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Hectic lobbying for BNP secy general post

Party's national executive body meets tomorrow

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

Hectic lobbying is going on in BNP for the post of secretary general ahead of its National Executive Committee meeting tomorrow.

Most of the senior leaders favour Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, the present acting secretary general, for the vital position while a few others have been opposing the move.

"I think he [Fakhrul] has done well. But it is only the chairperson who can decide on this," party Vice-chairman Abdullah Al Noman told The Daily Star.

The former minister believes the party men will be happy to see Fakhrul in the new role.

The issue of picking the new secretary general will not come for discussion at the executive committee meeting, said central leader Ruhul Quddus Talukder Dulu.

"We will discuss the next course of our agitation programme as we have to go for an all-out movement against the government," added Ruhul, also president of the party's Natore district unit.

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Visitors interact with students who showcase innovative projects at a science expo--part of The Daily Star initiated Odommo Chattagram festival--in Chittagong city yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR



Young Ctg scientists show their innovations

ARUN BIKASH DEY and
TAREK MAHMUD, Ctg

The day-long science festival "Chattagram O Biggyan Charcha" was held yesterday at Fulki school in the port city as part of the Odommo Chattagram initiative of The Daily Star.

Over 100 young scientists of Chittagong along with some senior scientists displayed their innovative projects in the fair amid participation by a total of 1,157 students

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Titanic wreck gets Unesco protection

BBC ONLINE

The wreck of the Titanic is to come under the protection of the United Nations cultural agency Unesco.

The agency says more than 700 divers have visited the site, 4,000m under

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Move to amend law for case transfer

Govt wants to ensure quick disposal of cases, coordination between 2 tribunals

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The government is to amend the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973, this week so that the tribunals can transfer each other's cases for their quick disposal, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed said yesterday.

Two international crimes tribunals have been formed so far under this law for disposal of the cases relating to crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971.

The law minister yesterday told The Daily Star that his ministry would place the amendment proposal before the next cabinet meeting on April 9.

"After the cabinet approves the amendment proposal, it will be executed through an ordinance that will be issued by the president of the republic, and then it will be placed for passage in the coming parliament session," he said.

The first tribunal, which was formed on March 25, 2010, has been dealing with eight cases while the second tribunal formed on March 22 this year was dealing with just one.

As per the amendment provision, a tribunal would be able to transfer cases to another tribunal on its own or following a petition by the chief prosecutor, Shafique said.

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MINORITY REPRESSION

Suranjit asks Shahara to visit Satkhira

3 cases filed against 1,500

AGENCIES

Railways Minister Suranjit Sengupta yesterday urged the home minister or the state minister for home affairs to visit the place of occurrence in Satkhira, where the members of the minority community were subjected to repressions.

"One of you please visit the spot of occurrence, talk to those affected and arrest those culprits and bring them to book," Suranjit, also the Awami League advisory council member, said pointing at Home Minister Shahara

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What's On, What Ended

Four fresh events will be launched in Chittagong city today as part of the 12-day long Odommo Chattagram festival organised by The Daily Star. A four-day Brand Expo will start in the gymnasium of MA Aziz Stadium showcasing brands that originated in Chittagong. A three-day long cultural show will start at DC Hill. A children's festival will be held in the auditorium of Fulki. A two-day long conference on "Future Bangladesh, Future Chittagong: A Global Port Needs a Global City" will start in Ichamati Hall of Hotel Agrabad.

The competitive photography exhibition - Chitromoy Chattala - ended yesterday with distribution of prizes among the winners. A sampan race was also held on the Karphuli River yesterday. The theatre festival ended on Wednesday with the staging of Muktohdara.

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A Choreographer's Profile

The Daily Star talks to Proma Abanti, a classical dancer and choreographer, who choreographed three plays in the theatre festival of Odommo Chattagram initiative.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think there should be an independent investigation into the extra judicial killing by Rab?

Yes (83.9%)

No (14.5%)

No Comments! (1.6%)

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it is justified to evict slum dwellers without arranging their relocation?

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	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-21	6-24
Esha	7-45	8-15
Source: Islamic Foundation		



Vehicles plough through a pool of water accumulated on a Shyamoli road in the capital following a downpour yesterday morning. After days of scorching heat, rain finally gave the city dwellers relief but at the expense of water-logged streets.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Biman crisis to be solved thru' talks

Says civil aviation minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will solve the problem of Biman Bangladesh Airlines through discussion with its employees and the board of directors, Faruk Khan, civil aviation and

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North of Mali independent

Declare rebels; world condemns; Islamist militia opposes move

AFP, Bamako

Mali's Tuareg rebels yesterday declared independence in the north, a move shot down by Islamist insurgents and the international community, as fears loomed of a humanitarian disaster.

Africa and Europe roundly rejected the National Movement for the Liberation of Azawad's (MNLA) declaration of independence as a

chorus of calls mounted for a solution to the crisis which has split the coup-wracked nation in two.

Britain said it was temporarily closing its embassy in Mali due to the "unstable" situation and "lack of constitutional rule".

A democratic success since its last coup 21 years ago, Mali is now roughly divided into a rebel-controlled north and junta-controlled south and a group of radi-

cal Islamists have exploited the chaos to swoop in and install sharia.

The Islamist group, Ansar Dine, moved in alongside the MNLA but has given short shrift to their independence plans.

"Our war is a holy war. It's a legal war in the name of Islam. We are against rebellions. We are against independence. We are against revolutions not in the name of Islam,"

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On behalf of all the scientists, officers and employees of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) we proudly extend our heart-felt congratulations to Scientist Emeritus and ex Executive Chairman of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council

Dr. Kazi M. Badruddoza

On receipt of the Independence Award 2012 in recognition to his glorious and outstanding contributions in research and training.



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