathroom on gunpoint.

On information, police put up a barricade to intercept the dacoits. But the gang managed to flee pushing away a police jeep ignoring several rounds of gunshots fired by the policemen.

A case has been lodged with Fatullah police.

Six months back, another dacoity was committed in the same house.

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All other terms and conditions mentioned in the notice shall remain as before.

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GD-445 Dhaka.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION (Statutory Original Jurisdiction)

COMPANY MATTER NO. 53 OF 2002

IN THE MATTER OF:

An application under Section 12 read with Section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994

AND -

Opex Ready Wears Ltd., House No. 368, Road No. 28, New DOHS, Mahakali, P.S.: Cantonment, Dhaka ... Petitioner

VERSUS -

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms, 24-25 Dilkusha C/A, P.S.: Motijheel, Dhaka ... Respondent

The above application for confirmation of alteration of the objects clause of the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner company was moved before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon hearing the same, a Single Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division, comprising his Lordship Mr. Justice A. B. M. Khaireul Haque, was pleased to pass an order dated 13.05.2002 admitting the application and fixing it for hearing on 17.06.2002. Anyone interested to contest the application may do so by entering appearance before the Hon'ble Court on the said date either personally or through his appointed lawyer. A copy of the application may be collected from the office of the undersigned upon payment of copying costs.

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Listed criminal held in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested a listed criminal in Chittagong city during a raid yesterday.

The arrested was identified as Golap Khan, 30, son of Wahab Khan.

An accused in three criminal cases, Golap was arrested from Batterygoli area at around 10.30am.

On Friday, Halishahar thana police raided the Basundhara Residential Area to nab a gang of miscreants. But the gang managed to flee the scene after firing at the police.

Police, however, recovered one sawn-off gun along with two bullets from the spot.

Buddha Purnima celebrated

UNB, Dhaka

Buddha Purnima, one of the greatest festivals of the Buddhist community, was celebrated in the country yesterday with due religious solemnity.

The day marks the emergence, enlightenment and disappearance of Great Goutam Buddha.

The day is a public holiday.

President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and opposition leader Sheikh Hasina in separate messages greeted the Buddhist community on the occasion.

Various organisations observed the day with elaborate programmes including 'pinda dan', special prayers and discussion on the life and work of Buddha.

Bangladesh Betar and Television telecast special programmes highlighting the significance of the day.

He urged all concerned to ensure security of all the parties on the court premises.

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Shipu Murder Case

Witnesses, lawyer seek police protection

BSS, Dhaka

Witnesses and lawyer of the sensational Shipu murder case demanded immediate police protection for them in and outside the court premises to participate in the trial process spontaneously.

Hearing of this murder case is now going on at the Additional Sessions Judge Court, Dhaka.

Iftekhar Ahmed Shipu, 40, a young businessman, was gunned down on May 24, 2000 at Banani Motte Market by a group of miscreants allegedly led by Ziauddin Ahmed Jewel, 25, son of Kamal Ahmed Mojumder, former Awami League MP.

Principal accused Jewel and two others -- Jubaer and Sahiful Alam -- have been absconding for the last two years. Police are on the hunt to arrest them. Three other accused -- Saikat, Sagor and Joy Hasib -- were arrested. Sagor was later granted bail by the court.

Iftaq Ahmed, 35, younger brother of the victim and complainant of this case, told BSS that unless the witnesses are provided with proper security it will be difficult for the 30 witnesses to appear before the court for deposition.

"My life is also in danger as the complainant of this case," he added.

Golam Mostafa Khan, Additional Public Prosecutor for the case, submitted a petition to the Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police seeking immediate security for him. At present he is the state lawyer for at least 10 other sensational murder cases.

He urged all concerned to ensure security of all the parties on the court premises.

Khaleda Iftekhar, 25, the widow of Shipu, complained that

after her deposition at the court a few days back, some unidentified persons knocked at her flat's door asking to open it. Since she did not comply with their order, they scolded her and left the place.

The miscreants also threatened her over telephone to withdraw the case. She is now worried about the security of her two children -- Zaina, 6, and Zarif, 4.

Rezaul Karim, 34, one of the witnesses, lodged a general diary (GD) on May 20, 2002 with Kotwali thana and alleged that Saikat, an accused in the case, threatened him of dire consequences if he gives his deposition. He sought security from police.

Investigation Officer (IO) of the Shipu murder case, Inspector Rezaul Karim of DB police, submitted the charge sheet on October 4, last year.

On the fatal evening, six persons came to Shipu's shop to buy a mobile phone on credit. But

Abul Kalam Azad, manager of the shop, declined to sell mobile phone on credit leading to exchange of heated words.

At one stage Shaiful Alam, one of the six persons, allegedly shot at

Obituary

UNB, Dhaka

Dewan Hossain, a Joint Secretary of Ministry of Commerce, died of cardiac failure here early Friday at the age of 56.

Cab Association, Bangladesh (CAB) President GM Siraj, MP, and General Secretary Asraful Islam Tarek condoled his death.

They expressed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

Bangladesh Automobile Manufacturers Association General Secretary Ashraful Haq also condoled the death.

Niranjan Barai, former teacher of B. A. F. Shaheen College, died at his Farmgate residence in the city on Friday after suffering from chronic disease at the age of 60, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, a son and two daughters. He was cremated at Postogola crematorium.

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Daily Star-Dutch Bangla English Debate Final tomorrow

CU CORRESPONDENT

The final of the 'Daily Star-Dutch Bangla Bank 2nd Inter-School English Debate Competition 2002' will be held at the Chittagong Club auditorium in the port city at 10.30 am tomorrow.

The Sun Shine Grammar School and the Bay View School will confront each other at the final and battle for the ultimate championship.

The two finalist teams emerged from the eight participating English medium schools of the port city.

Mohit-Ul Alam, professor of English department of Chittagong University, will preside over the final round of the competition.

After the semi-final round, Ziaul Hasan Chowdhury of North South International School was declared the 'Man of the Tournament' of the competition.

Mahfuz Anam, Editor of The Daily Star, will attend the giving ceremony as chief guest.

Abul Momen, resident editor of the Prothom Alo, Sufi Ahmed Bhuiyan, Chairman of Hotel Saini Martin, Ekram Hossain, executive Vice president of Arab Bangladesh Bank and Kazi Towhid Ul-Alam will attend the concluding ceremony as special guests.

Farid Ahmed Chowdhury, president of the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI), will also attend the programme.

'Zia was undermined during AL rule'

BSS, Dhaka

Ziaur Rahman is to present his action-packed life to the people, especially to the new generation."

Terming Zia as the architect of modern Bangladesh, Bhuiyan said he not only proclaimed the country's independence, but also fought the Great Liberation War on the front line.

When the Awami League misrule plunged everything into anarchy and despair after independence, Zia kindled hope in the minds of the people, he added.

The meeting resolved to implement the party decision of not realising any donation for observing the anniversary.

It chalked out ten days elaborate programmes to observe the anniversary under the auspices of BNP and its front organisations.

The meeting also urged local units of BNP and its front organisations to take elaborate programmes to observe the day.



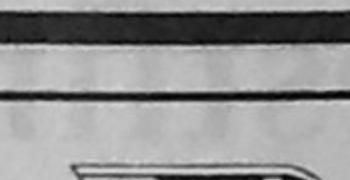
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