

Dr Milon Day today

BDNEWS, Dhaka
Different organisations, including Awami League, will observe the Shaheed Dr Milon Day today.

Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon, the then joint secretary general of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), was shot dead on his way to a meeting against the autocratic ruler Ershad on this day in 1990.

Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil called upon the people from all walks of life to observe the day.

Different organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes on the occasion. These include placing of wreaths at mazar of Dr Milon and discussions.

Shaheed Dr Milon Sangsad will place wreaths at his grave at 8.00am and later at the corner of Dhaka University (DU) library where he was shot dead. Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) will also place wreaths.

The Sangsad will organise a discussion on the life of Dr Milon on the Dhaka University Teachers-Students Centre (TSC) premises at 4.00pm.

JSD also organised a discussion at Colonel Tahera Auditorium in the city.

Bangladesh Awami League, Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad, Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD), JSD and 11-party alliance have also taken up separate programmes to observe the day.

Khaleda Zia UNB adds, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday called upon all to forge greater national unity shunning all differences for protecting democracy as well as for national uplift.

In a message on the eve of Dr Shaheed Milon Day, she paid rich tributes to the memory of Shaheed Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon.

The Prime Minister said: "The nation recalls with deep respect Dr Milon's supreme sacrifice during the anti-autocratic mass movement in 1990. His self-sacrifice turned the mass movement into a mass upsurge paving the way for the downfall of the autocratic regime."

She prayed for peace of the departed soul of Dr Milon.

Sheikh Hasina In another message, Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina said the objectives for which Dr Milon shed his blood -- to make Bangladesh a non-communal, democratic and prosperous country -- are yet to be materialised.

Paying tributes to Shaheed Dr Milon, she called upon all to come forward to help end the "misrule of the present government" for establishing the people's constitutional, democratic and human rights.

Qualifications@UK Fair 2005 held in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
A day-long fair styled as 'Qualifications@UK Fair 2005' was held on the Metropolitan University campus in Sylhet city yesterday.

Organised by the British Council, the fair drew hundreds of students who want to pursue higher studies in the UK. As many as 22 British institutions took part in the fair.

The organisers said the fair was geared towards bringing together education providers from the UK and Bangladesh and helping the students choose the right institution.

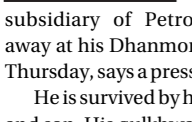
British Council Country Director Dr June Rollinson, Prof Md Habibur Rahman, Vice-Chancellor of the Metropolitan University Prof Kabir Chowdhury addressed the inaugural ceremony.

They called on the students to select the right institution before going abroad for education.

June Rollinson said the British Council has been working to enhance the skills of the English language teachers in Bangladesh.

The Council also helps the genuine students get admitted to quality institutions in the UK, she said.

Obituary



Syed Haider Ali, former managing director of Rupanorito Praktit Gas Company Limited (RPGCL), a subsidiary of Petrobangla, passed away at his Dhanmondi residence on Thursday, says a press release.

JU ADMISSION TEST BEGINS NOV 30
46 to vie for one seat

JU CORRESPONDENT
The admission test for first year honours under 2005-2006 academic sessions at Jahangirnagar University (JU) will begin on November 30 with 46 applicants to compete for each seat. A total of 55,500 admission forms were sold against about 1200 seats in the 24 departments under four faculties. A total of 10,488 forms were sold under Ka (Science faculty) unit while 18,500, 13,750 and 12,750 were sold under 'Kha' (Social Science faculty), 'Ga' (Arts faculty) and 'Gha' (Life Science faculty) units respectively.

December 1. Admission test for the departments under 'Gha' unit will begin on December 3 with Pharmacy, Biochemistry and Molecular Science departments while the admission test for Botany will be held on December 4. Admission test for Zoology department will be held on December 5. The admission test for Bangla department under 'Ga' unit will be held on December 5 while admission test of English, Drama and Dramatics and Philosophy departments will be held on December 6. The admission test for History and Archaeology departments will be held on December 7. The admission test of International Relations department will be held on December 8. The admission test for the Department of Business Administration under 'Kha' unit will be held on December 8 while the

admission test of Economics and Geography will be held on December 10. The admission test of Urban and Regional Planning and Anthropology departments will be held on December 11 while the admission test of Government and Politics department will be held on December 12. The hour-long admission tests will be held dividing into five sessions starting from 9:30am to 5:00pm according to the roll numbers of the applicants. The seat plan will be available at the dean offices of respective departments a day before the examination. The result of the admission tests will be published in national dailies later. All scheduled classes and examinations of the university will remain suspended during the admission test.

Compensation from Niko demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Speakers at a protest rally yesterday demanded compensation from Niko before they leave the country and also trial of corrupt officials, including former energy minister Mosharraf Hossain.

