

Strong democratic instts a must to face external threats

Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Modern armed forces and strong democratic institutions are needed to face external threats, said the speakers at a seminar yesterday.

"Lack of resources for modernisation of armed forces has to be kept in view while building our security," he added.

the activities of the outlaws are the major non-traditional security issues in Bangladesh.



Prof Sardar Fazlul Karim inaugurates the seventh national congress of Bangladesh Samyabadi Dal (M-L) at the Mahanagar Natyamancha in the city yesterday.

'Political parties fail to bring change to people's lives'

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Political parties have failed to bring any qualitative change to the lives of common people, said Prof Sardar Fazlul Karim yesterday.

ics have expanded their activities to every sphere of society under the patronage of the government.

led four-party alliance government. He called on all to resist communalism and religious fanaticism.

Ensure transparency in activities

Speakers urge political parties

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Political parties themselves must practise democracy and ensure transparency in their activities

before they exercise state power, said speakers at a discussion yesterday.

Khan said it is a destructive means of protests conceived and resorted to in a colonial context.

Director of News of Bangladesh Betar removed

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In compliance with a Supreme Court order, the government has removed Imam Hossain Khan, Director of News (current charge), Bangladesh Betar, from the service with effect from two years back.

The Centre for National and Regional Studies (CNRS) organised the discussion on 'Negative politics: Hindrance to development and democracy' at the IDB Bhaban in the city.

Secretary General of Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP) Saifur Rahman said corruption under political patronage poses a serious threat to society.

PSC member, thrashed by drivers, now faces eviction from DU flat

DU CORRESPONDENT

Fifteen Dhaka University (DU) teachers yesterday demanded immediate removal of Prof Hasanuzzaman Chowdhury, a member of the Public Service Commission (PSC), from his DU quarters blaming him for rudeness and misbehaviour with neighbours.

day submitted a memorandum to DU Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz blaming Chowdhury for creating nuisance, rude behaviour, misconduct and disturbing the neighbours.

Earlier, an investigation committee headed by Chowdhury had reported to PSC Chairman Prof Z N Tahmidia Begum that at least six of the PSC drivers were involved in the question leakage of 24th and 25th BCS exams and in various scams.

Witnesses said there was an altercation between Chowdhury and his neighbour Law Department Lecturer Dr M Rahmat Ullah at about 10:00am yesterday.



Women farmers from different districts stage a demonstration in the city yesterday.

Death anniversary of Shaheed Jahangir today

The 34th death anniversary of Shaheed Dr Lt. Col. A N M Jahangir will be observed today, says a press release.

'Resist fundamentalists to establish women's rights'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Resist fundamentalist groups to help establish the rights of women, said the speakers at a rally yesterday.

throughout the country. The Kishani Sabha announced the beginning of an eight-month-long united movement at different district and thana levels to establish women's rights.

Private bus owners threaten strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Private bus service operators yesterday demanded that they be allowed to set up ticket counters on the roadside and the row over the issue be settled within next three days.

causing a loss of Tk 50 lakh to the operators. Association leaders Mahtab Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, Moktar Hossain Nipu, Lutfur Rahman and Abdul Latif attended the press conference.

Dr ASM Kamal

Today is the 3rd death anniversary of Dr ASM Kamal, former director (MCH-services) and line director (ESP-RH), says a press release.

AMIC secretary general calls on president

UNB, Dhaka

Secretary General of Asian Media Information & Communication Centre (AMIC) Dr Indrajit Banerjee made a courtesy call on President lajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Indigenous cultural festival begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A weeklong indigenous cultural festival begins at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the city today.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Quazi Fazlul Haq, an industrialist and social worker, will be held at his residence at House # 9, Road # 29, Gulshan # 1, after Maghrib prayers today, says a press release.

New DCs of Noakhali, Narsingdi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Government yesterday appointed new deputy commissioners (DC) in Noakhali and Narsingdi districts, according to an official notification.

FFs to form human chain in Kushtia today

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Muktujodha Gono Parishad yesterday expressed solidarity with the freedom fighters and people who are going to form human chains in Kushtia today to press for their 11-point demand.

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The human chains will be formed at eight points on the 71 km road from Mujibnagar in Meherpur to Kushtia town.



Muktujodha Gono Parishad President Ishfaq Aziz Ulfat speaks at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

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