

EVICTION DRIVE Ctg hawkers demand alternative job

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Sammilita Footpath Hawkers Parishad yesterday urged the chief adviser to the caretaker government (CG) to rehabilitate or create alternative employment for the hawkers.

In a statement, the Founding President of Hawkers Parishad Wali Ullah Patwari also urged the CG to allow the hawkers to run their business temporarily on the footpath until alternative arrangements are made.

He said thousands of hawkers have been leading an inhuman life due to the eviction.

He also said the hawkers are also citizens of the country and they had to live their lives with whatever they earn from their business in the footpath.

Govt plans special markets on Friday

BSS, Dhaka

The government has decided, in principle, to open special markets at different important roads and avenues in the Dhaka Metropolis area on weekly holiday Friday to provide opportunities for shopping by the city dwellers and creating employment.

Sources at the Local Government Department said yesterday, the markets will soon be opened under the supervision of the Dhaka City Corporation. The proposed markets will be named 'Friday Market'.

Initially, the authorities have earmarked southern parts of Manik Mia Avenue and southern side between Shilpakala Academy and 'Matsha Bhaban' for

the markets. Subsequently, the special markets will be opened in other parts of the city, including Motijheel and Notre Dame College.

The markets, with no structures, will remain open between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.

The Dhaka City Corporation will soon issue notification elaborating the rules and facilities of the markets on holiday.

Adviser for Local Government, Rural Development and Co-Operatives and Labour and Employment M Anwarul Iqbal said there are holiday markets in many cities of the world.

Steps have been taken to open markets on weekly holiday to keep various city roads and footpaths clean and create employment.



PHOTO: AL AWAMI League President Sheikh Hasina offers prayers at the grave of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara in Gopalganj yesterday.

TORTURE BY OC ALLEGED Body to check veracity of arrestee's claim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

The police yesterday formed a three-member probe committee to check the veracity of an arrestee's claim that the officer-in-charge (OC) of Kalai Police Station in Joypurhat tortured him to extract confessional statement in connection with a murder case.

Suja Ul Haque, who was arrested on Wednesday on suspicion of his involvement in the murder and taken on a three-day remand the next day, was granted bail by a court yesterday, the police said.

He was arrested following a statement of a witness of Habibur Rahman murder case, they added.



UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country having chances of light rain or drizzle at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia and Comilla in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Light to moderate fog may occur over the river basins of the country during early morning, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 30.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 10.2 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:43pm today and rises at 6:41am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature	Humidity in in celsius	
percentage	Max	Min	Morning
Dhaka	28.1	14.7	69
Chittagong	28.6	15.0	82
Rajshahi	27.6	12.4	91
Khulna	29.2	15.0	100
Barisal	29.4	13.6	96
Sylhet	28.4	14.7	69
Cox's Bazar	29.4	15.0	87

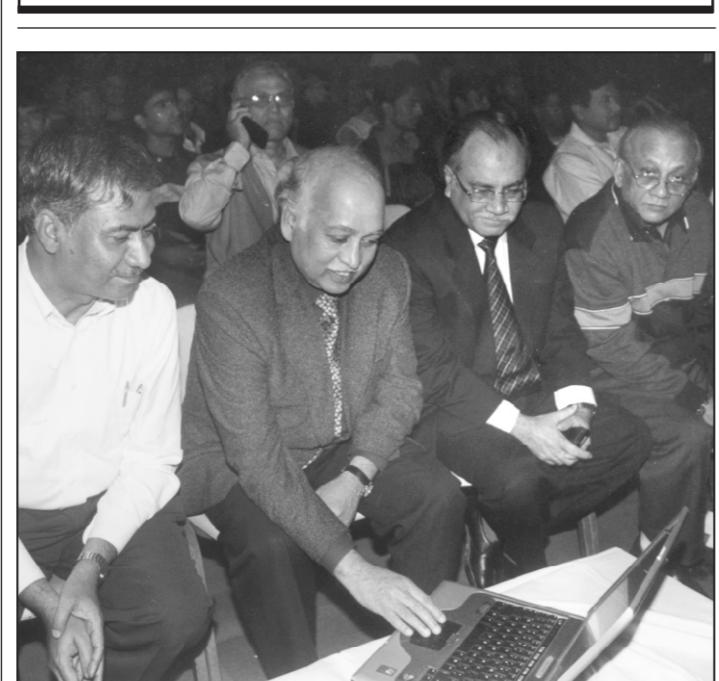


PHOTO: STAR Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz launches the website of Teacher-Student Centre at its auditorium on the university campus recently. The URL of the website is www.tsu.org.

