

People have rejected govt for misrule

Hasina tells Krishak League council

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The days of the BNP-Jamaat government have been numbered as the countrymen have already rejected them for misrule, crimes and corruption, Leader of the Opposition and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina said yesterday.

"The day is not far off when the BNP-Jamaat government will be toppled by the people," she said at the inaugural session of the council of Krishak League in the city.

She called on the party workers to make the people aware of the failures and misdeeds of the government. "At the same time, tell the people about development programmes of the previous AL government."

Hasina accused the prime minister and the finance minister of working for the interest of a neighbouring country by closing down the jute mills.

"At least nine new jute mills were set up in India recently, whereas our government is shutting down the jute mills one after another, rendering thousands of workers jobless," she said.

The previous AL government took various development projects in agriculture sector for the welfare of the farmers, Hasina said, adding that but the present government is harassing the flood-affected poor farmers by filing certificate cases against them.

Hasina called on the government

to waive loans to the farmers.

She said the government has miserably failed to ensure security of the people and to check price hike of essentials. So, it has no right to remain in power any longer, she observed.

Hasina said the government has indulged in 'vindictive politics' to eliminate the AL and its front organisations soon after taking the office and the persecution is increasing day by day.

President of the Krishak League Rashed Mosharraf presided over the inaugural ceremony.

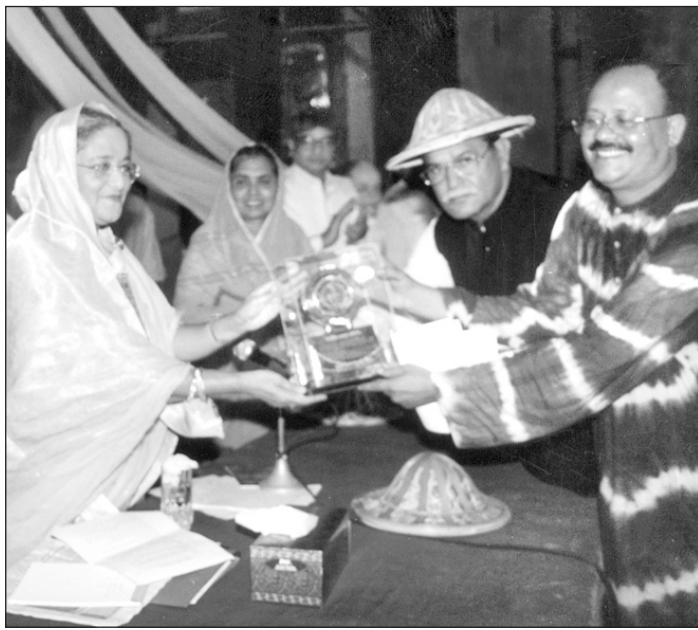


PHOTO: STAR
Krishak League President Rashed Mosharraf presents a crest to Leader of the Opposition and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina at the inaugural ceremony of the council of Krishak League at Mahanagar Natya Mancha yesterday.

Programme for underprivileged children

As part of its community care efforts, Hotel Sonargaon organised a programme for the underprivileged children of various institutes yesterday, says a press release.

Over 800 children from orphanages, madrassahs and other institutes were treated to a delightful lunch and mango festival at the grand ballroom of the hotel.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin attended the programme as chief guest. Managing Director of Hotels International Ltd. Adiluzzaman and General Manager of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Grant J Gaskin were also present.

Pan Pacific Community Care Programme extends its helping hand to Lifebuoy Friendship Hospital, a floating hospital, Operation Oasis, an environmental programme, and other innovative projects.

Move to make T&T company protested

CU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Telephone and Telegraph Protection Committee (BTTPC) Chittagong unit held a rally on the local T&T office premises in the port city yesterday protesting government move to turn the state-run organisation into a company.

BTTPC also took out a procession on the Agrabad T&T office premises in the city at 11am. They held the rally as part of the programmes announced by the BTTPC central committee.

Speakers at the rally said the state owned T&T board has recommended to the prime minister to make it a company only in the interest of capitalists of home and abroad.

"The workers and employees of Telephone and Telegraph board will foil the move to turn it a company anyhow," they said.

They also demanded of the authorities to offer 10 lakh cellular phones through T&T in the market immediately.

BTTPC Chittagong unit president Abdullah Mohiuddin presided. CBA

VSAT at CUET

CU CORRESPONDENT

The newly installed VSAT at the Chittagong University of Science and Technology (CUET) will be inaugurated today.

