

Help try war criminals

Information minister urges people

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad here yesterday sought cooperation from people of all walks of life to speed up trial of war criminals.

Fundamental, militant and war criminal groups are trying to do something alarming to the key point installations (KPIs) so that the government cannot try the war criminals in a speedy way," Azad said.

The minister said this as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of the biennial conference of Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) at Engineer Abdul Khaleq Auditorium of Chittagong Press Club.

Some vested quarters are trying to push the country towards an awkward

situation and obstruct the trial of war criminals at a time when the government is making its efforts to bring back the convicted killers of Bangabandhu and execute the verdict of Bangabandhu murder case completely.

"Under this situation, we need cooperation from all, particularly the media, which can build public opinion to try the war criminals in a speedy way," Azad said.

He also sought cooperation for overall socio-political and economic development to turn the country into a middle income one by 2021.

The government has already ensured free flow of information. But some times there were wrong news on

the scroll of a few TV channels that created confusion.

The minister said called on the media people to give accurate information to the countrymen.

Chittagong Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury also spoke at the programme, which was presided over by CUJ President Mostaq Ahmed.

He lauded the role of media people in building up the country and announced donating Tk 5 lakh to create a fund to help meritorious children of the newsmen for their studies in the port city.

Sincerity and hard work of journalists help build a newspaper as an industry, the mayor observed.

UZ chairmen threaten road, rail, river blockade

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Upazila Chairmen-Vice Chairmen Oikya Parishad yesterday threatened the government to blockade road, rail and river ways on April 15 if it does not meet their 10-point demand by April 14.

The announcement came at a rally at Shahbagh at a human

chain in front of National Press Club in the city.

The Oikya Parishad leaders also threatened to go on hunger strike on April 25 at Muktangan if their demands are not met.

They submitted a memorandum to the prime minister to realise their demands.

The leaders tried to march

towards the Prime Minister's Office with a procession, but they were intercepted by police in front of Engineering Institute at Shahbagh. They held the rally at the place.

Abdul Majid, convener of the Oikya Parishad, Mohibur Rahman, co-convener, and Mohammad Hossain, member secretary, spoke at the rally.

BCL agitation hampers CU classes for second day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Academic activities at Chittagong University were hampered for the second consecutive day as Bangladesh Chhatra League activists continued their agitation programme halting CU shuttle trains here yesterday.

The BCL activists halted scheduled departure of three shuttle trains bound for CU from the port city in the morning, for which the students could not reach the university and attend their classes, sources said.

The agitating BCL men also forced the suspension of human hauler movement to and from the university.

Most of the classes could not be held while only a few classes were held with a little turn-up, they said.

Students vow to make graft-free country

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of students from different schools, colleges and universities at a programme yesterday vowed to build a Bangladesh free from corruption and communalism, says a press release.

They made the vow at the prize giving ceremony of an essay writing competition, jointly organised by Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and Sachetan Nagorik Committee, Savar, at MM Chakladar Girls' College.

Earlier, a discussion on 'The role of youths in preventing corruption' was held. The speakers at the discussion said today's youths would root out corruption as they fought the independence in 1971.

JU Prof ATM Atikur Rahman and MM Chakladar Girls' College Principal Atahar Uddin addressed the programme.



Upazila chairmen and vice-chairmen form a human chain in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday to realise their 10-point demand.

Most child cancer patients die without medical treatment

Speakers tell workshop

METRO DESK

About 7000-9000 cases of childhood cancer occur every year in the country, but less than 500 of them receive treatment, speakers said at a workshop yesterday.

They were addressing a workshop titled 'International Childhood Cancer Forum: Exploration and Setting Priorities for an Unmet Need in Bangladesh' at ICDDR,B in the city, says a press release.

The speakers said there is no proper childhood cancer registry to inform planning decisions across the country. As a result, most child cancer patients die without proper diagnosis and adequate medical treatment.

The workshop is jointly organised by British Columbia Cancer Agency (Canada), Bangladesh Medical Research Council, ICDDR,B, Centre for International Child Health, British Columbia Children's Hospital (Canada), Teenage and Young Adult Cancer,

University of Manchester, UK and EHIME University, Japan.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mozibur Rahman Fakir was present at the workshop as the chief guest while Canadian High Commissioner Robert McDougall and Dr Serguei Diorditsa, acting WHO Representative in Bangladesh, were present as special guests.

