



Different organisations pay their last respects to music legend and Language Movement veteran Abdul Latif at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

PSC report submitted to President

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Public Service Commission members yesterday told the President that preliminary findings showed that the allegation of recent leakage of BCS exam questions is "unfounded".

"Besides, newspaper reports insinuating that the questions were printed in the BG press were also not true," President Iajuddin Ahmed was told by the PSC chairman and members.

Such allegations were also made last year and full-scale inquiries proved those baseless, they said.

The PSC Chairman Professor Dr

Jinnatunnisa Tahmid Begum submitted annual report of the commission (2004) to the President at Bangabhaban.

While submitting the report, the commission members also apprised the President of the activities of the commission and the examinations it conducted last year.

Dr Jinnatunnisa said, "As a constitutional body the PSC is arranging examinations and publishing results promptly with transparency and credibility as far as possible."

The President thanked them for submitting the report in time and holding examinations and publishing results regularly.



Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country till 6.00pm today.

Night temperature may rise slightly and Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met office said.

Highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and lowest 12.4 degree Celsius at Srimongol.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:01pm today and rises at 6:20am 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
Max	Min			
Dhaka	31.5	16.6	55	33
Chittagong	32.0	17.9	52	47
Rajshahi	30.8	14.2	58	43
Khulna	31.6	17.2	74	56
Barisal	31.8	16.2	81	55



Award winners of "Heart 2 Heart" competition pose for photograph with the CityCell officials.

Tributes paid to Abdul Latif

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rich tributes were paid yesterday to Abdul Latif, noted folk singer, lyricist and language veteran, who died of old age complications in the city on February 26.

A large number of admirers and disciples with flowers gathered on the premises of Central Shaheed Minar to pay their last respect to music maestro.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman, Awami League leaders Abdul Jalil, Obaidul Quader and Asaduzzaman Nur, Communist Party leaders Manjurul Ahsan Khan and Mujahidul Islam Selim were among others who paid last respect.

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote organised the programme.

Qulkhani of Abdul Latif will be held at the Shyamoli Party Palace in the city after Asr prayers today.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhani.

CityCell awards winners of "Heart 2 Heart" SMS competition

CityCell organised an SMS competition for its subscribers from February 7 to 14 to celebrate the Valentine's Day, says a press release.

The "Heart 2 Heart" competition enthralled subscribers to send SMS to 1122, replying to the questions with the feelings about their Valentines.

CityCell awarded top 55 point gainers with exclusive prizes. The topmost SMS sender was awarded with a return couple ticket to Bangkok and full waiver of all SMS charges incurred during the campaign.

Shariful Azad won the first prize by sending the highest number of answers. The 2nd prize winner has been awarded with a CityCell Mobile Phone with Local, NWD and ISD connectivity.

Other prizes included Couple Dinner coupon of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Hallmark Gift Voucher, 51 Dating Coupons at Cafe Mango for 51 winners.

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LAUNCH DISASTERS

'Take action against culprits'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Save Environment Movement yesterday demanded punishment to the persons and organisations responsible for all launch disasters.

It also called for formulating a national policy to ensure safety of the passengers of water transports.

The environmental activists formed a human chain and staged a demonstration at Shahbagh in the city to press for their demand.

At a rally, the speakers called for forming a citizens' investigation committee to identify the persons and organisations responsible.

They also demanded that the probe reports on all launch disasters be made public and compensation be paid to the families of those killed in the launch accidents.

They identified faulty design of launches, unskilled driver and overloading as major causes of such accidents.

Presided over by Convenor of the

ICIMOD to develop eco-tourism in CHT

BSS, Dhaka

Kathmandu-based International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) will take up a programme to develop eco-tourism in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT).

ICIMOD Director General J Gabriel Campbell said this when he called on Deputy Minister for CHT Affairs Mani Swapna Dewan at his office yesterday.

Correction

Jatiya Chhatra Dhara is a student wing of the Jatiya Oikya Mancha led by Dr Kamal Hossain. But in a photo caption published on Page 10 yesterday, the organisation was inadvertently mentioned as the student wing of Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh.

Obituary

UNB, Dhaka

Golam Morshed, a ward commissioner of Dhaka City Corporation, died at Banmungad Hospital in Bangkok early yesterday at the age of 52.

Morshed, who served as a DCC commissioner from Ward No 63 in Lalbaghana, was joint secretary of the city BNP and convenor of the Lalbaghana unit.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia expressed profound sorrow at the death of Golam Morshed.

In a condolence message, she recalled the contribution of Morshed to politics and social services for a long time.

She prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed her sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

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Save Environment Movement Abu Naser Khan, the rally was also addressed by Golam Kibria, Binoy Mondol, Robin Biswas, Alamgir Kabir and Shahin Aziz.

Shaheed Tajul's anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 21st death anniversary of Shaheed Tajul Islam, a central leader of Bangladesh

Trade Union Kendra, will be observed today, says a press release.

Different political organisations have taken elaborate programmes to mark the day.

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) will place wreaths at the sculpture of Shaheed Tajul Islam at its office at 10.00am.

The CPB will also hold a discussion at its office at 11.00am. Leaders of different political parties will address the discussion.

President of Bangladesh Trade Union Kendra (BTUK) Mohammed Nurul Islam and General Secretary Wajedul Islam Khan said Tajul Islam sacrificed his life for establishing the rights of the workers.

They also said due to wrong policy of the government, country's mills and factories are being laid off and thousands of workers are losing their jobs.

The BTUK will also hold a discussion in the city at 4.00pm to mark the Shaheed Tajul Day. Leaders from different trade unions will take part in the discussion.

Tajul Islam, a worker of Adamjee Jute Mill was gunned down by criminals while leading a procession during a strike called by Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad in 1984 during the anti-autocracy movement.

Tajul Islam joined the Adamjee Jute Mills as a worker after completion of his education at Dhaka University to organise labour movement.

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The minister said the government has realised Tk 1760.38 crore out of the total Tk 8814.40 crore from the loan defaulters by disposing of 18,207 cases under the Orthorin Ain (finance debt act) in last

22 months.

Law Secretary Alauddin Sarder, Additional Secretary Habibul Awal and senior officials were present.



PHOTO: STAR Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil speaks at a public meeting at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Awami Jubo League organised the meeting protesting police action on its procession on Saturday.

AUGUST 21 GRENADE ATTACK Moudud for publishing judicial inquiry report

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The government is considering publishing the Joynul Abedin

Judicial Inquiry Commission Report on the August 21 grenade attack on the Awami League rally at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city that left 22 people, including Ivy Rahman, killed and over 200 others injured.

"My personal opinion in this regard is to publish the judicial inquiry report on the August 21 grenade attack and I have conveyed my opinion to the government," said Law Minister Moudud Ahmed at the monthly press briefing yesterday.

Moudud said the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) Inquiry Committee also could not identify the perpetrators or the masterminds of the grenade attacks.

The SCBA committee should have extended assistance to the judicial inquiry commission formed by the government, he added.

Moudud said the government has achieved tremendous success in its legal reform programmes.

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