



Scrap tyres on sale on Mirpur Beribadh in the capital. Some transport owners buy and use those in their vehicles without caring about the danger it may bring on roads. The used tyres attract buyers for their low prices, ranging from Tk 500 to Tk 1,500 based on size. The photo was taken yesterday.

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Resist Jamaat-Shibir at every neighbourhood

Bangladesh Nari Mukti Sangha urges women

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's women must build resistance at every neighbourhood and locality against Jamaat-Shibir as women will be adversely affected the most if communal and militant forces rise in Bangladesh, said discussants at a roundtable yesterday.

Women are now playing a significant role in the country's socio-economic development. If not resisted, communal forces will confine women indoors and violate their rights, they said.

Bangladesh Nari Mukti Sangha

organised the roundtable, "Expedite the trial of 1971 war criminals, killers and torturers of women: Ban religion-based political parties", in Dhaka Reporters Unity, chaired by the sangha President Hazera Sultana.

Workers' Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon said women must remain alert about communal and fundamentalist conspiracies.

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami and pro-Jamaat student organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir are trying to spread their ideology at every house-

hold through women, warned the lawmaker.

He urged women to join a national convention called by 15 eminent citizens in Dhaka on December 8 to resist communal and fundamentalist forces.

Prof Mesbah Kamal of Dhaka University's history department said women should come forward to resist communal forces as it is the major barrier to the empowerment and development of women.

Rokeya Kabir said if the trial was not completed, communal forces would curb rights of women.



Shraddha

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The shraddha of Justice Nirmalendu Dhar, who passed away on November 10 following a cardiac arrest, will be held at Dhakeshwari National Temple in the capital today.

Death anniversary

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Today is the 8th death anniversary of poet and freedom fighter Tridib Dastidar.

Born in Patiya, Chittagong in 1952, the poet dedicated his life to fight religious fundamentalism and communalism, said a press release.

Mohd Mujadded

METRO DESK

Tomorrow is the second death anniversary of Mohd Mujadded, former director of Bangla Academy and teacher of Institute of Modern Languages, Dhaka University.

On the occasion, a daylong programme, including a Qurankhwani, milad mahfil and special munajat will be held at a mosque. Besides, food will be distributed among the destitute in orphanages.

TELECOM SATELLITE

Russia offers help in launching

UNB, Dhaka

Russia has offered its support for modernising Bangladesh's power sector and launching a telecommunications satellite in the space.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov made the offer during a meeting with his Bangladesh counterpart Dipu Moni at the Russian foreign ministry on Friday.

The two ministers reviewed various bilateral issues between the two countries, including economic, energy and power, trade, cultural, educational and defence cooperation with special focus on cooperation in constructing a nuclear power plant in Bangladesh.

They reviewed the status of a number of proposed agreements and deals, and the issues of duty- and quota-free access of Bangladesh products to the Russian market as well as the Customs Union (comprising of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan), exchange of diplomatic properties and discussed different regional and international issues of common concern.

Dipu Moni requested her Russian counterpart for duty- and quota-free access of Bangladeshi readymade garments to the Russian market and expansion of import of seafood from Bangladesh.

The Russian foreign minister assured her of his cooperation on these issues and appreciated the revitalising role of the present government in the regional cooperation in South Asia.

Dipu Moni expressed her satisfaction over developments in the preliminary steps for the establishment of nuclear power plant, assistance of Gazprom in the oil and gas exploration sector, modernisation of old electricity generation units.

The Russian foreign minister assured his country's support for Bangladesh's bid to be the observer of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

Obituary

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Tozammel Ali, a freedom fighter, a language movement hero and journalist, died of kidney failure and Parkinson's disease at Lab Aid Hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 76.

He left behind his wife, three sons, a daughter and four brothers, said a press release.

Tozammel, former acting editor of the Dainik Janata, also worked at the Dainik Sangbad and the Banglar Bani. He will be buried in Dhaka. Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, Dhaka Union of Journalists, and Bangladesh Sangbadik Odhikar Forum expressed deep shock at his death.

Abdul Aziz Khan
OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Manikganj

Abdul Aziz Khan, chairman of Baniajuri Union Parishad in Ghior upazila of Manikganj district, died of a cardiac arrest on Friday night. He was 52.

Aziz, former general secretary of Baniajuri union unit of BNP, left behind his wife.

He was buried beside his parents' graves in their family graveyard at Goaldangi-Sholkorai village.

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