

Ershad gets bail in graft case

COURT CORRESPONDENT
 The Special Court for Dhaka Division, yesterday granted bail to former president H M Ershad in a graft case.

Judge (in charge) Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman Miah passed the order upon a bond of Tk 50,000 with two guarantors.

Ershad along with his lawyer Sheikh Serajul Islam appeared in

the court and sought bail. Hearing both the sides, the court granted the petition for bail.

In the case filed with Teigaon thana, it has been alleged that a decision was passed to accept the donation from Finland for setting up "Microwave Telephone Lines" in 89 upazilas of the country in 1989. But due to delay in sending donation, Ershad directed the authorities concerned to accept the donation from France although the work of setting up "Microwave Telephone Lines" was not implemented. As a result, the government has to pay the interest of Tk 28 crore from the date of receipt of the money.

Upendra Chandra Das, an officer of the Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAC) filed the case against Ershad and six others on September 5, 1992.

Earlier, the Investigation Officer (IO) of the case submitted a charge sheet to the CMM's Court, Dhaka against Ershad and six others.

Chehlum of Sony today



DU CORRESPONDENT

Chehlum of Sabequn Nahar Sony, a student of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), will be held today.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil and qurankhawani will be held at Sonali Bank Officers Quarters, Sector-8, Uttara.

Sony was killed in crossfire during a gunfight between the two factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal on the BUET campus on June 8.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Fahmida Khatun

Chehlum of Fahmida Khatun, wife of late Advocate Delwar Hossain, will be held today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at 43 Ramkrishna Mission Road after Asr prayers.

Fahmida Khatun died on June 12.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the milad and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

6 arms seized

BSS, Dhaka
 Police seized six firearms, three other weapons with 13 bullets in a countrywide drive during last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

Police arrested 11 identified criminals including seven members of an outlawed party while six people were arrested in connection with the arms recovery and three cases were filed under the Arms Act against them.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka
 Assistant Publicity Secretary of Dhaka City BNP M Ruhul Amin died of a cardiac arrest yesterday morning at age 35.

Dhaka City BNP President and Mayor Sadeq Hossain Khoka and General Secretary Abdus Salam expressed their deep shock at the death of Amin.

Clarification

The Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited (TGTDC) yesterday issued a clarification on a report on transfers in TGTDC published in The Daily Star on Thursday.

It said the authorities were transferring Titas employees as part of a continuous process. This process is being undertaken on administrative considerations, it added.

Magura Assoc Polls Aug 9

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Election to the executive body of Magura District Association will be held at the BIM auditorium at Sobhanbag in the city on August 9, says a press release.

The nomination paper will be available from July 18 to 21 and the last date of submitting the nomination paper is July 22.

The last date of withdrawing the nomination is July 25.

The final list of the candidates will be published on the following day.



A delegation of the Expert Committee on Education Reform submitted its final report to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday with recommendations for comprehensive reforms in the education sector.

Improve quality of justice

Moudud tells District and Sessions Judges

BSS, Dhaka
 Judicial system could not contribute significantly towards social progress as expected due to "non-application of mind by a section of judges", Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barister Moudud Ahmed said yesterday.

However, in recent times, significant progress has been attained in quick disposal of some sensational cases like the Shihab murder trial, he said while inaugurating the 31st Judicial Administration Training Course for District and Sessions Judges.

"This is a historic success of the judiciary," Moudud said.

Twenty-six district and sessions judges are participating in the 14-day long course organised by the Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI).

JATI Director General Justice Mohammad Badruzzaman

Thai gift for Bangladeshis

UNB, Dhaka
 The first consignment of longan fruit presented by the Thai government for the people of Bangladesh reached the Zia International Airport yesterday.

The Thai government will send a total of 100 metric tons of longan fruit for distribution among various organisations like orphanages, madrasahs and primary schools.

Thai Ambassador in Bangladesh Pithaya Pookaman formally handed over the fruit to Commerce Secretary Sohail Ahmed.

Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra sent the fruit as gift for the people of Bangladesh on his return home after his July 8-10 visit to Bangladesh.

