Second unit of

Hospital opens

Friendship

without any restriction.

UNB, Dhaka

Japan-Bangladesh

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan

said people and health sector in

Bangladesh would benefit if foreign

doctors are allowed to practice here

"A massive development will

take place in the health sector if

internationally renowned physicians

and local doctors work together.

This will also help people to get

modern treatment in the country," he

said inaugurating the second unit of

Japan-Bangladesh Friendship

Hospital (JBFH) at Dhanmondi in

Dr Kamal calls for greater unity against corruption

DU CORRESPONDENT

Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday urged political parties, civil society members and student organisations to form a greater unity against corruption.

"It's high time to be united for establishing a better parliamentary democracy, rule of law, successful parliament and violence-free university campus that we all want," said Dr Kamal while addressing a conference of Jatiya Chhatra Dhara, a student front, at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University (DU).

He said a restless situation has been prevailing everywhere across the country due to corruption and terrorism practised by some dishonest public leaders who have grabbed all facilities illegally

'To establish a better democratic country that people dreamt for, we should have open discussions among the political parties, student organisations and professional bodies to find out possible solutions of prevailing crisis," Dr Kamal said.

"We should be sincere enough to create suitable environment for discussions among us for the sake of the country despite having differences in political ideology," said the eminent jurist recalling the glorious history of the movement to oust an autocratic government in 1990 when all politicians, teachers, students and professionals were

Save the Environment Movement forms a human chain in front of the Institute of Fine Arts in the city yesterday pro-

'Keep spirit of liberation

commander of the Joint Command

of the Allied Forces of War of

fighters of 1971, organised the

meeting on the premises of

between the peoples of India and

Bangladesh built up during the

liberation war will have to be

strengthened through extending the

for recalling Jagjit Singh Aurora, but

also for recalling the history of the

Bangladesh's trade with India

through Akhaura land port remained

suspended for the third consecutive

day yesterday as Indian customs

officials continued their indefinite

Bangladesh as it exports its items to

stones and perishable items, including

a loss of Tk 50 lakh a day for the

suspension of trade through the

Wednesday when Indian customs

India mainly through this point.

fish and vegetables.

The land port is crucial for

The export items included cement.

Exporters said they are incurring

The export came to halt on

"It is a memorable day not only

hands of cooperation in future.

BDNEWS. Brahmanbaria

Veena Sikri said the friendship

Liberation War Museum in the city.

Liberation of Bangladesh in 1971. Ekatturer Muktijoddah, freedom

testing demolition of Mirpur Town Hall for the construction of a shopping mall.

war alive'

Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka

Veena Sikri vesterday said the spirit

of the liberation war will have to be

kept alive in the minds of the peo-

"The spirit of the liberation war is

still alive in the feelings, values and

friendly relationship between the two

peoples. The whole world is now

conveyed about all the events of the

liberation war and the cooperation and

friendly relationship of the two coun-

quest of honour at a meeting on the

occasion of the first death anniver-

sary of Lt Gen Jagjit Singh Aurora,

Attack on people

Different political parties yesterday

condemned attack on people by the

cadres of BNP and police when

locals of Shanir Akhra in the city

were demonstrating for water and

were injured when BNP cadres

especially Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

(JCD) along with police attacked

local people during the daylong

Gonoforum President Dr Kamal

He called upon the government to

He also urged the government to

Workers Party, Communist Party

take effective measures to resolve

crisis of water and electricity in

avoid repressive measures on

of Bangladesh and Left Democratic

Front also condemned the incident.

Jatrabari and Shanir Akhra area.

Hossain said it is sad that the local

legislator misbehaved with people

At least one hundred people

Veena Sikri was addressing as

tries during the war," she said.

condemned

electricity supply.

demonstration.

of his constituency.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ples of India and Bangladesh.

BDNEWS. Dhaka

form of government.

"We need a fruitful parliament where productive discussions will be held on all issues like economic condition, political crisis, law and order, and campus situation to strengthening country's democracy," Dr Kamal added.

