

Fireworks at Rajarbagh Police Lines tonight

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) will organise a fireworks event at the parade ground of Rajarbagh Police Lines in the city tonight, marking its 41st founding anniversary, said a DMP press release.

The 15-minute event will continue from 10:30pm to 10:45pm. City dwellers have been requested not to be panicked at the bang of the fireworks during the time.

This year's book

FROM PAGE 3 they would be able to make more profit for political stability.

"Last year, we could not make good profit because of hartal and instability. This year the situation is amicable," said Salauddin, supervisor of Laboni Stall.

Besides book stalls, information centres and a police control room have been set up at the venue. Seminars on culture, literature and politics will be held every day till February 29, in which eminent litterateurs and academics will participate.

Like previous years, all books except Bangla Academy's will be sold at a 25 percent discount while people would enjoy a 30 percent price waiver on Bangla Academy's books.

The fair will remain open for all from 3:00pm to 8:00pm every day. However, on holidays, it will be open from 11:00am to 8:00pm.

On International Mother Language Day, February 21, the fair will open at 8:00am and close at 8:00pm.



Participants at an inter-religious harmony rally in front of the Aparajeya Bangla of Dhaka University yesterday. The Department of World Religions and Culture and the Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue organised the rally marking World Interfaith Harmony Week that began yesterday.

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FARMERS BANK SC upholds stay on Mahbubul's removal from executive body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that stayed the removal of Mahbubul Haque Chisty as chairman of the Farmers Bank's executive committee.

The apex court asked the HC bench led by Justice Md Ashfaul Islam to dispose of the rule by February 15 to decide the legality of the expulsion.

The Appellate Division of the SC passed the order after hearing a petition filed by Bangladesh Bank, challenging the order.

There is no legal bar for Mahbubul to remain as chairman until the HC disposes of the rule, Farmers Bank's lawyer AKM Rashedul Huq told The Daily Star.

He said BB on May 17 last year removed Mahbubul from the post on charge of irregularities in giving loans worth Tk 45 crore to six institutions.

Following a writ petition, the HC bench on May 27 stayed BB's order and issued a rule asking the government and BB to explain why BB's order should not be declared illegal.

MANDATORY FARE METERS ON CTG CITY AUTO-RICKSHAWS

First day of enforcement sees massive flouting

1,000 errant drivers penalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday gave out penalty tickets to 1,000 CNG-run auto-rickshaws because they were operating without meters defying an ultimatum.

The Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) had given all 13,000 registered auto-rickshaws time till January 31 to install meters.

Authorities also had announced that violators would face penalty from February 1.

When asked why his vehicle did not have a meter, driver Abdur Shahid said, "If the unregistered autos can ply the streets without meters, then why can't I drive mine despite having a registered vehicle?"

Another driver, Haider Azam, however, said many owners assumed that the deadline would be extended; that's why they did

not install the meters. He hoped that the remaining auto-rickshaws would have meters installed within two or three days.

Deputy Commissioner (traffic) of CMP Masud ul Hasan, who is in-charge of monitoring installation of meters, said 3,000 auto-rickshaws had had meters installed, and another 6,000 would have them soon.

He hoped that the rest of the auto-rickshaw owners would apply within a few days for installation as police were taking action against the violators.

There are 13,000 registered and 5,000 unregistered CNG-run auto-rickshaws currently operating in Chittagong city.

Reacting to the police action, drivers of the most of the registered auto-rickshaws said they were being harassed for not having meters while unregistered ones were plying freely.

EX-PRO-JP STUDENT LEADER MURDER 3 'hitmen' arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday and on Saturday arrested three men, claiming that they were hitmen responsible for the murder of Syed Mizanur Rahman Himu, a former president of Jatiya Chhatra Samaj, a pro-Jatiya Party student organisation.

The body was recovered from an Eastern Housing plot in Rupnagar by police on January 17.

A pistol, 68 bullets and a microbus were also seized from the possession of the arrestees who admitted their involvement, Rupnagar Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) (Investigation) Matlubur Rahman told The Daily Star.

