DU Day on

Dhaka University (DU) is going to celebrate the 'Dhaka University

A committee has been formed

with DU Treasurer Prof Syed Abul Kalam Azad as its convener to observe the day in a festive manner. Faculty deans, chairmen of the

department of Music and Drama

and registrar are also the members

A series of programmes, includ-

ing Colourful rally, friendly football

and cricket matches, debate, con-

cert and voluntary blood donation,

will be organised to mark the day

The celebration of the day was

started in 1983 in a bid to introduce

an alternative culture on the cam-

pus replacing the 'rag day' as well

as to mark the launching day of the

DU started its journey on the

The day, popularly known as 'open day', is going to be observed for the

However, no classes will be held

on the day, but the offices will

The celebration of the day will begin in the morning with a discus-

sion at Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) auditorium. Former vice

chancellors, recently awarded four

emeritus professors, distinguished

guests, teachers and students will

DU residential halls, depart-

ments and institutes will remain

open for the guardians and former

students. Special dishes will also be

alumni association will set up around

different entry points of the university

DU Vice Chancellor Prof SMA

Faiz will inaugurate the first bill-

board at the Central Shaheed

To mark the day, the university

15 billboards with campus map at

participate in the discussion.

served at the dormitories.

and other important spots.

Minar today.

amid much enthusiasm.

first day of July in 1921.

of the committee.

July 1

METROPOLITAN/NEWS

Take steps to reduce suffering of migrant workers

Says Justice Habibur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former chief adviser to the caretaker government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman vesterday called on the government and Non-Resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) to take steps to ensure that Bangladeshi migrant workers receive proper wages.

"We now talk about remittance and how it contributes to the national budget. But the suffering of the workers who are sending in remittances has not diminished at all in the last 37 years," he said at a roundtable in the city.

"There is no-one to look after these workers as well as those who languish in foreign jails after the NRBs in the voter list during his in Canada, demanded equal rights Allahma.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Crg

A cross section of people who

attended a lively dialogue here

yesterday afternoon, spoke on a

number of issues ranging from

upcoming local government and

national elections to some local

While expressing their views

openly at the auditorium of

Engineers Institute, they also

thanked Chief Adviser Fakhruddin

Ahmed, who was present there as

chief guest, and his government for

giving them an opportunity to speak

people representing civil society,

business community, lawyers,

women leaders and media took part

holding local government polls

ahead of general election and urged

the chief adviser to take necessary

concern about the post-general

election situation that may occur in

December or January after the

caretaker government ends its term.

including Chittagong Chamber of

Commerce and Industry (CCCI)

President Saifuzzaman Chowdhury

demanded a national consensus

the political parties will behave

when the next elected government

violence and anarchy in the name of

politics like the 1/11," the chamber

president said, adding that a

national government is needed to

tricity crises are seriously affecting

Low over Bay

northwestward

The low over north-west Bay and

adjoining area moved

northwestward and now lies over

Gangetic West Bengal and adjoining

sure gradient persists over north

maritime ports and adjoining

coastal area, said a special bulletin

Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been

advised to keep hoisted local cau-

Tk 72.80 crore

Chittagong University (CU) Senate

at its 20th annual meeting yester-

day approved a budget of Tk 72.80

The Senate also approved a

Of the budget, Tk 65.80 crore

revised budget of Tk 69.20 crore for

would come as an allocation

approved by University Grants

Commission (UGC) while the rest

Tk 7 crore from the internal

Badiul Alam presided over the

meeting at the conference room of

Committee approved the proposed

budget at the 44th joint meeting on

CU Vice Chancellor Prof M

CU Syndicate and Finance

resources of the university.

the administrative building.

June 14.

tionary signal number three.

CU budget

approved

CU CORRESPONDENT

crore for the fiscal 2008-09.

the fiscal 2007-08.

Under its influence, steep pres-

Squally weather may affect

Maritime ports of Chittagong,

Saifuzzaman said gas and elec-

see a sustainable democracy.

He said it must be decided how

"We don't want to see again the

Three to four participants

Some of them also expressed

All of them spoke in favour of

Out of 300 invitees, a total of 42

problems of the port city.

out at such a platform.

in the dialogue.

racy in the country.

government.

comes to power.

moves

UNB, Dhaka

of Met Office.

area.

