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Nation mourns leaders killed in jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 32nd anniversary of the 'Jail Killing Day' was observed in the country yesterday commemorating the assassination of four national leaders inside the Dhaka Central Jail.

The four liberation war heroes -- Syed Nazrul Islam, acting president of 1971 Bangladesh government in exile, Tajuddin Ahmed, prime minister of the same government, M Mansur Ali, finance minister, and AHM Qamruzzaman, minister for home affairs, relief and rehabilitation -- were shot dead inside jail on this day in 1975.

To mark the day, Awami League (AL) and its front organisations, including Juba League, Swechchasebak League, Awami Mohila League, Jatiya Sramik League, Krishak League, Bangabandhu Sanskritik Jote, National Four Leaders Association,

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Ctg rental power bid evaluated twice

SHARIER KHAN

The Power Cell is expected to complete a "second round" of evaluation of the 50 megawatt Chittagong rental power project within this week after the power ministry rejected a hurriedly done bid evaluation last month, sources say.

Upon inviting bids from various power companies on October 16, the Cell completed the evaluation within only three days. It recommended a joint venture of Royce Power Engineering Ltd of Hong Kong and local Asian Entech Power Corporation and Shasha Denims Ltd that proposed to set up the plant using cheap but environmentally hostile Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO).

Usually the authorities take up 30 days to evaluate bids and verify documents. As the Power Cell's three-day evaluation was not done on the basis of any verification, the ministry sent back the evaluation report, asking the Cell to follow the proper routine.

A top power ministry official says, "Bidders can submit different documents making big claims. They may appear to be convincing. But it's our job to cross-check these documents to see if these are genuine. Our experience says bidders often submit fake or misleading documents just to win the bid."

"We hope the Power Cell does not resort to the same type of sketchy evaluation of last month," another official said, adding based on the negative experience of the eight small rental power projects, the Chittagong tender terms and conditions were refined to find the best bidder, who would actually do the job in time.

Sources say some documents submitted by Royce-Asian Entech did not comply with the bid terms and conditions.

The tender documents say the bidder must have experience in providing rental or Independent Power Project (IPP) serving in the last three years and will furnish end-user certificate or contract documents with power off-taker in support of the experience.

Royce Power Engineering has furnished a certificate that looks like a computer printout having no official letter-head. The certificate was issued under the name of a company "Jianmen Power Plant, Jiangmen City, Guandong, China," stating that Royce power has an

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Major parties to give out nomination forms from tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different political parties, including Awami League (AL), will begin the distribution of nomination forms among aspirant candidates from tomorrow following the Election Commission's (EC) announcement of the poll schedule.

However, BNP and its allied parties are yet to announce when they begin to distribute their nomination forms.

Earlier yesterday the EC announced its detailed schedule for the ninth parliamentary election on December 18.

AL will begin distribution of nomination forms at 10:00 am tomorrow at its Bangabandhu Avenue office for candidates for all

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Banks busy updating loan defaulters' list

Loans of poll aspirants have to be rescheduled 15 days before submission of nomination papers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The commercial banks are updating their loan database to help the Election Commission (EC) identify defaulters among the prospective candidates in the upcoming parliamentary election.

Bank officials said they have already revised the loan defaulters' status till September 30.

Besides directing the nationalised and private commercial banks to have their loan records up-to-date, the central bank has formed a committee to provide the EC with necessary information.

It has assigned 20 officials to its Credit Information Bureau (CIB) for the job.

According to the amended Representation of the People Order (RPO), the defaulters with loans rescheduled 15 days before submission of nomination papers can take part in the election.

The EC yesterday directed the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to help it examine the candidates' income tax returns and wealth statements.

Earlier, it said it would send Bangladesh Bank (BB) names of 800 probable candidates who participated in the last three parliamentary elections.

The central bank sources said they have yet to receive the names. The CIB will update the bank statements of those on the EC's list.

Meanwhile, BB Governor Salehuddin Ahmed yesterday met the officials of nationalised commercial banks.

He asked them to be cautious in furnishing the EC with information as their mistakes could cost an individual his candidature.

At the meeting, the officials said they are preparing bank statements of those who, according to media reports, may file candidature for the December 18 election.

The state-run commercial banks have already formed a 12-member committee each to update the loan information.

Syed Abu Naser Bukhtear Ahmed, managing director of Agrani Bank Ltd, last night told The Daily Star that they have already sent BB the data updated till September 30.

