

Book fair yet to get wi-fi this year

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Murshid Anwar, deputy director (public relations), Bangla Academy, asked the correspondent to talk to the academy director general, who could not be reached by phone even after repeated attempts.

Meanwhile, 60 new books, ranging from fictions to research-based works, arrived in the fair yesterday.

Popular writer Muhammad Zafar Iqbal's non-fiction "Mithya Bolar Odhikar O Onnanya", his poem collection "Bhoy Kingba Bhalobasha", and Anisul Hoque's "Joto Kando Chiar Niya", a satirical literature, are on sale at Anupom Prokashani.

Ten books of Daily Star Books and other

publications of The Daily Star, including Chintito and StarToons, are available at Pathak Samabesh's stall on Suhrawardy Udyana.

As part of the book festival, a discussion on essay writer Moulana Mohammad Akram Kha was held at Rabindra Chhattar on the academy premises, followed by a cultural programme.

Though the fair opened at 3:00pm, most visitors arrived in the evening and could only browse for their favourite books till 8:30pm, the closing time for the day.

Meanwhile, law enforcers are yet to take any action against those selling pirated and photocopied books on the pavements along Bangla Academy and Suhrawardy Udyana.

Bloggers protest BCL, cops attack on RU students

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international relations said, "The teachers of Rajshahi University supporting the fee hikes are forgetting that most of them would not have been able to become academics if they had not received the subsidised education and scholarships."

Prosecution begins placing arguments

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Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (HuJI).

"I will try my best to conclude the arguments in the next scheduled hearing," Zahid told The Daily Star.

Judge Ruhul Amin of the Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka heard the prosecution's arguments.

During the traditional celebrations of Bangla New Year 1408 (April 1, 2001) at the Ramna Batamul, a blast killed 10 people and injured 50 others.

Associate Prof Fahmidul Haq of DU's journalism said public university education must be funded and subsidised by the state. "Hiking tuition fees means closing the door of higher education for a large proportion of the population," he said.

Two cases were filed in this regard. The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) pressed charges in both the cases against 14 top leaders of the banned militant outfit on December 30, 2008.

Eight of the accused, including HuJI chief Mufti Abdul Hannan, now in custody, were produced before the court yesterday, while Moulana Akbar Hossain, now on High Court bail, was present. Five others, including BNP leader Abdus Salam Pintu, have been absconding.

14 Bangladeshis continue hunger strike

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Employment Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain held a meeting with the demonstrators' representatives.

"In that meeting, the minister had assured of bringing back the 14 migrants in four days," said one of the returnees, Shaon Ali, who was in that meeting.

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Three arrested for killing

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landlord's son Sakin Alam, 9, from Kanchpur Bus Stand on January 21.

Jahidul was found beheaded in Bargaon Beribadh the next day while Sakin's body was found with his slit-throat inside a sack in a ditch in the area five days later.

Rab sources added that Parvez wanted to date Sakin's sister but she rejected him.

After being rebuked by both of their fathers for the proposal, Parvez plotted Sakin's abduction and used his brother to bring Sakin to the place where he was waiting with his cohorts in the afternoon.

They also abducted Jahidul as he was the only witness. They called the parents around 7:30pm on that day and asked for Tk 20 lakh as ransom but killed the boys hours later.

Rab also recovered Jahid's cell phone from them.

Moudud quizzed over land grabbing

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court allowed the commission to quiz the BNP standing committee member for three days at the jail gate. Yesterday was the first day but the commission will decide today whether it will continue the interrogation, said the official.

On December 17 last year, ACC filed the case with Gulshan Police Station against Moudud and his brother Manjur Ahmed accusing them of grabbing one bigha and 13 katha of public land worth over Tk 300 crore in the capital's Gulshan area between 1978 and 2006.

Bangladesh embassy in Japan

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release yesterday.

The speakers recalled Prof Nara raising awareness and mobilising public support for Bangladesh in Japan during the war.

Nara led the fund-raising activities in Japan to help Bangladeshi refugees in 1971 and covertly worked for supplying wireless sets to the freedom fighters, the discussants noted.

