



Awami League presidium member Abdus Samad Azad speaks at a rally organised by Awami Jubo League at Mukhtangan in the city yesterday protesting filing of a graft case against Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and AL President Sheikh Hasina.

Filing of case against Hasina protested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami Jubo League, youth front of the opposition Awami League, yesterday held a rally in the city protesting the filing of a graft case against Leader of the Opposition and AL President Sheikh Hasina.

wasting crores of public money by erecting a permanent bridge in front of the Ziaur Rahman's graveyard on the other hand filing false cases against AL leaders," Samad Azad said.

AL Organising Secretary Sabir Hossain Chowdhury said the government filed a graft case against Hasina but it would never be able to prove the charge.

Addressing the rally at Mukhtangan in the city, AL presidium member Abdus Samad Azad said the government was trying to harass AL leaders through filing false cases. He urged the party leaders and activists and countrymen to expedite the movement to oust the government from power.

"The security of common people is under threat as the ruling party cadres even do not hesitate to kill police personnel to maintain their reign of terror across the country," he said.

He joined the BARI as a junior scientific officer in 1975 and served the organisation in different capacities before assuming the new responsibilities.

AL walks out as talks on by-polls denied

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Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdul Hamid, Suranjit Sengupta and Mohammad Nasim urged the treasury bench members to hold discussion on the overriding national issues.

The deputy leader of the opposition pegged Dhaka-10 by-polls as a new 'world record in vote rigging'.

He urged the House to hold a discussion on 'the sham polls, conspiratorial case against Sheikh Hasina and persecution of opposition political activists'.

But the ruling legislators showed interest in their previous proposal for a dialogue on a ban on hartal, struggling of the opposition demand.

He dismissed the allegations of massive vote rigging and said the Bikalpa Dhara candidate, aided by the AL, contested the polls only to make such allegations.

AL frontbencher Suranjit said the government destroyed country's democratic electoral process by rigging Dhaka-10 ballot in the interest of only one person.

Responding to Hamid's demand, he said a demand of the government for discussion in the House was illegal. "As the speaker of this parliament I will take the decision."

Water Resources Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmed accused the AL of introducing poll rigging and persecution of opposition leaders and activists.

State Minister for Law Shahjahan Omar and Krishak Sramik Janata League lawmaker Kader Siddiqui also took part in the debate.

On hurried publication of gazette

BAU engr assaulted by JCD cadres

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An assistant engineer of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) was assaulted yesterday allegedly by a group of armed cadres belonging to Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of the BNP.

As they refused to pay, Raju hit the engineer with a piece of broken glass leaving him injured critically. Mustafizur has lodged a complaint with BAU Registrar in this connection.

The victim Md Mustafizur Rahman was admitted to BAU Health Complex. Sources said the group members Raju, Shamim, Anis and Pranto entered the room of Mustafizur at about 3:15pm and started ransacking the room.

They demanded tolls from him and a contractor present in the room at that time.

Sattar joins BARI as DG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdus Sattar, a renowned agricultural scientist, joined the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI) as its new director general (DG) on Wednesday, says a press release.



Professor Kamal Uddin, who was also the founder of the department of bio-chemistry at Dhaka University, was undergoing treatment in the Philippines capital of Manila, an official handout said.

He joined the BARI as a junior scientific officer in 1975 and served the organisation in different capacities before assuming the new responsibilities.

His body will be brought back home by a Singapore Airlines aircraft tonight. He will be buried at Banani graveyard after namaz-e-janaza on Karzon Hall premises at 10.30 am on July 6.



President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday condoled the death of Prof. Kamal Uddin.

Prof Kamal Uddin, brother-in-law of Education Minister Dr M Osman Faruk, left behind his wife, 2 daughters, 5 sons, 11 grandsons and daughters.

Appeal for help

Spondon, a 27-month-old boy, has been suffering from complicated heart disease since his birth, says a press release.

He is now under treatment of Dr MAK Razzak of Shishu Hospital. Doctors have suggested emergency heart surgery to save the life of Spondon.

But his father Nathlen Bablu Ballabh, an employee of a non-government organisation, is unable to bear the huge expenditure of the operation.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, two daughters and five grandchildren. Her namaz-e-janaza was held at Darul Ulum Jame Masjid after jehr prayers. She was laid to rest at Begum Bazar graveyard. Her qulhwani will be held on July 7 at 5.00 pm at 150-B, West Rampura in the city.

So, he has appealed to generous people for financial assistance. Contributions can be sent to Nathlen Bablu Ballabh, Savings Account No. 7515, Pubali Bank, National Zoo Road, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216.

Ishhaque Ali, father of Emarat Nirman Sramik Union Bangladesh President Anwar Hossain Ainal, died of cardiac arrest at his residence at the age of 85, says a press release.

Direct election to JS reserved seats not practicable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Direct election to the seats reserved for women in parliament is not a practicable idea, said Women and Children Affairs Minister Begum Khurshid Jahan Haque at a press conference yesterday.

The 5th periodic report on 'the CEDAW will be reviewed at the UN Committee session.

"We have the reservation for those two particular articles considering people's sentiment," she added.

"We need a change in social mindset first and then can go for direct election," she added.

As to the full ratification of the CEDAW Convention, the minister said articles 2 and 16(1), to which Bangladesh has so far shown reservation, are under the process of cabinet decision.

Khurshid Jahan was addressing the press conference prior to her attending the 31st session of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) scheduled to be held in New York on July 5.



Workers Party of Bangladesh brought out a procession in the city yesterday in support of July 11 hartal.

Advertisement for Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) regarding a recruitment process for the Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP) for the post of Assistant Professor in the Department of Applied Electronics. It includes details about the exam, syllabus, and contact information.

Advertisement for Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) regarding a recruitment process for the post of Assistant Professor in the Department of Applied Electronics. It includes details about the exam, syllabus, and contact information.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Chhatra Union regarding a recruitment process for the post of Assistant Professor in the Department of Applied Electronics. It includes details about the exam, syllabus, and contact information.

Advertisement for Bangladesh Machine Tools Factory Ltd. (BMTF) regarding a recruitment process for the post of Assistant Professor in the Department of Applied Electronics. It includes details about the exam, syllabus, and contact information.

Weather forecast for Dhaka, Bangladesh, for the day of July 5, 2004. It includes temperature ranges, humidity, and a note about no change in day temperature likely.

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