Death threat to 3 journalists

The editor of the monthly 'Goyenda Report' has received death threat from unidentified persons over publication of a report in the current issue of the magazine, says a press release.

Also, chief editor Ovi Chowdhury and the reporter concerned received death threats over cell phones following publication of the report.

Editor Abul Hossain Majumdar filed a general diary with Motijheel police station on Wednesday in this regard.



The Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Goshthi staged a token hunger strike at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday protesting the closure of Adamjee Jute Mills.

Importers call off strike

BSS, Rajshahi
 The Importers Association called off its strike at the Sonar Masjid Land Customs (LC) Station yesterday, 13 days after its enforcement.

The decision came from a fruitful three-hour tripartite meeting at a local hotel here yesterday morning.

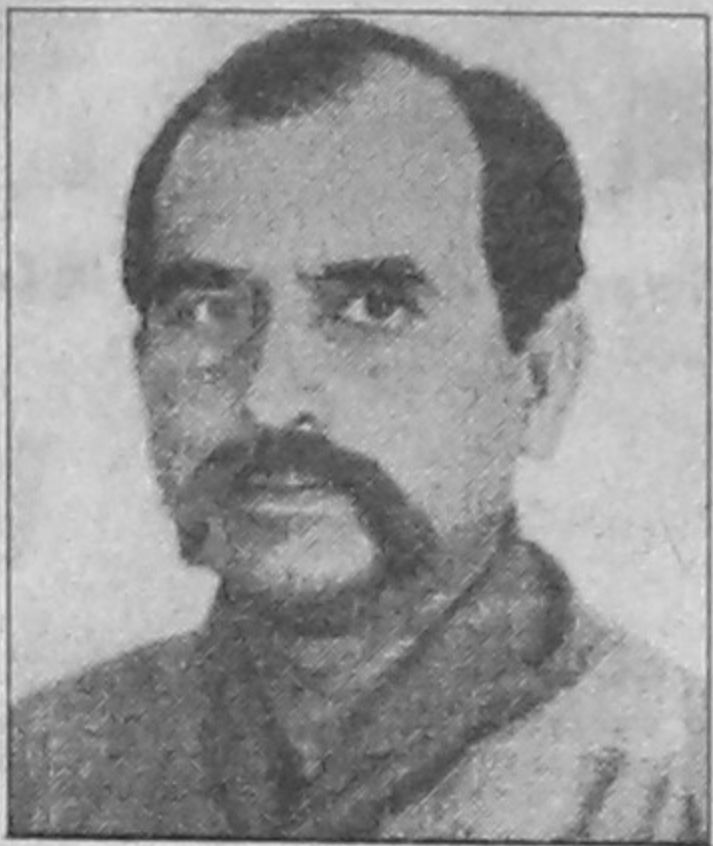
Presided over by Lutfur Rahman, President of Importers Association of Sonar Masjid LC Station, the meeting was addressed by Abu Taleb, General Secretary of the Association, Ashraful Islam and Samuil Haque Liton, president and general secretary respectively of Clearing and Forwarding (C and F) Agents Association of the LC Station and SK Mozumder, president of Mohodipur Exporters Association of India.

The meeting sources said the C and F agents unanimously withdrew their earlier decision for observing the weekly holiday on Friday.

They said the non-stop import activities of the port with India would resume tomorrow.

Customs officials here said the 13-day strike inflicted a revenue loss of Tk 6.50 lakh on the port.

The C and F agents observed holiday on Friday for the past three months.



Habibur Alam, National Commissioner (Programme) of Bangladesh Scouts, was elected a member of the World Scout Committee on July 16 at the 36th World Scout Conference held in Thessaloniki, Greece for next six years, says a press release.

Alam elected World Scout body member

He is the first person from this subcontinent to be elected to the World Scout Committee.

A dynamic and dedicated leader, Habibur Alam, Bir Pratik, won the highest award 'Silver Tiger' of Bangladesh Scouts in 1991 and 'Silver Elephant' of The Bharat Scouts and Guides in 1997 for his outstanding contribution to Scouting.

