

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia gives away Bangladesh Police Award and President Police Award to police and Rab officers for their courageous and extraordinary performance at a function at the Rajarbagh Police Lines in the city yesterday.

54 policemen get gallantry awards

BSS, Dhaka

Fifty-four police personnel have been awarded gallantry medals in recognition of their professional excellence and courageous role in arresting the dreaded criminals.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia decorated the policemen with the medals at a colourful ceremony on the opening day of the Police Week-2005 at Rajarbagh Police Lines in Dhaka vesterday

Among the recipients, nine received Bangladesh Police Medal (five of them posthumously), three Bangladesh Police Medal (service), 16 President's Police Medal and 26 received President's Police Medal (service)

The five who won the posthumous awards are SM Mizanur Rahman. former officer-in-charge of Pangsha thana in Raibari. Aminul Islam, assistant sub-inspector of Sutrapur thana under Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), Liakat Miah, head constable working for detective branch under DMP, Mohammad Abu Taher (constable No 560) and Mohammad Abu Taher (constable No 219) of Teknaf thana in Cox's Bazar district.

Four other recipients of the Bangladesh Police Medal are ASP Mohammad Nazrul Islam, assistant director of Rab-7. Mohammad Abdul Latif Bhuiyan, Officer-in-charge of Trishal thana, Major Mohammad Hafizul Islam Khan of Rab-1 and Ali Ahmed Masud, sub-inspector of

Besides, M A Aziz Sarkar, deputy inspector general of police in Khulna Range, Colonel Chowdhury Fazlul

Rab-1 and Mohammad Abdullah Al Mahmud, deputy commissioner of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP), received the Bangladesh Police Medal (service).

The 16 policemen who got the President's Police Medal are M Akbar Ali, deputy police commissioner of KMP, Officers-in-Charge Mohammad Kamruzzaman and Mohammad Mosharaf Hossain, sub-inspectors Mohammad Shahabuddin Azad, Mohammad Shahidullah Mohammad Asaduzzaman. Mohammad Azizul Haque, Mohammad Monirul Islam and Shahadara Khan, Assistant Sub-Inspector AKM Saidur Rahman, DMP constable Mohammad Abdul Kader Khan, Nayek Mohammad Amir Hossain of Rab-1, Nayek Mohammad Ekramul Haq of Rab-1, KMP constable Dipok Kumar Pal, army men Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad and SergeantAmir Hossain of Rab-7.

The recipients of the President's Police Medal (service) are Superintendents of Police (SPs) Mahbubur Rahman, Mohammad Ibrahim Fathmi, M Mahbub Alam and Sayed Toufiq Uddin Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner of CMP Mohammad Abdullah Hel Baki, Major Mohammad Ataul Karim, Lt BN Mohammad Firoj Khan of Rab-3, Major Sayed Mohammad Lokman Hamid of Rab-4. Major Sharif Ahsan, Captain Tariq Rahman Khan, Captain Sharif Raihan, Captain Abu Mohammad Humavun Morshed, Lt BN ATM Shahin Parvez, Senior Assistant Police Superintendent Mohammad Golam Rouf Khan and Senior Warrant Officer Abdul Maleq of Rab-7,

Additional Superintendent Mohammad Shahidullah Khan and Captain Mohammad Anisur Rahman of Rab-2, Captain Mohammad Mehedi Hassan Khan of Rab-6, Senior Assistant Police Commissioner Mohammad Shahjahan, Officers-in-Charge Mahmubur Rahman, Mohammad Ashraful Islam Mohammad Nasir Uddin and Mohammad Abdun Noor, Assistant Commissioner Mohammad

Mahbubur Rahman, Inspector

Mohammad Zakaria Hossain and

Case against OC, 230 others

Sub-InspectorAzizurRahman.

UNB, Kishoreganj

A case was filed Tuesday against 231 people, including the officer-incharge (OC) of Karimganj Police Station, in connection with the killing of an Awami League (AL) activist and injuring over 100 others.

Mizanul Haque, former AL MP from Tarail, filed the case with a magistrate's court. In the case, he mentioned names of 81 people including OC Anisur Rahman, President of the BNP Karimganj unit Rafiqur Rahman and Senior Vice President Shafiuzzaman.

AL activist Nabi Hossain was shot dead and over 100 others were injured when police opened fire to disperse the feuding Awami League and BNP activists at Gujadia Bazaar n Karimganj upazila on February 7.

Militants issue death threat to AL leaders

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Just banned Islamist militant group Jamaa't-ul-Mujahideen yesterday issued death threats to seven leaders of the Awami League and its front organisations in a letter sent to a local newspaper office in Tala upazila.

The leaders are President of district Krishak League and Hindu Bouddha Christian Parishad Bishwajit Sadhu, Tala unit President Sheikh Nurul Islam and General Secretary Ghosh Sanath Kumar, Nityananda Mukharjee, Nasir Uddin and Ashoka Lahiri.

