



Ittefaq Employees Union executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kazi Bazlur Rahman and Matiur Rahman Talukdar (Jalil) have been elected Danik Ittefaq Employees Union's president and general secretary for two years. The election of Danik Ittefaq Employees Union was held yesterday at its office. The other office bearers are; Sarafat Ali Patwary -vice president, Dipak Chandra Roy -joint secretary, Jahingir Alam Parawry -treasurer, Sharif Mukbul Hossain -publicity secretary and Abu Sahid Khan, Khorshed Alam, Aakramujjaman and Sultan Ahmed Patwary as executive members.

Death anniversary



Vice Marshal Fakhrlul Azam, businessman Kamrul Azam, Prof Khairul Azam, BTV News Editor Khurshida Haque and singer Dilruba Rahman. A milad and doa mahfil will be held at her home at Kulsum Apartment in Siddheswari after Asr prayers.

Abu Mosab



A milad mahfil will be held at his home at Ananda Road after Asr prayers. Relatives, friends and colleagues have been requested to attend the milad. Mamun Rafique, proprietor of Impact, an advertising firm, is his son.

4 killed, 15 hurt in road accident

UNB, Kishoreganj

Four people were killed and at least 15 others injured in a road accident at Mahmudabad near Bhairab on Dhaka-Sylhet Highway yesterday. The mishap took place when a passenger pick-up van fell into a road side ditch after it was hit from behind by a Kishoreganj-bound bus from Dhaka leaving three van passengers dead on the spot at 10:30am. Another succumbed to his injuries at Bhairab Health Complex. Two of the deceased were identified as Kashem Mia, 40, resident of Mirzapur union of Raipura upazila of Narsingdi and Moina Begum, 35, of Mahmudabad of the same upazila. Five were sent to different clinics of the capital in critical condition.

PBCP cadres throw bombs on doc's car in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The PBCP cadres threw two bombs on the car of eminent surgeon Dr Gazi Mizanur Rahman at Majid Sarani under Sonadanga thana in the city yesterday. Driver Abu Hanif and witnesses said that two unidentified miscreants threw bombs when Dr Mizan's daughter SSC candidate Antara was going to Govt Coronation Girls' High School by the car. Splinters of th powerful bombs caused damage to wind shields of the car. The miscreants disappeared through a by-lane by a motorbike, witnesses said. Anisur Rahman, assistant commissioner of south zone, said the bomb attackers are cadres of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Janajuddho). The PBCP cadres threatened to kill Dr Mizan, Managing Director of 'Khulna Surgical Clinic Ltd, several times if he failed to pay tolls to them, Anis said. But he ignored the death threats given over cell phone by Janajuddho cadres, he added. Dr Mizan confirming the incident said that the extremists have been demanding huge amount of toll from him for the last few weeks. They also death threat, he added. Sources at the management of the Khulna Surgical Clinic said a cadre of Janajuddho who identified him as Tushar threatened Dr Mizan over phone few minutes after the bomb attack to pay toll or face a dire consequence.

BGC Trust varsity students threaten legal action

CU CORRESPONDENT

Students of BGC Trust University in Chittagong have threatened to go for legal action if the government closes down the university on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission (UGC). They gave the threat at a press conference at the local press club in the port city yesterday. The student leaders termed the UGC recommendation 'false', 'fabricated' and 'motivated'. "We are shocked to learn that our university was enlisted into the 'black list' even after meeting all the seven criteria required by the UGC to run a private university," they added. The student leaders claimed that the committee for evaluating the performance of private university did not even visit their city campus. Sayada Ismat Ara, 3rd semester BBA, Saidunnesa Sumi, 3rd semester CSIT, Quamrul Huda, 4th semester BBA, Md Hasnain Chowdhury, 4th semester BBA, and Jewel Das, 4th semester CSIT spoke at the press conference.

Smuggled timber seized

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong South Forest Division (CSFD) has seized a huge quantity of smuggled timber, including over 2116cft of teakwood, 3000 pieces of bamboo and 150 sacks of wood coal, worth about Tk.11 lakh during a 10-day drive recently. Seven trucks, one pickup van and a CNG-run three wheeler, carrying the illegal wood were also seized during the drive.



