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Jatiyatabadi Peshajibi Parishad forms a human chain in the city yesterday urging political parties to shun politics of hartal and siege.

Attack on CU students condemned

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Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD)-backed Bangladesh Chhatra

League (BCL) and Progatishil Chhatra Jote (PCJ), a combine of left-leaning student organisations, yesterday condemned the

attack on general students of Chittagong University (CU) on Tuesday.

The BCL brought out a procession and held a rally to protest the attack and demanded immediate arrest and punishment to policemen and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists responsible for the incident.

BCL President Shariful Kabir Swapan, General Secretary Ali Hasan Tarun, Sazzad Hossain, Hossain Ahmed Tafsir, Yunusur Rahman, Selim Hossain and Kanok Barmon addressed the rally.

The BCL also formed a human chain on the campus demanding arrest of Jamaat lawmaker Delwar Hossain Saidee for instigating the attack on Prof Humayun Azad and an end to the distortion of history of the liberation war.

The PCJ also brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus to protest the attack on CU students and demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the culprits responsible for the attack.

It also demanded immediate release of the jote President Khalequzzaman Lipon.

PCJ leaders Rahman Mizan, Baki Billah and Rafiqul Islam Sujon addressed the rally.

Congratulations



Ruksana Pervin obtained Ph.D in Education from the University of Dhaka for her thesis on 'School Plant Planning', says a press release.

Dr Siddiqur Rahman, professor of the Institute of Education and Research (IER), was her supervisor.

Death anniversary



Today is the 18th death anniversary of Justice Syed Muhammad Hussain, says a press release.

An eminent judge of the Supreme Court, he was also the chairman of Bangladesh chapter of International Law Association, Amnesty International and International Commission of Jurists.

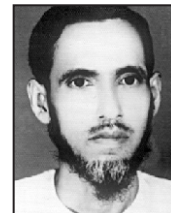
Prof. Md Idris



Today is the second death anniversary of Alhaj Prof. Md Idris, an educationist and social worker, says a press release.

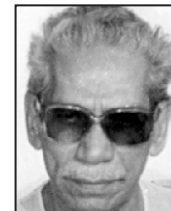
A qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at the jame mosque at Wapda Road in Rampura after Asr prayers today.

Prof. Abdul Mannan



Today is the third death anniversary of Abdul Mannan, assistant professor of English at Amtali Degree College, says a press release.

Ibrahim Shahadat Ullah



Today is the first death anniversary of Md Ibrahim Shahadat Ullah, father of hockey player Murad Ekramullah, says a press release.

A milad mahfil will be held at his residence at Road # 12/A, House # 55, Dhanmondi after Juma prayers.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Tahmina Begum Parul, wife of Mosharraf Hossain Khan, will be held at village Hoglekandi in Jhitka of Manikganj after Juma prayers today, says a press release.

Awareness must to save environment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sensitising the public on the environmental degradation in addition to the stringent environment laws will supplement the efforts to make the surroundings livable.

Speakers said this at the publication ceremony of 'People's Report on Environment-2001', Bangla version, arranged by the Unnayan Samannay, under the Sustainable Environment Management Programme (SEMP) programme of UNDP yesterday in the CIRDAP auditorium.

Dr Atiur Rahaman, president of Unnayan Samannay, chaired the inaugural session, which was participated by, among others, Tanveer Hussain, the environment and forest secretary, Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon, M Aminul Islam from UNDP, Chinmoy Mutsuddi, communication specialist of SEMP and Mahbub Hasan of Samannay.

Tanveer Hussain stressed the awareness about earth filling in the

low-lying area and river and canals grabbing around the Dhaka city. Otherwise, he said, the people especially of the posh residential areas such as Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara, would have to live virtually in a safety tank as no drainage will be possible.

Termining awareness among the masses of the environmental pollution the key solution to save the environment, the speakers urged the government and politicians to take some effective actions in this regard.

Professor Sayeed said as environment is a technical subject, simple and easy books and reading materials should reach the mass people to make them environmentally conscious.

Professor Atiur Rahaman observed commoners' views that usually do not get recognition were given emphasis in the report.

The report consists of 10 articles on land and agriculture, fisheries, biodiversity, water, industries, urbanisation, climate and environmental economics.



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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina speaks at the party presidium meeting in the city yesterday.

