

NEWS IN *brief*

Eight hurt in BNP factional clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least eight activists of BNP were injured in a factional clash in Azimpur area of the capital yesterday.

The clash ensued around 11:00am before the party chairperson Khaleida Zia reached Battola in the area to distribute food among the destitute on the occasion of 31st death anniversary of the party founder and late president Ziaur Rahman.

Labagh police said supporters of Azam commissioner found a lot of posters and festoons containing portraits of Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu at the programme and asked Pintu's supporters to remove them. It triggered a clash that left at least eight people from the two groups injured.

24-hr Desh TV news on website now

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Private television channel, Desh TV, yesterday initiated posting its 24 hours news and live programmes on its new website www.desh.tv.

Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith inaugurated the website at a function in a hotel in the capital, says a press release.

Desh TV Managing Director Asaduzzaman Noor MP said all Bangla speaking viewers could be entertained with the news and programmes directly through the website.

Desh TV chairman Saber Hossain Chowdhury was also present.

Seminar on language at CU

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A daylong seminar titled "Responding to the challenges of teaching language" organised by Modern Language Institute (MLI) of Chittagong University (CU) was held at the university yesterday.

Vice Chancellor Prof Anwarul Azim Arif was present as the chief guest on the occasion with MLI Director Monjurul Alam in the chair.

2 held with 210 bottles of phensidyl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested two people and seized 210 bottles of phensidyl and a covered van in separate drives in the port city yesterday morning.

Halishahar police said they arrested Mohammad Jalal, 35, and seized a covered van carrying 200 bottles of phensidyl from his possession in Port Access Road area at around 10:00am.

In another drive, Pahartali police nabbed Enamul Haq, 20, and seized 10 bottles of phensidyl in City Gate area at around 10:20am.

Media team to visit Tipai dam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 10-member media team from the country will leave for India today to visit the Tipaimukh Dam project in its Northeastern state of Manipur.

The team, comprising journalists of three Bangla dailies, two English dailies, a private news agency and two private TV channels, is visiting India till June 8 at the invitation of its government.

The journalists will be briefed on the project in New Delhi from June 3-4.

The team will later visit the Tipaimukh site by helicopter.

Foreign ministry deputy director (external affairs wing) Md Zashimuddin will accompany the media team.



Dr Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), addresses the closing session of an anti-corruption national convention organised by TIB at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital yesterday. On his right are Selina Hossain, litterateur and secretary general of TIB, Advocate Sultana Kamal, chairperson of TIB, and Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, trustee member of TIB.

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Industry fined Tk 31 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined a dyeing industry Tk 31 lakh for releasing untreated chemical and wastes into the river Turag in Pagar area of Tongi in Gazipur.

The DoE also directed to shut the industry, Everway Yarn Dyeing Ltd.

A team of DoE, led by its director Mohammad Munir Chowdhury, conducted the drive, said a press release.

The team found that the industry has released 9.8 lakh litres untreated chemical mixed waste recently as its Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) was out of order.

The industry has been running without the clearance from the DoE since 2009.

People's collective efforts vital in curbing corruption

Eminent citizens tell TIB anti-graft national convention

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People's collective courage is vital in fighting corruption. Otherwise, the menace of corruption, according to eminent personalities, may turn Bangladesh into a failed state.

The observation came at the closing session of an anti-graft convention organised by Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) in the capital yesterday.

The TIB organised the two-day national convention of its youth movement, Youth Engagement and Support (YES), and Sachetan Nagarik Committee (Sanak) on the theme 'Youth in Anti-corruption Movement: Achievement and Challenges', at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre.

Every citizen is obliged to take

his or her stance against corruption, as the responsibility for corruption and rights violation committed through the state machinery eventually lies with the people, said advocate Sultana Kamal, chairman of the TIB trustee board.

"Otherwise, we will be treated as a timid nation in history," she said, adding that a nation must struggle hard with people's collective strength to achieve its goal.

Mahfuz Anam, editor of The DailyStar and treasurer of TIB, said a state with corruption in any of its three fundamental pillars --- the legislative, the executive and the judiciary --- gravely affects the lives of all citizens, a condition that might lead to the collapse of the entire state system.

He termed the youth movement absolutely central to fighting corruption and securing the country's future.

Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, noted litterateur and a trustee member of TIB, said all the corrupt and terrorist elements of the country thrived around the two political streams.

People constitute states and pay taxes to run the government for security of their lives and property. But the state machinery in Bangladesh indulges in plunder and rights violation, abusing both pen and weapon, he added.

Citing an example of police extortion on commercial vehicles passing through the Mirpur embankment in broad daylight and the recent police atrocities on women and journalists, he said law

enforcers breaking laws should be handed down punishment five times higher than that in the case of an ordinary citizen.

