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Communist Party of Bangladesh held a national convention at Paltan Maidan in the city yesterday protesting price hike of essentials, crimes, corruption, unemployment, misrule, and communalism.

Unite against BNP-Jamaat alliance : Hasina

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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the people to forge greater unity against BNP-Jamaat alliance.

She was speaking as chief guest at a meeting to condole the death of journalist Manik Chandra Saha at Shaheed Hadis Park. Khulna district and city units of Awami League organised the meeting.

Hasina said the present government was not elected by the people. In fact, the BNP and the Jamaat seized power by rigging the October 1 general election, she added.

Hasina blamed Matiur Rahman Nizami for his failure as agriculture minister and said he will show the

same performance as industries minister.

She said another Jamaat leader, who is not an MP, has been made social welfare minister. He also did nothing for the welfare of the people, she added.

The AL chief said the prime minister cannot avoid the consequences of appointing an accused in a murder case as a cabinet minister.

She said the government had already looted Tk 11,000 crore through corrupt practices.

Presided over by Khulna City AL President Talukder Abdul Khaleque MP, the condolence meeting was also addressed by Presidium Member Begum Motia Chowdhury, Central Joint-Secretary Obaidul Kader, Central

President of Jubo League Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Mirza Azam MP and former Whip Mostofa Rashidi Shuja.

Meanwhile, Hasina made a commitment yesterday to donate Tk one lakh to 'Manik Saha Family Welfare Fund.'

She also took the responsibility for the publication of a book titled 'Swadhinata Rakta Siri' by Manik Saha.

He could not publish the book due to financial constraints, said the family sources.

Manik once asked for financial help from Hasina to publish the book, the sources added.

Tk 1554cr British grants for pry edn, char livelihood

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will receive 150 million pounds sterling (about Tk 1554 crore) in grants from the UK in eight years for implementing two projects for the development of primary education and livelihood in chars.

Of the amount, 100 million pounds will go for supporting the second phase of Primary Education Development Programme (PEDP-II), a US\$ 1.86 billion venture with 67 percent contribution from the government of Bangladesh.

The programme is aimed at improving quality of primary education by developing the teaching profession, improving access to teaching materials, recruiting and training more teachers and increasing numbers of classrooms.

It will provide 17 million children a year with quality primary education through 11 categories of school.

The other British grant of 50 million pounds will be spent on 'Chars Livelihoods Programme', aimed at delivering improved social services, providing sustainable livelihoods and building better infrastructure for char-dwellers in the riverside areas of five districts of the northern Jamuna.

The project will be implemented in two phases during 2003-04 to 2010-2011 in 149 unions of 28 upazilas of Kurigram, Gaibandha, Bogra, Sirajganj and Jamalpur districts.

British Minister for International Development Gareth Thomas and ERD Secretary Mirza Tassaduq Hussain Beg signed two agreements for the projects yesterday.

Balid founding anniversary

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Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists and Documentalists (Balid) will celebrate its 18th founding anniversary on Friday.

A colourful procession and the installation ceremony of newly elected executive committee of Balid will be held on the day.

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Drama
English Department Drama Society of Dhaka University will perform a musical presentation of Samuel Taylor Coleridge's classic creation 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' directed by Tahmina Ahmed, associate professor of the department. Venue: TSC auditorium. Time: 4.00pm and 6.00pm. The shows are open to all.

US trade show
The opening ceremony of US Trade Show 2004 will be held with Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10.00am.

Rally
Sammilito Sangskritik Jote will hold a rally to protest the killing of eminent journalist Manik Saha of Khulna. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4.30pm.

Meeting
Deliver Bangladesh, logistics for health and family planning programme, will hold an opinion sharing meeting with media personalities. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 12.00 noon.

