

Homecoming Day of Bangabandhu observed

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday paid homage to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman marking his Homecoming Day. She placed a wreath at Bangabandhu's portrait in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi in the capital and stood in solemn silence for some time. Hasina, also the president of Bangladesh Awami League, placed another wreath at the portrait on behalf of the party. Pro-AL organisations also laid wreaths at the portrait. On this day in 1972, Bangabandhu returned to an independent Bangladesh after nine and a half months of captivity in a Pakistan jail.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina places a wreath before the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman outside Bangabandhu Memorial Museum in the capital's Dhanmondi yesterday marking the Homecoming Day of Bangabandhu.

PHOTO: BSS

SHOW-CAUSE, CROSS-EXAMINATION ICT-1 re-fixes dates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ICT-1 yesterday rescheduled for January 15 to pass orders on two show-cause notices served on three defence lawyers and for January 20 to hold the cross-examination of a prosecution witness in a war crimes case against Motiur Rahman Nizami. The notices were served on defence lawyers Tajul Islam, Mizanul Islam and Tanvir Ahmed Al-Amin for "misconduct". The cross-examination was deferred as Nizami could not be produced at the tribunal. The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT)-1 also fixed January 14 to pass order on a petition filed by war crimes accused Salauddin Quader Chowdhury. In the petition, Salauddin sought an order on whether the tribunal's members or chairman were privy to alleged Skype conversations between the former ICT-1 chairman and an expatriate Bangladeshi legal expert. The tribunal yesterday also heard submission of two petitions filed by the defence seeking to initiate contempt of court proceedings against a journalist of ATN News and a journalist and the director general of Bangladesh Television. In the petitions, the trio was accused of interfering with justice delivery and prejudicing the war crimes case against Delwar Hossain Sayedee. The tribunal-1 yesterday also granted bail to a war crimes suspect, Rustam Ali Shikdar, till April 30, asking him to appear that day, and directed the prosecution to submit the progress report of investigations against him by then.

FIFTH AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION Contempt of court plea filed against six govt high-ups

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A contempt of court petition has been filed with the Supreme Court against six high government officials for not executing a part of its historic verdict on the fifth amendment to the constitution in one year and eight months after delivery of the verdict. Maqsubul Alam, managing director of Bangladesh Italian Marble Works Ltd (BIMWL), filed the contempt of court petition on Tuesday saying that the officials have not taken any step to hand over the ownership of the then Moon Cinema Hall to the company although the apex court had directed for doing so. Delivering a verdict on the case against the constitution's fifth amendment, the SC on May 11, 2011 directed the authorities concerned of government to return the possession of proper-

ties of the cinema on 1 Waizghat Road in the capital to BIMWL in three months. Earlier on February 2, 2010 the apex court in another verdict had upheld the High Court verdict that declared the fifth amendment illegal which meant that the governments between August, 1975, and April 9, 1979, were in power without lawful authority. Khandker Mushtaque Ahmed, Abu Sadaat Mohammad Sayem and Maj Gen Ziaur Rahman led the regimes adjudged unlawful. The HC had delivered the verdict on August 29, 2005 following a writ petition filed by Maqsubul Alam on behalf of BIMWL challenging the Martial Law Regulation (MLR) 7 of 1977, issued to legalise all illegal acts of the martial law government including acquiring the land of the Moon Cinema Hall prior to that time.

SAF-Bangladesh mourns death of Madanjeet

METRO DESK

The SAF-Bangladesh family, at a condolence meeting on January 9, adopted a resolution in memory of Unesco Goodwill Ambassador Madanjeet Singh, the founding father of the South Asia Foundation (SAF). Madanjeet Singh passed away from a stroke in Beaulieu-sur-Mer in the south of France on January 6. He was 88. Madanjeet Singh was uniquely gifted, enabling him to make significant and creative contributions during his eventful life in different capacities, as a freedom fighter, talented artist, successful diplomat, author and philanthropist, says a press release. He was committed to strengthening bonds of friendship and understanding among South Asians with the ultimate vision of realising a South Asian Union. The establishment of SAF Foundation with national chapters of SAF in each of the Saarc countries was in pursuance of that commitment. The passing away of Madanjeet Singh is deeply felt by every member of the SAF-Bangladesh family. His life and work, however, will remain a source of continuing inspiration, which will sustain dedication to those goals by all those who are actively involved with SAF-Bangladesh. SAF-Bangladesh will continue to strive actively to ensure that the legacy left behind by Madanjeet Singh is actively continued at all levels.