CHITTAGONG DIALOGUE

falling victim to frauds," Justice Habibur Rahman said, urging Bangladesh missions to stand by

He also called on the NRBs living in different countries to come forward to help the Bangladeshi migrant workers.

Saarc Citizens Council (SCC) organised the discussion titled 'Contribution of NRBs to National Development & Dual Citizenship' at the National Press Club, where a number of NRBs and some professionals demanded that NRBs be enrolled in the voter list so that they can contest the local body elections and cast votes.

Admitting the failure to include

Support to local govt polls

the economic growth of the country.

investment will not take place

unless we get rid of the crises soon,"

man Taher Sobhan urged the gov-

ernment to take massive corrective

cracy is urgently needed to hold a

free, fair and credible election," he

Taslimuddin Chowdhury urged the

government to resolve different

problems of Chittagong to make it a

Sangsad Abul Hashem alleged that

the intelligence agencies have

reportedly prepared lists of people

of their choices to contest the

clearly stated that he had no knowl-

edge about the existence of such list.

man of physics department at

Chittagong University, termed the

decision to hold local government

polls ahead of parliamentary elec-

tion a 'timely and appropriate

power plants to overcome the pres-

adviser to release detained

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC)

mayor ABM Mohiuddin

Chowdhury on humanitarian

Network of Independent Lawyers for

Legal Aid and Human Rights organises

a seminar on 'Awareness on anti-

tobacco law for lawyers and declaring a

tobacco free court premises'. Venue:

Dhaka Bar Association hall room. Time:

Association for Land Reform and

Development (ALRD) organises a

workshop on 'Access to land, water and

forest resources of the poor, women and

indigenous peoples'. Venue: YWCA

Millennium Information Solution Ltd

conference hall. Time: 10:00am.

ALRD workshop

He stressed the need for nuclear

He also appealed to the chief

Dr Bikiron Prasad Barua, chair-

Hashem wanted to know

upazila elections.

ent power crisis.

Seminar

4:30pm.

Seminar

UNB, Dhaka

the country.

tomorrow.

City/Town

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Dhaka

steps to ensure sustainable democ- In his reply the chief adviser

whether this is true or not.

Vice-chairman of Muktijoddah

commercial capital in true sense.

measures in the bureaucracy.

A senior citizen and business-

"An efficient and honest bureau-

Editor of daily Purbokone

"Expected industrialisation or

before general election

he observed.

tenure as the chief adviser, Justice Habibur Rahman said, "I hope the issue will be resolved before the 20 reserved seats in the Jatiya next elections."

However, he criticised the NRBs for demanding 'special rights'. "I think that ensuring the rights of a citizen should be your first and foremost demand."

He also agreed with Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, chairman of Transparency International Bangladesh, who said that an NRB who has expressed allegiance to another country cannot enjoy the same rights a Bangladeshi citizen is entitled to.

Presenting a keynote paper, Nazrul Islam Minto, an NRB living

Former CCCI president Ali

Ahmad urged the government to

give constitutional recognition to

Chittagong as commercial capital

Owners Association Kamal Uddin

said although the government did

exceptionally good jobs in first six

months after 1/11, it failed to keep

up the momentum later and lost

secretary of Khatunganj Trade and

Industries, said it would be a blun-

der to give major political parties

that ruled the country in last 37

years, another chance and

favoured a national consensus

Kabir Ranu said local government

will never be meaningful and

half or romantic democracy," she

said demanding massive reforms

underscored the need for proper

guidelines of the government

regarding an effective parliament

secretary of Chittagong District Bar

Association, urged the government

to be more cautious while releasing

accused detainees on legal and

Ali Abbas underscored the need for

registration and reforms of politi-

cal parties before the general

organises a seminar on 'Islamic bank-

ing-a fallacy or reality'. Venue: Sheraton

Policy Support Unit of LGD-Danida

Sector Policy Support of the Water

Supply and Sanitation Sector under

LGRD and cooperative ministry organ-

ises a workshop on 'Strategy followed to

provide WSS services to the hard to

reach people'. Venue: Cirdap

DORP in cooperation with Manusher

Jonno Foundation organises a national

seminar on social harmony and rights.

