

Chehlum

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The chehlum of Mirza Ali Behrouz Ispahani, chairman of Ispahani

Group, will be held tomorrow after the Zohr prayers in Ispahani Colony of Moghbazar in the capital. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to join the programme, said a press release.

He died at Apollo Hospital on January 23 and was buried in Hoseni Dalan graveyard at Nazimuddin Road in Dhaka.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Niphamari



Jawadul Huque Sarker, chairman of Saidpur Upazila Parishad,

died of blood cancer at Bangabandhu Medical College Hospital in the capital on Wednesday afternoon. He was 72.

He was also the president of Saidpur municipality unit of Awami League. He left behind two sons and three daughters and was buried yesterday in his family graveyard in Botlagari Pathanpara village. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor mourned at his death.

Death anniversary

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Today is the 15th death anniversary of Syed Md Habibul

Haque, founding managing director of Crystal Insurance Company Ltd. Hailed from Chakher of Barisal, he died in 2002 in Dhaka.

Board of directors, shareholders, executives, officers and staff of the company are praying for his departed soul.



Vendors sell used appliances occupying a portion of a road in the capital's Karwan Bazar area. Not only the sidewalks, the corner of the streets are also being encroached by the hawkers on a regular basis while strict measures often remain a far cry. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

**BLOCKADE IN 2015
34 BNP men face arrest for arson**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrants against 34 leaders and activists of BNP in a case filed for torching a vehicle in the capital's Paltan area during a non-stop movement enforced by BNP-led 20-party alliance on January 24, 2015.

The accused include Barkatullah Bulu, Salima Rahman, Shirin Sultana, Maruf Kamal Khan, Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas, Azizul Bari Helal, Mir Sarafat Ali Safu, former Dhaka City Corporation ward councillors MA Quayum and Abdul Latif.

After accepting charges against 47 people including the 34, Judge Kamrul Hossain Molla of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court issued the warrants showing them fugitives.

The court directed the officer-in-charge (OC) of Paltan Model Police Station to submit the execution report of arrest warrants before it by April 5.

BNP leaders MK Anwar, Amanullah Aman, Ruhul Kabir Rizvi Ahmed, Shawkat Mahmud and Syeda Asifa Ashrafi Papia among 13 people are now on bail.

Prof Pagon new IUB pro-VC

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Prof Milan Pagon has been appointed as a pro-vice chancellor of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB).

Prior to this, Prof Pagon spent four years as a professor in Dubai, UAE -- first at Al Ghurair University, and then at Zayed University, says a press release.

He obtained a Ph.D. in business administration from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, USA.

50th convocation at DU tomorrow

DU CORRESPONDENT

The 50th convocation of Dhaka University (DU) will be held tomorrow with more than 17,875 graduates and postgraduates getting their degrees.

President Abdul Hamid, chancellor of the university, will inaugurate the event at DU central playground.

Around 61 researchers will be conferred Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees while 43 will get Master of Philosophy (MPhil) degrees. Also, 80 students will receive gold medals for their outstanding results.

All the preparations have been completed, said DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique yesterday at a press conference.

Prof Amit Chakma, Bangladesh-born academician and Vice Chancellor of Western University, Canada, will be the convocation speaker.

At the event, DU will honour Prof Amit Chakma with "Doctor of Science (ScD)" degree for his outstanding leadership role in education and research, Prof Arefin told The Daily Star.

NEWS IN brief

UK foreign office minister arrives

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



UK Foreign Office Minister for Asia and the Pacific Alok Sharma arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a three-day visit aiming to strengthen counter-terrorism cooperation with Bangladesh.

The minister will meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, said a British High Commission press release. He will hold discussions with political party leaders, business representatives, civil society and minority and faith groups and meet Chevening and Commonwealth alumni.

US acting assistant secy William Todd due Sunday

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



US Acting Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs William E. Todd will arrive in Dhaka likely in the early hours on Sunday for a brief visit.

This will be the first visit by any senior official since US President Donald Trump took over on January 20. Diplomatic sources said Todd is expected to hold talks with an adviser to the prime minister, foreign minister and foreign secretary. They said the issues relating to security cooperation will be discussed. Todd will depart Dhaka late night on the day.

Basecamp's 'Longest Walk' on Cox's Bazar beach March 18-20

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Basecamp Bangladesh Ltd, an adventure and outdoor activity organisation, will arrange "The Longest Walk 2017" on the Cox's Bazar beach on March 18-20, said a press release.

The three-day event, featuring a 100km walk and a nature camp, is being organised in cooperation with Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation and Bangladesh Tourism Board. Details are available on thousandmilesbd.com/the-longest-walk-2017/.

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ASSET DEVELOPMENTS



Female students desperately trying to board an already crowded double-decker bus -- maybe the last resort for the day -- on the Rajshahi University campus. The students have to undergo the sufferings almost every day due to a shortage of buses carrying them to and from the campus. The photo was taken recently.

RU bus crisis drags on

ARAFAT RAHAMAN, RU

Though the number of students at Rajshahi University has increased over the years, the buses carrying them to and from the campus have not increased, causing untold sufferings to the students, especially the female ones.

There are some 33,874 students currently enrolled in the university; of them, 22,290 are male and 11,584 female students, according to the university's annual report of 2015-16, said a source in the university administration.

Of the total, only 8,130 students -- 5,061 males and 3,069 females -- reside in 17 different student dormitories, the source said quoting the report.

A large number of students, who live outside the campus, have to depend on the university buses.

For this large group of students, and also teachers and employees, the university has only 39 buses.

Of them, 28 currently ply 16 different routes across Rajshahi city, said Md Ahsan Habib, a section officer of RU transport office. The other buses are out of order, he said.

Female students said the number of buses allocated for them is just six.

On February 19, it was seen that around 70 female students were standing in a crowd waiting for a bus. When the bus arrived, the lucky ones got into it whereas the remaining 25 to 30 of them could not, as there was no space left.

Jayashree Rani Sarker, a third-year student of mass communication and journalism department, who also could not get into the bus, said they have to deal with this kind of situation almost every day as the number of buses is not sufficient.

She urged the university authorities to allocate more buses for them.

Maksuda Khatun, a student of information science and library management department, said she has to travel to and from campus boarding jam-packed buses every day, which takes toll on her -- physically and mentally.

"It seems that the university administration does not count us as human beings," she ventilated her frustration. The RU authorities are indifferent to their sufferings, she added.

According to transport office

sources, for carrying female students only, three double-decker buses ply the routes of Saheb Bazar, New Market, and C&B each.

The buses carry over 2,000 female students per day, said the sources, which are still not adequate for a large number of female students residing in the areas.

Meanwhile, Manik Hossain, another student, who comes to the campus from the city's Lakshampur area, said there is only one bus on his route. If the university provides one more bus on this route, their sufferings will slightly be reduced.

Prof Mainul Haque, administrator of the university transport office, said it is true that the number of buses has not increased in proportion to the students' number.

"But recently the university has planned to buy two new buses, which can be a step towards a solution to this problem," he added.

Approached, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Sarwar Jahan Chowdhury said they will take necessary steps in this regard after having a discussion with the university transport office.



Invitation to MTB Management Trainee (MMT) Program

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