



1. Police take away the body of Awami Secchhasebak League worker Golan Mustafa Milon, who was killed in the police action during the opposition's blockade programme at Mahakhali in the city yesterday; 2. Wife of Milon wails over the death of her husband; 3. A picket vandalises a car at Mahakhali; 4. A policeman in riot gear hurls a chunk of brick at pickets at Mahakhali; 5. Policemen baton-charge opposition activists at Mahakhali; 6. An injured passer-by; 7. Farmgate area looks deserted during the blockade programme.

Mass awareness a must to protect human rights

Moudud tells discussion

BSS, Dhaka

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed yesterday said present government has implemented various reform programmes to protect human rights.

"Human rights and fundamental rights are ensured in our constitution," Moudud said, adding that these rights were also executed by the Supreme Court.

process through these programme, Moudud said adding that the country is incurring a loss of Taka 554 crore per day due to hartal.

DAB leaders meet PM

UNB, Dhaka

A delegation of the new committee of the Doctors Association of Bangladesh made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday.

During the meeting, the PM wished the committee success and hoped that the DAB would play a "dynamic role under the new leadership."

DOUBLE MURDER Husband gets death, wife life term in Rajshahi

BSS, Rajshahi

A man was sentenced to death and his wife to life term by a court in a double murder case here in Rajshahi yesterday.

Withdraw hartal, come to negotiation table

Bhuiyan urges Awami League

UNB, Dhaka

BNP General Secretary and LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday urged the opposition Awami League to withdraw their tomorrow's dawn-to-dusk country-wide hartal and come to the negotiation table.

months to complete its term, Awami League and its allies do not need to call provocative and confrontational programmes that often cause deaths," Mannan Bhuiyan said in a statement.

life in disarray and tarnish the country's image, the BNP leader said.

Govt aware of journo's safety, security

Minister tells JS

BSS, Dhaka

Information Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the government is well-aware and careful about the safety and security of the journalist community.

"The Ministry of Information, if informed, will take appropriate and necessary measures for safety and security of journalists on professional duty," he said while replying to a question from BNP lawmaker MA Hashem (Noakhali-2).

Major political parties not sincere about reforms

Says CPB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday at a rally said though the major political parties are talking about election reforms, they are not sincere about the reforms, as they do not want to eliminate use of black money and muscle power in the election.

CPB organised the rally at Mukhtangan in the city as part of their countrywide agitation programme demanding resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and the two election commissioners and implementation of their 53-point demand for reforming the electoral system.

tion that paraded different city streets.

Death anniversary



Today is the third death anniversary of Prof Abdul Kader, founder of ICT magazine The Monthly Computer Jagat, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held on Friday at his residence at 61 Subal Das Road at Lalbagh in the city.

Relatives and friends are requested to attend the milad.

Filing of false case protested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Demra-Shyampur Pani-Bidyut Shagram Committee, who launched movement for better utility services in Shyampur-Demra area, condemned filing of false case by the ruling party cadres against their nine leaders and activists yesterday.

In a statement, Shagram Committee leaders said ruling party cadres loyal to local MP Salahuddin filed a false case against Committee Convener Moshleuddin Masud, Md Suman, Bidhan, Ripon, Shohag, Masum, Mainu, Shahabuddin and Selim with Shyampur Police Station to suppress their rightful movement for better utility services.

They also alleged that Jubo Dal cadres ransacked their houses and gave death threat to them.

The police are also harassing their activists, they alleged.

They also said the movement cannot be subdued by threats and if harassment is not stopped, they will again launch movement.

US embassy offices closed tomorrow

BDNEWS, Dhaka

US Embassy offices will remain closed tomorrow on the occasion of the American Independence Day.

A press release of the US embassy yesterday said all the embassy offices, including 'The American Centre', Archer K Blood American Centre Library and student counselling service, will also be closed.

WEATHER TODAY Thundershowers likely UNB, Dhaka Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna and Dhaka divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.



Pro-opposition lawyers stage a demonstration in front of the High Court in the city yesterday protesting filing of contempt of court case against 11 leaders of Supreme Court Bar Association while pro-government lawyers try to break the lock of a gate at the Supreme Court after the pro-opposition lawyers had locked it.

Naval chief off to Sri Lanka, Malaysia

BSS, Dhaka

Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral M Hasan Ali Khan left Dhaka on Saturday night for Sri Lanka and Malaysia for a good will visit.

The Naval Chief will visit Sri Lanka from July 3 to July 7 and Malaysia from July 9 to July 12 with his wife and two others at the invitation of the Chief of the Naval Staff of Sri Lanka Navy and Chief of the Naval Staff of Royal Malaysian Navy respectively.

During the visit, Admiral Hasan Ali will call on high military officials of Sri Lankan and Malaysian Navy. He is expected to return on July 12.

Apollo Hospitals signs agreement with Hotel Agrabad

Apollo Hospitals, Dhaka signed a corporate agreement with Hotel Agrabad, Chittagong recently to provide medical services and special corporate benefits to the staffs of Hotel Agrabad, says a press release.

Richard Larison, chief executive officer of Apollo Hospitals, Dhaka and Hakim Ali, chief executive officer of Hotel Agrabad, Chittagong signed the agreement on behalf of their companies.

Senior officials from both sides were also present.

1400 MW power supply today

BSS, Dhaka

A total of 1,400 MW electricity will be supplied in greater Dhaka today, a press release of the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Ltd says.

This is a part of the total probable production of 3,550 MW during evening pick hours, the press release also stated.

Special envelope

Bangladesh Postal Department will issue a special envelope worth Tk 5 to mark the 'Inaugural of Automatic Letter Sorting Machine-2006', says a press release.

A special seal will be used on the occasion.

Post and Telecommunications Minister Aminul Haque will formally unveil the envelope today at Postal Printing Press at Tejgaon in the city at 11:00am.

The special envelope will be sold at all the main post offices including the four general post offices (GPO) across the country from today.

Qulkhwani

UNB, Dhaka

Qulkhwani of journalist Sheikh Mohiuddin will be held at the auditorium of Jatiya Press Club after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Relatives, friends, journalists and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Sheikh Mohiuddin, chief reporter of The New Nation and freedom fighter, passed away due to cardiac arrest at the National Heart Foundation Hospital in the city on June 27 at the age of 60.

Prof Nurul Islam to be buried today

National Professor AKM Nurul Islam, also a faculty member at the Department of Botany of Dhaka University (DU), will be laid to rest at 1:30pm today at Uttara sector 4 graveyard, a DU press release says.

His first namaz-e-janaza will be held at DU central mosque at 10:30am and the second one at Uttara sector 3 central mosque at 1:15pm.

University authorities requested all to attend the namaz-e-janaza.

The body will be kept at the Department of Botany from 11:00am to 11:30am for teachers and students to pay their last respect.

Prof AKM Nurul Islam passed away due to a cardiac arrest on July 1.

BSS adds: Prime Minister Khaleda Zia expressed deep shock at the death of Prof Islam.

In a message of condolence, she recalled his contribution to education and research.

She also conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for salvation of his departed soul.

BNP Secretary General and LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan also condoled the death of Prof Islam.

DHAKA TODAY Seminar A seminar on 'The future of Bangladesh Railways: Learning from International Experiences' will be held. Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Time: 5:30pm. Prize giving The concluding ceremony of Asian Kite Exhibition organised by Dhakabashi and Bangladesh Kite Federation will be held. Venue: National Museum. Time: 4:00pm.



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