



Paribesh Bachao Andolon stages a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding steps to evict illegal encroachers and check pollution of water in Banani-Gulshan lake.

'Evict encroachers of Banani-Gulshan lake'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a rally yesterday urged the authorities concerned to evict the encroachers of Banani-Gulshan lake.

They also called for urgent steps to stop earth filling and water pollution of the lake.

The rally was organised by Paribesh Bachao Andolon near the Banani-Gulshan Link Bridge in the city.

The speakers said the lake is now under the control of encroachers who are planning to build illegal structures over there by filling it. They said if the lake loses its natural environment, its water level would go down increasing further pollution and the probability of landslide.

The rally decided to continue the movement till the demands are met.

Presided over by former advisor of the caretaker government ASM Shahjahan, the rally was also addressed by Convenor of Paribesh Bachao Andolon Abu Naser Khan, Local Ward Commissioner Abdul Alim Latif, General Secretary of Banani Nagarik Kalyan Samity Shah Abul Kashem and Vice-President ABM Abdul Karim, and Coordinator of Greenforce Alamgir Kabir.

Death anniversary



release.

The 29th death anniversary of Mohammad Sirajuddin, chairman of Modhumita Group, will be observed today, says a press

11,000 posts for doctors to be created

UNB, Bogra

The government is going to create 11,000 new posts for physicians to reach healthcare facilities to the doorsteps of the grassroots people.

"The Ministry of Establishment has already given permission to create the posts and the process is now underway at the Ministry of Finance," Health Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain said yesterday.

The minister was inaugurating Rajshahi divisional conference of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) at Bogra Rural Development Academy here. BMA representatives from 16 northern districts attended the conference.

He said one of the election pledges of this government was to reach medical facilities to the doorsteps of the rural people and that

commitment will be fulfilled with the final approval and appointment of the physicians.

The function was also addressed by BMA district unit President Dr Shah Md Shahjahan Ali, Whip Rezaul Bari Deena, Golam Mohammad Siraj MP, Helaluzzaman Talukder Lulu, Kazi Rafiqul Islam, BMA President Prof MA Hadi and General Secretary AZM Zahid.

AMJB provides relief materials for tsunami victims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Bangladesh (AMJB) has provided medicines, foods and household articles to tsunami victims of Chennai in India, says a press release.

The AMJB, in collaboration with its Chennai unit, provided medicines to 2100 patients and household articles to 500 families in the worst affected coastal villages.

The villages are MGR Thittu, Pillamedu, Kannagi Nagar, Killai and Chinnavaikal of Cuddalore and Chidamangam districts.

The Ahmadiyya leaders also decided to provide fishing nets to the fishermen so that they could resume their work.

A six-member relief team headed by Bashirur Rahman, an Ahmadiyya Muslim missionary, went to Chennai on January 3.

JS session from Jan 31

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed has summoned the 15th session of the eighth Jatiya Sangsad at 4:15pm on January 31, said an official release on Thursday.

'Quick changes, reforms can help resolve problems'

Joy, Kristine leave for US

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh needs quick changes and reforms to resolve the varied problems, including corruption, and steer the nation to the path of development and modernisation, said Sajeeb Wazed Joy, son of Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina, yesterday.

"There are lots of problems here... If I get the opportunity, I will make Bangladesh a modern country where no-one will starve," he told reporters at the Zia International Airport before leaving for London en route to Washington.

Joy, who plans to come to Dhaka in March, said changes should be brought about and the country modernised. "The government can do it if it so wishes."

Replying to a question, he said that as his wife Kristine, a US attorney, is doing a job in America, he would not settle down here permanently but would frequently come to Dhaka.

"I don't have any ambition of becoming a political leader, nor any wish to make Sudha Sadan a second informal seat of power... My mother remains at the helm of politics and I will serve the country staying beside her," said the US-educated computer engineer.

Joy came here with his American wife, Kristine Overmire, on December 22, triggering speculations about his joining active politics.

Expressing gratitude to the people for showing their love and affection for him and his wife, Joy said: "I am grateful to them; I am very delighted. It was completely unthinkable for me."

However, he expressed disappointment that he could not visit his ancestral home at Pirganj in Rangpur. "My only sorrow is that I could not visit my home village. I could not perceive why the government had failed to give me security," he said.

Kristine said, "This is a nice country and I hope I would see a more fantastic Bangladesh in future."

