

People must unite to resist abuse of power

Says Dr Kamal Hossain
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gonoforum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday said the majority of the people do not want to see unlimited power at someone's hand, and that people must be united to resist abuse of power.

The eminent jurist was addressing a views-exchange meeting with journalists at his Bailey Road residence in the capital.

The main aim of the Liberation War was economic emancipation of people and putting an end to the oppression on seven crore people of Bangladesh, he said.

Kamal Hossain observed that empowerment of people is needed to establish effective democracy, and that empowerment of people can be achieved by re-establishing the right to vote.

He said corruption, terrorism, black money and looting have become the main characteristics of national politics, and national unity is needed to overcome it.



Clockwise from top, journalists bring out a protest procession in Chuadanga town after a group of armed Juba League activists in broad daylight hacked around four reporters, vandalised five motorcycles, and trashed the district press club during a news conference yesterday afternoon. The vandalised furniture and glass inside the press club. The attack was launched as some journalists came out of the club while two factions of the ruling Awami League's youth wing were crossing the area brandishing sharp weapons over a public tender. Munshi Alamgir Hannan, organising secretary of the district Awami League, however, said the culprits did not belong to AL or any of its affiliated organisations.



Ershad flips again

A day after praising Hasina, says country got nothing but misrule

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a span of eight days former military dictator HM Ershad for the second time contradicted his own statement, reiterating in his tirade against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday that the country got nothing but misrule and terrorism following the January 5 national polls.

Moreover, the Jatiya Party (JP) chairman claimed that it was the credit of his party, which, by contesting in the voterless polls, helped save democracy and Awami League form a government,

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'FORGING FF CERTIFICATES' ACC grills 3 Mukti Joddha Sangsad officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday interrogated three elected officials of Bangladesh Mukti Joddha Sangsad, including Wahidur Rahman, chief engineer of Local Government Engineering Department, over allegations that they resorted to forgery in obtaining freedom fighter certificates.

The ACC also sought documents supporting their freedom fighter certificates and wanted to know names of people they had fought alongside in the 1971 Liberation War.

Inquiry Officer Farid Ahmed Patwari, also an ACC deputy director, interrogated Wahidur Rahman, also a vice-chairman of the sangsad's central command council; SM Mortuja Hossain, another vice-chairman; and Mahbubul Haque Chisty alias Babul Chisty, secretariat member, at the

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11 cops made DIG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eleven police officials have been promoted to deputy inspectors general (DIG) of police, read a home ministry circular yesterday.

The officials are Saiful Alam and Mosharrif Hossain of Criminal Investigation Department; Biswajit Afzal Hossain of Special Security and Protection Battalion, Shahab Uddin Koreshi of Police Bureau of Investigation, Sheikh Mohammad Maruf Hassan of Dhaka Metropolitan Police and Chowdhury Abdulal Mamun of Police Headquarters, Mahbubur Rahman of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, Nibash Chandra Majhi of Tourist Police, Mahbub Hossain of Special Branch, SM Moniruzzaman of Khulna Range and SM Mahfuzul Haq Nuruzzaman of Dhaka Range.

EXCESS GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION

Northwest facing severe water crisis

Speakers tell Rajshahi workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Residents of Bangladesh's northwestern region are suffering from severe water crisis for the excessive extraction of groundwater by the government and non-government organisations in the absence of a centralised water management system and non-implementation of the water act, speakers told a workshop yesterday.

The workshop was organised in a Rajshahi city restaurant marking the

inauguration of a three-year Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) project undertaken by the Development Association for Self-reliance, Communication and Health (DASCOH) and Switzerland Red Cross.

Focus on Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts, the project would recommend ways for coordinated water management and for implementing the act, said State Minister for Water

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FBCCI urges Islamist parties to withdraw Sunday's hartal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) yesterday urged Sammilito Islami Dalsamuhu, an alliance of different Islamic parties, to withdraw its countrywide hartal called for Sunday.

The alliance called the daylong shutdown demanding arrest of the recently sacked minister Abdul Latif Siddique for his comment hurting Muslims' religious sentiments.

While a business and investment friendly environment is prevailing in the country, such hartal will make a negative impact on foreign investment, said an FBCCI press

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Brac Founder and Chairperson Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, second from left, receives Spanish Order of Civil Merit from Spanish Ambassador to Bangladesh Luis Tejada at Lakeshore Hotel in the capital yesterday in recognition of his contribution to poverty alleviation and community empowerment while Taufiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, energy adviser to the prime minister, looks on.

PHOTO: STAR

2nd Death Anniversary of Sk. Wahidur Rahman



(February 12, 1939 - October 26, 2012)

The 2nd Death Anniversary of Sk. Wahidur Rahman, Director & Ex-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Pubali Bank Limited will be observed on 26th October 2014.

To mark the day, a prayers session and a Milad Mahfil will be held at his home town residence at Khasharipara, Beani Bazar, Sylhet after Zohr prayer.

Family and friends of Late Sk. Wahidur Rahman and his well-wishers have been requested to attend the milad mahfil and to pray for his eternal peace.

Two years ago you were taken from us, but your memory is still alive in all of us. We miss you!

-Aziz, Faisal, Salma, Wali, Gani and Halima Rahman & Pubali Bank Ltd. Family

BCL men held with pistol, Yaba in Tongi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Rab personnel detained a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader and three activists with a foreign pistol, 18 mobile phones and six pieces of Yaba tablets in Tongi early yesterday.

The detainees are: Shafi Ahmed, organising secretary of BCL, Tongi unit and three activists -- Shopon, Shahjahan and Shamim Khan, said Rab sources.

Kazi Shoayeb, deputy commander of Rab-1, said on information, a team of Rab-1 raided Bhai Bhai Hotel in Tongi railway crossing area and arrested the three with the goods around 2:30am.

He said Shafi admitted to Rab that with the pistol he and his three associates have been mugging people in the area.

Ctg Nursing College students stop demo After assurance of meeting demands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Students of Chittagong Nursing College yesterday called a halt to their demonstration against low pass rate in the recent results after the authorities assured them of fulfilling most of their demands.

Around 10:00am yesterday, the students formed a human chain on the campus to press home their demands for reviewing their results of different batches published on Monday, and removal of the principal and a female teacher whom the students blamed for "deliberately failing them in the exams".

Dr Mujibul Haque Khan, a member of the academic council, said the principal had already applied for LPR and one from the senior teachers will take the charge on Sunday on a temporary basis.

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