Shahidul now foreign secretary in-charge

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday appointed Md Shahidul Haque as secretary in charge of the foreign affairs ministry, said official sources. He replaces Mohamed Mijarul Quayes, who is now Bangladesh high commissioner in London. Shahidul, an officer of the 1986 batch of BCS cadre, became the 25th foreign secretary and is expected to continue in this position for the next three years, the sources said. Previously, he had served as the additional foreign secretary and as a director general in the foreign ministry for four months. Shahidul remained absent from the foreign ministry for over a decade while working for the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) from 2001 till last year.

Meghna bridges to be closed again

UNB, Dhaka

Transport movement on Meghna and Meghna-Gumti bridges on Dhaka-Chittagong highway will remain suspended again for 9 days from February 16 due to repair work. Communications Minister Obaidul Quader said this while talking to reporters after attending a meeting regarding the matter organised by his ministry at Railway Bhaban in the capital yesterday. The two bridges will remain closed for permanent repair work and people will have to use alternative roads during this period, he said. The vehicles of Chittagong-Comilla-Dhaka route may use Chittagong-Comilla-Mainamati-Brahmanbaria-Sarail Biswa road crossing-Ashuganj-Bhairab-Tarabo crossing (Rupganj)-Kanchpur bridge while those of Dhaka-Chittagong route may use Dhaka-Kanchpur bridge-Tarabo crossing (Rupganj)-Narsingdi-Bhairab-Ashuganj-Sarail Biswa road crossing-Brahmanbaria-Mainamati-Comilla-Chittagong road as alternative routes, he said. Besides, additional compartments will be added to trains running on Dhaka-Chittagong and Dhaka-Sylhet routes for avoiding pressure on the alternative routes. Meanwhile, additional launches and steamers will also operate on Chandpur-Dhaka route during the period. The communications minister also directed law enforcing agencies to remain alert and control traffic movement to avoid heavy traffic on both bridges. After the repair works, both bridges will remain risk-free for the next 8 to 10 years, he hoped. Earlier, traffic movement on both bridges remained suspended for four days from January 4 to January 8 for the same reason.

Samsung GALAXY Note II Only at **5,625/-***

Samsung GALAXY S III Only at **5,292/-***

wait no more

*Buy Galaxy Note II & Galaxy S III in 12 monthly installments at 0% interest.

Smart Pay

Partner banks: Standard Chartered, etc.

To avail this offer, visit **Samsung Smartphone Café** : Dhaka: Gulshan Avenue (Casablanca); Bashundhara City, L1 (Shop # 5-6 & 46), L6 (Shop # 1-2, 12-13); Eastern Plaza; New Elephant Road; Shimanto Square; North Tower; Khilgaon (near Taitola Super Market); Fortune Shopping Mall (Malibagh); Shantinagar (near Twin Tower Shopping Complex); Karwan Bazar; Purana Palatan; Plaza A.R. (Dhanmondi); Fakirapool Chowrasta | Chittagong: Sanmar Ocean City; Biponi Bitan; Akhtaruzzaman Centre | Sylhet: Karimullah Market | Rajshahi: Kadirganj (near Nagar Bhaban) | Rangpur: Zilla Parishad Super Market | Bogra: Yakub Ali Moar; TMSS Mobile Market | Narayanganj: Aman Bhaban (B.B. Road) | Khulna: K.D.A. Avenue

World Famous Indian Astrologer S.K. Shastri Now at Dhaka

He solves all personal problems of men and women by seeing face & photo

Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Till 9th February 2013

Call: 01773677777, 01767977777

Joy Durga Services Ltd.

Road # 24, House # 91/B, Ratanpur Castel (Level-4), Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212

Feel closer with NEW Durex

Fetherlite Ultra fine condoms for greater sensitivity and enhanced feeling.

Extra Safe Slightly thicker condoms with extra lubrication for maximum protection.

Pleasuremax Uniquely positioned dotted and ribbed condoms for maximum pleasure.

love **durex**

facebook.com/durexbangladesh