

Build mass resistance against violence

Huda urges all

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Communications Minister Nazmul Huda called for building mass resistance irrespective of party and opinion against violence to restore peace and stability in all spheres of national life.

He said army was deployed in aid of the civil administration to uproot criminal activities and criminals from the society. "You should all identify the real criminals and hand them over to members of the law enforcing agencies," he added.

The minister was addressing a discussion on "Role of Voluntary Organisations in Nation Building and Eradicating Terrorism" at a hotel here. Federation of Bangladesh Voluntary Organisations

President hosts Iftar for judges, diplomats

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President Iajuddin Ahmed hosted an Iftar party for the Judges of the Supreme Court, diplomats of the Muslim countries, high civil and military officials, university vice chancellors and representatives of international organisations at Banghaban yesterday.

Chief Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury and former Chief Justice and Chief advisor of the caretaker Government Justice Latifur Rahman attended the Iftar along with the judges of the High Court and Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court.

Dean of the diplomatic corps Shata Zarab, diplomats of Muslim countries, former caretaker government advisers, representatives of international organisations, chiefs of the army, navy and air force, secretaries, officials of the rank of major general and above, and vice-chancellors of public and private universities attended the Iftar.

President Iajuddin and Mrs Iajuddin welcomed the guests, enquired about their welfare and exchanged pleasantries with them.

arranged the discussion, an official handout said.

Nazmul Huda referred to the government's success in the last one year in various sectors and said the current joint drive of the civil administration and army was being conducted to maintain peace and stability in the society curbing crime.

He urged the opposition not to look politically at the joint drive against criminals and said they should extend their all-out cooperation to the welfare-oriented activities of the government.

He said Bangladesh could be established as a highly developed and prosperous country on the global map by removing all obstacles existing on the way of its progress and prosperity. "We must unite the whole nation to achieve that goal," he said.

With the federation president Md Shamsul Huq in the chair, the function was also addressed by former army chief Lt. Gen (ret'd) Mahbubur Rahman MP and Justice Md Habibur Rahman.

The minister, later, handed over Mother Teresa Gold Medal to 30 eminent persons for 2001 and 2002.

Cinema hall closed for non-payment of tax

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The Customs Excise and Vat Authority here yesterday closed a cinema hall at Ishwardi for non-payment of tax.

Sources said the owner of Setu Cinema had been operating the hall without paying taxes for last eight months.

Iswardi Circle Super of Customs along with a magistrate closed the cinema hall.

Some other cinema halls are also going to be closed down soon due to tax evasion, the sources added.



LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and Information Minister Tariquul Islam are among the participants at a discussion marking the 26th death anniversary of Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party organised the discussion at the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday.

Saidur Rahman receives UN award

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Disaster management expert Muhammad Saidur Rahman yesterday received the UN-Sasakawa Award from the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), a Geneva-based UN organisation.

UNDP resident representative in Bangladesh Jorgen Lissner formally handed over a "Certificate of Distinction" and a replica cheque for US \$ 3,000 to Rahman at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Earlier, Bangladesh envoy to Geneva received the certificate and cheque from the UN on behalf of the recipient and transferred those accolades to UNDP office here.

Minister for Disaster Management and Relief (MDMR) Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Saidur Rahman, secretary BMM Mozharul Huq and Lisa Hiller of UNDP spoke at the function.

Muhammad Saidur Rahman, 59, is a leading expert in the field of disaster management. He holds M.Sc. in Applied Chemistry and is a graduate in disaster services administration from the Australian Counter Disaster Centre. Since 1972, he has been involved with planning and monitoring major disaster response operations in Bangladesh.

Death anniversary

The fifth death anniversary of Ashfia Nigar Reema, daughter of Principal Hamida Ali and Mohammad Ali, will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be arranged on the South Point School & College premises, House # 3/A, Road # 22, Gulshan-1, at 3.00 pm tomorrow. Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend the doa mahfil and pray for her eternal peace.

Abdul Momen

The second death anniversary of Abdul Momen, former general manager of Bangladesh Fabric Company Ltd and Laromba Sack Factory, Eritria, will be observed today, says a press release.

On this occasion, a programme has been taken up at his home at Peergachha Upazila in Rangpur for the salvation of the departed soul.

Slimming Point owner jailed in drug case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

One person was sentenced to three years rigorous imprisonment (RI) in absentia by a court in the city yesterday in a drug case.

Judge Mohammad Azizul Haque of the Drug Court, Dhaka found Mohammad Ragib Ahsan,

Workshop on poverty alleviation programmes

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A two-day workshop on the impact of poverty alleviation programmes concluded at the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) here on Tuesday with a call for creating a Poverty Focal Point (PFP).

