

NEWS IN brief

Ruet convocation on March 2

A RU CORRESPONDENT

The fourth convocation of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) will be held on March 2.

Vice Chancellor Prof Sirajul Karim Chowdhury announced the date yesterday at a press conference in the university's administration building yesterday noon.

The graduates can get registered by February 10 to join the convocation.

Those who have completed their graduation, post graduation, M.Phil and Ph.D from 2003-04 to 2006-07 academic sessions would be given certificates.

Minister orders transfer of two BRTC staff

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday ordered to transfer two Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) staff from Chittagong for their alleged involvement in irregularities.

He gave the order during a sudden visit at BRTC, Chittagong office yesterday morning.

The two are Kamruzzaman, assistant traffic officer, and Nuruzzaman, office assistant, said Abul Kalam Azad, senior information officer of the ministry.

On Sunday, the minister also transferred three Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) officials from Chittagong for allegedly being involved in corruption, irregularities and harass-

Worker falls to death in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A construction worker died after falling from an under-construction building in Chittagong city yesterday afternoon.

The deceased, Mohammad Alam, 30, hailed from Sylhet district and resided in Sabujbag area of the port city.

Alam suddenly slipped and fell on the boundary wall from the 7th floor of LRB Building in Block-J of Halishahar area, while working standing on tin scaffolding around 12:10pm, said victim's co-worker Mohammad Ali.

Alam was rushed to Chittagong Medical College

Ctg samity to accord reception to GPA-5 achievers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chattogram Samity-Dhaka will accord a reception to the children of the organisation's life members who achieved GPA-5 in PSC, JSC and JDC examinations in 2012.

The children have been requested to send two copies of passport size photographs, photocopy of the mark sheet/transcript of the examination concerned, attested by the head of the educational institution, to the organisation's general secretary Md Mohiul Islam Mohim, Chattogram Bhaban, Topkhana Road, Dhaka-1000, Email: ctgsamity.dhaka@gmail.com, ctgsamity.dhaka@yahoo.com by



Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus addresses the "3rd Indian Student Parliament" in Indian state of Maharashtra on Saturday.

PHOTO: YUNUS CENTRE

Yunus urges Indian youth to create own politics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus has urged the Indian youth to create their own politics with a new vision for the new generation to face the future challenges.

"Don't remain under the spell of traditional politics, look to the future, the world is changing very fast, the youth have to redesign the institutions to face the new challenges," he said.

Yunus said the Indian youth should not think only about India, but all the youth of the Saarc countries.

The microcredit pioneer spoke in the "3rd Indian Student Parliament" event as the main speaker on Saturday in Indian state of Maharashtra, said a statement of Yunus Centre in Dhaka yesterday.

The event was jointly organised by the Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MIT) School of Government and the Education Ministry of India.

The founder of Grameen Bank addressed the "Indian Student Parliament-Inspiring Youth for Strengthening Democracy" conclave with a participation of over 10,000 selected from among the elected student union leaders from all the states of India in the session on "Poverty: A Great Terror?"

He urged the student parliament organisers to invite students of the Saarc countries from next year and said this interaction would help to solve many problems of the Saarc countries and the world.

The banker to the poor said poverty is not created by the poor. "It is not their fault. Poverty is created by the system, the policies and certain institutions."

Fourteen national presidents of students' wings of Indian main stream political parties like Congress, BJP, CPM, Jatio Somajbadi Party and VHP were awarded for their contribution in youth leadership. They received crests from Prof Yunus.

Dr Mohan Dharia, a renowned Indian freedom fighter, thanked Prof Yunus for his inspiring speech and urged the students to follow his advices.

Yunus also went to Nagpur to speak at the TECHLONS 2013 event and addressed a gathering of over 10,000 student microfinance borrowers there.

He said the youth should not look for jobs only. "They should have a vision to create jobs for others."

He also said solving problem through "social business" should be the aim of the youth.

EMBEZZLEMENT
11 Jibon Bima staff sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Eleven staff, including the manager of Sylhet regional office of state-run Jibon Bima Corporation, were sued on charge of misappropriating Tk 13.58 crore.

Mostafa Sarwar Bhuiyan, JBC in-charge of Sylhet regional office, filed the case with Kotwali police on Sunday after a departmental enquiry.

The case was sent to the Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday for investigation, said Ataur Rahman, OC of the police station.

The staff are Manager Abdul Latif Chowdhury, deputy managers Sohail Ahmed, Md Gias Uddin and Zabidul Islam, junior officers Md Firoze Alam and Rabiul Islam, upper division clerks Wahidur Rahman and Ahmed Ullah, and lower division clerks Dilwar Hossain, Amirul Islam and Nurul Islam.

CASES FOR OBSTRUCTING COPS
600 opposition men get bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench yesterday granted anticipatory bail to around 600 leaders and activists of BNP and its front organisations in 10 cases filed on different charges.

The cases were filed following the opposition's countrywide blockade on December 9 last year and its hartal on January 6.

Zainul Abedin, principal counsel for the accused petitioners, told The Daily Star the police filed the cases on charges of torching cars and preventing police from discharging duties on last December 9 and January 6.

He said that his clients have filed the bail petitions with the HC on different days of last week.