He also received the 'First Class Boy Scout Citation Medal' in Thailand and was awarded 'Chairman's Award' by the World Organisation of the Scout Movement, Asia-Pacific Region, for his role in strengthening Scout movement in the region.

A successful business entrepreneur, Alam hails from Narail.

Sub-Editors' confce tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka
 A conference of Sub-Editors marking the unification of Dhaka Sub-Editors Council and Sub-Editors Forum will be held at the National Press Club at 10:00 am tomorrow.

President of the council Mir Mustafiz Ahmed and Convenor of the forum Mohammad Ashraf Ali in a joint statement requested the sub-editors working in different newspapers and news agencies to attend the conference, a press release said yesterday.

Square Pharma raffle draw held

The raffle draw of FIFA World Cup 2002 Quiz Competition, organised by Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd was held at Square Centre in the city on July 17, says a press release.

Managing Director of Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd and MCCJ President Tapan Chowdhury drew the coupon of first prize winner.

More than eight thousand doctors participated in this competition and about nine hundred of them gave the correct answers.

Three hundred and five lucky winners were selected through raffle draw.

Seminar at BRAC Varsity

The Department of English, BRAC University, organised a seminar on "Maternity and Women's Writing: Cross-Cultural Perspectives" at the university auditorium in the city yesterday, says a press release.

A talk was given at the seminar by Radha Chakravarti, reader in the Department of English, Gargi College, Delhi University, India.

The talk was held as part of an effort to introduce feminist and post-colonial readings of literary texts and it is hoped that many such seminars will follow.

The seminar was well attended and the discussion that ensued afterwards was lively and interesting.

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DHAKA TODAY

Environmental rally
 An environmental rally, organised jointly by 'Bachate Chai Nagar' and 'For you For ever', will be held with Mayor of Dhaka Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. Venue: Pallabi M I Model High School premises. Time: 9:30 am.

Workshop
 Hornbill group of the Centre for Sustainable Development will organise an environmental workshop. Venue: Dhaka Collegiate School auditorium, Sadarghat.

Cabaret
 Alliance Francaise will host a cabaret organised by Les bateleurs de la science and will be animated by Prof Daniel Ralchvatg, University of Bourgogne, France. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 7:00 pm.

Media conference
 The inaugural ceremony of a three-day media conference 2002, organised by the Centre for Development Communication, will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3:30 pm.

Launching ceremony
 The launching ceremony of designer fashion gallery 'Altamira' will be held. Venue: House-C138, Road-4, Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani. Time: 11:00 am.

Conference
 The inaugural ceremony of the first national conference and scientific seminar of Bangladesh Society of Allergy and Immunology (BANSAI) will be held with Minister for Science and Information and Communication Technology Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan as chief guest. Venue: LGED auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 9:30 am.

Discussion
 Rapport Bangladesh Limited organises a discussion on 'Financial Instruments with Special Reference to Repurchase Agreement'. Venue: 41/1, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 8:30 am.

Lecture
 Franco-Bangladesh Association of Scholars and Trainees (FBAST) will organise a lecture on 'Pasteur as a Problem in the field of History of Science' to be delivered by Dr Daniel Raichvarg, Prof of Bourgogne University, France. Venue: Department of Chemistry, University of Dhaka. Time: 11:00 am.

Mahila workshop
 Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organises a national workshop on 'A Uniform Family Code' with former chief justice Kamaluddin Hossain as chief guest. Venue: CIRDP auditorium. Time: 9:30 am.

Meeting
 An emergency meeting of the central committee of Bangladesh Krishak League will be held. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 6:00 pm.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka
 Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet, Khulna and Barisal divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi divisions till 6 pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 34.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Ranganamati and the lowest of 25.2 degree Celsius at Dhaka.

The sun sets in the capital at 6.48 pm today and rises at 5:23 am tomorrow.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.0	25.2	89	86
Chittagong	32.5	26.3	80	76
Rajshahi	34.0	26.7	84	8
Khulna	31.2	26.8	84	81
Barisal	31.5	26.7	92	78
Sylhet	33.0	25.3	79	100
Cox's Bazar	33.2	26.5	79	86

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- Classes will start: 05-08-2002.

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