



Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman, chief advisor of the former caretaker government, unveils the cover of the People's Voice at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. On his left is Justice KM Sobhan and on his right are former State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed and AL leader Mostafa Jalal Mahiuddin

People's Voice launched

People's Voice, audio compact discs, containing the speeches of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from 1971 to 1975 was launched yesterday. Shekar Sandhan, a research organisation, has recorded 110 speeches of Bangabandhu in two formats - CDs and MP3s. Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman, chief advisor of the former caretaker government, inaugurated the CDs at the National Press Club in the city. He said it would help the new generation to know about Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. "We should keep Sheikh Mujibur Rahman above party politics as there is no one who had more contribution than him to our liberation war in 1971," he added. "We will collect information about all our great leaders and preserve them in CDs and MP3s as they are our national heritages," said Prof Abu Sayeed, president of Shekar Sandhan. "It is a milestone in the history of our country because new and future generations will know about the contribution of Bangabandhu in the

liberation war through these CDs and MP3s," said AAMS Arefin Siddique, president of Dhaka University Teachers' Association. "These CDs and MP3s will play a vital role to make the future generation aware about the contribution of Sheikh Mujib," said AK Azad Chowdhury, former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University. Justice KM Sobhan, Col Shawkat Osman, AFM Jahangir Hossain and Mostafa Jamal Mahiuddin also spoke at the launching ceremony. PCJ calls strike at RU today RU CORRESPONDENT Pragatishil Chhatra Jote (PCJ) today enforces a strike at Rajshahi University (RU) to protest an attack by Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) on a leftist student leader Saturday. The ICS cadres beat up Bangladesh Chhatra Union's RU unit President SM Chandan in front of Juberi Bhaban on the campus and left his both knees and elbows smashed. The PCJ yesterday staged demonstration on the campus and announced the strike at a rally in front of the Central Library.

Bangla TV channel in London from December 16

BSS, London An independent Bangla television, Channel-S, will start airing its programmes from London on December 16, the Victory Day of Bangladesh. Chairman of the channel and President of British-Bangladesh Press Club Mahi Ferdous Jalil said this at an opinion exchange meeting at the Prestige House here on Saturday. Ferdous Jalil said that the channel would initially air three hours programme daily, but it would go for 24-hour telecasting from April. The channel will be dedicated to uphold the culture and heritage of Bangladesh as well as projecting the achievements and successes of the expatriate Bangladeshis, he said. The channel will telecast its programmes involving Bangladeshi communities abroad, said Channel-S Chief Executive Rafiquzzaman.

Oust-govt agitation to continue: Jalil

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil yesterday said that Awami League would continue its movement to dislodge BNP-led four-party alliance government. Jalil also reiterated his call for unity of pro-liberation democratic forces to free the country from the clutches of anti-liberation forces at a view exchange meeting with local journalists at Khulna Press Club VIP auditorium yesterday. He said that unity of pro-liberation forces and formation of 14-party alliance were crying need of the hour to save the people and country as well from the misrule of the government. He called upon the people to make cross-country 'no-confidence' human wall from Sundarbans to Sunamganj on December 30 a grand success. Daily Prothom Alo correspondent Shaikh Abu Hasan, City AL president Talukder Abdul Khaleque MP, former Whip Mostafa Rashidi Shuja and city AL Secretary Mizanur Rahman also spoke at the view exchange meeting. Khulna Press Club acting president AK Hiru presided. Jalil also addressed a meeting of party leaders and workers at city AL office with district unit President Shaikh Harun-ar-Rashid in the chair. Jalil warned the ruling party of dire consequence for any attempt to foil December 30 programme by letting loose members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab). Rab is creating reign of terror in the name of containing crime, he said, adding that killing in crossfire was the most unlawful and violation of human rights. Earlier, Jalil inaugurated Khulna branch of Merchantile Bank at KDA avenue in the City.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia distributes cheques among the employees who went on voluntary retirement and the retrenched factory workers under a rehabilitation programme at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the city yesterday.

'Ensure security for women migrant workers'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Speakers at a discussion yesterday called for proper pre-departure orientation to ensure security for women migrant workers. They said dissemination of relevant information is needed so that the women migrants could learn about different cultures and working environments before going abroad. The discussion on 'Safe Migration for the Women Workers' was organised by Bangladeshi Obhivasi Mahila Sramik Association (BOMSA) in collaboration with Action Aid Bangladesh at the National Press Club in the city. The speakers said if the women workers could develop a minimum level of personality, the incident of abuse will diminish considerably. They also urged the government to change its policy to develop this potential sector. Prof Tasneem Siddique of Dhaka University said equal policy is not followed in the case of male and female migrant workers in the country. She said without providing security, the government rather stopped the migration of women workers under the age of 35. Secretary General of Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (BAIRA) Ali Haider Chowdhury said it costs only Tk 10 to 15 thousand for the women to go abroad as migrant workers. But there are middlemen and few unscrupulous recruiting agencies who took even Tk 50 thousand from them without ensuring any security. The speakers stressed the need for coordination among the govern-

