

'Over 3cr ultra-poor have no access to microcredit'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
More than three crore people of the country are ultra-poor who are not eligible to receive any microcredit as they have no capacity to return it.

should be strictly monitored either by the NGOs or the government. Only then we can see that the ultra-poor have come to a level when they can be eligible for microcredit and use it to slowly change their status," he said.

setbacks to the development of the ultra-poor. In her presentation on the role of Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) in addressing the ultra-poor she said there are safety net programmes for ultra-poor and vulnerable groups of the society, but those always do not reach the right people.

people who consume less than 2122 kilo calories daily are poor while the poor who consume less than 1805 kilo calories are the ultra-poor. Brac that has taken up a programme titled 'Challenging the Frontiers of Poverty Reduction - Targeting The Ultra-Poor' in 2002, which is now covering 70,000 ultra-poor to change their fate says the people who depend on work at other's house or beg are also ultra-poor.



Law Minister Moudud Ahmed speaks at a roundtable at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. On his right is Rasheda K Chowdhury and on his left are Prof M Moniruzzaman Miah and Dr Mahub Hasan.

'Strong political will needed to implement edn policy'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Law Minister Moudud Ahmed at a roundtable yesterday stressed the need for a strong political commitment to implementing the education policy in the country.

tional institutions with regard to whether the children are enjoying their rights at their schools. AYM Mosharraf Hossain, director of Bangladesh Shishu Odhikar Forum, underscored the need for material adaptation and simplified curriculum to motivate the children.

general of Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB), laid emphasis on the role of teachers as they communicate directly with the students. He also suggested imparting training to the teachers to enhance their skills.



TIB Trustee Board Chairman Prof Muzaffer Ahmad addresses a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday. On his left is trustee board member Khan Sarwar Murshid and on his right is trustee board member Hafizuddin Ahmed.

SHAPTAHIK 2000 Copies of current issue disappear off newsstands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
All the copies of the current issue of the Shapthahik 2000, a weekly magazine, that revealed the illegal activities of Collective Bargaining Agent (CBA) leaders, have disappeared off the newsstands the day it came out.

He also called for ensuring accountability of the educational institutions so that the teachers perform their duties with greater responsibility. Campaign for popular Education (Campe) and Bangladesh Legal Education and Services Trust jointly organised the roundtable on 'Primary and Secondary Education Curriculum and Children's Rights', at the National Press Club in the city.

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8 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT
At least eight people were killed and 39 others injured in separate road accidents in Rangpur, Rajshahi, Sirajganj and Satkhira yesterday and on Tuesday night.

night. Of the injured condition of seven is stated to be critical at RMCH. In another accident, one woman street beggar, 50, was crushed by a Bogra-bound truck from Rangpur in Bazar area of Mithapukur upazila sadar at about 9:00pm on Tuesday night.

highway at Chandaikona Bazar area in Raiganj upazila yesterday. The injured were admitted to Raiganj Health Complex and local clinics. Police and witnesses said the accident took place at about 7:30am when a Bogra-bound bus from Tarash upazila headquarters hit a pick-up van from behind.

Exams postponed

DU CORRESPONDENT
Post-graduate examinations of first, second and final part of Faculty of Medical Science and Research, Dhaka University (DU), and diploma examinations of different courses scheduled for July 16 have been postponed due to unavoidable reason, says a DU press release.



Centre for Policy Dialogue Chairman Prof Rehman Sobhan speaks at a memorial lecture titled "Identity and Inclusion in the Construction of a Democratic Society in Bangladesh" at the National Museum auditorium in the city yesterday. Sitting from left are Prof Dulal Bhoomik, former chief justice Mustafa Kamal and Prof Sirajul Islam. The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh organised the Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed Memorial Lecture 2006.

CTG Bar lawyers withdraw work abstention

CU CORRESPONDENT
Chittagong District Bar Association withdrew their agitation programme yesterday after the government transferred the District and Session Judge Mohammed Abdul Gafur.

DHAKA TODAY

Discussion
Bangla academy will organise a discussion on 'The life and works of Dr Muhammad Shahidullah' to mark his 37th death anniversary. Venue: Academy seminar room. Time: 11:00am.

JOYPURHAT ACCIDENT Khaleda, Hasina condole deaths

BSS, Dhaka
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed deep shock at the tragic deaths of train-bus accident in Joypurhat.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka
Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at few places over Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius, Humidity in percentage, Morning, Evening. Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

City Jubo Dal activist stabbed by muggers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
An activist of Jubo Dal was stabbed by a gang of muggers in the city yesterday. Humayun Kabir was attacked by three muggers at around 9:00am when he was going home in a CNG-run three-wheeler.

Officers' Club AGM July 15

BSS, Dhaka
The 38th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Officers' Club, Dhaka will be held at its auditorium at 4:00pm on July 15.

Noman's mother passes away

UNB, Dhaka
Anjuman Ara Begum, mother of Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman, passed away due to old age complications at Chittagong Holy Crescent Hospital on Tuesday night at the age of 92.

Alhaj Hafiz Uddin Khan

Alhaj Hafiz Uddin Khan, an organiser of the liberation war and social worker, passed away due to cancer yesterday at the age of 72, says a press release.

Sufia Khatun

CU CORRESPONDENT
Sufia Khatun, mother of former president of Chittagong Newspaper Hawker's Association Nurul Alam, passed away at her Bakalia residence yesterday at the age of 105.

Samsun Nahar

Samsun Nahar, wife of late Prof Abdul Momen, passed away due to a cardiac arrest on July 10 at the age of 70, says a press release.

Blue for peace

Family of slain former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria will hold the Blue for Peace Programme demanding proper investigation into the death of the former minister. Venue: Bahadur Shah Park. Time: 5:00pm.

Reception

Silverdale Preparatory and Girls' High School will accord a reception to the meritorious students who achieved outstanding results in the SSC examinations 2006. Venue: School campus, Wari. Time: 4:00pm.

Death anniversary

The second death anniversary of Nurunnahar Begum, wife of late Kabiruddin Ahmed, will be observed tomorrow, says a press release.