

Political freedom sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Accusing Bangladesh's political parties of failing to nurture the Liberation War's spirit, speakers at a convention in the capital yesterday called for "introducing political freedom" to build the country based on the spirit.

"Even 44 years past the victory in the Liberation War, we have not been liberated," said Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Rob) President ASM Abdur Rob.

Political parties talk about the development of the state, human rights and secularism but "they could not ensure employment for people", he added. Criticising the government, he said, "We can not accept the victory which was achieved robbing people's right to vote."

Mukta Rajnoitik Andolon, a platform stating to be based on Serajul Alam Khan's ideologies, organised its "First Central Representative Convention" at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh.

Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Zafullah Chowdhury said the state failed to ensure low cost treatment for people. "If the government was pro-people, price of medicine would have been cheaper," he said.

He also criticised the government for providing transit facilities, saying India was "trying to expand its domination over Bangladesh in the name of helping Tripura". The platform President Sarup Hasan Shaheen said Bangladesh was waiting for a new form of politics based on political and social needs, and was being run with laws of the British colonial period which was giving birth to "bad politics".



Unabated dumping of garbage has choked off this channel of the Buriganga river under the bridges leading to Kamrangirchar from Lalbagh in the capital. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Dhaka city dwellers start feeling pinch of winter

UNB, Dhaka

Even of late, the Dhaka city dwellers have started feeling the pinch of winter and its intensity is likely to rise further across the country from Saturday, according to Bangladesh Meteorological Department.

"As the country is not getting enough sunlight during daytime, the mercury is falling fast," meteorologist Hafizur Rahman told the news agency yesterday evening.

Winter has started setting in as the capital experienced a sudden rainfall on Thursday night.

With the fall in temperature, traders of warm clothes are doing a good business with middle-income people crowding their

stalls and shops. But, financially insolvent and homeless people who cannot afford to buy warm clothes are feeling the double pinch of winter.

The lowest temperature in Dhaka yesterday was 15 degrees Celsius.

Hafizur Rahman said a mild cold wave may start sweeping over Rangpur division and parts of Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet divisions from Saturday.

Usually, winter starts in Bangladesh in November, but it set in late this time. This year, he said, the temperature in December was higher compared to previous years.

Four die in road accidents

CITY DESK

Four people were killed and another was injured in road accidents in the country yesterday.

Our Chittagong correspondent reports, Sirajul Islam, 44, of Cox's Bazar Sadar upazila, an employee at Mirsarai Fire Station, died after a truck hit him while he was crossing the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Mirsarai municipality.

Our Kushtia correspondent reports, two persons were killed and another was injured when a truck hit their motorcycle at Nolkula village in Kushtia.

The dead were Abdul Munib, 35, and Jahanara Khatun, 27, residents of Shaikupa upazila of Jhenidah. Injured Lata Khatun is undergoing treatment at Kushtia General Hospital.

Our Daudkandi correspondent adds, Saleha Begum, 55, of Knara village, died after a bus hit her on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway at the village in Daudkandi.

Police seized the bus, Matlab Express.

NEWS IN brief

Journo files GD over death threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A journalist yesterday filed a general diary with Shahbagh Police Station in the capital mentioning that he received death threat over the phone.
Anjan Roy, who is an anchor of a private television channel GTV, mentioned in the GD that someone introducing as a member of "Ansarullah Bangla Team" called him around 9:01pm and gave the threat.
Officer-in-Charge Abu Bakkar Siddique said they were investigating the matter.

Three arrested with Yaba pills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) detained Salimullah, 32, of Dakkhin Dikkul area, with 21,440 Yaba pills in Cox's Bazar sadar upazila yesterday.
Rab also arrested two persons with 285 Yaba tablets in different areas in Chittagong city early yesterday.
The arrestees are Sirajul Islam and Abu Jahed, both 30.

Training on cattle breeding held

CITY DESK
Two trainings, one on "Udder Health Management, Mastitis Control and Milk Quality Improvement" and another on "Development of Dairy and Beef Cattle Breeding Action Plan" were held in two districts to strengthen the dairy sector in Bangladesh.
Dr Kasimu Hudu Ingawa, Dairy Farm and Breeding Management Specialist from North Carolina State University, USA, conducted the trainings in Khulna and in Mymensingh, from December 7 to 10 and December 12 to 15, said a press release.
The USAID-funded Asia Farmer-to-Farmer (F2F) Program, implemented by Winrock International, provided volunteer technical support for the trainings. Feed the Future Livestock Production for Improved Nutrition Project and Lal Teer Livestock Limited hosted the trainings.



Newly appointed Bangladesh Ambassador Hassan Mahmood Khandker hands over his credentials to King Felipe VI of Spain at the Royal Palace of Madrid on Wednesday. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Exhibition on Dhaka city's unplanned urbanisation held at Curzon Hall

DU CORRESPONDENT

A daylong exhibition "Urban Hours" mirroring the unplanned urbanisation which is spoiling the scenic beauty of Dhaka city was held at Curzon Hall of Dhaka University yesterday. "Back Art", a Bangladeshi artist group, organised the exhibition where 20 artists from Brazil, India and Bangladesh participated with photos, paintings and sculptures to exhibit the traffic system, backward sewer system design, political instability, air pollution and many other daily problems that the city suffers from.

The artists proposed different approaches on "urban development" to reclaim Dhaka which has its own glorious history.



Shoppers busy going through winter clothes available on the footpaths in New Market area of the capital yesterday with temperatures dropping considerably during the day and night. PHOTO: STAR

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upazila unit of AL, however, said people had turned on Oli. There are no street lights, the drainage system is poor, and people suffer in receiving services like getting birth certificates, he told The Daily Star.

The municipality election is slated for December 30.

others injured.

The injured were taken to Habiganj Sadar Adhunik Hospital while two of the injured were sent to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot, brought the situation under control, and arrested one, said Baniachang police Officer-in-Charge Nirmolendu Chakrabarty.

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Every upazila to get technical education centre

Mosharraf tells discussion

BSS, Dhaka

LGROD and Cooperatives Minister Engineer Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday said technical education centres would be set up in all upazilas to develop skilled manpower in the country.

Currently, about five lakh people are going abroad from Bangladesh to work every year, he said speaking as the chief guest at a discussion meeting organised by the Ministry of Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment in the capital marking International Migrants Day 2015.

Presided over by Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam, the meeting was also addressed, among others, by State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahriar Alam, and International Labour Organization Mission Chief Sharat Chandra Das. Mosharraf exchanged views with Bangladeshi migrant workers in Oman through videoconferencing.

In the function, Khandaker Mosharraf handed over stipend to children of migrant workers. Earlier, a colourful procession was brought out from in front of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban and it ended at Bangabandhu International Convention Centre, where a fair for migrants is taking place.

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Your parents, sister & family.