

AL for policy on high-rise bldg 'Much of Dhaka to be devastated if quake hits capital'

UNB, Dhaka Awami League leaders at a roundtable in the city yesterday said excess lifting of groundwater and construction of high-rise buildings should be discouraged and tree plantation drive be geared up to prevent natural disasters like earthquake and tsunami.



Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil speaks at a roundtable titled 'Our role in tackling natural disasters like earthquake and tsunami' organised by the AL at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

The sub-committee of Awami League's Environmental Committee arranged the roundtable titled "Our duties in preventing natural calamities like earthquake and tsunami" at the National Press Club. MA Mannan, president of the sub-committee, presided.

Presidium member Tofail Ahmed suggested formulation of a policy regarding filling up the low lands and construction of high-rise buildings. "AL will formulate a policy and present it before the people," he told the roundtable.

rise buildings after proper soil test," he added. Organizing Secretary Abdul Mannan said plantation of adequate trees can help save the country from various natural calamities.

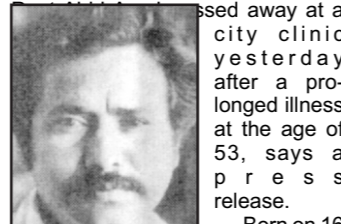
Petition for withdrawal of extortion charge against Pintu granted

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted the petition for withdrawing the extortion charges against the ruling BNP lawmaker Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu.

The Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested Pintu but he was released on January 24, 2002 on a bond of Tk 10,000 with two guarantors. He was later given one month's detention under the Special Powers Act.

Poet Abid Azad passes away



Abid Azad passed away at a city clinic yesterday after a prolonged illness at the age of 53, says a press release. Born on 16 November in 1952 in Kishoreganj, he is acclaimed as one of the outstanding poets in the seventies.

BSS enquires into report on Joy-Mukherjee meet

BSS, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) is enquiring into its report on the meeting between Pranab Mukherjee, the Indian defence minister, and Sajib Wazed Joy, son of Sheikh Hasina, president of Awami League and leader of the opposition in parliament.

President, PM greet Pak counterparts

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia felicitated their Pakistani counterparts on the occasion of the National Day of their country.

Death anniversary

UNB, Dhaka

Today is the 8th death anniversary of Ln Aminul Islam Miah, former chairman of Bangladesh Lions Foundation, District Governor of Lions Clubs International District-315 B2 and AIG of police, says a press release.

WEATHER TODAY Thundershowers likely

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

'Protect rights of the extreme poor'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government and non-government organisations (NGO) and development partners should change their policy and approach towards the poorest people on the basis of increased knowledge and understanding, speakers at a conference said yesterday.

Representatives from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe joined the conference with a view to sharing experiences on extreme poor people. They also presented a number of recommendations for the betterment of the poorest.

Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf said, "Addressing the basic human rights issues of extreme poor people is a top priority for the government."

Liberation War Museum suffers for space

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 14,494 memorabilia have been collected by the Liberation War Museum, but only 1,305 can be displayed because the museum lacks space at its rented house, Dr. Sarwar Ali, a trustee of the museum said yesterday.

The Liberation War Museum organised a graceful function at its office at Shegun bagicha to mark its 9th founding anniversary.

be allowed to forget the best achievement of the Bengalis," and to serve this purpose the Liberation War Museum has been working for nine years and will continue its best," he said.

World Weather Day today

UNB, Dhaka

The World Weather Day will be observed today in Bangladesh in a befitting manner with a slogan 'Weather, climate and water for sustainable development.'

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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CCC POLLS Distribution of nomination forms begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

The distribution of nomination forms for Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) polls began yesterday. Seven aspiring candidates for the post of ward commissioners, including one for the reserved post, collected the forms to contest the polls scheduled for May 9.

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Qazi Nurul Islam Today is the 8th death anniversary of Qazi Nurul Islam, a former joint secretary of the government, says a press release.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and doa mahfil will be held to pray for the eternal peace of the departed soul.



A candidate for the post of ward commissioner in the Chittagong City Corporation polls receives nomination paper from the district election officer in the port city yesterday.



BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan inaugurates an Independence Day programme organised by the Jatiyatabadi Muktiyoddha Dal and Jatiyatabadi Muktiyuddher Projonmo at the Ramna Park in the city yesterday.

Hawkers get ID cards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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