

Ctg mayor threatens to sue BNP leaders

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City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury yesterday said that cases might be filed against the ruling BNP leaders in Chittagong for 'illegally' erecting gates on the city streets.

A number of gates on the streets had been built on the occasion of Saturday's union conference of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party's north district chapter.

"Although Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) owns the streets, the BNP leadership didn't

bother to take its permission for erecting gates. It's a clear violation of law and therefore we're considering filing cases against some of the leaders involved in the act," Mohiuddin, also the general secretary of city Awami League, said while addressing a post-hartal rally yesterday.

AL leaders Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury Babu, Engineer Mosharraf Hossain, among others, addressed the rally held in front of Darul Fazal Market yesterday evening.

They accused Prime Minister Khaleda Zia of insincerity in probing the grenade and bomb attacks across the country.

They urged all to attend tomorrow's civic condolence meeting at Laldighi Maidan for former finance minister and AL lawmaker Shah AMS Kibria.



Death anniversary of MAG Osmani today

BSS, Dhaka

The 21st death anniversary of Bangabir General MAG Osmani will be observed today with due respect.

Gen Osmani, the commander-in-chief of Armed Forces during the War of Liberation in 1971, died in 1994 at a London hospital.

Different socio-cultural organisations have drawn up elaborate programmes to mark the day.

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in separate messages paid tributes to the memory of MAG Osmani for his outstanding contribution to pre-and post-Liberation War period.

President Iajuddin said, "Osmani's outstanding role in the War of Liberation, including his significant role in organising the war, would remain as an indispensable part of our Liberation history."

Gen Osmani would be remembered by the nation forever for his firm character, respect towards parliamentary democracy and honesty in personal life, he added.

In her message, Khaleda said in the post-Liberation period, Gen Osmani also played a significant role at the crucial time of the nation and the people.

"Osmani's protest against establishment of one-party autocratic rule in 1975 is a part of the political history of Bangladesh," she said, adding that he also played a very vital role for the revival of democracy in the country.

Bangabir Osmani Smriti Parishad will hold a discussion at the Osmani Memorial Hall at 4.00pm today.

President assents to Teachers' Registration Bill

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday assented to 'Non-government Teachers' Registration and Certification Authority Bill 2005' passed in the 15th session of the 8th Jatiya Sangsad, said an official handout.

DU exams postponed

BSS, Dhaka

The examinations of Dhaka University scheduled for February 16 and 17 have been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances.

Fresh dates of the examinations will be announced soon, said a DU press release.

1,244 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,244 more people, including one listed criminal, on various charges from different parts of the country in the last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

The law enforcers also recovered 12 firearms.