Humidityin

percentage

Evening

92

96

Morning

91

Venue: IDB Bhaban. Time: 9:30am.

Auditorium. Time: 9:00am.

Hotel. Time: 4:30pm.

Workshop

Seminar

No change in temperature likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by tempo-

rary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Khulna,

Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi,

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places over

It said that day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over

Highest temperature 34.6 degrees Celsius was recorded yester-

The sun sets in the capital at 6:50pm today and rises at 5:15am

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

Min

26.6

26.2

26.5

27.2

26.5

26.7

25.3

day at Jessore and lowest 24.9 degrees Celsius at Sandwip.

Temperature in

Celsius

Max

33.3

31.5

33.0

33.7

28.3

Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

southern part of the country, Met Office said.

major cities and towns yesterday were:

Chittagong Press Club President

included in good numbers.

free from boycott culture.

humanitarian grounds.

in political parties.

strong enough unless women are

"We want full democracy, not

Editor of daily Azadi MA Malek

Mubibul Hoque, former general

Ward Commissioner Rehana

Syed Sagir Ahmad, general

control over the situation.

General Secretary of Shop

of the country.

government.

for those having dual citizenship. Some other NRBs also demanded Sangsad for them.

Brig Gen (retd) MA Malek, special assistant to the chief adviser, Awami League presidium member Amir Hossain Amu, Shaheda Obaid, former chairman of Dhaka Education Board, Jaglul Ahmed Chowdhury, chief editor of BSS, Syed Samadul Haque of Channel S, Kamrul Hasan Chowdhury of Smart Phone and Ataur Rahman of Digonto TV also took part in the discussion presided over by Saarc Citizens Council Chairman Mustafa

LDP to take part in local body polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) yesterday said they will participate in the upcoming local body election. They said this at a meeting at the

party's central office at Maghbazar in the city. The LDP leaders urged the

caretaker government to hold both national and local body elections on the same day. "Around Tk 500 crore will be

saved if the national and local body elections are held at the same time," LDP President Col (retd) Oli Ahmed said while addressing the meeting as the chief guest. The LDP president, however,

raised a question as to why the government is so pro-active in holding the local body polls without attending to other important activities.

"Holding of the local body election is a routine work and we are not against it," said Oli Ahmed adding that "We have been demanding the national election scheduled to be held on October but the Election Commission (EC) said that voter list would not be completed by that time."

Good deeds of the government might disappear if the national election is delayed, he said, adding that the election would not be free and fair if the emergency power rules are not withdrawn immediately.

Presided over by LDP Vice President Abul Kasem, the meeting was also addressed by Secretary General Jahanara Begum, Joint Secretary General Sahadat Hossain Selim and Organising Secretary Amzad Hossain Morol.

CJFD executives

UNB, Dhaka

Shilabrata Barua of Dainik Samakal and Saif Islam Dilal of Dainik Amar Desh were elected president and general secretary of Chittagong Journalists' Forum-Dhaka (CJFD) yesterday.

They were at the annual general meeting of CJFD at the Jatiya Press

Other office-bearers are Vice President: Nizamuddin Ahmed (Reuters), Joint Secretary: Syed Golam Mustafa (Bangla Bazar) Finance Secretary: Anup Khastagir (BSS), Office and Publicity Secretary: AFM Borhan (Chatgar Bani) and Social Welfare, Sports and Cultural Secretary: Santosh Sharma.

EC members are Md Mustafa Kamal (UNB), Quader Gani Chowdhury (Dinkal), Shaheen ul-Islam Chwodhury and M Saim Tipu (News Net).

Earlier, CJFD outgoing General Secretary M Saim Tipu and Treasurer Syed Golam Mustafa presented their reports at the

AGM with its outgoing President Shaheen-ul-Islam Chowdhury.



N'ganj Press Club executives

Rumon Reza of the daily Janakantha and Channel i, and Abu Saud Masud of the daily Amar Desh were elected president and general secretary of Narayanganj Press Club for the year 2008-10, says a press release. The election was held on Friday.