Researchers, health professionals and policymakers from national and international arenas attended the workshop to discuss childhood cancer from Bangladeshi and international perspectives to set priorities in the areas of cancer research and intervention.

Dr Golam Mohiuddin Faruque, associate professor, Department of Radiotherapy, Dhaka Medical College and Hospital presented the keynote paper.

The technical sessions of this two-day workshop will further discuss four areas to identify cancer research and interven-

tion priorities: social and economic research, social and economic intervention programme, clinical research and clinical intervention for treatment and care.

According to early studies childhood cancer is one of the major threats for children in developing countries and Bangladesh is no different.

The present situation in Bangladesh demands immediate and appropriate action to tackle the unmet needs prevailing in the community to fight against such high childhood mortality.

Cancer research programmes and services need to be prioritised.

Prof OB Tim Eden from the University of Manchester, Dr Stuart Peacock, Co-Director of the Canadian Centre for Applied Research in Cancer Control, Dr Syed Azizur Rahman, Director of the Centre for International Child Health, Canada Dr Charles P Larson and Dr Paul J Rogers of the University of British Columbia also spoke.

Community can play role in disaster management

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Oxfam GB yesterday said active participation of people and community mobilisation could play a vital role in disaster management, says a press release.

To mark International Disaster Prevention Day today, the international development organisation also stated that it initiated a project 'Building community resilience to flood in central region of Bangladesh' which is being implemented in six char (shoal) villages of Rajbari, Faridpur and Shariatpur, vulnerable to floods and river erosion.

The project is implemented with the support of RPDS, local partner NGO. The project aims to effectively address the vulnerability of poor people in char areas to floods and thereby reduce poverty.

It would be mainly achieved through increased awareness of communities, enhancing their capacities, piloting of small-scale mitigation measures and strengthening institutional linkage.

A total of 576 families are now actively involved in the project, which also formed a committee as 'village disaster preparedness committee (VDPC)' for disaster management in the area.

PROCLAMATION OF INDEPENDENCE 'BNP claim to misguide nation'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Krishak Sramik Janata League President Kader Siddique yesterday said BNP had claimed Ziaur Rahman as the proclaimer of independence only to misguide the nation.

A radio announcer can never be the proclaimer of independence, he said.

Kader made the remark while addressing a discussion on 'People's expectation and achievement after liberation war' marking the Independence Day at the National Press Club.

Speaking at the discussion, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal-JSD President ASM Abdur Rab said the government has failed to ensure fundamental rights of the people and social security as well.

He sated the two major political parties for exchanging indecent words in the parliament and urged them to refrain from vindictive politics.

Party General Secretary Habibur Rahman urged the government to take effective initiative to implement the promises of liberation war by taking opinion of all parties and all people.

Former state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, National Democratic Party (NDP) Chairman Golam Mortuza, the daily Manabjamin Joint Editor Sazzad Kadir also spoke.

Medical colleges now under BSMMU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All public and private medical colleges, dental colleges, nursing and postgraduate institutions have been brought under Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.

Signed by Dr Mohiuddin Ahmed, senior assistant secretary of health ministry, a recently issued official order to this end was circulated in the respective government offices and departments.

Schoolboy found dead in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered a floating body of a schoolboy from a ditch in Kazla area of Jatrabari in the city yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Shah Alam, 10, a student of class five of Jatrabari Shishu Kalyan Primary School.

Jatrabari police recovered the body around 2:00pm. The body was sent to Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

Elias Hossain, uncle of the victim, said Alam might have been killed. The boy went out of his Uttar Jatrabari house to buy some flour on Monday noon. Since then, he remained missing, he added.

Elias also said that three days ago Shah Alam had a quarrel with some of his neighbouring friends over riding a bicycle.

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MIST council meets

METRO DESK

The 11th council meeting of the Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST) was held at the institute at Mirpur Cantonment in the city yesterday, says an ISPR release.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid presided over the meeting.

Chief of Army Staff General Md Abdul Mubeen, Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Z U Ahmed, Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal S M Ziaur Rahman and Principal Staff Officer (PSO) Lt. General Abdul Wadud were present at the meeting.

