



Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Dr M Anwar Hossain views photos at Standard Chartered-The Daily Star Celebrating Life Photo exhibition after inaugurating the weeklong event in the university's Zahir Raihan auditorium yesterday.

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Free Mirpur Day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is Free Mirpur Day. The capital's Mirpur, known as the last battlefield of the country, was liberated on January 31, 1972, about one and a half months after Bangladesh formally won the victory.

Although the Pakistan army formally surrendered on December 16, 1971, thousands of people of Mirpur experienced domination of Pakistani army and armed non-Bangalees until January 30, 1972.

After his homecoming on January 10, 1972, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman ordered the Pakistani occupation army and the non-Bangalees, who remained in hiding in Mirpur area, to surrender but they did not.

As a combined force of army and police approached Mirpur-12 on January 30, 1972, the hidden force launched an attack, killing almost all members of the force.

Eminent filmmaker Zahir Raihan was also killed on that day when he went to Mirpur to find out his brother Shahidullah Kaiser, who was abducted by Al-Badr days before December 16, 1971.

On January 31, 1972, Bangladesh army intensified operation in Mirpur and liberated the area.

Different socio-cultural organisations will organise elaborate programmes marking the day.

Meanwhile, Shaheed Lt Selim Shikhalaya observed the death anniversary of Selim Mohammad Kamrul Hasan, who was martyred in Mirpur on January 30, 1972, through a daylong programme yesterday.

Resisting Jamaat, Shibir urged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday urged the country to unite in carrying out protest movements against Jamaat-Shibir's "illogical" and "unpatriotic" demands for the release of war crimes suspects.

The war crimes trials will continue to face problems if the masses do not come out on the streets to actively protest the irrational movements of Jamaat-Shibir, who hope to protect war criminals, they added.

The discussion, "Punishment of War Criminals: Bangladesh Observes", was organised by Gonosangeet Samannay Parishad in the capital's Central Public Library.

"If we want fair trials of war criminals, the country needs to hit the road, just as the supporters of these criminals do, to show them that we, as a nation, will not be frightened by their threats," stated Nasiruddin Yousuf, president of Sammilito Sangskritik Jote.

The speakers also demanded a ban on political parties associated with or supporting war criminals.

The parishad President Fakir Alamgir, the jote Vice-President Golam Kuddus and Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation President Jhuna Chowdhury also spoke at the discussion.

Criminals open fire on journo's house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of criminals made a gun attack on the house of a television journalist at the capital's Mirpur early yesterday.

Osman Gani Babul, a reporter of RTV, said the criminals fired two gunshots at his house on the third floor of a six-storey building at Golartek around 1:30am, shattering two windows.

Babul filed a general diary (GD) with Darussalam Police Station.

Crime Reporters' Association of Bangladesh (CRAB) protested the incident and demanded punishment for the attackers.

3 held with liquor, Phensedyl

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three persons were held with Tk 5 lakh worth contraband liquor and Phensedyl from Dagon Bhuiyan upazila in Feni yesterday.

The arrestees -- Abdur Rahman, 27, Md Suman Mia, 28, and Abul Kalam, 30, of the upazila -- were handed over to Dagon Bhuiyan Police Station.

A team of Rab-7 Feni camp, while conducting a raid at a house in the upazila, caught the trio and seized 902 cans of beer, 104 bottles of liquor and 20 bottles of Phensedyl from their possession, said Rab-7 sources.

4 including Buget student killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

Four people, including a student of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buget) were killed and four others injured in road accidents in Cox's Bazar, Brahmanbaria and Dinajpur on Tuesday night and yesterday.

Our Cox's Bazar correspondent reports, two people were killed and a boy was injured when a truck rammed into a passenger shed and a thatched house at Kolatoli intersection in Cox's Bazar on Tuesday night.

The deceased are Abdur Rahim, 24, a fourth year student of the Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Department at Buget, and Ujjal Dhar, of Peshkarpara of Cox's Bazar; and the injured was Robiul Hassan, 10.

Police said the accident took place when the truck hit the passenger shed and

house after its driver lost control over the steering killing Rahim on the spot.

Our Brahmanbaria correspondent, reports, a man was killed and three others were injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Sylhet highway in Sarail upazila of Brahmanbaria yesterday.

The identity of the deceased could not be known immediately.

Police said the accident took place when a truck fell into a roadside ditch after its driver lost control over the steering.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reports, a girl was killed in a road accident in Biral upazila of Dinajpur yesterday.

The victim was Shefali Roy, 5, daughter of Mohadev Chandra Roy of Kumarpara village.

Police said the accident took place as a tractor hit the girl when she was playing beside a road killing her on the spot.



Emran Ali Beg
(1942 - 2013)

With profound sadness we announce that Emran Ali Beg, eldest son of late Dr. C.M Beg, passed away on January 29th, 2013 at United Hospital. He was 71.

He led a complete life and leaves behind close family members and countless friends and well-wishers to mourn his death.

