

Strengthen bond of communal harmony

President tells Munshiganj Puja Parishad team

BSS, Dhaka
President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday said Bangladesh is a glittering example of communal harmony with its people of all castes and creeds practising their religions freely and peacefully from time immemorial. He called on all to further strengthen the bond of communal harmony to help the country reach its desired goal of development.

Bangabhaban. Convener of the Parishad Advocate Anil Chakraborty led the delegation. Members of the delegation informed the president that the Puja in Munshiganj is being celebrated in a very festive mood at 194 Puja Mandaps this year, the number being much higher than last year's. They praised the role of the government as well as the local Muslim community for helping them celebrate the Puja in a befitting manner. The delegation sought the government cooperation for development of temples and crematoriums in Munshiganj.

The president gave them a patient hearing and expressed his satisfaction that Durga Puja was being celebrated all over the country including Munshiganj with due solemnity and festivity. He assured the delegation of his full support in solving their problems relating to temples. Secretary of the President's Office Md Sirajul Islam, Military Secretary to the President Major General Mohammad Ruhul Amin and the President's Press Secretary Abdul Awal Howlader were present during the meeting.

Remain alert against move to delay polls

11-party urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of 11-party yesterday termed the suggestion of different quarters to delay the national election "bad indication to foil the polls" scheduled for December 18, and urged people to remain alert against such move. They also urged the government to remove public confusion about the holding of the polls by sticking to its announced date. The 11-party leaders were speaking at a meeting of the central executive council at the Workers' Party office in the city with WP General Secretary Bimal Biswas in the chair. The meeting also urged the government to take necessary steps to bring the price of essentials within the reach of common people. It also expressed deep concern over the deteriorating law and order situation in the country. Nurul Islam, Pankaj Bhattacharya, Zakir Hossain, Abdus Samad, Haider Akbar Khan Rono, Nurul Hasan, Mofizul Islam Kamal, Qamrul Ahsan and Subrato Chowdhury spoke on the occasion.



Devotees offer prayers at a puja mandap at Tanti Bazar in the city yesterday on the second day of Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of Hindu.

Detained Ctg mayor taken to CCU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detained Chittagong City Corporation Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury was shifted yesterday to the Coronary Care Unit (CCU) of the Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) hospital from the prison sell of the same hospital after his health condition deteriorated. The ailing Awami League leader was shifted to the CCU at about 1:30pm. He is now undergoing treatment under Prof Dr Shajal Banarjee of the Department of Cardiology. The CCC mayor arrested by the joint forces on March 7 last year has been suffering from heart disease and previously he had to undergo a bypass surgery.

Mohiuddin Chowdhury is a diabetic patient; his blood sugar was found unusually high and the blood pressure alarmingly low when he was brought to the CCU," said Prof Shajal Banarjee adding that he had also been suffering from eye, kidney and spinal cord complexities. However, a diabetic specialist visited him and adjusted his insulin dose. Several cardiac tests had also been completed and his cardiac functions were found normal. The reports of other tests will come to our hand tomorrow (today), he added. Quoting the doctors DIG Prisons, Major Shamsul Haider Siddique told The Daily Star last evening that his condition is stable now. Accused in several cases including corruption Mayor Mohiuddin has been in the prison cell of the BSMMU since March this year.

Saudi envoy assures govt of help for Bangladeshi workers

UNB, Dhaka

Saudi Ambassador to Dhaka Abdullah NA Al Bussairy yesterday

assured the government of taking care of Bangladeshi workers employed in his country. His concern came at a meeting with LGRD Adviser M Anwarul Iqbal at his office in Bangladesh Secretariat, said a statement by the Press Information

Department. They discussed bilateral relations at the meeting, it said. Both the leaders expressed their confidence that the existing friendly relations between the two nations would be expanded further in the future.

Preliminary result of UZ election officers published

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Public Service Commission (PSC) yesterday published the result of preliminary examination of Upazila/Thana election officers with 675 candidates appearing in the merit list.

The preliminary examination was held on August 8 and the dates with timetable for the written test and other necessary information would be informed later through the daily newspapers. If necessary, the Election Commission Secretariat reserves the right to bring any amendment to the result, said a PSC press release.

Hasina condoles death of Dr Huda

METRO DESK

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina expressed deep shock at the death of Dr Shamsul Huda Harun, vice-chancellor of Royal University, former teacher of political science of Dhaka University and member of the advisory council of Awami League, says a press release. Dr Huda passed away due to prolonged illness at the Apollo Hospitals on Saturday. In a statement Hasina said his death is an immense loss to our education sector. She also conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Woman dies from burns 24 hours after her husband's death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A housewife who set herself on fire in a bid to commit suicide died at a city hospital yesterday 24 hours after the death of her husband who had received burn injuries trying to save her.

Maksuda Akhter Ruby, 25, wife of Saidul Islam Babu, set fire to her body in the kitchen of their house at RK Mission Road on Saturday as she came to know about her husband's extramarital affairs.

Her husband was also injured trying to save her. Both of them were admitted to the City Hospital at Mohammadpur where Saidul succumbed to his injuries on Sunday.

Ruby's family members said Saidul had extramarital affairs with a girl who called him over the cell phone on the day, which led to an altercation between the husband and the wife who later set herself on fire.



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia offers munajat after inaugurating new party office at Gulshan in the city yesterday. On her left is party Secretary General Khondaker Delwar Hossain. (Story on Page 16)

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