The meeting discussed proposed revenue budget of 2010-2011 of MIST, approval of additional admission of students, participation of MIST members on different seminar/ symposium/ conference and workshop, approval of different aca-

demical fees of foreign students, opportunity to achieving PhD degree of military officers and delegating power to Commandant MIST for appointing contractual professor, and appointing overseas instructors.

Engineer in Chief of Bangladesh Army, VC Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), representatives of Dhaka University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Science and Information and Communication Technology and concerned officers of MIST were present.

Earlier, on his arrival at MIST the Acting Commandant MIST, Brigadier General Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan, received the education minister.

15 BDR men appeal for retracting confession

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Fifteen members of Bangladesh Rifles yesterday appealed to a Dhaka court for retracting their confessional statements made in connection with February 2009 BDR carnage at Palkhana.

They alleged that they were tortured in remands into giving the statements.

After the hearing, Metropolitan Magistrate Dr Abdul Majid directed the authorities concerned to keep the petitions in the case file.

Earlier, 205 BDR members submitted similar petitions on different occasions.

The Criminal Investigation Department arrested a total of 2,214 BDR members and 33 civilians for their alleged involvement in the carnage that killed 74 people including 57 army officers.

BNP leader Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu and Awami League leader Torab Ali were also arrested.

Of the arrestees, 2,190 members were taken on remand and 525 gave confessional statements.

Meantime, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate AKM Enamul Haque directed the CID to submit probe report of the case by April 21.

National Credit and Commerce Bank Ltd.
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Price Sensitive Information

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of National Credit and Commerce Bank Ltd. in its 207th Meeting held on 30.3.2010 between 3.10 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. in the Board Room of its Registered Office in Dhaka approved the audited Financial Statements of the Bank for the year ended on 31st December 2009 and took the following decisions with regard to the forthcoming 25th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Bank:

01. Date and Time of 25th AGM	: Sunday, the 30th May 2010 at 11.00 a.m.
02. Venue	: "Hall of Fame", Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka
03. Dividend Recommended	: 47% Stock Dividend (Bonus Share)
04. Record Date for AGM	: 8th April 2010 (Thursday)

The Key Financial Indicators as per the Audited Financial Statements of the Bank as on 31.12.2009 are as under:

01. Net Asset Value (NAV)	: Tk.603,44,48,907.00
02. NAV Per Share	: Tk.264.10
03. Earning Per Share (EPS)	: Tk.75.26
04. Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	: Tk.86.82

05. The Shareholders whose names will appear in the Share Register of the Company on the "Record Date" i.e. 08.4.2010 will be entitled to the Dividend.

By order of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Md. Tarikul Alam
Company Secretary

Dated: Dhaka, March 30, 2010

DHAKA TODAY

Award giving ceremony
The award giving ceremony of Bazlur Rahman Memorial Award 2009 will be held. Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium. Time: 5:00pm.

Discussion
Citibank NA will hold a discussion on 'How this independent nation was born'. Venue: Citibank NA. Time: 4:45pm.

Inaugural ceremony
The inaugural ceremony of BIPC Training Programme on Management of e-Resources organised by Bangladesh Academy of Sciences in association with Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) and International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP) will be held. Venue: Civil Engineering department, Buet. Time: 9:30am.

Convention
Municipal Association of Bangladesh and USAID PROGATI will jointly organise National Convention 2010. Venue: Radisson Water Garden Hotel. Time: 11:30am.

Discussion
Rural Journalists Foundation will hold a discussion titled 'The life and work of Shaheed Altaf Mahmud'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11:00am.

Award giving ceremony
Noted economist Prof Dr Nurul Islam will be handed over Bangladesh Bank Award 2009. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 3:30pm.

JATRI JOURNALISM TRAINING & RESEARCH INITIATIVE

JATRI Fellowship 2010 on Investigative Journalism

Journalism Training and Research initiative (JATRI) is devoted to improve the state of journalism in Bangladesh by providing training and support to journalists and to researchers investigating social and economic issues of importance to society. We are announcing JATRI Fellowship 2010 to encourage journalists to create Investigative reports.

Journalists who are working in any news media are encouraged to apply. Selected fellows will work under experienced journalists to create Investigative Reports. The best Investigative Report/s will get 'JATRI Media Award 2010'. The deadline for application submission is 30 April, 2010. For more information, please visit JATRI website: www.jatribd.org

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