

14-party meeting tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A meeting of Awami League (AL) led 14-party grand alliance will be held tomorrow while AL Central Working Committee sits on February 12 to discuss country's latest political situation.

The 14-party meeting will be held at AL President Sheikh Hasina's political office in Dhanmondi with party presidium member and coordinator of the alliance Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury in the chair.

The working committee's meeting will be held at the prime minister's official residence Gono Bhaban with AL chief in the chair.

Both meetings would begin at 4:00pm, says an AL press release signed by AL Deputy Office Secretary Mrinal Kanti Das.

Both Sajeda and AL General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam urged all to attend the meetings on time.

Jubo Dal leader shot

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

A Jubo Dal leader sustained serious injuries as some unidentified miscreants fired three shots at him in new town area of the district sadar yesterday afternoon.

Saiful Islam Suman, joint convener of the district Jubo Dal and former Chhatra Dal president, was rushed to Kishoreganj Adhunik Sadar Hospital.

He was later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in critical condition. Suman suffered injuries on the belly and the back. No case was lodged till filing of the report.



Guests at the launching of the second issue of a journal titled 'Cancer Niontron O Protirodh Barta', a journal for cancer control and prevention, jointly published by AK Khan Healthcare Trust and Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh, at the city's Birdem hospital auditorium yesterday.

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WORLD CANCER DAY OBSERVED

Early detection can cure most forms of cancer: Experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most forms of cancer can be cured by early detection and be prevented by creating awareness, said cancer specialists yesterday at a book launching ceremony.

They said 33 percent of the disease could be prevented by regularly maintaining and controlling diet and leading a disciplined life and can be cured through early detection.

They were speaking at the launching of the second issue of a journal titled 'Cancer Niontron O Protirodh Barta', a journal for cancer control and prevention, at the city's Birdem hospital's auditorium.

AK Khan Healthcare Trust and Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh jointly published the journal to mark World Cancer Day.

"Cancer due to tobacco use, that is lung cancer, is the highest prevailing in the country and is increasing day by day," said Dr Md Syed Akram Hussain, oncology consultant at Lab Aid Hospital. "Bangladesh is moving towards an epidemic of cancer and we need to act fast to combat it," he said.

He suggested the government to take effective measures for the controlled use of tobacco.

Speaking as the chief guest, The Independent Editor Mahbulul Alam said steps taken for the

prevention of cancer should benefit all.

He urged the government and private sector initiators to take healthcare services on cancer to the doorsteps of the poor who cannot afford treatment in Dhaka.

Mahbulul also urged the government to ensure training of doctors, nurses and technicians so they can be more helpful to patients.

Md Abdullah, advisor of AK Khan Healthcare Trust, said awareness on cancer is more important than its treatment.

Centre for Development Research Chairman Mizanur Rahman Shelley chaired the launching ceremony that was also addressed by Dr Maswoodur Rahman Prince, editor of Stethoscope, a journal of The Independent; and Dr AK Shamsuddin Khan, chairman of AK Khan Healthcare Trust.

Meanwhile, different organisations yesterday observed World Cancer Day in the country as elsewhere across the globe to raise awareness on cancer and its preventive measures.

Experts at a sit in programme in front of Faculty of Fine Arts in Dhaka University yesterday said World Health Organization statistics show 76 lakh people of the world died due to cancer in 2005, 70 percent of which are from poor and middle-income countries.

Speakers at the programme, organised by

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon and WBB Trust, said cancer depends on food habit and environment and emphasised on controlling obesity and bodyweight.

It is possible to prevent 40 percent of cancers by avoiding tobacco, drugs, soft drinks, juice, fast food and consuming vegetable and fruits and doing physical activities like cycling, walking and exercising, they said.

Organisations' leaders called for encouraging people to avoid unhygienic foods, controlling advertising of such foods, keeping fields and parks fit for physical activities and keeping footpaths free for smooth walking.

Centre for Cancer Prevention and Research (CCPR) also organised a daylong free camp for detection and treatment of cancer at Gazipur Cancer Hospital in Chandona Chowrasta of Gazipur.

A team from National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital led by Dr Habibullah Talukdar Ruskin, associate professor and head of cancer epidemiology, provided free consultation while relevant investigations were provided at a subsidised rate.

Dr Afroza Khanom Rumu, assistant professor at gynae oncology of NICRH; Dr Hasanuzzaman, surgical oncologist of NICRH; and Dr Yesmin Sultana were also present.

No new airport needed in 20yrs Says Delwar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain yesterday said the country has no need of any new airport in the next 20-30 years if the capacity of existing airport is utilised properly.

He said the government cancelled the decision of building airport in Arial Beel fearing the people's wrath, not showing respects to the demand of the opposition leader.

Delwar also opposed the prime minister's speech saying that people's pressure forced the government to cancel the plan to build airport in Munshiganj.

The BNP leader was briefing journalists following a meeting at the party office in the city yesterday. He alleged that the premier misguided people.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Thursday said a new airport is a must for new generation, but the airport would be built on the other side of the river Padma instead of Arial Beel.

She said the decision was made to respect the demand of the opposition leader as well as a section of Munshiganj people who feared they would be affected if the airport were built in Arial Beel.

Replying a question, Delwar said his party took all preparation to make Monday's hartal a success and hope people will observe the hartal spontaneously.

He demanded immediate withdrawal of the cases against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and other leaders of the party.

BNP has called hartal to protest price spike of essentials, plundering of share market money, and deterioration of law and order, he said.

Delwar urged the government not to obstruct their protest programme, as they will observe it peacefully.

India ratifies double taxation avoidance deals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India has ratified its Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) with Saarc countries and the revised treaties will come into effect from next financial year beginning on April 1.

The tax agreement among Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and India was ratified by the Saarc secretariat last April.

The tax information exchange treaty among South Asian Association For Regional Cooperation (Saarc) nations was struck first in Dhaka in 2005.

"The government hereby directs that all the provisions of the said agreement shall be given effect to in the Union of India with effect from 1st day of April, 2011," a gazette notification said.

According to the notification, the new agreement will apply to persons who are residents of one or more member-countries.

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Buet alumni reunion held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The reunion of Buet Alumni Federation was held amid much enthusiasm among the former students on the university campus yesterday.

Industries Minister Dilip Barua inaugurated the programme at the central playground of Buet (Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology).

At the opening session, Barua said universities are the core places for exercising knowledge in a country.

Speaking as the special guest, Science and ICT Minister Yafes Osman said a person can do many work if he or she has will enough to do that.

Buet Vice-chancellor (VC) Prof SM Nazrul Islam presided over the discussion. State Minister for Power Enamul Haque and Buet Pro-VC Prof M Habibur Rahman also spoke.

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