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DU to observe Black Day on Aug 28 this year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University authorities have decided to observe DU Black Day on August 28 instead of August 23 this year due to Eid vacation.

The Black Day is observed on August 23 every year to protest assault on and mass roundups of the students and teachers by army personnel in 2007.

On August 20, 2007, students protested against army men's assault on some students and teachers on the university playground. The protest continued till August 23.

Scores of students were wounded in police action during the incident, and four senior teachers and seven students were also put into jail.

The university authorities have undertaken various programmes to mark the black day.

Indian envoy meets PM

UNB, Dhaka

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pankaj Saran met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official residence Gono Bhaban yesterday evening.

During the meeting, they discussed the progress on the issues related to bilateral relations.

Deputy Press Secretary to the Prime Minister Bijan Lal Dev briefed reporters after the meeting.

Ambassador At-Large Ziauddin, Special Assistant to Prime Minister Dr Abdus Sobhan Golap were,

Worker dies from electrocution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A construction worker died from electrocution in Munshi Pukur Par area of Chittagong city yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Selim Miah, 50, son of late Md Abul Kalam of Char Mondol village in Companyganj upazila of Noakhali district.

Selim was electrocuted as he came in contact with an electric wire while he was working at an under construction building in the area, quoting the victim's coworkers Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) outpost police said.

Selim was rushed to the CMCH where the on-duty doctor pronounced him dead at around 1:30pm, the

JU imposes new restriction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The authorities of Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday imposed a new restriction on the students' entry time to the residential halls and made it mandatory for students to show their identity cards at the entrance.

The entry time is from 8:00am to 11:00pm, said a press release.

The JU authorities took the decision at a disciplinary meeting with Vice-Chancellor Prof Anowar Hossain in the chair. Members of proctorial body and hall provosts attended the meeting.

Residential teachers will be present at the main gates of the halls following the administrations



Prayers meeting

Amra Sangbadik Samaj will organise a prayers meeting of all religions; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

Condolence procession

Jahangirnagar University (JU) will bring out a condolence procession; Venue: Central Shaheed Minar, JU; Time: 11:00am.

Discussion

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote and Bangladesh Awami Muktiyoddha Projanmo League will hold a discussion; Venue: Dhaka Reporters'

Unity; Time: 11:00am.

Drawing competition

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will organise a drawing competition; Venue: Chitrashala Plaza, the academy; Time: 9:00am.

Memorial meeting

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) will arrange a memorial meeting; Venue: Moitree Milonayton, Mukti Bhaban, Purana Paltan; Time: 4:00pm.

Discussion

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Bhumihin Dal



WEATHER TODAY

Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said.

Day temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius and high temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:32pm and rises tomorrow at 5:35am.

Country's highest temperature 34.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 23.0 degrees at Rangamati.

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	33.0	25.6	83	67
Chittagong	30.2	25.4	86	86
Rajshahi	34.0	25.7	90	75
Rangpur	33.2	26.6	79	69
Khulna	32.8	26.2	92	81
Barisal	31.7	24.0	84	84
Sylhet	33.4	26.2	76	73



Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue from Shahbagh to Farmgate saw a crippling traffic jam yesterday. The jam was caused by admission seekers to medical and dental colleges, who blocked the Shahbagh intersection in the capital protesting the government's decision to discard admission tests and allow admission to students based on their HSC and SSC GPAs.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Remain alert against rejected reactionaries

Says prime minister

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the country's people to remain alert against the rejected reactionary forces who are out to subvert the forward march of development and democracy through conspiracy and chaos.

In a message on the eve of the National Mourning Day, the premier said the killers had killed Bangabandhu, but they could not have killed his dream and ideals as millions of people have been nurturing the ideals of sacrifice of Bangabandhu in their hearts.

On this day in 1975, the greatest Bangalee of all time, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, along with 18 members of his family, was assassinated in one of the most barbaric carnages in the human history.

While referring to the trial of Bangabandhu murder, she said measures

have also been taken to expedite the trial of the killers of four national leaders, war criminals and grenade attackers.

"We must win the struggle to establish an economically solvent democratic and non-communal Bangladesh which will be totally free from hunger, illiteracy and poverty," she added.

Hasina urged all to take forward with bold steps the struggle to build a Golden Bangla as dreamt by Bangabandhu turning the grief of the great loss of the Father of the Nation into strength.

But, she said, Bangabandhu was killed when he had undertaken an arduous task of building a Golden Bangla reconstructing the war-ravaged country and unifying the whole nation.

Giving a brief political scenario of the country after 1975, the prime minister said the anti-liberation forces linked to the carnage initiated the politics of assassination, coup and conspiracy.

Bangabandhu's autobiography a literary addition

Says Dr Akbar Ali Khan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The recently appeared autobiography of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is a new literary contribution to Bangla literature, Dr Akbar Ali Khan, former adviser to a caretaker government, said yesterday.