PHOTO: STAR

Members of Gonoshasthaya Nari Kendra and teachers and students of Gono Bishwabidyalay form a human chain in the city yesterday demanding direct election to the parliamentary seats reserved for women.

2 killed, 50 injured in B'baria clash

UNB, Brahmanbaria

Two people were killed and about 50 others injured in a clash between two groups at village Thanakandi in Nabinagar upazila yesterday morning. The deceased were identified as Nooru Mia, 50, and Amir Hossain, 60, residents of the village. The fierce clash erupted between the supporters of Member Golam Hossain and Member Abu Taher of Thanakandi village over settlement of a dispute, injuring 52 people critically, police and witnesses said. The badly injured Nooru Mia and Amir Hossain were rushed to the Nabinagar Hospital where they succumbed to their injuries. Both the groups used lethal weapons during the clash that lasted about one hour. Among the critically injured, three people were admitted to a local hospital and two others were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). Nabinagar thana police brought the situation under control. Police were also deployed at the village to avert further troubles.

One killed, 40 injured in Habiganj clash

UNB, Habiganj

One people died and at least 40 others injured in a clash between two groups at village Begunai under Lakhai upazila on Wednesday. The dead was identified as Abdur Rahim Talukder, 38, a resident of Begunai village. Police and witnesses said, altercation started over being witness in a case, between the supporters of Begunia Union Parishad Chairman Morshed Kamal and one Farid Mia. At one stage it turned into a bloody clash. Both the groups used lethal weapons during the clash. Abdur Rahim died on the spot when he was struck by a sharp weapon. At least 40 people, including women, were injured in the clash that lasted more than two hours. Injured Ashik, 25, Chabir Mia, 20, and Akkas were admitted to Habiganj Sadar Hospital in a critical condition. Body of Rahim was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

WEATHER

T O D A Y

Light rain or drizzle likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle may occur at one or two places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country till 6.00pm today.

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

Highest temperature 33.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Hatiya and lowest 18.5 degree Celsius at Srirangal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:21pm today and rises at 6:03am 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	31.8	22.5	63	59
Chittagong	33.2	23.5	67	75
Rajshahi	29.7	21.0	82	85
Khulna	32.0	22.6	72	63
Barisal	31.6	21.6	88	92
Sylhet	31.8	21.8	74	74
Cox's Bazar	32.6	23.0	69	74

Discussion

A discussion on 'Women's empowerment in participatory democracy', organised by Mukta Rajnoitk Andolon, will be held. Venue: National Press Club, Topkhana Road. Time: 3.00pm.

Seminar on Piles

Rotary Club of Islamabad, Chittagong organises a seminar on the treatment of Piles. Venue: Sugandha Community Centre, 7/13, Setmore's Road. Time: 2.30pm

Film show

Muldhara, a forum of writers, journalists and artists, will screen two films titled 'Dipu Number 2' and 'Chokher Bali'. Venue: House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.30am and 6.30pm.

Punjabi exhibition

A two-day exhibition of punjabi, organised by Shantinibas Craft and Fashion, will be inaugurated with State Minister for Education Ehsanul Haq Milon as chief guest. Venue: Gallery Chitrak, House-21, Road-4, Dhanmondi. Time: 10.30am.

Autumn fair

The inaugural ceremony of a five-day Autumn Fair, organised by Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation, will be held. Venue: BSCIC Bhaban, Motijheel. Time: 10.30am.

Trust meeting

A meeting of the board of governors of Bangladesh Chhatra

Kalyan Trust will be held with its chairman and eminent folk-lore scientist Dr Ashraf Siddique in the chair. Venue: Hamdard Auditorium, 291/1 Sonargaon Road. Time: 4.00pm.

Quantum Foundation organises a voluntary blood donation camp. Venue: ISKON (Swamibagh Asram). Time: 3.30pm to 8.00pm.

Dhaka Wasa Jatiyatabadi Employees Union will hold a discussion with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: Wasa Bhaban, Karwan Bazar. Time: 4.00pm.

An orientation ceremony of