



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia addresses a reception arranged on the occasion of Armed Forces Day at Senakunja in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

Armed Forces capable of countering any aggression: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday said Bangladesh Armed Forces are presently capable of effectively countering any aggression by external enemies and facing any situation that may jeopardise national solidarity.

Addressing a reception at Senakunja in Dhaka Cantonment on the occasion of Armed Forces Day 2004, Khaleda, also in charge of defence ministry, said her government during the 1991-96 period had taken multifarious steps for development, expansion and enhancing the capability of the armed forces.

"After our taking the responsibility of government this time around also, the trend is on," she told the function attended by ministers, chiefs of the three services, MPs, political leaders, senior civil and military officers and noted personalities.

Describing their glorious and significant role during Liberation War in 1971, she said the 21st November is

an important chapter in the history of Bangladesh.

This day in 1971, she recalled, the armed forces mounted combined counterattack on the occupation forces in a turnaround of the liberation war, which marked a major progress towards final victory of the nation.

Within a short time, the occupation forces went berserk in the face of the combined operation that expedited the country's victory through surrender of the Pakistan army.

"We earned an independent and sovereign Bangladesh through their surrender. The contribution of armed forces to the independence war would remain refulgent in

national history," said the prime minister.

Describing various roles in social and development activities of armed forces, she noted that Bangladesh's position is on top as force-contribution to UN peacekeeping mission.

Former president Abdur Rahman Biswas, Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar, Chief Justice Syed JR Mudassir Husain, former caretaker government chief Latifur Rahman, Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil, Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Bangladesh Muzahidul Islam Selim and diplomats attended the function.

RU reopens tomorrow amid tension

Student bodies threaten agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi University (RU) reopens tomorrow after a 23-day unscheduled closure amid tension among the student organisations.

The university was closed on October 30 following a daylong violence that left about 200 students, teachers and journalists injured.

The dormitories will open today and classes and scheduled examinations will start the next day.

In a press release yesterday, the authorities asked the students to carry their identity cards as police will be deployed to ensure security.

It also asked the students to take the proctor's permission before holding any procession and meeting on the campus.

Meanwhile, different student organisations, including Bangladesh Chhatra League and the alliance of 11 left-leaning student bodies, threatened to continue movement from the first day of the reopening if their demands were not met.

The demands include withdrawal of 'false cases' filed against 54 students and removal of RU Vice Chancellor Prof Faisal Islam Faruki, Proctor Prof Shamsul Alam Sarker and Provost of Taposhi Rabeya hall Prof Tahmina Begum.

'Lack of security a problem for women journalists'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Number of women journalists is still much lower compared to other professions, said the speakers at a workshop yesterday.

They said lack of security, proper recognition and stereotyped attitudes are mainly responsible for their low participation in journalism.

The four-day workshop on 'Strengthening Women's Involvement in Media' was organised by Bangladesh Nari Sangbadik Kendra (BNSK) at the National Press Club in the city.

British High Commission and Thompson Foundation have jointly funded the programme.

Information Minister M Shamsul Islam attended the workshop as chief guest while Editor of the weekly

Begum Nurjahan Begum, British Deputy High Commissioner Robert Gibson and Julie McCreedie of Thompson Foundation as special guests.

Robert Gibson said patriarchal society and the problem of maintaining balance between work and family are the main reasons for low participation of women in journalism in Bangladesh.

Low wage, unfair treatment and harassment by male colleagues are also the causes for which, even in the UK and the USA, only around 33 percent of working journalists are women, he added.

M Shamsul Islam said the press in Bangladesh is free as the government believes in free flow of information. He said the government has already taken many steps for the uplift of women in different sectors.

The women journalists had passed a tough way. What is needed now is proper training and necessary support from concerned quarters for further advancement, said Nurjahan Begum.

Nasimun Ara Huq, president of BNSK, in her presidential speech said there are 150 women journalists working in different media in the country.

1 killed, 30 hurt as trains collide

UNB, Jamalpur

A boy was killed and 30 people, including an engine driver, were injured when a passenger train ramed into a goods train at Bahadurabad Ghat yesterday.

Railway sources said the Dhaka-bound intercity Teesta Express left Bahadurabad Ghat at 3:00pm and entered the line no 3 of its upper station at 3:05pm due to a wrong clearance.

The driver of the passenger train braked hard but failed to stop the speeding train that ramed into the goods train standing on the line.

The goods train rolled forward and crushed Shahidul, 7, who was playing on the railway track.

Police seek 5-day remand of seven Rohingyas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ukhia police yesterday prayed for a five-day remand of seven Rohingya criminals, including Abdul Hakim alias Lulu Chairman, who were arrested from the Kutupalong refugee camp on Friday.

"We have submitted a prayer to the local magistrate's court for the remand, but the hearing has not taken place yet," Sub-Inspector Shafiqur Rahman of Ukhia Police Station told The Daily Star over the phone yesterday evening.