Gamca executives

A nine-member executive council of the GCC Approved Medical Centre's Association (Gamca) was elected on March 29, says a press release.

The election was held at Hotel Sheraton.

The members are Md Abu Yousof, Md Mahmud Hasan, Brig (Retd) Nasiruddin Ahmed, Md Saiful Bari, Dr A M Shamim, M Samsuzzaman, Md Moniruzzaman, Bishwas Jahangir Alam and Md Azharul Islam Chunnun.

10 get life term for killing one

UNB, Nilphamari

A court here Wednesday sentenced 10 people to life term rigorous imprisonment in a murder case.

The court also fined the convicts—Atul Ray, Dhonjoy, Abdus Sattar, Sumaru, Robin, Sunil, Shuresh, Ebadullah, Kala Chand and Bhupen—Tk 10,000 each, in default to suffer two years' R more.

According to the prosecution, the accused set fire to the house of Chowkidar Shawkat Ali, 38, at Patkamri

village in Sadar upazila and stabbed him indiscriminately on August 12, 1993 over a land dispute.

He was rushed to the Sadar hospital and later shifted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital where he died on August 23.

After examining the records and witnesses, the District and Sessions Judge handed down the verdict in the crowded court.



No change in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Sylhet division and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions till 6pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met office said.

Highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and the lowest 17.5 degree Celsius at Sylhet and Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 6.15 pm today and rises at 5:49 am tomorrow.

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	30.0	21.0	87	50
Chittagong	29.2	25.0	80	64
Rajshahi	34.3	23.6	80	54
Khulna	33.0	26.0	83	66
Barisal	31.0	25.4	82	—
Sylhet	27.6	17.5	75	58
Cox's Bazar	33.5	25.2	82	73



North South University Vice Chancellor Dr Hafiz GA Siddiqi speaks at the conference on 'multilateralism vs bilateralism in the context of Bangladesh' on the campus yesterday. Young Economist Forum organised the event.



Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a British Film Titled 'Midnight Cowboy' (1969) and an American film titled 'The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King' (2003). Venue: Society auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

French film show

Alliance Francaise will screen a French Film titled 'La reine Margot' (1993) directed by Patrice Chereau. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Mirpur Road. Time: 10.30am and 6.00pm.

Photo exhibition

A 12-day photography exhibition by a Japanese photographer on the lifestyle of Bangladeshi girls will be inaugurated. Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Segun Bagicha. Time: 6.15pm.

K Craft exhibition

A special exhibition of K Craft to welcome Pahela Baishakh, the first day of the Bengali New Year, will be inaugurated. Venue: 2, New Bailey Road. Time: 5.00pm. The exhibition will continue till April 14.

Handcrafted automobile show

Old Ramians Welfare Association organises a handcrafted automobile show by Nizamuddin Awlia (Leepu). Venue: Dhaka Residential Model School and College, Mohammadpur. Time: 11.30am.

Roundtable

Bangladesh Short Film Forum organises a daylong roundtable to mark the 20 years of alternative film movement in the country. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.00am.

Drama

Palakar organises a children's drama titled 'Obak Jalpan' by Sukumar Roy. Venue: 46, Dilu Road. Time: 7.00pm.

BNWLA workshop

Bangladesh National Women Lawyers'

Association (BNWLA) will hold a regional workshop on 'Prosecution of women and child trafficker'. Venue: Brac Centre Inn, Mohakhali. Time: 9.15am.

Jubo Gonoforum meet

A meeting of the Jubo Gonoforum will be held to implement the 17-point demand of Jatiya Oikya Mancha with its President Dr Kamal Hossain as chief guest. Venue: 21/1, Purana Paltan. Time: 3.00pm.

Islami Parishad meet

Islami Parishad Bangladesh will hold a discussion to mark its second founding anniversary. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.

Network meet

Under the auspices of Samata, the annual general meeting of different network organisations will be held. Venue: LGED Bhaban auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 9.30am.

AGM

The annual general meeting of Kushtia Zila Samity Dhaka will be held. It will be followed by a cultural function. Venue: BCIC Bhaban auditorium, Dilkusha. Time: 3.30pm.

Reunion

The reunion of Management Net will be held. Venue: Business Studies auditorium of Dhaka University. Time: 9.00am.