56 let off the hook over weak evidence

ACC to sue Jahanara Begum over ill-gotten wealth

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) decided to submit final reports in 36 corruption cases, letting 56 graft suspects off the hook, as it failed to obtain sufficient evidence to convict them. Former forest and environment minister Tarikul Islam, former BNP lawmaker Shamsuzzoha Khan and ex-Jamaat lawmaker Gazi Nazrul Islam are among them.

"The commission decided to submit final reports in the cases," ACC Director General (admin) Col Hanif Iqbal said during a routine press briefing at the ACC headquarters yesterday.

Sources in the ACC say that joint forces filed most of the cases and investigated them. They had difficulty in collecting evidence strong enough to prove the charges.

Meanwhile, the ACC approved filing of three cases against four people including Jahanara Begum, former adviser to ex-prime minister Khaleda Zia, in connection with concealing information about her wealth from the commission and amassing wealth beyond known sources of income.

ACC also approved submission of four charge sheets against nine people including Proshika Chairman Kazi Faruk Ahmed and his son Rubayet Ahmed. Kazi Faruk and his son will be charge-sheeted in a case filed in connection with laundering Tk 1.03 crore together.

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SC stays bail order of Falu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday stayed a High Court (HC) order granting bail to Mosaddek Ali Falu, detained political secretary to former premier Khaleda Zia, in a relief scam case filed against him by the Anti-corruption Commission (ACC).

Lawyers concerned said that the full bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice MM Ruhul Amin, passed the order on the ground that Falu obtained bail from the HC by submitting a 'fake' medical report.

The questionable medical report was obtained from Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) authorities.

It was discovered that Falu, who was admitted to BSMMU for treatment, left the hospital on March 23 this year. But according to the medical report submitted by Falu,

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Dairy delicacies stir up toxic fear

PINAKI ROY

For years people are having the famous and delicious confections like Porabari's chamcham, Comilla's rosomalai, monda from Muktagachha, curd from Bogra and rashogolla from Jessore. These goodies are available in the capital and many other places elsewhere and consumers buy the items thanks to their reputation as well as well-financed adverts.

Besides these, strawberry, chocolate, vanilla ice-cream, milk shake, lassi, cheese, butter and chocolate -- all the items are mouthwatering dairy products popular among the consumers.

But not too many people are aware that many of these items might pose a serious risk to their health. Talking to the people related to business, it was learned that most of the products are made with sub-standard milk powder that possibly contains poisonous melamine.

Even in some cases, it was found that many of these items are made with adulterated milk.

Now many of the city dwellers are worried about the dairy products after the news of industrial chemical melamine mixed with powdered milk was published.

"For the last few days my daughter is mad at me as I don't buy her ice-cream. My son is also fond of sweetmeats. But I don't dare buy them," said Giasuddin Ahmed from Kalabagan.

Surprisingly, the government seems sitting idle without taking any effective measures for quality control. A series of reports run by The Daily Star led the government

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PHOTO: STAR

Many people are now skeptical about sweetmeats which arrive to the capital from other districts as these are often made with poor quality powdered milk that could be tainted with melamine.

2 more die from Bogra alcohol

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Bogra*

Two more people died from swigging toxic rectified spirit in Bogra yesterday, taking death toll there and in Jaipurhat to 23 in the past couple of days.

The deceased were identified as Torab Khokon, 42, of Dhunat upazila and Bishuram Das, 42, of Shahjahanpur upazila.

Police and narcotics officials said people who fell ill drinking the poisonous ethanol but are shying away from treatment fearing social stigma risk their lives.

The spirit was sold by three homeopathic pharmacies owned by relatives of former Bogra unit BNP joint secretary Nur

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PHOTO: STAR

A woman wraps a traditional towel around her nose and mouth to escape the pollution. The state of this road in Shyampur is so poor that it disperses dust in the surrounding area.

BARAPUKURIA CASE

AKM Mosharraf asked to surrender before trial court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed former state minister AKM Mosharraf Hossain to surrender before the trial court by November 9 to face the proceedings of Barapukuria Coalmine Corruption Case filed against him by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

After hearing a petition filed by Mosharraf, an HC bench comprising Justice Md Muzammel Hossain and Justice Afzal Hossain Ahmed also asked the government not to harass or arrest him during the period.

The HC bench also continued hearing on the petitions filed by former ministers M Saifur Rahman, Motiur Rahman Nizami, Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, and Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojahid for quashing the proceedings against them in the same case. The bench adjourned the hearing until today.

