

SEPT 18 HARTAL
CPB sticks to decision, blames AL

BONEWS, Dhaka

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday announced that it would stick to its earlier decision of enforcing countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal on September 18 although its allies in the 14-party shifted the shutdown programme to September 21.

The CPB leaders at a press conference also blamed the main opposition Awami League for its indecision to fix the date for hartal protesting price hike of essentials and fuel and other action programmes to press home their 11-point demand.

CPB General Secretary Mujahid Islam Selim in his written statement said that the frequent changes of the date for the proposed hartal is the outcome of the hesitation and crisis among the allies in the opposition movement.

"This is simply a childish and ridiculous conduct," Selim said, adding "Retreating attitude and opportunism in opposition movement are hindering the government movement."

CPB announced that the Queen's Baton Relay programme and some emergency services would remain outside the purview of hartal.

Missing butcher's body found in city lake

Shopkeeper shot dead in Tongi

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Criminals shot a shopkeeper to death at Tongi in Gazipur yesterday.

In Dhaka, police recovered the body of a missing butcher from a lake in Badda while another person was killed by poison yesterday.

Mohammad Farid Uddin, 25, owner of a shop at Tongi Boardbazar, was in his shop when some unknown men called him out from his shop yesterday at 2:00pm. They took him behind the shop and shot him in the head from close range. Farid was rushed to a Tongi hospital and later to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead at 3:30pm. The reason behind the killing could not be known immediately.

Noor Momin, 45, who is a butcher by profession, was missing since Sunday morning, his uncle Badal told reporters.

Momin, resident of Baraberait at Dhopapara in Badda, left his home

for his workplace in Gulshan Basundhara Market on Sunday morning and had been missing since then, Badal said. "He was killed for business rivalry," he added.

Police, being informed, recovered his floating body from a lake under a bridge at Askartek in Badda at 7:45am.

It was later learnt that Momin went on a boat trip with some of his friends including one Badir Miah. Momin's brother-in-law Mohammad Masud filed a case with Badda Police Station against five including Badir. The police arrested Badir yesterday from Badda.

Mokhlesur Rahman, 50, was found unconscious at his residence at 100/6 Mohakhal in Gulshan by his neighbours around 12:00 noon yesterday. His neighbour Ramzan Ali rushed him to the DMCH where doctors declared him dead at 1:00pm. A DMCH morgue source said poisoning might be the cause of his death.

BORDER KILLING
Two bodies returned at flag meeting

UNB, B'baria

Bodies of two Bangladeshi nationals killed by Indians four days ago were returned at a flag meeting between the Border Security Force (BSF) of India and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) at Akhaura yesterday evening.

Mozammel Haq Bhuiyan, 35, and Abdur Razzak, 32, of Kuriapika border village were taken to Indian side on a false pretext and killed by the Indians on Friday. Villagers said the action was revenge for the killing of a BDR officer on Bangladesh side several months ago.

Sources close to the flag meeting said the BDR refused to accept bodies of two other victims of the incident—Alam and Sujit Sarker—as they were Indian nationals.

Directory of Women's Rights Material launched

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A poster depicting a chained and exhausted woman, bent with a burden, reads: "Throw the burden and break the chain." While the poster portrays the reality of women's lives, such a courageous and forceful slogan will surely inspire them to achieve their empowerment.

But it would be difficult to find such a poster if one needs it for carrying out further research or activities with regard to women's rights. Now Yukta Publication has made it easy by launching a directory yesterday.

The Directory of Women's Rights Material contains information about 111 organisations working to protect women's rights and raise mass awareness in this regard.

It also contains brief descriptions of their publications, such as books, leaflets, posters, stickers, newsletters and booklets.

It is like a reference book on information about various works relating to women issues. It also offers guidelines for activities on specific issues.

Development Affairs Adviser of Royal Norwegian Embassy Zakiya Hassan unveiled the cover of the directory at a function at the British Council auditorium in the city.

Edited by Nishat Jahan Rana, the 265-page book is priced at Tk 1,000 and available at Yukta Publication.

"The navy blue cover of the directory seems to represent the agony of women and the bright golden writing on it symbolises encouragement and the prospect of their advancement," said Arifa Sharmin of Care Bangladesh.

Deputy Editor of the daily Samakal Muzammel Hussain also spoke.

Though the directory could not accommodate information about all the publications of the government and non-government organisations, it will be regarded as an important collection, said the speakers.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

AKM Abdus Sattar, father of Dr Firoz Mahmud Iqbal, died at Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 83.

Sattar left behind his three sons and three daughters to mourn his death.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain expressed deep shock at the death of Abdus Sattar.

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