Experts at the workshop said the PFP should be designed in a way so that it could operate as an institutionally effective and technically competent Poverty Monitoring Unit with a strong inter-ministerial linkage.

They said a ministry should be identified as the focal point for effective monitoring and reviewing the progress in implementing anti-poverty policies and programmes.

Twenty-six representatives from 19 government, non-government and research institutions took part in the workshop.

The participants told the workshop that the poverty alleviation manual designed by ESCAP could be followed in Bangladesh for implementing poverty alleviation programmes.

BARD organised the workshop with financial assistance from UN-ESCAP, according to a press release.

proprietor of M/s H L Slimming Point, New Bailey Road, Dhaka guilty of publishing an advertisement containing a claim in respect of treatment violating the provisions of the Drugs (Control) Ordinance and gave the verdict. He was convicted under Section 21 of the Drugs (Control) Ordinance 1982.

The convict was also fined Tk one lakh, in default, to suffer another six months simple imprisonment.

The judgement said punishment of the convict will be effective from the date of his arrest or surrender.

Ragib Ahsan published an advertisement in the "Daily Ittefaq" on June 19, this year containing a claim in respect of treatment without the prior approval of the licensing authority (drugs) contravening the provision of Section 14 of the Drugs (Control) Ordinance 1982.

Mohammad Farhad Hossain, Drug Superintendent, Directorate of Drug Administration, Motijheel, Dhaka filed a drug case with the Drug Court, Dhaka against the accused on July 6.

The accused on October 30 surrendered to the court and obtained bail by the court but later he remained absconding.

The court framed charges against the accused on November 9. The trial of the case began on November 17.

The prosecution examined only the complainant of the case to prove the charge against the accused.

Special Public Prosecutor (IPP) Anwar Zahid Bhuiyan and Assistant PP Sohel Malik conducted the case on behalf of the state.

Bhasani dreamt of independent Bangladesh first: Bhuiyan

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BNP Secretary General and LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday said Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani, the leader of the toiling masses, was the first leader who dreamt of an independent Bangladesh.

It is possible to build up a happy and prosperous Bangladesh through implementing Bhasani's ideals, Bhuiyan said while he was addressing a discussion meeting at Jatiya Press Club here.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) organised the discussion marking the 26th anniversary of Bhasani's death.

Chaired by Information Minister Tariquul Islam, convener of national committee for observing the death anniversary of Moulana Bhasani the discussion was attended by Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman, Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas, Chief Editor of Holiday AZM Enayetullah Khan, Managing Director and Chief Editor of BSS Amanullah Kabir, Chairman of Red Crescent Society Major General (Ret'd) Z A Khan, general secretary of Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal Gayeshwar Roy, member secretary of the anniversary committee Mujibur Rahman, Shamsuzzaman Dudu and Ehsanul Kabir.

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Advertisement for DHAKA TODAY featuring film sessions, programmes, memorial meetings, seminars, and workshops.



Appeal for help

Maliha, a three-year old girl, has been suffering from acute heart ailment, says a press release.

Born with a perforation in her heart, Maliha needs immediate intervention to save her life. Physicians have advised an emergency open-heart surgery to close the perforation which is now causing frequent back flow of blood in her heart chambers, resulting in sudden unconsciousness.

The operation will cost around Tk 2.5 lakh which her father Jahir Ahmed, a poor villager, could not afford.

Her parents appealed to the generous people to come forward with financial assistance to save their daughter.

Contributions can be sent to the following account: Rashida Ahmed, Savings Account No. 7856, Janata Bank, Shyamoli Branch, Dhaka-1207. Contact: Phone-8126315.

Postgraduate course in pharmacy at UAP

The University of Asia Pacific (UAP) is going to offer a one-year Master of Science Programme in Pharmaceutical Technology from Spring-2003 semester, says a press release.

The UAP was the pioneer in the country to launch undergraduate course in Pharmacy in private sector and this department has become one of the best departments of the university in terms of qualified teachers, well-equipped laboratory and other logistic facilities besides congenial academic atmosphere.

A comprehensive and well-designed curriculum for the programme has already been approved by the University Grants Commission.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Bank 1000 Taka Deposit Competition.



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The Supreme Court Bar Association formed a human chain on the High Court premises yesterday demanding judicial inquiry into custodial deaths.

Advertisement for Rajdhani Unnayan Karpafk regarding a bid for a mobile crane.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Ordnance Factories tender notice for a mobile crane.

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