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Get economy on top of election manifesto

DCCI urges political parties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) yesterday called on all political parties to put economic development activities on top of their election manifestos.

The body made the call at a press conference on the outcome of a recently held international business conference in Dhaka.

"The ninth general election must be held in the national interests. There is no other alternative to holding the polls which should be inclusive," DCCI president Hossain Khaled said.

He asked the would-be lawmakers to shun politics of hartals, road blockades and other politically tinged programmes that get in the way of business growth.

Khaled urged political leaders not to use trade unions for personal or political gains.

The DCCI had organised the three-day business conference to mark its golden jubilee.

Participants--policymakers, renowned academics, businessmen, entrepreneurs and industrialists from across the world--spoke their take on global, regional and national economies.

The DCCI president billed the conference as a great success. "We've set a benchmark for success by organising such an important international business conference."

He said the DCCI will ask the government to place some of the outcomes of the conference on its policy agenda.

The DCCI awarded three successful entrepreneurs and published a book on the commercial history of Dhaka over the past 400 years on the occasion of the chamber's golden jubilee, he said.

30 DU students hurt in clashes over cricket

DU CORRESPONDENT

At least 30 were hurt in a string of clashes between students of two residential dormitories of Dhaka University yesterday.

The two-hour long clashes occurred between resident students of Sergeant Jahurul Haq Hall and Sir AF Rahman Hall over playing cricket.

Campus sources said a group of Jahurul Haq Hall students severely beat up five residents of AF Rahman Hall over taking control of the playground of Muhsin Hall at around 4:00pm.

To retaliate, a group of students from AF Rahman Hall attacked the residents of Jahurul Haq Hall with iron rods, wood sticks, machetes and cricket stumps on the latter's dorm premises leaving at least 10 wounded, eyewitness said.

The attacked students later reorganised, made a counter attack on AF Rahman Hall residents and beat them up with similar weapons

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Obtained Ph.D. Degree

Mrs. Tamanna Khatun has obtained Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) degree for her research work on "Study on the Community Based Livelihood Approach (SLA) to A community Based Aquaculture in Selected Area of Bangladesh" Her Ph.D. supervisors were Dr. Tahmina Afroz, Professor, Department of Zoology, Jahangirnagar University and Dr. M. Niamul Naser, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, University of Dhaka. She was assisted by Professor Dr. Michael New, Scotland, U.K. Dr. Tamanna Khatun successfully completed her B.Sc. (Hons) and M.Sc. (Fisheries) from University of Dhaka. At present she is director (Fisheries) of Voluntary Organization for Social Development (VOSD). She has achieved national and international honour for her outstanding activities on fisheries sector.

Zardari warns US over missile strikes

AFP, *Islamabad*

President Asif Ali Zardari warned the new US commander for Iraq and Afghanistan on Monday that missile strikes on Pakistani territory were "counterproductive" and detrimental to the 'war on terror.'

The most high-profile protest yet from Islamabad came as General David Petraeus made his first visit here since he took over the position last week, amid claims that it could signal a shift in strategy in Afghanistan.

"Continuing drone attacks on our territory, which result in loss of precious lives and property, are counterproductive and difficult to explain by a democratically-elected government," Zardari said.

"It is creating a credibility gap," the state-run Associated Press of Pakistan quoted him as saying.

The series of strikes by unmanned drones against suspected al-Qaeda and Taliban militants hiding in Pakistan's tribal badlands bordering Afghanistan have raised tensions between the two countries.

Defence Minister Chaudhry Ahmad Mukhtar earlier told Petraeus that Pakistan's sovereignty and territorial integrity should be respected, warning that future incidents could affect the battle for hearts and minds.

"The frequent drone attacks could lead to generate anti-America sentiments as well as create outrage and uproar among the people," Mukhtar's department said in a statement.

Former Pakistani general and defence analyst Talat Masood said Petraeus' visit could not be

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Clarification

BRAC Dairy has given clarification of our report headlined "Fake milk seized in Sirajganj" published on Sunday, saying the chemicals, which has been reportedly seized are routinely used in testing the fat content, density and presence of impurities in milk before purchase from the farmers.

The company said they are not in any way involved in collection, production and sale of 'fake milk'. BRAC Dairy has been for the last ten years supplying dairy products and pays strict attention in maintaining high standards of all its items.

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Prayer Timing

November 4

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-55	5-30
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