Jute products fair ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Expansion of local market for diversified jute products is essential for revival of golden fiber's lost glory and its survival in the face of tough competition with artificial fibers, said the experts yesterday. They were speaking at the closing ceremony of the weeklong fair of jute products organised by the Jute Diversification Promotion Centre in the city. "First of its kind in the country, the fair was designed to facilitate interactions among the participating producers and other stakeholders," said the director of the centre Muhammad Fazul Haque Bhuiyan. He said jute products worth Tk10 lakh were sold while one organisation got an export order worth Tk50 lakh during the fair. There were about 50 stalls in the fair run by the organisations like Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation, Bangladesh Jute Research Institute, Janata Jute Mills Ltd, Sonali Ansh Industries Ltd, Creative Handicrafts, Moni Jute Goods, Reliance Jute Mills Ltd, Pubali Jute Mills Ltd, Golden Jute Diversification Centre, Prabartana and Bina Handicrafts. The diversified jute products showcased in the fair included various kinds of shopping, travelling and fancy bags, sofa cover, tablecloth, cushion cover, bed sheet, decorative mats and different top apparels among other attractive handicrafts. Certificates were distributed among the participating organisations at the closing ceremony attended by Health Secretary and Chairman of the International Jute Study Group Council AFM Sarwar Kamal and the executive director of the centre ABM Abdullah.

Newsmen barred from covering CU function

GU CORRESPONDENT Journalists were barred from covering a function arranged on the occasion of the Chancellor Gold Medal distribution ceremony at the Social Science Faculty auditorium in Chittagong University yesterday. Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk and State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin attended the function as chief guest and special guest.

Distribution of IU admission test forms postponed

AN IU CORRESPONDENT Islamic University authorities yesterday postponed the distribution of admission test forms as different student organisations staged demonstrations protesting price hike of the forms.



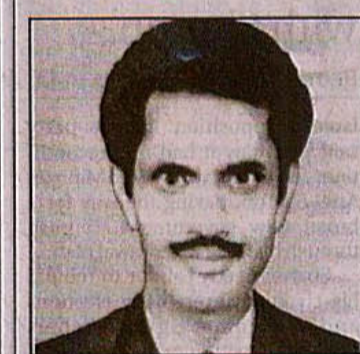
East West University founder Vice-Chancellor Dr Mohammed Farashuddin inaugurates founding anniversary programmes of the university at Osmani Memorial Hall in the city on Saturday.

EWU celebrates 8th founding anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT East West University (EWU) celebrated its eighth founding anniversary in a befitting manner at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the city on Saturday. Dr Mohammed Farashuddin, founder vice-chancellor and president of the board of directors of the university, inaugurated the daylong celebration in presence of the faculty, staff and students. Environmental and Social Club of the university organised a painting competition for the children on 'Bangladesh' to begin the programmes. Annual cultural programme and prize distribution ceremony were held in the evening and prizes were distributed among students and club moderators for their extra-curricular contributions. State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haque in his speech as chief guest lauded the untiring efforts of the university in upgrading the quality of education. Syed Manzur Elahi, a former advisor to the caretaker government, cited EWU's role in providing the corporate sector with quality human resources. Farashuddin, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Mohammad Musa and Registrar Firdaus Ali also spoke.

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Photography exhibition on Zainul: The inaugural ceremony of a photography exhibition on Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin commemorating the 90th birth anniversary of the artist will be held. Venue: Zainul Gallery of the Institute of Fine Arts. Time: The exhibition will remain open till December 24 from 11.00am to 7.00pm daily except Friday from 3.00pm to 8.00pm. Seminar: A seminar on the 'Necessity of constituting a separate land commission for indigenous people living in the plane', organised by the National Policy Advocacy Cell of SAMATA, will be held. Venue: Planning and Development Academy, Milkhet. Time: 10.30am. Workshop: The closing ceremony of the workshop titled 'Market Intel Follow up' organised by the Centre for Promotion of Imports from Developing Countries, will be held. Venue: Brac Centre Inn, Mohakhali. Time: 4.00pm. Musical programme: As part of its Victory Day programmes, Liberation War Museum organises a session of reminiscence on martyred intellectuals and a musical programme by Chhayanaut. Venue: Museum premises, Segun Bagicha. Time: 6.00pm. French film festival: Zahir Raihan Film Society, in collaboration with the Alliance Francaise, will screen four films titled 'Les Carabiniers' (1963) by Jean-Luc Godard, 'The Pier' (1962) by Chris Marker, 'Mammy Water' (1953) by Jean Rouch and 'La Collectionneuse' (1989) by Eric Rohmer. Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 5.00pm, 6.30pm, 7.00pm and 7.30pm. Memorial lecture: The 15th Nazma Jesmin Chowdhury Memorial Lecture will be held with Mamunur Rashid, a renowned cultural personality, as guest speaker. Venue: Modern Language Institute Auditorium of Dhaka University. Time: 4.00pm. Campe workshop: Campaign for Popular Education organises a workshop on 'Strengthening government and non-