They were speaking at the rally at Mukhtang in the city, organised by Gonomukti and Jatiya Sampad Rokkha Sammilita Andolon, a platform to protect national assets. They said that Niko had been planning to flee from the country without giving compensation of damaging gas, houses, trees and

BNP foils AL meeting at Netrakona

UNB, Netrakona
Ruling party activists allegedly foiled a public meeting of the Awami League at Mukti Bazar in Sadar upazila yesterday. Activists of BNP prevented district AL President Shamsuzzoha, Secretary Ashraf Ali Khasru and other leaders from attending the meeting organised by Kaliara Gabragati union AL. As a tense situation was created over the issue, police administration asked the AL leaders not to hold the meeting, said AL sources.



Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, convenor of the 'National Committee to Resist the Proposed Unified Education System', speaks at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Cops, transport workers clash in Sherpur

UNB, Sherpur
Angry transport workers damaged a police pick-up van and a BRTC bus yesterday after police allegedly beat a bus driver near Nabinagar Bus Terminal triggering a tense situation in the town. Witnesses said a local passenger bus hit a police prison van near the bus terminal. At this the policemen became angry and beat the bus driver Mostafa

at about 11:30 am. Later angry transport workers present around the terminal allegedly assaulted the policemen, damaged their pick up van and a BRTC bus in retaliation. As the news of beating bus driver spread out, several hundred transport workers regrouped and gathered at the bus terminal to protest the police action.

Bangladesh wins world Quran competition

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh won the first prize in the world Hefjul Quran competition held in Amman, capital of Jordan, recently. Hafez Saiful Islam became first defeating all the candidates from more than 30 countries of the world, says a press release of Islamic Foundation Bangladesh. Saiful received 2,000 Dinar and a certificate for his victory. King of Jordan Abdullah bin Suny bin Hussain bin Talal distributed the prizes among the winners. Pakistan and Egypt secured 2nd and 3rd position respectively in the competition.

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Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka
Weather is likely to remain dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 24 hours as of 6:00pm today. Light fog may occur over the river basins of the country during early morning. Met Office said predicting nearly unchanged night temperature over the country. Highest temperature 30.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and lowest 12.6 degree Celsius at Srimongal. The sun sets in the capital at 5:11pm today and rises at 6:23am tomorrow. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

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

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Zia Ansari, a renowned television personality, will be held at his residence at House # 8/17, Block # C, Lalmatia after Maghrib prayers today, says a press release. Ansari, a former programme director of BTV, passed away at his residence on Thursday at the age of 63. Begum Ummey Salema UNB, Dhaka Qulkhwani of Begum Ummey Salema, wife of social worker and industrialist Samsuzzoha Khan, will be held at 82/A Indira Road here after Asr prayers today. Salema died of old age complication in a hospital here on Thursday at the age of 63.

British-Bangla Fusion Food Festival begins in Chittagong

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong
A weeklong 'British-Bangladesh Fusion Food Festival' began at the Landmark Hotel and Restaurant at Agrabad in the port city yesterday. Internationally acclaimed master chef Tommy Miah inaugurated the food festival. President of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) Saifuzzaman Chowdhury and Director of Orbis Flying Eye Hospital Drew Boshell were present at the inaugural ceremony. "I am very proud to be here in this charming city and hope to get great support and love from the people of Chittagong," Tommy told reporters after the inaugural ceremony. He said, "Fusion food is cooked by mixing local food items with western foods. It is popular all over the world. And I came here to familiarise the people of Chittagong with the food items and cater to the need of the real food connoisseurs." Mohammad Ohidul Alam, president of Landmark Hotel and Restaurant, said the festival would give a chance to the food lovers of the city to enjoy the excellent service and taste the quality food cooked by celebrity chef Tommy Miah. The festival offers an array of food items, including Galouti Kebab, Barrah Baluchi, Macchi Malai Kebab, Spicy Garlic Mushroom, Green Fish Malai, Aromatic Chicken, Gosht Papani, Gosht Hindustani, Tarka Dhal, Aloo Jeera, Pilau Rice, Smoked Kebab Hilsha, Kachkombar Salad and Gajar Ka Halwa. Tommy Miah will also host a celebratory banquet in honour of the Orbis Flying Eye Hospital team at the festival venue on November 28.



The Labour Forum on WTO, Bangladesh stages a demonstration at Mukhtang in the city yesterday to protest free trade policies ahead of the WTO ministerial conference, which is scheduled to begin in Hong Kong on December 13.

Cop mugger remanded for two days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Havilder Nagenranath Mondol of Mirpur Police Station, who was held on Friday for mugging a cattle trader, was remanded for two days yesterday. Mirpur Police sought for a five-day remand, but after the hearing, the court granted a two-day remand. Havilder Mondol of Darus Salam Police Box under Mirpur Police Station and two of his accomplices dragged Saidur Rahman, the cattle trader, from a bus in front of the police box at about 10:00am on Friday posing as police detectives.

Then they took him to a rickshaw garage in Pinerbagh, snatched Tk 3 lakh from him and fled the scene. On information, law enforcers raided the police box and recovered Tk 98,000 from the possession of Mondol. The mugger policeman admitted his crime, saying that he got Tk 1.5 lakh as his share. Mirpur police said Mondol's two accomplices, Abul Kalam Azad and Sumon alias Faruk, could not be tracked down till last night. "We are trying hard to arrest them. If we can arrest them we will be able to recover the rest of the mugged money," they said.

