

Take right decisions for positive changes

Prof Muzaffer tells award giving ceremony

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Tangail

TIB Chairman Prof Muzaffer Ahmad yesterday said the country is now standing on a turning point of history with three elections -- parliament, upazila and pourasabha -- ahead.

"We have to make the history positive by taking right decisions in order to get the positive changes," he added.

"We want democracy but it cannot be achieved in a day," he said, adding, "If we want good governance, we will have the practice of true democracy every day."

He further said, "The people should not cast their votes on basis of the symbols only."

Casting votes standing on a line do not mean credible election. This time the voters will have to cast their votes for the right leaders, he added.

Prof Muzaffer, also chairman of Sushasaner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan), was addressing the distribution ceremony of Bhasani Padak-2007 in Tangail as the chief guest.

Bhasani Foundation and Smristy Education Family jointly organised the function at the Zila Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the town.

This year five distinguished persons of the district have got 'Bhasani Padak-2007' for their special contribution to different sectors.

The award recipients include Ranada Prasad (RP) Shaha (posthumous) in social welfare, Madan Mohan Goswami in education, Mamunur Rashid in culture, Dr Abdur Rahman in medicine and Mahmuda Khatun in ideal mother categories.

With Bhasani Foundation President Khandakar Nazim Uddin in the chair, the function was addressed by Deputy Commissioner of Tangail Maksudur Rahman Patwari, Police Super Abdul Mannan, former director general of BTV and Channel 1 Ali Imam and ex-general secretary of Duta Prof Ferdous Hossain.

Road crash kills senior asst secy Akhter, his driver

UNB, Feni

Two people, a senior assistant secretary of the shipping ministry and his driver, were killed when a covered van hit their private car on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway near Fazilpur Madrasa in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Senior Assistant Secretary Akhter Hossain, 48, and his car driver Saiful Islam, 30.

Witnesses said the accident occurred at about 6:30am when a covered van from Dhaka hit the private car coming from the opposite direction, leaving Saiful dead on the spot.

Police source said critically injured Akhter Hossain was rushed to the Feni Sadar Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries after two and a-half hours of his admission.

He was returning by the private car after attending the 'Urs' at Ahalla mazar in Bhengura of Boalkhali upazilla in Chittagong.

Akhter, son of Faizullah Chowdhury of TM Bazar Kashirapara in Sandwip upazilla of Chittagong, left behind his wife, one son and one daughter.

He was a resident of the Officers Quarters at Shajahanpur in Dhaka.



Members of the Communist Party of Bangladesh light candles at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday demanding trials of war criminals.



The traffic department of Dhaka Metropolitan Police under its Special Road Safety Programme brings out a procession from Shahbagh in the city yesterday with a call to ensure road safety for all.

Stop import, sale of adulterated food: Nasaf

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nagorik Odhikar Sangrakkhan Forum (Nasaf) yesterday demanded the government stop importing and selling of adulterated food and to take stern action against the adulterators to protect consumer rights.

From a human chain formed in front of the National Museum, the rights activists also urged the government to take necessary steps to ensure accountability of the businessmen and to take para-

mount steps in protecting the rights of the consumers.

The speakers said the local markets are flooded with adulterated food items. Harmful ingredients have been using in all items -- from infant formulas to vegetables, fish and confectionary items.

People are suffering from

various diseases by eating these food items. It is time to take action against those who are involved in the unscrupulous business groups, they added.

Nasaf President Hafizur Rahman Moina and Acting General Secretary ARM Shahjahan spoke at the programme.

DU celebrates 400 years of Dhaka city today

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) will celebrate 400 years of Dhaka city with a series of colourful programmes on the campus today.

The programmes include procession, photo and map exhibition, discussion, painting competition, debate, kite flying competition and cultural events.

All classes of the university will remain suspended on the occasion.

Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz will formally inaugurate the celebrations in the morning.

The daylong festivities will begin with a procession at 9:00am. The photo and map exhibition will be inaugurated at the games room at Teacher-Student Centre at 9:30am.

A discussion on history and tradition of 400 years will be held at 10:00am.

Teachers and former students will present a cultural show in the evening.

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