Hasina gave them a hearty send-off at the airport.

Party leaders Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Abdur Razzaq MP, Tofail Ahmed, Suranjit Sengupta MP, Motia Chowdhury, Kazi Zafrullah MP, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim MP, Sabir Hossain Chowdhury and Syed Abul Hossain MP were also present.

Quality leadership a must for development

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Quality leadership is imperative for development which could ensure national security, said political scientists at a seminary yesterday.

They said development depends on how political leadership both in the government and the opposition deals with governance and security.

The two-day regional seminar on 'Development and Security' was organised by Bangladesh Political Science Association (BPSA) in collaboration with International Political Science Association and American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS) at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies auditorium in the city.

Speaking at the inaugural session as chief guest, US Ambassador to Bangladesh Harry K Thomas said true security hinges on economic development.

He said trade among the countries makes bond of mutual relationships and dependencies that become the basis of the security.

Harry said Bangladesh has wealth and resources, it needs only to find ways to utilise those for the benefit of the people.

He also laid emphasis on establishing the rule of law and a fair judicial system. BPSA President Prof Ataur Rahman said quality and dynamism in leadership could give a country solid foundation for development.

He said political leadership must increase its governance ability as good governance still remains a key issue in the country.

"Developing countries cannot just

copy the developed nations as development has become a complex process," said Prof Rahman.

AIBS President Dr Syedur Rahman said national security policy cannot be based on military capacity, rather it should be based on economic development.

He said safety of individual and absence of fear in the society is needed for development.

Dr Syedur also pointed out that

political leadership has to invent ideas which will serve the country not for a few years but for a decade and even for a century.

Dr Zillur Rahman Khan, professor emeritus of Wisconsin University, USA said without quality leadership, reforms hardly bring any positive changes in the society.

Political scientists from the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia and India are taking part in the two-day seminar.



PHOTO: THE AMERICAN CENTRE, US EMBASSY

US Ambassador Harry K Thomas hands over a cheque for \$23,496 to Ferdoushi Nazma, president of Pally Baul Unnayan Shangstha, from the Ambassador's Cultural Preservation Funds to ensure preservation of music and cultural traditions of the Bauls at a ceremony in the city on Thursday.

One killed in train accident

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An elderly man was killed when he was knocked down by a train in Arkathipara area of the upazila yesterday.

Sixty-year-old Laxman Halder, a fish trader, died on the spot after he fell from the Parbatipur-bound train at about 8.00am, Railway police said.

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TODAY

Seminar
SAIC Institute of Management and Technology organises a seminar 'Future prospect of technical education'. Venue: 2-B North-East Dargah Salam Road.

Mirpur Time: 11.00am
Rotary meeting
Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5.30pm.

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Tender Notice

Tender Notice No.-12/SSS/EE/ED/Bog/2004-2005 Dated: 14/12/2004
Name of Project: Development of Selected Secondary Schools (Govt and Private)

Tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited as per The Public Procurement Regulations-2003 from eligible contractors for repair and rehabilitation/construction of boundary wall of selected educational institutions under the project titled "Development of Selected Secondary Schools (Govt. and Private)".

- Price of tender document : Tk. 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable).
- Last date and time of purchasing tender document : 13-01-2005 (up to office hours).
- Last date and time of submitting tender document : 16-01-2005 (up to 12.15 PM).
- Date and time of opening tender box : 16-01-2005 at 12.30 PM.
- Date, time and place of opening tender document : 16-01-2005, Time-3.00 PM, Place-Zone Office, Bogra (in presence of tenderers, if any).
- Offices where tender document can be had at : Office of the Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Directorate, Bogra, Pabna, Rajshahi, Naogaon, Rangpur, Kurigram, Dinajpur and Panchagarh Zone and the Office of the Assistant Engineer, Education Engineering Directorate, Bogra and Sirajganj districts (the district concerned).
- Offices where tender will be received at : Offices of the undersigned and the Assistant Engineer, Sirajganj and Bogra districts.
- Earnest money : Earnest money should be submitted in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of "Executive Engineer, Education Engineering Directorate, Bogra Zone, Bogra".
- List of selected educational institutions, name of work, earnest money, time for completion of work, group No., location of the institutions, eligibility of contractor and other terms and conditions are enclosed with the tender document. Interested tenderers can obtain necessary information from the offices mentioned in (f).

