

BNP urges AL to withdraw hartal

UNB, Dhaka
Ruling BNP called upon the opposition Awami League to withdraw its countrywide hartal programme for September 1, the day of 24th founding anniversary of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party.

programme for celebrating its anniversary on September 1 and all preparations had been taken in this regard.
"Calling countrywide hartal on the same day despite knowing all this is just a bid to create trouble in political arena," said the ruling party secretary general and LGRD minister.

Resumption of ETV broadcast demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Over 100 teachers of Dhaka University (DU) in a joint statement yesterday demanded of the government to restart the legal broadcast of Ekushey Television (ETV).

war Hossain, Prof Sheikh Abdus Salam and Prof Sharifullah Bhuiyan.
The Viewers-Listeners Coordinated Council also urged the government yesterday to resume the telecast of Ekushey Television as the people of the country want to get objective news.

Dhaka-Tongi shuttle train service from tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh Railway (BR) will introduce a special shuttle train service between the capital city and Tongi from September 1 in view of the ban on plying of two-stroke three-wheelers and tempops.

The BR has also taken special steps to carry the banned two-stroke three-wheelers by Chittagong mail, Karnaphuli express and Dhaka-Akhaura 203 Up local train to the other towns on August 31 and September 1.

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Prof Mainul Islam speaking at the final of Lifebuoy Gold-Prothom Alo Inter-school and college Debate Competition at the Chittagong Club auditorium in the port city yesterday.

SME Fair begins Sept 15

UNB, Dhaka
Country's apex trade body FBCCI is organising a six-day trade fair from September 15 to promote products of small and medium enterprises, an emerging thrust sector for investment.

SMEs in the past," he said, terming SMEs the backbone of a country's economy. He said the problems of the sector, including financing and infrastructure, would be highlighted during the exhibition.

light engineering products.
Facilities at the exhibition include communications centre with pay-phone service, electricity, seminar on SME issues, buyer-seller meetings, fashion show and cultural events.



The Dhaka City Corporation took out a procession at Ward No. 44 in the city yesterday to raise awareness about dengue fever.

Dhaka for affordable energy

BSS, Johannesburg
Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj yesterday said Bangladesh is agreed with the opinion to improve access to reliable, affordable, economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally sound energy services and resources.

timum development of different indigenous energy sources including new renewable sources of energy, he added.
The key priorities underscored by Bangladesh are reaching national consensus on the pattern of use of natural gas, keeping in mind the long-term perspectives of energy security, replacing imported liquid fuels by Condensed National Gas (CNG) and marketing of CNG especially in rural areas.

He referred to the implementation of the forest policy to increase supply of fuel-wood, promote afforestation and reforestation through participatory process in rural areas. To achieve sustainable development in the energy sector, intensified regional and international co-operation are highly needed, he said.

MBBS exams postponed

UNB, Dhaka
Dhaka University authorities have postponed all professional MBBS examinations scheduled for Sunday due to unavoidable circumstances.

Khaleda conveys Janmastami greetings

BSS, Dhaka
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday conveyed her heartfelt greetings and good-wishes to the members of the Hindu community of the country, on the occasion of the Janmastami, the birth day of Lord Sri Krishna.

Four listed criminals arrested

UNB, Dhaka
Police arrested 1,738 people, including four listed criminals, during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours till 6am yesterday.

Launch campaign against drug abuse

BSS, Dhaka
Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman yesterday said drug abuse has become a social problem that demands launching of a wide-spread campaign to combat this deadly menace.

Imam arrested for torturing wife in Sherpur

UNB, Sherpur
Police arrested an imam from Sheikhati area in the town on Wednesday for allegedly torturing his wife for dowry.

DHAKA TODAY

- Procession
The historic Janmastami procession, organised by Mahanagar Sarbajanin Puja Committee, will be inaugurated by Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest.
Venue: Dhakeshwari National Temple premises, Labagh. Time: 3.00pm.
Discussion
A discussion will be held in memory of Begum Fazilatunnesa with Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina as chief guest.
Venue: Institution of Engineers' auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.
Launching ceremony
The launching ceremony of Journal of Bangladesh Studies, published by Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI) and the Association for Economic and Development Studies of Bangladesh (AEDSB) in USA, will be held with Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud of Dhaka University as chief guest.
Venue: East West University, 53 Mohakhali. Time: 5.00pm.
Seminar
The delegation of the European Commission to Bangladesh organises a seminar on Asia IT and C Programme with Science, Information and Communication Technology Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan as chief guest.
Venue: BRAC Centre, Mohakhali. Time: 10.00am.
Orientation programme
State University of Bangladesh (SUB) organises an orientation programme for its first batch students.
Venue: SUB campus, 2/16 Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur. Time: 10.00am.
Meeting
An opinion sharing meeting on 1-PRSP versus the demands of workers and employees' will be held. Prof M M Akash, chairperson of People's Empowerment Trust, will present the keynote paper at the meeting.
Venue: 2/12 Purana Paltan. Time: 10.00am.

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Registration Fee : Tk. 50 non-refundable
Registration hours : 10:00-16:00 hours on August 31, and 10:00-12:00 hours on September 1, 2002
Bidding hours : 10:00-16:00 hours on August 31 and 10:00-16:00 hours on September 1, 2002
Each bid submitted must be accompanied by a security deposit of Tk. 20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand) Pay Order from any commercial Bank in Dhaka city in favor of the U.S. Embassy, Dhaka.
Interested parties may wish to come early to view the goods well before. The registration period ends at 12 noon on September 1, 2002.
Full details about the bidding process are contained in the bid documents that will be available at the bid site during the registration hours.
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