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Musical evening

Muldhara International Centre organises a musical evening titled 'Amar Gan Tomar Gan Bangla Gan'.

lence meeting to pay tributes to slain Awami League (AL) lawmaker Ahsanullah Master with Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and AL President Sheikh Hasina as chief guest.

Academy film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'The Virgin Suicides' (2000).

JP conference

A conference of Dhaka City Jatiya Party (JP) will be held with party Chairman HM Ershad as chief guest.

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of a book titled 'Golapsangraha' by Abdush Shakoor will be held.

Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of Visit Bimstec Year-2004 will be held with State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin as chief guest.

Seminar

A seminar on 'Christian-Muslim Relations in Post 9/11 USA', organised by world religions department of Dhaka University.

Workshop

Development Wheel organises a workshop to share the research findings of a project titled 'An actor oriented approach to natural resources sector value addition'.

Condolence meeting

Jatiya Sramik League will hold a condolence meeting.



Newly appointed British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Anwar Chowdhury presents his credentials to President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Govt urged to withdraw 14th Constitution Amendment Bill

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Left-leaning 11 party leaders yesterday urged the government to withdraw the 14th Constitution Amendment Bill.

Speaking at a press conference in the city, they also threatened to launch greater agitation if the government goes ahead with the bill.

"Like military and reactionary governments in the past, the present government is also trying to stay in power by changing the constitution," said CPB General Secretary Muzahidul Islam Selim.

He said there is no need to amend the constitution for hanging the portraits

of president and prime minister in government and other offices. An administrative order is enough for this, he added.

Selim said increase of reserved seats for women in parliament and direct election to those seats are the popular demands of our women community. But the government is going to amend the constitution without keeping any provision for direct election to the reserved seats.

He said when the country is beset with innumerable problems, the government is wasting time and resources for silly constitutional amendments.

Coordinator of 11 party Morshed Ali

said the government is extending the retirement age of the judges of high court and supreme court divisions, chairman of public service commission and auditor and comptroller general to maintain partisan influence on the future caretaker government.

Pankaj Bhattacharya said the government should not bring any change to the constitution just because of its two-thirds majority in parliament.

Abdul Bari Zoarder, Dilip Barua, Bimal Biswas, Kazi Abdus Samad, Ruhin Hasan Prince, and Mahmudur Rahman Babu also spoke on the occasion.

Brac University introduces residential semester

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To enhance language, communication and technological skills of students, the Brac University has introduced a residential semester system, first of its kind by a private university.

"The main objective of the semester is to promote extracurricular activities of the students along with academic activities," said Yousuf M Islam, co-ordinator of the residential semester.

Under the semester introduced last year, the newly admitted students of all faculties have to stay at the Training and Resource Centre (TARC) of Brac in Savar for three months as part of their academic activities. There are four separate dormitories for male and female students at the centre.

"We are teaching the students in line with the Brac's philosophy so they can contribute to the society as future leaders of the country," Yousuf said.

Transport strike in Sylhet today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet Zila Sarak Paribahan Malik Sramik Oikya Parishad has called a daylong strike in the district today to press its 6-point demand.

The demands include punishment to those responsible for a recent attack on truck terminal, renovation of South Surma Bus Terminal, dissolution of the so-called Bus Malik Samity and establishment of a microbus and rickshaw stand at Chouhatta.

The parishad announced the strike at a rally at South Surma Bus Terminal on Wednesday.