The people of Bangladesh, as TIB estimates, have to pay Tk 9,500 crore every year due to corruption at public offices, he added.

Selina Hossain, noted litterateur and secretary general of TIB, said the state and its resources belonged to the people, who must protect those against corruption and plundering. The price hike of essentials by business syndicates had far-reaching implications, those that could create a malnourished child population, as parents failed to buy the required food for them.

It is crucial to undertake all the challenges of the anti-corruption

movement, she added.

Dr Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of TIB, who conducted the discussion, said the organisation had dedicated this year's YES convention to the late Samson H Chowdhury and late Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, two former chairmen of the TIB trustee board.

Prof Ahmad was a guru of the anti-corruption movement in Bangladesh, he said.

The event was aimed at reviewing what the young volunteers have done and learned in fighting against all-pervading corruption relentlessly at educational institutions, hospitals and local government bodies.

Around 2,200 of a total of 5,500 YES members from across the country attended the biennial event, armed with the slogan that

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions over the country in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy falls will occur at places over Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions, Met Office said.

The expected highest maximum temperature will be 35-36 degree Celsius and lowest minimum temperature will be 22-23 degree Celsius at the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:43pm, rises tomorrow at 5:11am. Country's highest temperature 37.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 22.5 degrees at Bogra.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.5	26.8	78	75
Chittagong	31.0	25.8	79	79
Rajshahi	36.5	27.5	86	74
Khulna	37.0	26.3	83	75
Barisal	34.5	24.2	90	77

SINGAPORE SECURITY SUMMIT FM for dialogue to cut security threats

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday observed that all security challenges can be addressed through dialogue and appreciation of nations' perspectives to ensure peace and stability in the South Asian region.

She said this while addressing a special session on 'South Asia's growing security threats' at the 11th Shangri La Dialogue in Singapore yesterday, said a foreign ministry press release.

China's influence in Asia and the Pacific, India's aspiration as a major international player, anti-Western sentiments carried by the Islamist groups has turned South Asia into a strategically important region today, she said.

Dipu Moni said a sense of grievance sets in whenever peripheral countries cannot fetch the maximum from the global economic system or feel exploited by the capitalist economy; and this is affecting international security by various means including the rise of extremism.

Food and water scarcity, energy deficit, carbon emission, sea level rise, environmentally induced displacement, bearing the brunt of emissions from industrialised economies by the small countries like Maldives, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal have also constituted a major security threat to the present day world, she observed.

Obituary

METRO DESK



Mahabubul Gani, vice-chairman of Rangs Group of Companies, died at

Apollo Hospitals in the capital on Friday afternoon.

He left behind his wife, only son, sisters, a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death, said a press release.

He was buried in Banani graveyard yesterday following namaz-e-janaza at Azad Mosque in Gulshan.

Abul Hossain Khan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Abul Hossain Khan, a lawyer, passed away at his residence in the capital on Friday evening at the age of 70.

He left behind his wife, three sons and one daughter to mourn his death.

He was the founder president of Shivalaya upazila BNP.

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Notice

In re: Revnex BD Limited

All concerned are hereby notified that our client Mr. Imtiaz Kasem, son of M A Kasem, had been the Managing Director of Revnex BD Limited since 24.01.2011 to 31.07.2011 -- for around 6 (six) months. On 01.08.2011, Mr. Imtiaz was caused to leave the said company by reason of the fact that he vehemently denied to continue to approve the company policy which produced immense sufferings for many of its clients and that he found that the company's top leaders were conducting unfair businesses using the reputation of his name and his family. After our client's departure from the company, allegations started against the company as to the fairness of its business, implicating our client as well--despite the fact that at his departure our client handed over to the company all of its cash, properties and other assets in presence of 25 top leaders and 450 clients of the company. Hence, our client avers (a) that he was never comfortable with the company business after revealing its unjust policy, (b) that he tried his best to make a change in the company policy but failed which resulted in his departure from the company, and (c) that he then departed with the company after completion of all necessary legal formalities. All documents regarding this, e.g., Share Transfer Agreement, dated 01.08.2011, RJSC Form No. 117, RJSC Form No. XII and the Resolution adopted by the intermediate committee of the company in this regard, dated 01.08.2011 can be found in the following website: <http://shareandliabilitytransfer.com>. It is stated on behalf of our client that a vested quarter is campaigning propaganda against him on purpose. All concerned are therefore requested to report on our client as to his involvement in the said company responsibly and on the basis of true information. Any propaganda in order to damage the reputation and status of our client and his family may result in an action in the court of law on our client's behalf.

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