He said the law enforcers, including the police and Range Reserve Forces, are still deployed at Kutupalong refugee camp.

The seven are among the 24 alleged criminals arrested in connection with the clash between Rohingya criminals and police on Thursday.

Entry of visitors to secretariat restricted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a bid to beef up security measures at the secretariat, the home ministry has further restricted entry of visitors, mechanics and labourers and cancelled all advance passes.

The ministry took the decision following recommendations of a committee it had formed recently.

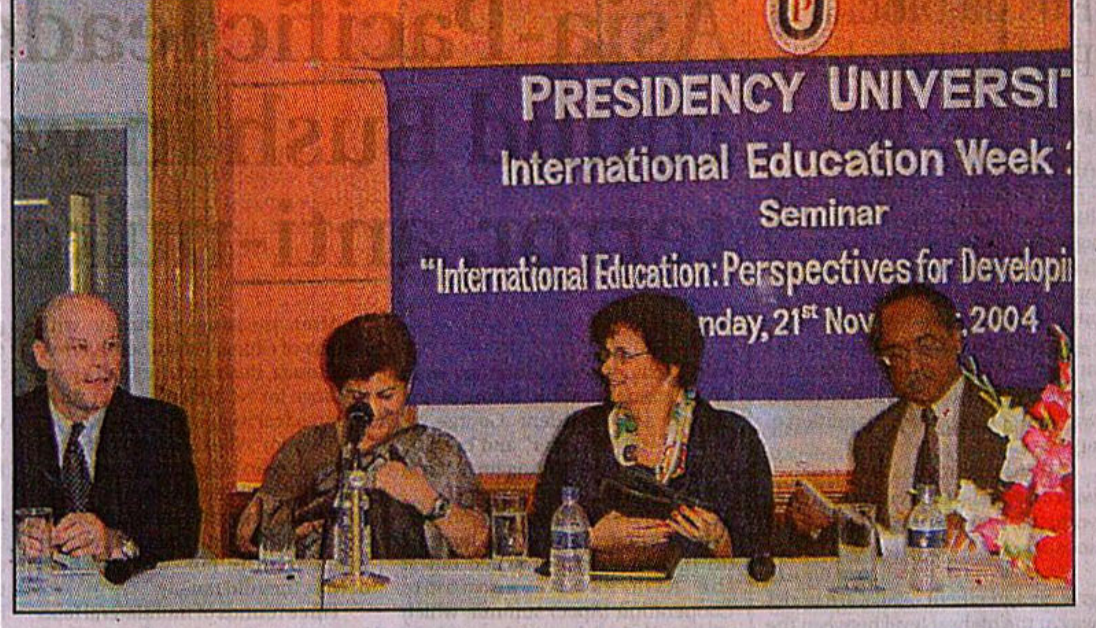
A circular issued by the ministry's security section-2 and signed by Senior Assistant Secretary Ahsanul Haq said from now on no pass issuing authority is eligible to issue advance passes.

The circular made available yesterday said visitors will not carry any of the three parts of the pass. One part will be kept at the issuing authority, another at the reception centre and the third at police control room inside the Secretariat.

Earlier, issuing authority used to keep one part, the reception centre another and visitors keep the remaining part until they exit. Visitors were also able to take advance passes.

The circular warned of taking legal action against both the pass issuing officials and visitors found carrying advance pass.

It also asked all ministries to get passes through the home ministry for mechanics and labourers for repairing work inside the Secretariat.



Presidency University organised a seminar on 'International Education: Perspectives for Developing Countries' in the city yesterday to mark the International Education Week. From Left are Kim McQuay, country representative of Asia Foundation, Rokia Afzal Rahman, chairman of Presidency University Foundation, Judith Chammas, deputy chief of US Mission, and Prof MA Baqui Khalily, acting vice-chancellor of Presidency University.

Seminar on int'l education held

Presidency University arranged a seminar on 'International Education: Perspectives for Developing Countries' yesterday in observance of International Education Week, says a press release.

Judith Chammas, deputy chief of the US Mission, and Kim McQuay, country representative of the Asia Foundation, were the special speakers at the event.

Judith Chammas eulogized the functional value of international education towards developing peace, tolerance and goodwill.

Kim McQuay detailed the role of the Asia Foundation in its 50 years of work in Bangladesh.

Prof. Dr. Arifa Rahman, head, Department of English, presented a paper on 'Educational Ideology and its misapplication in Bangladesh'.

Rokia Afzal Rahman, chairman of Presidency University Foundation Board, Prof Dr Baqui Khalily, acting vice-chancellor of the university, also spoke.

Adhunik lottery launched

UNB, Dhaka

Amra Dhupman Nibaron Kori (Adhunik), an anti-smoking organisation, has launched a lottery programme to raise funds for setting up a modern hospital for the treatment of tobacco addicts.

Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka inaugurated the lottery at a simple function at the Jatia Press Club on Saturday.

Senior Vice President of Adhunik and UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan presided over the function.

DHAKA TODAY

Film show
Siddiqui as chief guest. Venue: National Museum, Shahbagh. Time: 9.30am.

Publication ceremony
The publication ceremony of a book titled 'Montreal Jibon' by Advocate Shahin Akhter Munir will be held. Venue: WVA Auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.30pm.

Condolence meeting
Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad organises a meeting to condole the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 3.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Film show
Zahir Raihan Film Society and Alliance Francaise will jointly screen four French documentary films by Pierre Coulibeuf. The films are 'Klossowski: Exorcist Painter', 'The Demon of the Passage', 'Lost Paradise' and 'The Warriors of Beauty'. Venue: Alliance Francaise, Road-3, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

Academy film show
Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Robot 1' (2004), and an Italian film titled 'Black Angel' (2000). Venue: 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

Cultural programme
The High Commission of India, in collaboration with the Association of Bangladesh Scholars Studied in India, organises a seminar and cultural programme. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House-25, Road-96, Gulshan-2. Time: 6.00pm.

Training
The inaugural ceremony of a month-long training on 'Conservation of terracotta plaques of Paharpur' will be held with Deputy Speaker Akhtiar Hamid

Obituary

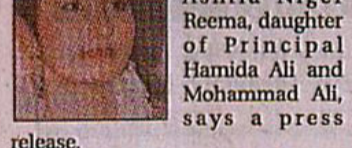


Suraiya Khatun, wife of late Syed Abdul Hannan, a former official of M e g h n a Oil Company, died in North Carolina, USA, on November 16,

Her eldest son SA Humayun Ahmed is a director of Uttara Group of Company.

Her body will be flown in to Sylhet today. She will be buried at Hazrat Shahjalal (RA) Dargah graveyard.

Death anniversary



Today is the seventh death anniversary of Ashfia Nigar Reema, daughter of Principal Hamida Ali and Mohammad Ali, says a press release.

A milad mahfil will be held on the South Point School and College premises at House # 3/A, Road # 22, Gulshan # 1 at 4.00pm.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend the milad.

VAT dodgers warned of legal action

UNB, Dhaka

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) again warned the VAT dodgers of legal action amid retailers' non-cooperation in collection of the Value added tax.

"The measures will be taken gradually as per the VAT law," the NBR said in a statement yesterday, explaining their responsibility of making it sure that the VAT paid by the consumers is deposited with the national exchequer.

The value added tax at retail level at a rate of 1.5 percent was levied in

July 2000. But, officials said, the distributors of local products and imported goods, sole agents, wholesalers and retailers have refrained from paying the VAT since then.

As a result, the NBR served a 'warning' notice to the shop owners to pay the due VAT money by November 30 deadline, only to the shop owners' dissatisfaction.

Shop Owners Association at a meeting on Saturday night discussed the issue and decided to take it up with the president of Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry for a solution.

Boy of 10 arrested in rape case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Shamim Munshi, a 10-year-old boy, was arrested on Friday as accused in a rape case filed with Bagerhat court.

The minor boy, son of late Berek Munshi, arrested by Swarankhola police from Matherparh village was sent to Bagerhat district jail the following day.

As a result of the accused minor boy's illicit relationship with Salma Khatun, 22, daughter of Rustam Farazi of Dakkhin Badhal village under Swarankhola upazila, she became pregnant, the prosecution

says. Yunus Farazi, uncle of Salma filed a case with Bagerhat court alleging that the minor boy refused to marry her. In the case, he named the minor boy, his mother, two sisters and two maternal uncles as accused under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

None but the minor boy, however, has so far been arrested although the rest are moving at large.

Meanwhile, officer-in-charge of Swarankhola Police Station said the minor boy has been made a victim of conspiracy over land dispute.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 144 OF 2004

An application under section 12 and 13 of the Companies Act 1994 AND IN THE MATTER OF

Paradise Metallurgical Complex Limited
Awal Centre (12th Floor)
34, Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani C/A, Dhaka-1213.
..... Petitioner

VERSUS

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms
The Government of peoples Republic of Bangladesh
24-25 Dilkusha Commercial Area P. S. Motijheel, Dhaka.
..... Respondent

Notice is hereby given that aforesaid application before the High Court Division praying for amendment of the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner company by way of inclusion of clause was moved. Upon hearing the application Honorable Court is pleased to admit the application on 8/11/2004 and fixed for hearing on 5/12/2004.

If anyone is interested to oppose the said application he may appear before the court by himself or through an advocate on the date fixed for hearing. Copy of the application will be available from the undersigned on payment of necessary costs.

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