Chaired by Jatiya Chhatra Dhara President Moniur Ahmed, the conference was also addressed by Gono Forum Joint General Secretary Engineer Abul Kashem, DU teacher Tanjim Uddin Khan and Habibur Rahman Bhuivan, father of slain Buet student Sabekunnahar

liberation war. May I be deeply

committed to strengthening the

friendly relations between the

peoples of India and Bangladesh

through extending our cooperation

beliefs, feelings and values to each

Presided over by Air Vice-Marshal (Retd) AK Khandaker,

deputy chief commander of the

liberation war, the meeting was

addressed by Kader Siddiqui Bir

Uttam, Gen (Retd) KM Shafiullah,

Maj (Retd) Matin and poet Habibulla

department officials went to an

indefinite strike protesting the abduc-

tion of two of their colleagues by the

eight check-posts in the northeast-

cement and other export items

remained stranded at the land port.

items went back," said an exporter.

talks with the Indian officials several

times, but they said they were

unable to call off the strike without a

decision from the central body in

Humidity in

They are enforcing the strike at

Some 200 trucks loaded with

"Many trucks carrying perishable

The upazila nirbahi officer held

insurgents on April 26.

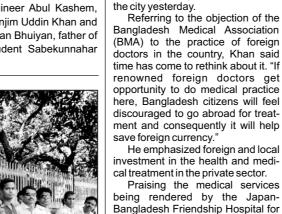
ern region of India.

New Delhi.

other." she said.

Export thru' Akhaura land

port suspended for 3 days



and maintain its reputation. Japanese Ambassador in Dhaka Matsushiro Horiguchi, cardiac surgeon of Escorts Heart Institute of India Dr Naresh Trihan, and chairman, department of surgery at Japan Saitama Medical College and president of AMDA-International Japan Dr Shigeru Suganami spoke at the function as special guests.

last 12 years, the Foreign Minister

urged the hospital authorities to use

modern technology in the treatment

Chaired by chief consultant surgeon of JBFH Prof Matiur Rahman, the function was also addressed by consultant Laparoscopic surgeon Dr Sarder Naveem and pain specialist Dr Jonaid Shafiq.





The Old Car Club Bangladesh organised a two-day vintage car exhibition on the premises of the National Museum in the city yesterday.

Eight killed in road crashes

STAR REPORT

At least eight people were killed in separate road accidents in four districts yesterday

A correspondent in Comilla reported: Three people including a woman were killed and some 23 injured in a road accident at Mirershani on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway under Chouddagram upazila yesterday.

According to police, the accident occurred at about 2:00pm when a Dhaka bound VIP bus collided head-on with a Chittagong bound

Among the dead, two were dentified as Abul Hossain, 26, of Uttara in Dhaka and Monju Miah, 35 of Sonapur in Noakhali who was the driver of the VIP bus, while the other person could not be identified.

The critically injured were sent to different hospitals and clinics in

A case was filed with the Chouddagram Police Station and the bodies of the deceased were sent to Comilla Medical Collage and Hospital morque for autopsy.

A Correspondent in Gazipur adds: Two people were killed in a road accident at Tongi Cheragali in Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway yesterday morning.

The dead were identified as Mojnu Mia, 30, a rickshaw puller of Trishal in Mymensingh and Mohammad Selim, 21, of West Jamtoli under Gopalpur upazila in

Eyewitnesses said a soil laden Gazipur-bound truck slammed Selim and Mojnu who were standing beside the road at around 7:00am. The truck driver tried to flee with

his truck but it collided with a tree after going a kilometre from the The truck driver, however, man-

aged to escape Our Correspondent in Brahmanbaria adds: Two people were killed and another injured in a road accident when a speeding Sylhet-bound rice-laden truck slammed a pushcart from behind on

Dhaka-Sylhet Highway at

Baishamura village under Earail

upazila of the district in the early hours of yesterday.

The dead were identified as Sirajul, 22, and Jewell, 15. The bodies were sent to

Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital for autopsy while the injured was admitted to the same hospital. Police seized the killer truck.

However, the truck driver and nelper managed to escape the spot.

Our Correspondent in Sirajganj adds: A schoolboy was ran over by a speeding coach on the Dhaka-Bogra Highway at Hatikumrul area in Solong under Raiganj upazila of Sirajganj district yesterday noon.