"The Unfinished Memoirs" or "Oshomapto Atyojiboni" unveiled a great story-teller within a great leader, he told a book review programme at the capital's Bangla Academy.

"In this book, the narrator, unlike regular authors, laid stress on self-criticism rather than self-promotion. I wonder how he recollected decades-old events before he put them in words," he said.

Veteran journalist Ataus Samad said the book revealed some untold stories of Sheikh Mujib's life and others that he wrote in jail.

Mujahidul Islam Selim, general secretary of Communist Party of Bangladesh, elaborated on Sheikh Mujib's poetic style of narrating memories.

Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, who chaired the programme, termed the autobiography a great historical document of politics and a pointer to the future for the citizens of Bangladesh.

35 Tahrir men on remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court placed 35 alleged members of banned outfit Hizb-ut-Tahrir, who were arrested on Sunday, on a two-day remand after they had been produced before it yesterday.

Rab had arrested the 35 men while they were holding a "secret meeting" at a restaurant in the capital's Panthapath. On Monday night Rab handed them over to Kalabagan police.

A case was filed under the anti-terrorism act against them with the police station.

Enamul Haque Enam, officer-in-charge of Kalabagan Police station, said they had sought a 10-day remand, while the court granted the two-day remand.

They would now question them to unearth the motive behind the gathering and whether they were planning any subversive activity, he added.

DoE fines Concord Group Tk 14 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Concord Group has been fined Tk 14 lakh for constructing three high-rise buildings in the capital's Gulshan and Banani areas without taking permission from the Department of Environment (DoE).

DoE Director (enforcement) Munir Chowdhury yesterday slapped the penalty on Concord Group's managing director in this connection, said a press release of DoE.

Concord Group constructed a 12-storey and two 15-storey residential and commercial buildings in Banani and Gulshan without taking the department's permission, said the release.



PHOTO: PIB, INDIA

Former Bangladesh president and Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad meets Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi yesterday.

Strong rules needed to curb cyber crimes: Expert

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Strong legal regime and its enforcement is a must in curbing the rising trend of cyber crimes, said cyber criminologist Dr Kim Kwang Choo of University of South Australia.

With advancement in science and information and communications technology, came increased threats of money laundering, child pornography, terrorism, identity thefts and electronic fraud, he said.

Dr Kim was delivering a lecture on "Securing our cyber space: challenges and future directions" organised by Bangladesh Institute of International Strategic Studies (BISS) in its auditorium in the capital.

He said while governments and international organisations need to frame strong regulations in combating crimes like soft-

ware piracy, email hacking and online financial crimes, private sectors such as banks should provide their customers with free anti-virus software to check online credit card frauds.

Referring to World Bank's statistics, Kim said three to five percent of the world's GDP is laundered and a good deal of it is done through online.

Bangladesh's Chief Information Commissioner Muhammad Zamir said there is a huge scope for criminal activities in cyber space but its extent is yet to be assessed in Bangladesh's context.

"Copyright violation is happening every now and then," he said suggesting that Bangladesh hold talks on the use of cyber space and ways to combat cyber crimes.

Major General Imrul Quayes, director general of BISS, also spoke.

HC asks Buet to start admission process

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) to immediately start the admission process at the institution for 2012-13 sessions.

The Buet authorities have not started the admission process yet because of the teachers' and students' agitation and movement demanding resignation of the vice chancellor and pro-VC.

The HC bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar passed the order after hearing a petition filed by Advocate Eunus Ali Akond seeking a directive on the authorities to immediately publish a circular for admission of new students in Buet.

Eunus Ali filed the petition recently as a supplementary to a writ petition upon which the HC on July 31 imposed an injunction on the agitation and movement of teachers and students on the Buet campus.

Earlier on July 31, Eunus Ali Akond prayed to the HC to order the authorities to start the admission process of Buet.

ARSON CASE AGAINST OPPOSITION LEADERS Government backtracks on HC stay

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has temporarily backtracked on moving its petition for vacating the High Court (HC) order that stayed the operations of Speedy Trial Court-5 on the car torching case against 46 opposition leaders and workers.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam yesterday requested the HC not to hold hearing on the petition, filed with the apex court on August 12, and to drop the petition from the hearing list at the moment.

He said the government will produce more related documents and examine whether it had issued any gazette notification empowering Speedy Trial Court-5 of Dhaka for dealing with the car torching case filed by Tejgaon police on April 29.

The HC bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar dropped the petition from the hearing list, without holding the hearing on it scheduled yesterday.

Following a writ petition filed by Barrister Mahbub Uddin Khokon, an accused in the case, the HC bench on August 6 stayed for eight weeks the operations of Speedy Trial Court-5 on the case.

It also issued a rule upon the authorities concerned to explain in two weeks why the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court's decision to give judicial powers to Speedy Trial Court-5 to conduct the case should not be declared illegal.

The bench passed the order and the ruling after the government failed to show any copy of gazette notification giving judicial power to Speedy Trial Court-5 to conduct cases having the same nature like that of the arson cases.