Other office bearers are: vice president -- Nafiz Ashraf of ntv and the daily Jai Jai Din; joint secretary Hasanuzzaman Shamim o Channel i and the daily Nayadiganta; treasurer -- AKM Mahfuzur Rahman of Bangladesh Television; sports and cultural secretary -- Sharif Uddin Shabuj of daily Jugantar.

Executive committee members are: Khandaker Shah Alam, Hafizur Rahman Mintu, Bimal Roy, Monirul Islam and Billal Hossain Robin.



Revolution' by lighting lamps at the Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday.

153RD ANNIVERSARY OF SANTAL REVOLUTION

two consecutive years after 18 years. 'Establish secular, democratic govt remain open. Academic activities of for indigenous people's rights' the university will resume on July 2.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Regional Council Chairman Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Shantu Larma yesterday said a secular, democratic and progressive government is a must to ensure the rights of the indigenous people as well as the students.

He said, "Unless we can form a secular, democratic and progressive government, we will not be able to solve the problems of the indigenous people as well as those of the tribal students."

Speaking as the guest of honour, the tribal leader said this at the inaugural function for the celebration of the 153rd anniversary of 'Santal Revolution' and a seminar on 'Indigenous Students and Problems in Higher Education' at the Cirdap auditorium in the city with Prof Mesbah Kamal of History Department at Dhaka University (DU) in the chair. The programme was organised dents."

by Bangladesh Movement for Rights of Indigenous People and

indigenous students for a concerted struggle to form a secular, democratic and progressive government and establish their rights, adding that if the political repression on them is not over, the rights of education of indigenous people will not be established.

"The indigenous students should establish their rights through a massive struggle and they should continue it in order to form a secular, democratic and progressive government in the country," he said.

He said, "In the past 37 years, we did not get any pro-people government and the repression on indigenous people has thus increased The tribal students are frequently losing their rights to education."

Shantu Larma said, "We were not poor, we were made poor and poverty were imposed on us through repression. Now poverty is one of the obstacles to higher education of the indigenous stu-

Prof Dalim Chandra Barman of Peace and Conflict Department at ActionAidBangladeshane deals and Dusaid unless the political, eco-) Shantu Larma called on the nomic and social repression on

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indigenous people is removed their rights of education cannot be established.

Eminent journalist Syed Abul Moksud said education is one of the fundamental human rights The indigenous people should be given the rights as well as the students must get proper facilities to pursue higher education.

Prof Mesbah Kamal said the indigenous students must be given enough opportunity in higher education.

Sohel Hajong and Poly Tripura, two indigenous students in written speech, said the indigenous students should be allowed more quotas in universities and colleges, more chance in getting scholarships at home and abroad, adding that primary education for the indigenous children should be given in their mother language.

Teacher of Bharateshwari Homes Paichanu Marma, American International University of Bangladesh Lecturer Baredra Lal Tripura and researcher Rajmoni Waheng Bom also spoke at the



officer of Apollo Hospitals, Dhaka, inaugurated the programme while Jahanara Begum, director of Directorate of Nursing Services, and Prof Tahatun Nahar, principal of Dhaka Nursing College were present.

In the discussion the speakers congratulated the nurses for their humanitarian services. They also requested the nurses to associate themselves in the profession with utmost humanitarianism and win the public respect and admiration.

Obituary

A CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Shafikur Rahaman, a social worker and cultural figure in Faridpur, passed away at Tata Memorial Hospital at Mumbai in India yester-

day at the age of 66. He left behind his wife and a host of relatives to mourn his

Faridpur Sahitya O Sangskrita Unnayan Sangstha, Lalan Parishad, Mohila Parishad expressed deep shock at his death.

Death anniversary

Today is the 49th death anniversary of Maulana Ali Ahmed, former deputy magistrate and member of civil service in undivided Bengal, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at the residence of his son Justice AFM Ali Asgar at 13/8 Sir Syed Road in Mohammadpur after Maghrib prayers.

Besides, Qurankhwani and feeding of the destitute will be held. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Abdul Wazed Babul

says a press release.

death anniversarv of Md Abdul Wazed Babul, a social worker and director of Ananda Confectionary',

Today is the 8th

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at his residence after

Maghrib prayers.