They also mentioned Prof Nara's contribution in promoting Bangla language, philosophy and culture in Japan.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Tokyo Masud Bin Momen and former Japanese ambassador to Bangladesh Horiguchi, among others, attended the programme.

5 more Bangladeshis detained

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law-enforcement agencies detained around 30,000 illegal immigrants for various offences including not having necessary documents, overstaying in the country and possession of fake travel permits.

On Sunday, Malaysian immigration officers also nabbed three employers on suspicion of harbouring illegal immigrants from Nepal, Bangladesh and Indonesia.

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Chhakra Sangha

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general secretary of East Pakistan Islami Chhakra Sangha in October 1971, was states the prosecution.

Islami Chhakra Sangha, converted into the Al-Badr force, an auxiliary force of the Pakistan occupation army in 1971, was especially responsible for the killings of intellectuals in the last days of the nine-month-long Liberation War, they said.

Nasiruddin refuted Mizanul's claims that he had met Quasem for the first time when he came to testify on Sunday and that he was giving a "false testimony" which he had been "taught". Quasem is facing 14 charges of involvement in crimes against humanity committed in Chittagong during the Liberation War.

Gang breaks

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the family's television and cell phones, they threatened to kill Nazrul's teenage sister if they do not find Nazrul. Kapasia police said they have no knowledge about the incident.

BNP top brass gear up

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visit in less than six months. In its last tour in August-September, the senior leaders tried to boost the morale of the grassroots in continuing the movement to resist the January 5 polls and realise the demand of a non-party caretaker government to oversee the elections.

But, the tour failed to yield results as the party high command at that time refrained from implementing the recommendations of the delegations to strengthen the organisation, said some leaders.

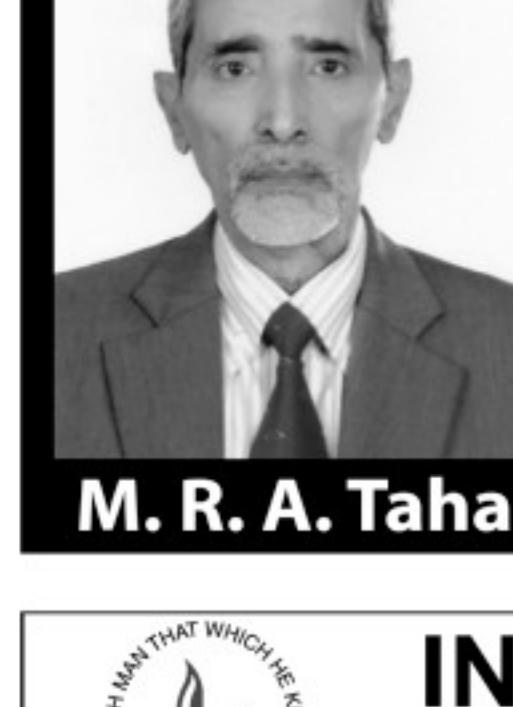
Most team leaders then told The Daily Star that the grassroots had pleaded for reducing the gap between the top and root-level leaderships. They also called for a shake-up in the high command, replacing those who were inactive during the agitation, but both the recommendations went unheeded, they said.

Talking to The Daily Star, BNP Standing Committee Member Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman observed that as the party planned to hold its council within a short time, the tours would play a significant role in listening to the thoughts of the lower tier leaders about the council. "The grassroots have served a significant role in the anti-government demonstration. We'll go to congratulate them and also to get them prepared for the next course of action," said the BNP leader, who will lead his team in Syedpur and Nilphamari regions.

AZM Zahid Hossain, adviser to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, and secretary general of the pro-BNP Doctors Association of Bangladesh, said he had received a letter about the tour.

"Basically, it is BNP's homework to get ready for the agitation. I think this is a positive move for any democratic party. We will try to take recommendations of the grassroots and then will submit a report to the high-ups for necessary actions," he said.

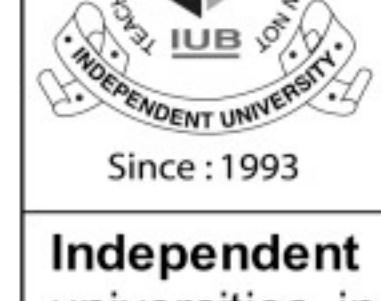
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