Jamaa't-ul-Mujahideen termed the seven enemies of Islam in the letter written in red ink and sent by post to daily Patradut.

The seven leaders will face the fate of former finance minister SAMS Kibria, the letter read.

One killed in Pabna clashes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

One person was killed and 30 others were injured in clashes between two groups of villagers at Bera upazila in Pabna yesterday.

The clash first occurred on Tuesday night over the irrigation of land. Police said a group of people from Haturia went to watering their field on the night, but another group from

Jagannathpur resisted them. Next morning, the two groups were engaged in armed clashes that left one Amir Ali, 35, of Haturia dead and 30





Participants (left) of the seventh congress of the Workers' Party of Bangladesh wave at the supporters (right) at the Eidgah Maidan in Jessore yesterday.

Intensify agitation to oust govt: Menon

7th congress of Workers' Party begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT. Jessore

President of Bangladesh Workers Party Rashed Khan Menon yesterday called upon the people to intensify the ongoing agitation to overthrow the fanatic alliance govern-

He made the call while delivering his presidential address at the 7th congress of the party at the local Eidgah Maidan in the evening.

Menon said the alliance government will fall within a short time, and the people's government will be

are now endangered due to criminalisation of politics by the

Ultra fanatic forces have raised

their heads under the patronisation of the government, he added. Menon said the independence of the country is being threatened

owing to growing interference by an imperialist power. "Our struggle against fundamen-

talism and imperialism will continue." he asserted.

The conference was also

addressed by West Bengal Deputy Minister and Forward Block leader Hafiz Alam, Sri Lankan Deputy Minister Bimol Ratnayek, General Secretary of Tripura State Committee of CPI (M) Goutam Das, North Korean diplomat Rai Tse Sun, German Communist Party leader Clous Western, WPB Secretary Bimol Biswas, CPB Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim, Gono Forum Secretary General Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, JSD President Hasanul Hague Inu, Gono Azadi

League President Haji Abdus

Samad, Bangladesher Śamajbadi

Dal Secretary Dilip Borua, Jana Sanghati Party leader of CHT Ushatan Talukder, Gonotantrik Mojdur Party leader Zakir Hossain, and NAP leader Advocate Enamul

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Awami League District Secretary Shahin Chaklader was present in the conference. Haider Akbar Khan Rono read out the messages received from abroad.

Leaders and workers of leftleaning parties from Khulna and other districts of North Bengal also attended the conference.



Education exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a two-day Australian Education Exhibition organised jointly by Australian Trade Commission and IDP Education Australia, will be held with High Commissioner Lorraine Barker as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Slide show

Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts organises a slide show on the works of Murshida Arzoo, a Bangladeshi expatriate artist in Germany. Venue: Bengal Shilpalay House-275/F, Road-27, Dhanmondi.

Procession

As part of the programme of Bangladesh Tourism Festival 20005, Jubok Tourism Ltd in cooperation with Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation will take out a colourful procession to be led by the State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Muhammad Nasiruddin as chief quest. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy premises. Time: 10.00am.

Dialogue

The Centre for Policy Dialogue organises a dialogue on 'Attaining MDG Targets in Bangladesh: Progress and the remaining challenges 'with Education Minister Dr M Osman Farruk as chief guest. Venue: Cirdap Auditorium, Topkhana Road.

Seminar

Department of Primary Education in association with Japan International Cooperation Agency organises a mathematics under PEDP II'. Venue:

Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 10.30am.

ULAB programme

University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh organises a programme to mark the International Mother Language Day. Venue: University campus, Mohakhali. Time: 11.00am.

Discussion

Tamaddun Majlis will hold a discussion on 'Inspiration of 21 February in builḋing national solidarity' with Information Minister M Shamsul Islam as chief quest. It will be followed by the distribution of Matri Bhasha Padak 2005, and a cultural function. Venue: National Press Club.

Regional seminar Aregional seminar on the 'Development of

Leadership', organised by Asian Federation of Transport Workers, will be inaugurated by Jute and Textile Minister Shajahan Siraj as chief guest. Venue: Brac Centre Inn, Mohakhali. Time: 9.30am.

Meeting

Monthly meeting of the executive committee of Kendrio Kachikanther Asar will be held. Venue: 141, New Circular Road, Boro Maghbazar. Time: 5.00pm.

Rotary meeting Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of

Greater Dhaka will be held. Venue: Hotel Eastern Residence, Banani. Time: 6.00pm.

Athletic meet

The annual athletic meet of Bangladesh International School will be held. Venue: New DOHS, Mohakhali. Time: 2.30pm.



US Ambassador Harry K Thomas, along with eight embassy officials, visited the Liberation War Museum in the city recently to pay homage to the martyrs of the Language Movement.



Students of Darland International School and College presents a drama on the occasion of the Shaheed Dibash and International Mother Language Day on February 21 on the school premises in Mirpur.