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Motijheel area in the city during hartal hours yesterday. Awami League called a six-hour countrywide hartal demanding restoration of August 15 as national mourning day.

Tk 4.5 cr Danish grant for pain management clinics

UNB, Dhaka

Denmark will provide Tk 4.5 crore as a grant for training and technical assistance and a loan for equipment to support establishment of multidisciplinary pain-management clinics of international standard in Bangladesh.

Tom B. Hansen, Danish Chargé d' Affaires in Dhaka, approved the assistance as part of the Danida Private Sector Development (PSD) Programme.

It said the Multidisciplinary Pain Management Clinics would be established as a technical collaboration between Bio-Consult ApS, Denmark, and Unihealth Limited, Bangladesh.

The Danish support includes training of Bangladeshi doctors in Denmark with Prof. Dr. Lars Arendt-Nielsen, who is operating one of the leading R&D resource bases in the world in the area of Pain Management, which is a growing discipline in the western world.

The Pain Management Clinics will not only diagnose the cause of pain but also treat the pain itself. Some of the common pain problems the clinics will manage include arthritis, back and neck pain, cancer pain, nerve pain, migraine headaches, shingles etc.

The clinics will also manage acute pain caused by surgery, a debilitating illness or a serious injury such as pain after joint replacements, pain during recovery from accidents, and pain following stomach or chest surgery.

ASIAN ART FESTIVAL

Team leaves for Beijing today

A 19-member Bangladesh delegation leaves Dhaka today to take part in the sixth Asian Art Festival to be held in Beijing, capital of China, says a press release.

Led by Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Ahmed Nazir, the delegation included Monirul Islam, president of Bangladesh Cultural Reporter's Association.

Death anniversary



Today is the first death anniversary of Ameenah Mashiur Rahman, wife of late senior minister Mashiur Rah-man Jadu Mia, says a press release.

Ameenah, former women affairs secretary of National Awami Party (Basani), died of heart failure on this day in 2003.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at 107, Park Road New DOHS Mohakhali in the city after Asr prayers today. Besides, Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held and food will be distributed among the destitute at her village home at Sundarkhata in Nilphamari.

BANGABANDHU MURDER Execution of verdict demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday called for immediate execution of the verdict in Bangabandhu Murder Case.

They said the execution of the verdict is being delayed intentionally.

The discussion was organised by Jatiya Oikyanamcho marking the 29th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at a city hotel.

The speakers said Bangabandhu was an undisputed leader who always wanted to see a happy and prosperous Bangladesh.

They said the conspirators killed him to stop the progress of the country, said a press release.

Presided over by Advocate Zahirul Islam, member of the steering committee of Jatiya Oikyanam-cho, the meeting was addressed by Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Abdur Rauf and Shamsuddoha.

JCD men assault schoolteacher

UNB, Jhalakati

Four activists of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Wednesday allegedly assaulted a schoolteacher for his refusal to pay them toll in Nalcity upazila.

Police quoting the teacher said JCD activists Lavlu, Sabuj, Babu and Zafar stormed into a classroom of Merchant Secondary Girls High School at 2:30pm and beat up senior teacher Abul Kalam Azad in front of his students.

The managing committee of the school in an emergency meeting the same day condemned the incident and demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the attackers. Police, however, failed to arrest any.

Gold seizure challenged

UNB, Chittagong

Khatunganj Traders' Association yesterday challenged in the court the seizure of gold of Nath Jewellery, saying the owner has money lending and gold trading licences.

Ram Nath, owner of the jewellery, had earlier claimed that traders borrowed money from him mortgaging the gold.

The Rab seized the gold worth over Tk 3 crore and cases were filed against Ram Nath and eight others on charge of gold smuggling.

Hearing of the petition was not held as the prosecution sought time.

Allowances for ward commissioners to be raised

BSS, Dhaka

An in-house meeting of the local government, rural development and cooperatives ministry was held at its conference room yesterday.