Chairman of the CUET board of governors and IT specialist Prof Jamilur Reza Chowdhury will inaugurate the VSAT.

general secretary of Chittagong region unit Mohammed Lokman Hossain, senior vice president Nurul Islam, joint secretary Abdul Malek, organising secretary Saber Ahmed, Mohammed Anwarullah, Aiyube Chowdhury, Abdus Sukkur and Abdul Quader Talukder also spoke at the rally.



Congratulations

Ashique Mahmud Chowdhury (Barshan) has secured 16th position with first division in B.Com (pass) examination from Dhaka City College held under the National University in 2002, says a press release.

He got double promotion during his school life and passed the SSC and HSC examinations in first divisions.

Ashique wants to be a Chartered Accountant in future.

He is the only son of Mahmudul Haque Chowdhury and Ruby Chowdhury of Hasan Nagar union under Bhola district.

Obituary

BSS, Chittagong

Eminent physician and social worker Dr ATM Nurul Islam Chowdhury died at a city clinic yesterday at the age of 74.

Family sources said he had been suffering from cancer and other complicated diseases for long.

Dr Chowdhury is survived by his wife, eight sons, two daughters, and a number of grandsons.

He had served as a medical officer of the Chittagong General Hospital, the BTTB and the BTMC.

He was also the founder chairman of the Arena Group of Industries, a leading garments exporting house.

Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury

Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury, former counselor of Bangladesh High Commission in London, died at his Old DOHS residence in the city on July 28 at the age of 86, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Golam Rahman

Al-haj Golam Rahman, former chief engineer of Public Works Department and director of Islam Group and

Uttara Bank, died of old age complications at his Uttara residence in the city on July 27 at the age of 87, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife and two sons and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Seminar on AIDS at Aptech Mirpur centre

A seminar on 'AIDS and drug abuse' was held at the Aptech Computer Education Mirpur centre recently, says a press release.

The Aptech Mirpur centre and CARE Bangladesh jointly organised the seminar to create awareness about the deadly disease.

Rabiul Islam, Habibur Rahman and Enamul Huq of CARE Bangladesh spoke on different aspects of AIDS and its prevention.

Roushan Aziz, head of the centre, was also present.



PHOTO: STAR
Health Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain speaks at a discussion on 'accountability of health services for women' at the CIRDAP auditorium yesterday. The Nari Pakha organised the event.

Mahbub, Bari Bogra dist BNP president, secy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Advocate Mahbubur Rahman and Fazlul Bari Talukder Belal have been elected president and secretary of Bogra district BNP.

The election was held at Bogra Circuit House conference room on Monday night. Engineer Mostofa Ali Mukul was elected organising secretary.

The full-fledged committee will be announced within 15 days, said Senior Joint Secretary General of BNP Tarique Rahman.

Whip Rezaul Bari Dina, Helaluzzaman Talukder Lalu MP and Dr. Ziaul Haque Mollah were also present.

Clinic Plus-Prothom Alo debate 2nd round held

CU CORRESPONDENT

The second round of the Clinic Plus-Prothom Alo 11th inter-school parliamentary debate competition was held at the Shilpakala academy auditorium in the city on Saturday.

Dr Khastagir School, Chittagong Government High School, Ankur Society School, Kapasgola City Corporation School, Silver Bells School and Kapasgola School have entered the quarter final.

Organised by Dristi, a local cultural organisation, the competition was attended by Asif Siraj, staff reporter of the Azadi and former general secretary of Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ), and Morshed Intiaz Pappu, former president of Chittagong University Debating Society.

Painting contest

CU CORRESPONDENT

Rafi memorial painting competition was held at the local Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the city on Monday.

Children Leukemia Assistance and Support (CLAS) and Rotary Club of Islamabad jointly organised the competition.

Over 300 school children took part in the competition in three groups.



PHOTO: STAR
Former vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Dr. Zillur Rahman Siddiqui speaks at the inaugural ceremony of Prof. Abul Fazal's birth centenary programme in Chittagong on Friday.

Birth centenary programmes

Rich tribute to Prof Abul Fazal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Educationists, academicians and writers paid glowing tributes to renowned litterateur Prof. Abul Fazal at his birth centenary programme in Chittagong.

The Abul Fazal Birth Centenary Celebration Parishad organised the two-day programme at Muslim Hall and Public Administration Training Centre on Friday and Saturday.

Three seminars on the works of Prof. Abul Fazal, who has significant contribution to education, literature and culture, were held as part of the programme.

Prof. Abul Fazal, a man of wisdom and unflinching integrity, guided the nation towards right track during its crises through his progressive writing and illustrious works, the speakers said at a seminar.

They also called for observing the birth centenary of such a great personality at the national level.

The inaugural ceremony was held at the Muslim Hall on Friday with Prof. M Sikandar Khan of Chittagong University (CU) in the chair.