Reception to 25 retired DU teachers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) yesterday accorded a reception to the 25 professors of the university who retired recently at a ceremony at the auditorium of the Teachers' and Students' Centre (TSC) of the university. The retiring professors are: Dr. Abu Jafar Mahmud, Dr. A I F Mafizul Hannan, Dr. Sayed Hadiuzzaman, Dr. TI Majmadar, Dr. Sayed Md. Humayun Kabir, Dr. Gurur Begum, Dr. Muhammad Shafi, Dr. Abdul Ahad, Dr. Munirul Haque, Muhammad Mukhlesur Rahman Bhuyana, Dr. Faruk Ahmed and Mrs. Farida Banu, Manjurul Haque, of Science faculty; Dr. Muhammad Abul Kashem, Dr. Foizunnesa Begum, Dr. Habiba Khatun, Dr. Khandakar Rezaur Delwan, Dr. Sahara Khatun, Dr. Rahmar Hossain, Dr. Abdul Momin Chowdhury of Arts Faculty; Mostafa Chowdhury of Political Science, Dr. Ashraf Ali of IER (Institute of Education and Research), Dr. Abdul Malek of Food and Nutrition Institute, A H M Abdul Hye of Institute of Modern Language and Dr. A H M Habibur Rahman of Finance and Banking department. Departing DU teachers in the ceremony passionately recollected memories of their life on the campus. They also promised any type of service to the university, if needed. Terming the outgoing colleagues 'producers of best intellectual products', DUTA Secretary Prof. Dr Akhtaruzzaman said, "We do not dare to repay the debt of their service to the university as well as to the nation, we just acknowledge their contribution". DUTA President Prof. AAMS Arefin Siddique said that his outgoing colleagues have done the difficult task of building a matured intellect in matured person, coming to the university. Vice Chancellor of DU SMA Faiz said that the professors have successfully completed only a phase of their service to the nation and still we can have guidance from these veteran persons. He pledged that DU authorities would extend library facilities and medical care to retired teachers.

Cop dies in road accident

DMCH CORRESPONDENT
A police constable who was injured in a road accident on Thursday died at the Holy Family Hospital in the city early yesterday. Md Babul, 25, also a security guard at the residence of the state minister for home affairs, was run over by a taxicab at Shantinagar at around 11:00am on Thursday when he was crossing the road. Local people rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition, but on Friday he was shifted to the Holy Family Hospital where he died. A case has been filed with Paltan Police Station on Thursday. Police has seized the taxicab, but the driver has escaped.

Ershad for combating Islamic militants

UNB, Dhaka
Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday called for combating the Islamic militants, saying that those who patronise such militants are enemies of Islam and the nation. "There is no alternative to Jatiya Party in freeing the country and the nation from the suffocating situation... there had not been any rise of militancy during the rule of Jatiya Party," he said addressing election campaign meetings in support of party candidate Abdul Malek Sarkar for the Dinajpur-1 by-election. Ershad said although there would be no change of government on the results of Dinajpur by-election, but if the Jatiya Party wins the election it will signify protest against the government. Referring to the prevailing situation, he said the administrative system has weakened throughout the country and the people have no security while the price hike of essentials aggravated the misery of the people. The former president said because of the failure of the two major parties, people have "started to rally round the Jatiya Party" remembering the development works during his rule. Jatiya Party leaders Kazi Jafar Ahmed, ABM Ruhul Amin Hawlader, Hafiz Uddin Ahmed MP, Karim Uddin Bhashra MP, Haji Mansur Ali Sarker and Moshirur Rahman Ranga MP also addressed the meetings.

Ban on sending female workers

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The recruiting agencies will have to bring them back on schedule. In cases of their failures to comply with the government conditions or violations of rights that may require compensations, the workers will be compensated from the deposited Tk 1 crore. Baira will have to replenish the amount spent from the deposit. The agencies interested to send workers aged between 25 and 35 will be required to present to the government bank certificates that the employers of the receiving countries issue for each worker as her migration cost. The value of the bank certificates should be US\$ 550 for Saudi Arabia, and US\$ 400 for Jordan while the others who maintain minimum standards of employment may fix their own rates, the letter directed. The letter emphasised that a committee comprising representatives from the ministry, BMET and Baira will be formed for continuous monitoring of pre and post migration management of the female migrant workers. The committee will meet at least once a month and report on their situation. Baira may recommend only those agencies in the country, which will have joint agreements on migration management with the recruiting agencies or the employers in the receiving countries.

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Musical session

Banshuria, a centre for research and practice of folk music, will hold its monthly musical session and a discussion. Venue: Biswa Sahitya Kendra, Bangla Motor. Time: 5:00pm.

Film show

Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies will screen a film titled 'The steamroller and the violin'. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:00pm.



Participants of a training programme on 'Effective Office Communication' pose with the Chairperson of Scholastica, Yasmeen Murshed, and the key resource persons at the certificate award ceremony in the city recently. Scholastica organised the two-day training session.