Shamim Khan, 29, Rafikul Islam, 45, and Omar Faruk, 52, were arrested in Khulna, Mirpur Beribadh and Bansgal.

Quoting the arrestees as saying, the OC said Himu last year got married to a girl, who had left her husband in the US and whose irate father had paid Tk 3 lakh for the hit.

The killers brought Himu near Dhaka University's Teacher-Student Centre on the night of January 16 from Wari and then took him to Mirpur Beribadh, he said.

On making him unconscious after several botched attempts using spiked drinks, they first tried to strangle him inside the microbus before shooting him in the head and dumping the body in the plot, added the OC.

NEWS IN brief

War criminal Mir Quasem's appeal hearing against death starts today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court will start hearing today on the appeal of war criminal and Jamaat leader Mir Quasem Ali challenging his death penalty for his wartime crimes against humanity.

Four-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha on January 6 fixed today's date to begin the hearing.

Earlier on November 2, the International Crimes Tribunal-2 sentenced Quasem to death for crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

Around four weeks later, he filed the appeal with the SC challenging the tribunal's verdict.

Mechatronics engineering dept opens at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University launched a new department named mechatronics engineering under the faculty of Engineering and Technology yesterday.

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique inaugurated it at his office.

Prof Hafiz Muhammad Hassan Babu, of Computer Science and Engineering, has been made chairperson of the new department, which started with 16 first year honours students and three teachers.

The department is housed at Kazi Motahar Hossain Biggan Bhaban (Science Annex Building) of DU.

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Air Intake
Coated Crank Bearing
Coated Piston Rings

New Generation CVT Transmission
Top Cowl Panel
Transfer Case

Front Fender Acoustic Foam Block
Front Pillar Reinforcement
Front Springs

Rear Differential
Rear Shock Absorbers
Rear Springs

Reinforced Rear Brace

Chrome and Silver Accent Front
Dash Panel
Door Garnish
Dash Silencer

Gloss Black Lined Decoration
Gloss Black Front Center Bumper

Coated Rod Bearings
Crankshaft and Pin Surface Improved
CVT Control Calibration

Electronic Power Steering
Enhanced Front Suspension Calibration
Enhanced Rear Suspension

Improved Audio Ergonomics
Improved Bluetooth Pairing Functions
Improved Graphics to Display Audio

Improved Display Audio Functions
Navigation System
Enhanced Seating Comfort

Auto-Dimming Rearview Mirror
Improved Defroster Performance
Power Folding Side Mirrors

Knit-Type Headliner
Knit-Wrapped A-Pillar
New Fabric Design

Rear Door Weather Stripping
Rear Quarter Trim
Stitch Accent on Fabric Seating

Stitching Accent on Meter Cover
Enhanced Seating Comfort
Extended Driver Seat Height Lever

Soft-Padded Center Armrest
Gloss Black & Silver Steering
Wheel Decoration

18" Alloy Rim
Improved Tyre Specification
Improved Wheel Design

Intelligent Shift Logic
Forward Collision Mitigation Switch
Front Fender Insulator

Extended Driver Seat Height Lever
Rear Door Speaker Insulator
Acoustic Windshield Glass

Power Door Glass
Rear Door Glass
Side Door Mirror

Body Rigidity
Quartz Brown
Chrome Accents

Homelink System
Leather Wrapped Steering Wheel

A/C Compressor
HVAC Refrigerant
Improved HVAC Controls

Window Switches
LED Combination Taillights
LED Headlights with LED Positioning Lights

Fog Lamp Bazel
Chrome Tail-Lights Garnish
Improved 2nd Row Seats Function

Rear Suspension
Rear Wheel Bearings
Reinforced Rear Brace

Enhanced TPMS Control System Logic
Improved Camshaft Profile
Improved Warning Chime Sound

A-Pillar Insulator
Auto Folding Rear Headset
Black Paired Muffler

Body Rigidity
Quartz Brown
Chrome Accents

Improved Door Closing Sound
Larger Front Cross Member
Rear Bumper

Improved HVAC Controls

Opening Tailgate Height Positioning Lights
Projector Type Halogen Headlights with LED
Reverse Lights and Reflector