Rafiqul Haider's anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Today is the 33rd death anniversary of Rafiqul Haider Chowdhury, a martyred intellectual, says a press release. On this day in 1971, Razakars, the collaborators of the Pakistani Army, picked him up blindfolded from his Shaheedbagh residence and killed him. On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at Aminbagh Mosque in the city today.

LAND SALE 30 Katha Land sale at 241 Tejgaon Industrial Area. (Lenth-208 ft. Width-105 ft.) Please Contact : 9883013, 0171-521241

ACCA ADMISSION Last Date 15 December ACCA Part-1 এর Part-2-য়ের HONS' (ACCOUNTING) এর ACCA Part-3 পাশ করলে MBA ডিগ্রী পাওয়া যায় Oxford Brookes University থেকে।

রাশিচক্র ২০০৫ এখন বাজারে ২০০৫ বর্ষ ও মাসওয়ারী বিবেচনা

WEATHER TODAY Light rain or drizzle likely UNB, Dhaka Weather is likely to remain dry over the country having chances of light rain or drizzle at places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions till 6.00pm today. Light to moderate fog is expected over the river basin of the country early morning, Met Office said and forecast nearly unchanged night temperature over the country. Highest temperature 32.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 13.0 degree Celsius at Srimongal. The sun sets in the capital at 5:13pm today and rises at 6:33am tomorrow. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were: City/Town Temperature in Celsius Humidity in percentage Morning Evening Dhaka 29.2 17.0 75 65 Chittagong 31.5 17.3 65 69 Rajshahi 28.5 16.2 77 80 Khulna 28.5 17.0 93 70 Barisal 29.5 16.4 87 96 Sylhet 29.5 16.5 63 60 Cox's Bazar 32.2 19.0 68 68

OCAS reunion programmes Dec 23-25

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The 4th reunion of Old Cadets Association of Sylhet (OCAS) and silver jubilee of Sylhet Cadet College (SCC) will be held on the college campus on December 23 to 25, says a press release. President Iajuddin Ahmed and Finance and Planning Minister M Salfur Rahman will attend the inaugural programme on December 24. Registration fees for the three-day programme are, for single Tk 500, couple Tk 800 and for guest Tk 500 for the first to twelfth batch and single Tk 300, couple Tk 500 and guest Tk 300 for the thirteenth to twenty-third batch. Last date for the registration is December 15. Members of the OCAS and SSC have been requested to call 0171563416, 011818222, 0189200929, 0171816666 or 0171288448 for further information.

Cadet College Club Limited The Second Annual General Meeting 2004 President of the Cadet College Club Zaglur Rahman Khan presides over the second Annual General Meeting of the club recently. Secretary General Maj. (ret.) Khandker Badrul Hasan and Vice-President Maj. (ret.) M Taneem Hasan are also seen.

Cadet College Club executives Zaglur Rahman Khan and Maj. (ret.) Khandker Badrul Hasan have been re-elected president and secretary general of the Cadet College Club for 2005, says a press release. The election was held at the second Annual General Meeting of the club held on the club premises in the city recently, with Zaglur Rahman in the chair. Badrul Hasan presented the annual report for 2004 showing growth in all areas of club activities and Muhammad Farhad Hussain, treasurer, presented the audit report. Other elected office-bearers are Maj. (ret.) M Taneem Hasan - vice-president, Brig. Gen. (ret.) Faruque Ashfaq - joint secretary general, and Muhammad Farhad Hussain - treasurer. And the members are Brig. Gen. (ret.) M Saifuddin, Rashed Choudhury, Shafigur Rahman, Maj. (ret.) Imroz Ahmed, Arik Morshed, Dr Munir Ahmed, Mirza Abdus Salam Arif, Rafiqul Islam, Zinnat-un-Nahar, Ashraf Hussain and Malik Abdullah-Al-Amin. BANGLADESH COMPUTER SOCIETY BANGLADESH COMPUTER SOCIETY বর্ডার-৫১৯ (হেম ভলা), রোড-১, ধানমন্ডি এ/এ, ঢাকা। ফোনঃ ৯৬৭৯০৮৩