The accused, who received bail, include BNP's central committee member Lutfar Rahman, Jatiyatobadi Jubo Dal President Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal, Sweekchhasebok Dal President Habib-un Nabi Khan Sohel and Jatiyatobadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) President Abdul Qader Bhuiyan Jewel.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Akram Hossain Chowdhury passed the orders of anticipatory bail after hearing 57 petitions filed by the leaders and activists seeking anticipatory bail in the cases.

The bench also directed the petitioners to surrender before the lower courts concerned in connection with the cases by February 12.

The leaders and workers appeared before the HC bench yesterday seeking bail in the cases.

Jamaat's hartal in Rajshahi today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Jamaat-e-Islami called an eight-hour hartal for today in Rajshahi division, demanding immediate release of all detained leaders of the party including its assistant secretary general Mujibur Rahman.

The hartal will be enforced from 6:00am to 2:00pm, announced Rofikul Islam, team member of the divisional committee of Jamaat, yesterday in a press release.

In the press release, Jamaat demanded immediate release of Mujibur Rahman and other leaders who are detained for their alleged crimes against humanity committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested Mujibur from Zero Point area in Khulna city on Saturday for his alleged involvement with the attack on police in Rajshahi during the BNP-led opposition's countrywide hartal on January 6.

The release claimed that Rab arrested Mujibur, also president of Shramik Kolyan Federation, without any charges against him and later implicated him in a "false" case.

Earlier, Jamaat observed half-day hartal in the division in last December protesting the arrest of the party's publicity secretary Tasnim Alam.

Rajshahi Metropolitan Police Commissioner SM Moniruzzaman said police forces were already deployed at various points of the city to prevent any untoward incidents.



Brunei recruited 5,038 Bangladeshis in 2012

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Brunei Darussalam stood the second largest destination for Bangladeshi workers in South East Asia and East Asia as it recruited some 5,038 workers last year.

The number of workers were employed in Brunei Darussalam, the oil-rich South East Asian country, said a press release of Bangladesh High Commission at Bandar Seri Begawan in 2012.

According to BMET statistics, Brunei achieved the second position only next to Singapore in 2012.

Ten killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

Ten people were killed and 24 others injured in separate road accidents across the country, including in the capital, on Sunday and yesterday.

Our staff correspondent reports, four people were killed in road accidents in the capital yesterday.

Mushfiqul Haque Emon, 24, Bangladeshi expatriate in Italy, was killed when a truck hit his motorbike on Badda Link Road around 1:00am.

He was on holidays at his Merajnagar residence in Kadamtoli of the country.

Meanwhile, a bus-owner standing beside a stationed bus in front of Gulistan Fulbaria City Super Market, died when a truck hit the bus from behind leading it to run him over early yesterday.

The dead is Jasimuddin, 32.

A man was killed when a Mohakhali-bound bus knocked him in front of Farmgate Super Market while he was waiting for a bus early yesterday.

The victim, Ismail Meer, 45, was a shop employee.

A 25-year-old motorcyclist was killed while his six-year-old nephew injured when a bus hit the motorbike in Baridhara yesterday afternoon.

Our Manikganj correspondent adds, a passenger was killed and 20 others were injured as their bus collided head-on with a truck on Dhaka-Aricha highway at Baniajuri in Ghior upazila of Manikganj around 11:00am yesterday.

The dead is Hamid Ali, 60, of Pabna district.

Both the drivers escaped leaving their vehicles which caused a two-hour traffic jam on the highway.

A Gopalganj correspondent adds, the deceased are Abu Mallik, 50, of Sadar upazila, his mother Shukurunnesa, 70, and his aunt Fatema Khatun, 45.

a rickshaw-van puller was killed when a bus hit the vehicle on Tungipara-Gopalganj road in Nilarmath area of Gopalganj on Sunday night.

Zakir Hossain, 30, of Tungipara upazila, died on the spot.

Meanwhile, a rickshaw-puller, Mursheed Alam, 26, of Sadar upazila, died as a lorry hit him on Dhaka-Kulna highway in Bedogram area of Gopalganj on Sunday evening.

Our Magura correspondent adds, three family members were killed and three other people injured when a sand-laden truck rammed their rickshaw-van on Magura-Dhaka highway at Bhaina Mor in Magura town yesterday evening.

The deceased are Abu Mallik, 50, of Sadar upazila, his mother Shukurunnesa, 70, and his aunt Fatema Khatun, 45.



Slight rise in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Thick fog may occur over the river basins and moderate to thick fog everywhere over the country during midnight till morning, Met Office said.

Severe cold wave is sweeping over Srimangal and mild to moderate cold wave sweeping over Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions and the regions of Mymensingh, Tangail, Faridpur, Sandwip, Rangamati, Jessore and Kushtia and it may continue.

Night and day temperature may rise slightly over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:33pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43am.

Country's highest temperature 27.4 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Kheupara and lowest 0.5 degrees at Srimangal.

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

Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	25.6	11.4	77
Chittagong	25.0	10.6	90
Rajshahi	25.0	08.5	97
Rangpur	24.5	08.4	92
Khulna	25.8	10.6	95
Barisal	26.0	10.0	89
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