Terms and conditions:
1) Permission for purchasing tender document should be taken from the proper authority on producing the original copies of the following papers and the attested photocopies of those papers should be submitted with the tender at the time of submitting tender.

- Registration book
- Up-to-date licence renewal certificate.
- Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate.
- Up-to-date VAT registration certificate (with ten digits).
- Bill will be paid subject to receipt of allocation. But the contractor shall be bound to complete the work within the stipulated time.
- Income tax and VAT will be deducted against each bill as per government rules and regulations.
- The quoted rate should be stated in figures and words.
- The contractors who have failed to complete work within the stipulated time without valid reasons cannot participate in the tender.
- If under any circumstances, the work is cancelled or name of institution is changed, then the contractor can not claim any financial reparations.

The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Poet Shamsur Rahman inaugurates a 'Pitha Utsab', a festival of traditional cakes, in the city yesterday. Dristi and The Oriental Bank Limited jointly organised the festival.

23 to vie for each seat in CU admission test

CU CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-three students will vie for each seat at the Chittagong University (CU) as the admission test for first year honours courses under 2004-2005 session begin on February 5.

The university authorities have sold 63,514 application forms for 2770 seats under 33 departments and two institutes and earned over Tk 1.58 crore.

A total of 12,808 forms have been sold against 670 seats under 'Ka' unit (physical and biological science), 11,646 against 712 seats under 'Kha' unit (arts faculty), 17,826 against 400 seats under 'Ga'

unit (BBA), 11,323 against 440 seats under 'Gha' unit (social science faculty), 7,501 against 100 seats under 'Uma' unit (law faculty), 1396 against 48 seats under 'Cha' unit (forestry) and 1016 against 40 seats under 'Chha' unit (marine science).

A total of 75 candidates, the highest, will vie for each seat in the faculty of law.

UNB adds: The admission test of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) will be held on February 25 and 26, with 18 students vying for each seat.

The university authorities have sold 19,749 forms for its 1,135 seats and earned nearly Tk 60 lakh, campus sources said.

Transport strike in Mymensingh tomorrow

UNB, Mymensingh

Transport owners and workers yesterday called a 24-hour strike in greater Mymensingh for tomorrow, demanding that Dhaka-Mymensingh highway be repaired soon and their agreement with the government on movement of BRTC buses in the region be implemented.

Greater Mymensingh Sarak Paribahan Malik Sramik Oikya Parishad called the strike in Mymensingh, Kishoreganj, Sherpur, Jamalpur, Netrakona and Tangail districts.

At a press conference at Mymensingh Chamber of Commerce and Industry office, the Parishad leaders also threatened to continue the strike if their demands are not met.

Alliance govt strengthens fascist culture: BSD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The four-party alliance government has strengthened the fascist culture by introducing elite forces in the name of combating crimes, said Abdullah Sarkar, a leader of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD), at a public meeting yesterday.

The meeting was organised at Gaibandha on the sixth day of the party's fortnight-long campaign against the government.

Abdullah said the activities of

the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) could not stop crimes in the country.

Rab is now killing criminals, but soon it will start killing the left-leaning people, he said.

The BSD demanded resignation of the government, withdrawal of increased price of fuel and permanent solution to munga and floods.

The meeting also urged the authorities concerned to stop eviction of rickshawpullers and hawkers without their proper rehabilitation.

Garment worker found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of a garment worker from a water body at Mohammadpur in the city yesterday.

The dead was identified as Mohammad Ripon, 23, a resident of Shekhetek. He had been missing since Wednesday evening, said his brother Mohammad Liton.

Local people informed the police after they found the body floating in the water at around 2.30pm.

Police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) morgue for autopsy.



No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country during the next 24 hours till 6.00pm today and light to moderate fog may occur in the morning.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 28.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and Hatiya and the lowest of 09.5 degrees at Rajshahi.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:28pm today and rises at 6:43 am tomorrow.

The 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	25.6	16.2	65	57
Chittagong	27.6	15.0	69	68
Rajshahi	25.4	09.5	74	71
Khulna	26.0	12.4	76	57
Barisal	26.0	12.6	91	92
Sylhet	26.9	13.9	78	72
Cox's Bazar	28.0	17.4	76	70



PHOTO: STAR

Members of Nagari Natya Gosthi took out a colourful procession in the city yesterday to mark its 12th founding anniversary.