Alhaj Abdul Halim Today is the



second death anniversary of Alhaj Abdul Halim, a social worker and founder of Halim Company, says

a press release. On the occasion, a milad and

doa mahfil will be held at Aladinagar Hafizia Madrasa in Noakhali. Relatives and well-wishers are

Rahman and Abdus Samad requested to attend the milad and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Dr Stefan Frowein, head of Delegation of European Commission in Dhaka, speaks at the inaugural ceremony of an international seminar on 'Corporate social responsibility in Bangladesh: Current issues and trends' at IDB Bhaban auditorium in the city yesterday. International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) organised the seminar. (Story on Star Business B3)

Women scientists' assoc holds AGM, seminar

Executive body formed

The annual general meeting (AGM) of Association of Women Scientists in Bangladesh was held on the Institute of Science and Technology (IST) campus in the city on Friday, says a press release.

A seminar on 'Human development index and status of women in Bangladesh' was also organised at the same venue with Prof Nurjahan Sarker in the chair. Prof Dr Ayesha Munim of

Physics department at Dhaka University was present on the occasion as the chief guest, while Dr Shahida Rafique presented a keynote paper. Around 32 papers were presented in the seminar. Agriculture scientist Dr Nazira

Quraishi Kamal presented a paper on 'Ecology and Management of Rice HISPA', Dr Hasin Azhari Anupama on 'Introducing High Dose Rate Remote Afterloading Brachytherapy in the Treatment of Gynaecological and Breast Cancer' and Dr Sharmin Parveen on 'Telecommunications -- Global and Bangladesh'.

An executive committee was selected for the next two-year term 2008-09. The committee comprises Prof Dr Shahida Rafique, president; Dr Nazira Quraishi Kamal, vice president and Dr Hasin Azhari Anupama, general secretary.

Around 200 women scientists participated in the AGM from different universities, research organisations and NGOs.

Road show held in

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Marking the arrival of the road show titled 'Eso Bangladesh Gori' (Let us build a new Bangladesh) in Mymensingh, a daylong fair was organised on the local Circuit House ground yesterday morning.

debate, essay competitions and video screening were organised to

present as the special guest. Deputy Commissioner of

A total of seven stalls were set up

Bhutta village at Dhubaura, Md

mark the day. Bangladesh Agricultural

Mymensingh Md Shamsul Alam presided over the programme.

on the fair premises. Earlier, the society.

ESO BANGLADESH GORI

Mymensingh

Discussions, cultural functions,

University Vice Chancellor Prof Mohammed Akhtar Hossain inaugurated the fair as the chief guest, while Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Director Md Maksudur Rahman was

discussion was held at the same venue a reception was accorded to four persons as 'Shada Moner Manush' for their contribution to

Police Super Md Rafiqul Islam,

The road show caravan reached Mymensingh on Friday from Tangail

The awardees are Md Janab Ali of

Shamsul Haque of Shaltia village at Gafargaon, Joynal Abedin of Taan Hasadia village at Sadar and Gazi Abdus Salam Bhuiyan of Charianipara village at Nandail

age people of all classes, including farmers, to boost production and fight corruption. Prize giving ceremony held DU CORRESPONDENT

Muktagacha UNO AKM Tipu Sultan,

Mayor of Mymensingh Municipality

advocate Mahmud Al Noor Tareq,

Mymensingh Press Club Secretary

Mozammel Haque and Muktagacha

Press Club President AZM

Imamuddin Mukta also took part in

disaster ministry and home and

telecommunications ministry along

with Election Commission, Tourism

Corporation, ACC and BRTA jointly

organised the road show to encour-

The annual prize giving ceremony of

High School held yesterday at the

Chairmen of governing board of

the Silverdale Preparatory and Girls'

school premises, says a press release.

the school Syed Sadek Mohammad

Ali attended the ceremony as the

chief guest while poet Jahidul

Haque, banker Meer Mahbubur

attended as special guests. Lutfan

Nesa, headmistress of the school,

presided over the ceremony.

Agriculture ministry, food and

the programme.