



Members of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote collect money from passengers and pedestrians near the Teacher-Student Centre on Dhaka University campus yesterday to raise funds for the flood victims.

Minor girl falls victim to acid attack

BSS, Barisal

A minor girl received serious burn injuries when a group of miscreants threw acid on her at Sadar upazila yesterday.

The victim was identified as Taslima, 4, daughter of Golam Mostafa of Durgapur village under Charkaua union.

Mostafa had a land-related dispute with his neighbour Golam M Lichu for a long time.

As Mostafa along with his minor daughter reached near Hawlader Bari area in the morning, Lichu and his associates threw acid on them, burning neck and armpit of the girl severely.

She was admitted to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College and Hospital in a critical condition.

A case was lodged with Kotwali Police Station in this connection.

BBC Bangladesh Sanglap today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The third edition of BBC World Service's Bangladesh Sanglap will be held at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city at 5:45pm today.

Awami League presidium member Motia Chowdhury, Adviser to the BNP chairperson Maj Gen (ret'd) ZA Khan, senior advocate of the Supreme Court Dr Shahdeen Malik and President of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote Nasiruddin Yusuf will feature in today's Sanglap.

Shakeel Anwar of BBC Bangla Service will moderate the programme produced by Waliur Rahman Miraz.

The programme will be aired on BBC Bangla Radio at 8:00pm on Sunday and on Channel i at 8:00pm on Monday.

ODHIKAR REPORT

126 extra-judicial killings since emergency

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 126 people were killed extra-judicially since the state of emergency was declared in the country, said a report of Odhikar, a human rights organisation, yesterday.

Based on the reports published in different dailies, Odhikar said the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) killed 65 people in so-called 'crossfire' while police killed 13 people.

Acting together, Rab and police killed three people in crossfire.

Five people were killed by the army and navy, Odhikar report said.

Expressing concern over the extra-

judicial killings, Odhikar urged the caretaker government to set up an independent judicial inquiry committee to probe the killings.

A statement, signed by the Acting Director ASM Nasiruddin Elan, also urged the CG to ensure that no further extra-judicial killing takes place in the country.

Odhikar also expressed solidarity with flood victims, jute mill workers who have lost their jobs and who have been demanding their arrear wages, and the ethnic communities who are struggling to establish their rights in Bangladesh.

Quarter-final of Citi financial quiz contest begins today

The quarter-final round of the Citi Financial Quiz Competition 2007 begins today, says a press release.

Independent University and Stamford University will take part in the first quarter-final to be aired on Channel i and Radio Foorti at 6:20pm.

Citibank N.A. Bangladesh along with North South University has organised the competition, the first of its kind in the country.

A total of 12 public and private universities are taking part in the competition.

Channel i and Radio Foorti are the media partners of the event.

'Traitors opposing liberation war still hold power'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Perhaps the next generation of Bangladesh would make bigger contribution to the development of the country and bring immense fame for the nation, but they never would be able to give the country a freedom fighter again, said Prof Muhammad Zafar Iqbal yesterday.

"We could not show due honour to the freedom fighters, the best sons of this soil. An offended state of mind is also prevailing among them as they have seen the traitors, who opposed the liberation war, holding the decision making power even 36 years after the war," he said.

Prof Zafar Iqbal said it is the young generation, who would have to remove the freedom fighters' pique by showing due honour to them and building a Bangladesh with the spirit of the liberation war.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the prize distribution ceremony held at the Liberation War Museum in the city.

Bangladesh Freedom Fighters Naval Commando Association organised the programme following an essay writing competition titled 'The significance of naval operation in the liberation war.'

Around 400 students from different schools, colleges and universities across the country took part in the competition and among them seven students were awarded for their resourceful writings.

In school section, Farhana Annushka of Manarat International School, Dhaka, Mahedi Hasan of Dhaka Residential Model School and College, and SM Nazmul Hosen of Comilla Cantonment High School won the first, second and third prize respectively.

In college and university section, Masum Billah of Bangladesh

University of Engineering and Technology, Alamgir Kabir of Dhaka University, Minhaj Rashidur Rahman of Mymensingh Medical College and Yasmin Akhter of Rajshahi University won the first, second, third and fourth prize respectively.

Expressing his best wishes for the prize winners, Prof Zafar Iqbal said the traitors are still continuing their conspiracy so that the young generation do not know the real history of the

liberation war, the best achievement of the nation, and it is our duty to let them know the correct history of the liberation war.

Dr Sarwar Ali, a trustee of the Liberation War Museum, Dr Akhtaruzzaman, Maj Gen (Ret'd) Kamrul Hasan Bhuiyan, Colonel Mohammad Shafiqullah Bir Protik, and Mohammad Saadat Ali of Open University were also present at the programme.

The speakers narrated how the naval commando was formed on May 13, 1971 that played an important role in winning the victory in the liberation war.

They also stressed the need to provide the young generation with the real history of the liberation war and bring the war criminals to book.



Local residents travel in a boat at Aam Bagicha Sarak yesterday as many streets in Keraniganj are now reeling under floods. The flood water has also become contaminated, threatening to spread diseases.



Members of Kendriya Mukul Fouj salute the national flag at the inaugural ceremony of its 65th founding anniversary programme at the Institution of Engineers in the city yesterday.

Joint forces deployed in Khalishpur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Joint forces were deployed in Khalishpur Industrial Area on Thursday night, fearing violence following police action on the workers of Amin Jute Mills in Chittagong.

Acting Police Commissioner Raushan Ara Begum said the forces have been put on alert so that no untoward incident occurs in the industrial belt.

Meanwhile, the authorities have so far disbursed Tk 2.44 crore to 1,640 workers of closed People's Jute Mills.

Payment of arrear wages, which

began on last Tuesday, is likely to continue until next Thursday, said Project Director Habibur Rahman of the closed jute mills. He said 338 more retrenched workers will get their dues today.

The project director said the retrenched workers must vacate the mill colonies soon after getting their arrear wages. Otherwise, the authorities will have no other alternative but to go into action to oust them from there, he added.

Bachelor workers of the closed jute mills left colonies on Thursday evening after getting their dues.

RU teacher gets death threat

RU CORRESPONDENT

A teacher of Rajshahi University (RU) received death threat from outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) yesterday.

Associate Professor Moly Kumar Bhowmik of Management Department filed a general diary (GD) with Boalia Police Station.

Moly Kumar told The Daily Star that a PBCP man identifying himself as

"Dada Tapon" phoned him to give them Tk 5 lakh or face death.

When contacted, Proctor Enamul Haque said they informed the police and took necessary steps.

Professor Abdus Sobhan, convener of Progressive Teachers Society (PTS), in a statement yesterday expressed grave concern over the death threat and urged the police administration to ensure security of Moly Kumar.

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