Two books on Gandhi's Noakhali peace mission launched

DU CORRESPONDENT

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Home yesterday launched two books on Noakhali peace mission by the legendary apostle of non-violence.

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, popularly known as Mahatma (great soul), came to Noakhali in 1947 and stayed there for four months to control a communal riot.

Journalist Syed Abu Moksd, founder of Gandhi Memorial Home, compiled the two books — 'Gandhi Mission Diary' and 'Pyerelal's Unpublished Correspondence'.

The books were published to mark the 100th anniversary of Satyagraha, a non-violent movement against the British government, and the 60th anniversary of Gandhi's Noakhali peace mission, Moksd said at a press conference in the city.

About the book 'Gandhi Mission Diary', he said, "This diary was written by Gandhi's secretary Pyerelal and other personal assistants during his stay in Noakhali. This is a rare document and reveals many unknown and important information."

The other book, Pyerelal's Unpublished Correspondence, is a collection of 81 letters written by Pyerelal and others during the mission of Gandhi.

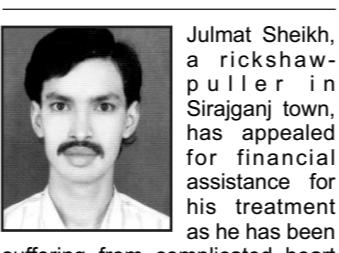
"These letters never published before contain amazing information about the crisis of the mission," Moksd said.

Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Home, which aims to project the life, works and philosophy of Gandhi to the new generation, has also a plan to publish six more books on him.

Secretary of the Memorial Home Alamgir Kabir and Director Syed Nasif Moksd were also present at the press conference.

Appeal for help

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj



Julmat Sheikh, a rickshaw-puller in Sirajganj town, has appealed for financial assistance for his treatment as he has been suffering from complicated heart disease.

Julmat, 35, who is now fighting for life, even cannot afford to buy medicines.

According to doctors, he should undergo open heart surgery immediately, which involves around Tk 4 lakh.

Julmat has appealed to generous people and philanthropic organisations to extend a helping hand so that he can lead a normal life again.

Contributions can be sent to the following account: Md Julmat Sheikh, Saving Account No. 6595, Janata Bank, Masumpur branch, Sirajganj.

Interested persons can also call at 01712952829 to contact his family.

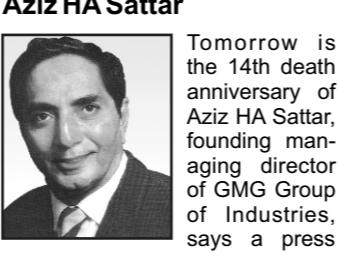
Death anniversary

The 35th death anniversary of freedom fighter Shaheed Lt. Selim Md Qamrul Hasan Bir Pratik will be observed today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a discussion meeting, mild mahfil and special prayers will be held at Shaheed Lt. Selim Shikhalaya at Modhubagh in Mogaibazar at 3:00pm.

Mild mahfil will also be held at his ancestral home at Qamrul Kutir at Janoki Singh Road, Kaunia, Barisal.

Aziz HA Sattar



Tomorrow is the 14th death anniversary of Aziz HA Sattar, founding managing director of GMG Group of Industries, says a press release.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil has been arranged at GMG Industrial Corporation, Tejgao after Zohr prayers tomorrow for salvation of the departed soul.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend.

Amir Uddin Sarder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Tomorrow is the first death anniversary of Amir Uddin Sarder, an eminent school teacher.

On this occasion, doa and mild mahfil will be held at his residence in Akkelpur Village under Bagmara Upazila of Rajshahi district.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend the mahfil to pray for salvation of the departed soul.



PHOTO: PID A delegation of the European Union (EU) calls on Chief Adviser to the caretaker government Fakhruddin Ahmed at his office in the city yesterday.

Godfathers still at large Say left party leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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