Former vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Dr. Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, former vice-chancellor of CU Prof. Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin, former director of Bangla Academy Shamsuzzaman Khan, Prof. Dr. Moniruzzaman and writer Fahmida

Amin also spoke. Dr. Mahbubul Haq of CU Bangla department conducted the session.

Dr. Zillur Rahman also chaired the first seminar on education at PATC on the day. Academician and researcher Dr. Monzur Ahmad and former director of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics Prof. Shaful Alam presented two papers titled 'Education: Journey towards 21st century' and 'Abul Fazal: His thoughts on education'.

Noted scientist Prof. Dr. Jamal Nazrul Islam, Dr. Abdul Hamid Latif, Dr. Mahmudul Alam and economist Dr. Atiur Rahman took part in the discussion.

Dr. Hayat Mamud and Subrata Barua presented two papers in the second seminar on literature on Saturday. Litterateur Hasan Azizul Huq presided over the seminar while Prof. Ahmad Kabir of Dhaka University and Prof. Arun Sen of Jadavpur University, Kolkata, took part in the discussion.

Prof. Dr. Moniruzzaman chaired the third seminar where Shamsuzzaman Khan and writer Mafulul Haq presented two papers on 'Abul Fazal's thoughts on culture'.

Prof. Sanat Saha of Rajshahi University, Prof. Jatin Sarkar, Chowdhury Jahurul Haq and Dr. Shila Basak (West Bengal) took part in the discussion.

DHAKA TODAY

Film show 4.00pm.

Academy Film Society will screen a feature film titled 'Ghost Ship'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Convocation

The second convocation of Asian University of Bangladesh will be held with President Iazuddin Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 10.00am.

Discussion

A discussion on 'Significant issues of local government and possible future actions', organised by Democracywatch, will be held. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Topkhana Road.

Memorial meeting

Bangladesh Science Writers and Sangbadik Forum organises a meeting in memory of Prof Md Abdul Kader, an IT pioneer and founder of monthly Computer Jagat. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3.30pm.

Cultural function

Society for the Welfare of the Intellectually Disabled, Bangladesh organises a cultural function and a magic show for the welfare of the intellectually disabled. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 7.00pm.

Discussion

A discussion on 'Opportunity of ICT business in America', organised by the People's Centre for Research and Development, will be held with Enayetur Rahman, director of ICT Business Centre, New York as guest speaker. Venue: House-54/A, Road-6/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 7.30pm.

Talk

A talk on the 'Social Construction of Sharia', organised by BRAC University, will be held with Dr Tazeen Murshid of Universite Libre De Bruxelles, Brussels as main speaker. Venue: BRAC University building, Mohakhali. Time: 4.00pm.

English seminar

A seminar on 'Learning English as a foreign language', organised by Eastern University, will be held. Venue: University hall room, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.

Seminar

Titu Smriti Sangsad organises an anti-terrorism and anti-drugs seminar with Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Khandaker Delwar Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Moinuddin Chowdhury Memorial Hall, Farashganj. Time: 6.00pm.

Publication ceremony

Tanmoy Prokashoni organises the publication ceremony of a book titled 'Principal Ibrahim Khan Smarakgrantha' with Rahat Khan, acting editor of the Ittefaq, to unveil the cover. Venue: Ittefaq Bhaban. Time: 1.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Concert

Lever Brothers Bangladesh celebrates the Prometheus's 18 years by organising a special concert titled 'Close Up Prometheus Moment'. Venue: Winter Garden of Sheraton Hotel. Time: 7.00pm.

Film show

Academy Film Society will screen two feature films titled 'Chandni Bar' and 'Dr No'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

Discussion

A discussion on the 'Use of IT in microfinance sector', organised by Credit and Development Forum, will be held. Venue: IDB Bhaban conference room, Agargaon. Time: 12.00 noon.

Workshop

A free workshop on Multimedia, organised by the British Council, will be held. Venue: British Council Library, Fuller Road. Time: 3.30pm.

IT seminar

A seminar on the 'Quality of IT and Business education and the changing trends in the job market', organised by Dhaka campus of the University of Comilla. Venue: House-33, Road-4, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.30pm.



Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet divisions till 6pm today. Moderately heavy to heavy fall at places over the country is expected during the period, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sayedpur and the lowest 25.0 degree at Sitakunda.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:43pm today and rises at 5:27am tomorrow. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in	
	in Celsius	percentage	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	28.7	25.5	97	88
Chittagong	30.0	25.0	93	93
Rajshahi	31.5	27.0	90	93
Khulna	32.5	26.4	84	97
Barisal	31.4	26.4	89	97
Sylhet	30.2	26.0	87	90
Cox's Bazar	30.5	25.2	100	95