The meeting discussed matters relating to raising allowances and other facilities of ward commissioners and female commissioners in the reserved seats under the Dhaka City Corporation

LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan presided over the meeting

State minister for LGRD and

Cooperatives Ziaul Haque Zia was present, a press release said.

The meeting recommended some proposals for raising the allowances and facilities for the commissioners in all city corporations of the country after reviewing their demands.

It also suggested for holding a discussion with the mayors of six city corporations for taking the final decision in this regard.

LGRD Secretary AHM Abul Quasem and officials concerned were present.

Bodies of 2 abducted traders recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

Police recovered the bodies of two abducted traders from Sheron para, a tribal village under Bandarban Police Station yesterday.

Sukumarr Nath, 28, and Himanshu Nath, 30, were the goat traders of

Shodaha para under Satkania upazila of Chittagong.

They were abducted by unidentified tribal miscreants from Headman para, near Bandarban district headquarters on August 7.

The bodies were found in a canal in the evening.

PM receives donations for flood-hit people

UNB, Dhaka

More organisations, ministries and individuals yesterday donated 1 lakh US dollar and Tk 51 lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for flood-affected people.

The contributors to the PM's Relief Fund include Bangladesh Mohila Samity School and College, Huq and Sons Ltd, 35 Boxirhat Ward BNP (Chittagong), Foreign Ministry, Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan on behalf of Chittagong-10 constituency, Chittagong district (South) BNP, South Korean community living in Dhaka and its Embassy, Bangladesh Cricket Board, Chaity Group, Bangladesh Engineering and Technology University, Zia Shishu Academy and Bangladesh Biman Flying Services Association of cabin Crew.

1,271 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested some 1,271 people, including six identified criminals, on various charges during their country-wide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6.00am yesterday.



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Kyu-hyung Lee, ambassador of the Republic of Korea, hands over a cheque for 100,000 US dollar to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for the PM's Relief Fund for flood victims yesterday.



On behalf of the insurance companies, Nasir A Choudhury, chairman of Bangladesh Insurance Association and managing director of Green Delta Insurance Co., hands over cheques for Tk 12.35 lakh to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office recently for the flood victims.

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Discussion

Coalition for Quality of Life, in association with Ain O Salish Kendra, will hold a discussion meeting to exchange views on 'The high-rise culture.'
Venue: Guest House, Dhaka Club.
Time: 1.00pm.

Meeting

An emergency meeting of Dhaka-based members of the Central Executive Council of Bangladesh Gonotantrik Ainjibi Samity will be held. Venue: Room No. 124 of the Supreme Court Bar Association. Time: 4.15pm.

Seminar

A seminar on 'Our duty in flood management', organised by Hijub Tahrir Bangladesh, will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 2.30pm.

Roundtable

International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology will hold a roundtable to mark the publication of a monograph on 'Energy Policy for Bangladesh' with Education Minister

Osman Farruk as chief guest. Venue: CIRDAP Auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 4.00pm.

Media conference

The inauguration of a three-day media conference, organised jointly by the Centre for Development Communication, Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication, and Mass Line Media Centre, will be held. Venue: British Council Auditorium.



Lions Clubs International District 315 B3 distributes relief among the distressed people in flood-hit areas of Keraniganj on Saturday.



Sammilita Sangskritik Jote General Secretary Golam Quddus distributes relief among the flood-affected people in Chatkhil, Noakhali, recently.



President of Women's Voluntary Association Ruby Rahman hands out relief to flood-affected people in Munshiganj recently.



Proyojon Bahumukhi Samabaya Samity distributes relief among flood-affected people at Uttara in the city recently.



Dr Harsh Kumar presents the keynote paper at a seminar on 'Advances in Medical Management of Glaucoma' in the city on Saturday. Sitting from left are Prof Md Saleh Uddin, Prof MA Hadi Faquir and Dr Shagufa Anwar.