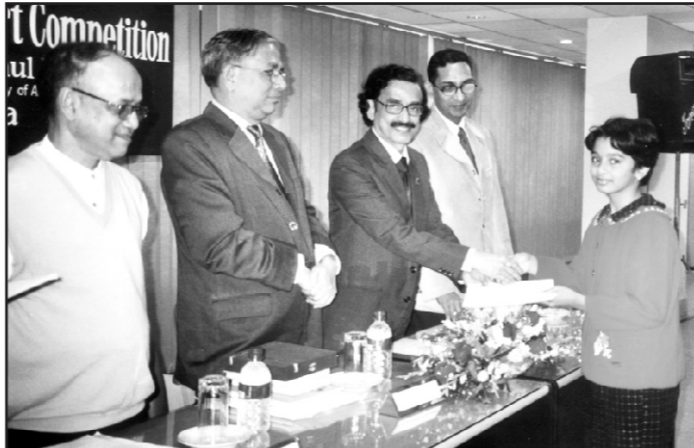
Film show
Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Dead Poets Society'. Venue: Society auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Drama festival
Dhaka Theatre Mancha organises a week-long drama festival to mark its 15th founding anniversary. On the inaugural day, Gharjamai will be staged. Venue: Mohila Samity auditorium. Time: 4.30pm.

Prize giving ceremony
The annual prize giving ceremony and cultural function of South Point School and College will be held. Venue: T & T field, Mohakhali. Time: 9.30am.

Ananda mela
The opening ceremony of a two-day Ananda Mela, organised by Officers' Club, Dhaka will be held with Women and Children Affairs Minister Begum Khurshid Jahan as chief guest. Venue: Club premises, Bailey Road. Time: 10.00am.

Roundtable
A roundtable on 'Transit and transshipment and their economic implications', organised by Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA), will be held. Venue: BILIA auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.00am.



The prize distribution ceremony of East West University Foundation Day Art Competition was held on its campus in the city on Monday. Professor Aminul Islam of Dhaka University distributed prizes among the winners.

PSTU admission test results

Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU) has published the results of admission test for the academic session of 2003-04, says a press release.

The deadlines for admission are January 22 without late fee and January 28 with late fee.

Faculty of Agriculture (BSAg)	
Selected candidates are:	
003,006,017,022,024,025,029,031,038,045,047,053,054,056,059,063,068,073,076,080,081,091,095,096,099, 101,104,106,107,109,110,111,113,116,119,120,121,122,125,128,130,131,147,148,159,160,169,173,174,176, 185,196,198,205,206,212,213,214,215,216,217,220,223,224,230,232,233,234,235,236,250,255,260,266,268, 272,275,282,286,291,293,296,297,302,304,311,321,331,334,336,337,339,341,343,345,350,352,354,355,357.	
Waiting (according to merit):	
086,301,067,084,033,052,114,153,007,271,256,322,328,032,306,157,332,180,211, 333,239,195, 245,298, 241,310,349,193,325,097,155,254,265,100,009,187,203,065,021, 013,150,225,134,135,048,209,153,139,064,166	
Faculty of Business Administration and Management (BBA)	
Selected candidates are:	
401,409,414,417,441,459,460,471,473,497,510,514,520,521,522,524,531,566,583,594, 596,1510,1522,1523,1532,1534,1544,1552,1558,1559.	
Waiting (according to merit):	
1556,487,458,536,470,1531,543,423,485, 405,430,431,434,442, 446,461,463, 465,475,492,499,518,525,526,527,540,550,562,564,570.	
Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)	
Selected candidates are:	
617,623,652,706,732,756,766,790,819,824,876,889,898,904,967,979,981, 988,993,1007,1024,1032,1066,1087,1090,1120,1144,1154,1162,1185.	
Waiting (according to merit):	
613,755,641,747,900,836,759,762,691,959,1060,1155,632,829,1184,901, 1012,769,763,866,717,874,973,1017,714,899,1076,765,958,1081	



Dr CM Dilwar Rana, president of Dr Md Ibrahim Memorial Parishad, speaks at the annual general meeting of the Parishad in the city recently.