His Namaz-e-Janaza will be held at the Azad Central Mosque in Gulshan 2 on Friday 1st February, 2013 after Jumma prayers and will be laid to rest in Banani Graveyard.

Sharmeen, Zafreen
and
All the family members

Call to rebuild Mitra Ghat, Sadar Ghat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Hundreds of people yesterday formed a human chain in Chittagong city demanding reconstruction of the Abhoy Mitra Ghat and Sadar Ghat situated on the northern side of Karnaphuli river.

The two ghats have remained closed due to a capital dredging project of the river, causing sufferings to thousands of "Sampan Majhi" (local boatmen), whose livelihoods solely depend on these ghats, as well as daily commuters, who cross the river via these ghats.

Twenty-one organisations, including Sampan Majhi Welfare Associations of Karnaphuli River; Charpathor Ghat; Bridge Ghat; and Ichanagar, jointly organised the human chain and a rally in front of Chittagong Press Club to press home the demand.

Thousands of people every day cross Karnaphuli river via the routes connecting Charpathorghata to Abhoy Mitra Ghat and Sadar Ghat since taking the third Karnaphuli Bridge is comparatively expensive and time consuming and a long detour for those living beside the river.

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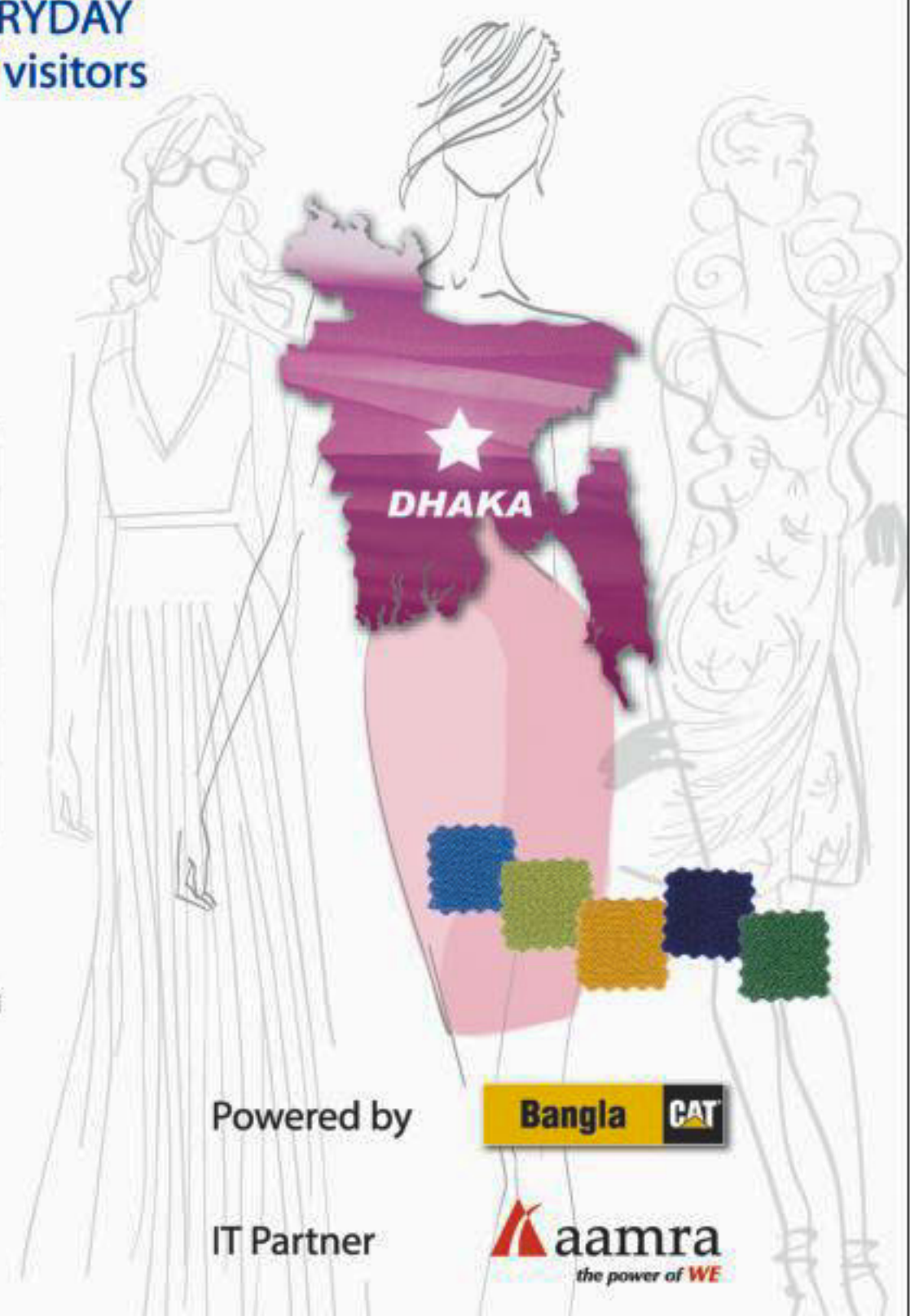
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