The victim was Sakil Ahmed, 8, son of Abul Hossain of Dattokusha village in the upazila.

Police and witnesses said a Bogra-bound coach ran over Sakil as he was trying to cross the road. while Bangladesh Tourism He was rushed to Avisenna Hospital in critical condition where doctors declared him dead.

Saarc tourism ministers' confce in Cox's Bazar from May 20

UNB, Cox's Bazar

The first conference of tourism ministers of Saarc countries will be held in Cox's Bazar on May 20 and

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is

likely to inaugurate the international

conference at the conference room of Hotel Sea Palace. A preparatory meeting for the conference was held here on Thursday evening, with State

Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Fakhrul Islam Alamgir as the chief guest. State Minister for Communication Salahuddin Ahmed was present as the special quest

Corporation Chairman Dr Mahfuzur Rahman presided. Addressing the meeting, State Minister Fakhrul Islam Alamgir hoped that the conference would boost the tourism industry of Cox's

Bazar. At the same time. Cox's Bazar would become an international tourist resort town, he added Transport strike in

13 south-western districts continues

Transport strike in 13 south-western districts continued for the third day yesterday with no sign of breaking

Associations of transport owners and workers called the indefinite strike on about 100 routes of the districts, demanding withdrawal of

state-run BRTC bus services The districts affected by the strike are Khulna. Bagerhat Satkhira, Jhenidah, Magura, Gopalgani, Jhalakati, Barguna

Bhola, Pirojpur and Patuakhali. The association leaders in the districts sat at a meeting at noon in Khulna city and decided to continue the strike until their demand were

met and brought five more southern districts under its purview. District and police officials said efforts should be made at the higher level to break the deadlock through

Meanwhile, additional police have been deployed at risky points

'Krishak Bachao-

of different routes to avert any

Desh Bachao' launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Krishak League, peasant wing of main opposition Awami League (AL), launched an audio album titled 'Krishak Bachao-Desh

Bachao' in the city yesterday. The album focused on the repression and misrule of BNP led four-party alliance government

through different types of folk songs. AL leader Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim MP unveiled the cover of the

audio album at the party central

Selim said people of the country including farmers have been suffering measurably for the last four and

half years and this album has focused on the misrule and oppression of the government. He also said it is a good initiative by Krishak League and this album

should be spread all over the country for the greater interest of the country as farmers can easily understand the misrules of alliance government through this album.

Krishak League President Dr Mirza Jalil presided over the ceremony while AL Cultural Secretary Alamgir Kumkum, Motahar Hossain Mollah, KM Chand Mian, Samir Chandra, Abul Hossain, Asaduzzaman Biplob and Hosne Ara were also present.

Saturn's moon Titan

Saturn's moon Titan has huge regions covered with dunes, possibly made out of ice crystals, sand or some other unknown material, international space scientists reported on Thursday.

Australia, the researchers said.

of the University of Arizona, who worked on the study.

"These images from a moon of Saturn look just like radar images of Namibia or Arabia. Titan's atmosphere is thicker than Earth's, its gravity is lower, its sand is certainly different -- everything is different except for the physical process that forms the dunes and resulting landscape."

The Cassini craft was launched took it past Venus and Jupiter.

The latest radar images show the dunes are up to 500 feet high and hundreds of miles long.

Dark patches on Titan, the largest of Saturn's 47 moons, were at first thought to be seas -- but now they appear to be largely made up of these dunes

Titan's flat surface is very cold, with a temperature of minus 180 degrees Celsius and scientists believe its thick atmosphere may

else, they added.

the dunes "comforting," because at least the processes that lead to their formation can be studied on Earth.

Space Agency released new movies of the descent of its Huygens probe to Titan's surface. The probe is piggybacked onto the Cassini spacecraft

The four-hour movie shows what the probe actually "saw" within the few hours of the descent and the eventual landing

"At first the Huygens camera just saw haze over the distant surface," said Erich Karkoschka of the University of Arizona, who created

Then the moon's sandy surface comes into view. Replying to a question she said,

has dunes

REUTERS, Washington

Images of Titan beamed back to Cassini mission look very much like sand dunes in the Sahara desert. Namibia. Saudi Arabia and

"It's bizarre," said Ralph Lorenz

in 1997 and reached Saturn in 2004 after an interplanetary cruise that

occasionally rain methane.

