



One side of the road from Bangla Motor intersection to Farmgate becomes gridlocked, as the BNP stages a protest march towards the Election Commission secretariat in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

DEFAMATION CASE  
**Opposition chief whip gets bail**  
COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abedin Farroque in a defamation case in which an arrest warrant was earlier issued against him on charge of making "derogatory remarks" about prime minister's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy.

Metropolitan Magistrate AKM Emdadul Haque passed the order upon a bond of Tk 5,000 with two guarantors after Farroque along with his lawyers appeared before it and sought bail in the case.

On March 24 this year, publicity secretary of Bangabandhu Sainik League MH Aminul filed the case against him with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.



**Prof Innas Ali no more**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noted physicist National Professor M Innas Ali passed away due to old age complications at his Shyamoli residence yesterday at the age of 94.

After two namaz-e-janazas at Dhaka University Central Mosque and Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, his body was taken to the physics department of the university where his former colleagues and students paid their last respects to the acclaimed physicist.

Later, he was laid to rest at Banani graveyard in the capital.

Prof Innas left behind two daughters, one son and a host of admirers to mourn his death.

Born in Netrakona in September 1, 1916, Prof Innas had won Swadhinata Padak in 1991. He was the president of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences and vice chancellor of Chittagong University.

Prof Innas was also a founding member of University Grants Commission and founding chairman of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission.

In a condolence message, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia said the nation would remember him forever for his outstanding contributions.

State Minister for Science and Information and Communication Technology Yeafesh Osman, Jatiya Party (JP) Secretary General Sheikh Shahidul Islam and President of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences Prof M Shamsheer Ali also condoled the death of Prof Innas.

They prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

**Qulhwani**  
His Qulhwani will be held on Friday after Maghrib prayers on the Atomic Energy Commission premises.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**View exchange meet**  
Governance Advocacy Forum organises a view exchange meeting titled 'National budget and local government'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10:00am.

**Workshop**  
Ain o Salish Kendra and Oxfam Novib will jointly organise a workshop as part of their 'Micro justice action research' project. Venue: Bangladesh Institute of Management. Time: 3:00pm.

**Seminar**  
Bangladesh Nari Pragati Sangha organises a seminar on women friendly budget to achieve Millennium Development Goals. Venue: Cirdap auditorium. Time: 3:00pm.

**View exchange meet**  
The Ministry of Women and Children's Affairs and UNICEF Bangladesh will jointly organise a view exchange meeting on the National Children's Policy 2010. Venue: Biam Foundation. Time: 11:00am.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL  
**World teachers' support sought**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTE) yesterday urged the world teachers' community to give moral support to the trial of the killers of the teachers and intellectuals during the War of Liberation in 1971.

NFTE, an organisation of the pro-Awami League non-government teachers and employees, made the call at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city.

**Lord Avebury supports war crimes trial**  
UNB, Dhaka

LGRD Minister Syed Ashraful Islam, who is in London on a short visit, met Friday with Lord Avebury, Vice Chair of UK's All Party Parliamentary Group on Human Rights and Chairman of Bangladesh International Foundation.

He told Lord Avebury that Bangladesh has made all preparations to seek justice for the victims of the War of Liberation of 1971, says a press release.

Ashraf said in order to initiate trial against those accused of war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, torture, rape, and murder of civilians, the tribunal and prosecution teams have been established.

The prosecution team has already started its work.

Lord Avebury, also Chair of Chittagong Hill Tracts Commission, supported the initiative taken by the government to try the war criminals but enquired about concerns raised about the trial process in a report by the International Bar Association (IBA) to the Parliamentary Human Rights Group.

**BCL resorts to vandalism in Ctg amusement park**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A group of local youths under the banner of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) has been creating obstacles to the activities of Concord Amusement Park at Foy's Lake in the port city for the last two weeks.

They reportedly went on a rampage and vandalised the park after the park authorities refused to meet their demand for courtesy tickets ahead of the opening of new chalets at the park resort on April 14.

During an open-air concert at the park on Friday last, the youths prevented the visitors from getting inside and were locked in a clash with the police, leaving at least ten people injured.

On Monday, they along with some retrenched employees of the park also staged a sit-in and locked the main gate of the park. During the demonstration, they also assaulted some staffs and officials of the park, sources said.

The Concord Entertainment Company Limited set up the park under a Tk 300 crore project to turn it into one of the prime tourist destinations in South Asia, but the recent vandalism by the youths in the name of BCL have created panic among the visitors.

The Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) sent an urgent faxed message to the home ministry on Thursday, urging immediate steps to prevent vested quarters from extorting toll, resorting to vandalism and exerting illegal influence using the name of the ruling party.

It also called for ensuring security of the park and the visitors coming from home and abroad.

In the faxed message, CCCI President MA Latif, also a lawmaker of the ruling Awami League, said that a vested quarter backed by a few party leaders has resorted to anarchy and anti-entrepreneurship. They locked the park and held the officials and staffs hostage to gain favour and realise undue facilities.

But being refused, this vested quarter is now creating an anarchic situation at the park, he said and termed their activities a plot to grab the amusement park and establish a reign of extortion there.

CCCI President MA Latif also strongly criticised an advertisement published in the name of Chittagong City Corporation in support of the allegations made

by the youths who are resorting to vandalism in the park.

He termed the advertisement provocative and said it was aimed at tarnishing the image of a firm, thereby undermining the government's efforts to create a business- and industry-friendly environment.

MA Latif said the business community as well as the peace-loving people of Chittagong would extend support to the government's stern action against such vested quarters, who are out to tarnish the image of the democratic government.

The youths alleged that the park authorities are destroying the environment and creating opportunity for anti-social activities.

Refuting the allegations, the park authorities said they were rather enhancing the natural beauty of the area through tree plantation.

The youths were hampering the activities of the park by resorting to vandalism and staging demonstrations demanding courtesy tickets and reinstatement of some nine employees who had been sacked for theft and misbehaviour with the visitors, they said.

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