The existence of pristine dunes, piled over other geological features, shows that wind recently blew fine grains of some material around, the researchers wrote in their report. published in the journal Science. It could be sand, ice or something

But they called the presence of nirbahi officer (UNO) of Nandigram,

more than nine thousand sanitary latrines were installed in five Also on Thursday, the European unions of the upazila at a cost of Tk Earlier about one lakh people of

the area including women used to defecate in open space due to lack of primary health care knowledge, he added. Hazera Khatun, a beggar, and

her husband Ahmed Ali, a peddler, have installed a low-cost sanitary latrine at their own initiative. They built their latrine before making their

ments in easy installments.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Nandigram upazila has achieved

cent percent sanitation in Bogra

Local administration recently

declared Nandigram as the first

upazila in the district having hun-

According to a base line survey around 47 percent people in the

upazila didn't use hygienic toilets

But with the successful execu-

tion of a special project during the

three months (October to

December) through vigorous moti-

vations, cent percent sanitation

coverage was achieved, sources

Sheikh Rafiqul Islam, upazila

before October last year.

dred percent sanitation coverage.

district.

Khaleda Begum, a housewife of a day labourer at Vatgram village, made a sanitary latrine for the welfare of her two children.

coverage was held in the upazila on using hygienic toilets now. It was attended by Dr Ziaul

Bangladesh Tenants Welfare Association forms a human chain at Muktangan in the city yesterday demanding apart-

Nandigram upazila achieves

I was told that sanitary latrine will

help protect my children from

Khaleda made the latrine form

A meeting marking the attain-

ment of hundred percent sanitation

waterborne diseases.

her savings.

100 pc sanitation

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Roundtable Saptahik 2000 and Women's

Development Foundation will hold a discussion on 'Achievements of women in the 35 years of independence and our duties'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10:00am.

Memorial meeting People's Heath Movement organises a

memorial meeting for Nasreen Pervin Huq, country director of ActionAid. Venue: Gonosasthya Kendra Hostital. Time: 4:00pm.

Rally

Save the Environment Movement and Bangladesh Photojournalists Association will hold a rally demanding an end to pollution of water in river and water bodies. Venue: Babu Bazar. Time: 10:00am.

Calligraphy The inaugural ceremony of 9th

five unions.

Calligraphy Exhibition organised by Dhaka Sahitya Sanskriti Kendra will be held. Venue: National Museum. Time: 4:30pm

Hague Molla MP, UNO Sheikh

Rafigul Islam, Chairman of

Nandigram Pourasava Kamrul

Islam Jewel and five chairmen of

almost 35 thousand households are

The local administration said

Lecture United Nations Association of

Bangladesh (UNAB) organises a lecture on 'The United Nations at the Crossroads' to mark the death anniversary of Syed Ahmad Hossain, founder secretary general of UNAB. Venue: Cirdap. Time: 5:00pm.

Rotary Dhaka Central

The regular meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue Dhaka Club. Time: 1:30pm.

Thundershowers likely

Obituary



cardiac arrest at Birdem Hospital on Thursday of 47.

Huda, four sisters, one brother and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

graveyard yesterday.

sons, Saimul Huda and Naimul

Her gulkhwani will be held at her Fakirapool residence after Asr prayers on Monday. Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been

Atia Naheed wife of senior journalist Saiful Huda, passed away due to a

night at the age She left behind her husband, two

She was buried at Azimpur

requested to attend the qulkhawani.

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally

wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Comilla and Noakhali in the next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today. Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged,

Yesterday's highest temperature of 38.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 20.7 degrees at Sylhet. The sun sets in the capital at 6:30pm today and rises at

Temperature

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in

	ın Celsius		percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	35.7	25.5	69	51
Chittagong	34.3	27.3	76	73
Rajshahi	36.2	24.0		
Khulna	36.6	27.5	70	51
Barisal	35.0	26.5	77	52
Sylhet	33.0	20.7	75	59
Cox's Bazar	34.0	26.7	65	69