City Jubo Dal

by muggers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

run three-wheeler.

iniured.

condition.

Bss, Dhaka

UNB, Dhaka

age of 92.

Anjuman Ara.

4:00pm on July 15.

and got into the CNG.

activist stabbed

An activist of Jubo Dal was stabbed by a gang of muggers in the city Humayun Kabir was attacked by three muggers at around 9:00am

when he was going home in a CNG

The criminals stopped the vehi-

As Kabir tried to resist the mug-

gers, they stabbed him in the chest

and abdomen leaving him critically

On hearing his wail locals rushed

They beat the muggers severely.

Later police came to the scene

and saved the muggers from mob

Kawsar, one of the muggers

In last three days two other

muggers were lynched by angry

mob at Rampura and Motiihee

Officers' Club

AGM July 15

The 38th Annual General Meeting

(AGM) of Officers' Club, Dhaka

will be held at its auditorium at

requested to attend the meeting.

Noman's mother

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

She left behind her four sons

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia,

two daughters and a host of rela-

also the BNP Chairperson,

expressed shock at the death of

In a condolence message,

tives to mourn her death.

passes away

Members of the club have been

was admitted to Dhaka Medical

College and Hospital in critical

to the spot and managed to capture

cle forcefully at Maghbazar rail gate

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

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.

This was stated by former cabinet secretary Dr Saadat Hussain at a workshop on the role of PRSP. Brac Programme for the ultra-poor and other NGOs at Brac Inn Centre

"There should be grant for them which they do not need to pay back, but will use in income generating projects to come to the level of the poor segment of the society," he said.

Dr Saadat, now advisor to Advocacy and Human Rights Unit of Brac, said once the ultra-poor are provided with a minimum amount of grant, they can take up any project that will take two to three years for

Foreign aid or local resources can be used for this programme, he

"This programme however

Hafizuddin Ahmed

STAR REPORT

and on Tuesday night.

district on Tuesday night.

At least eight people were killed and

39 others injured in separate road

accidents in Rangpur, Rajshahi,

Sirajganj and Satkhira yesterday

BSS from Rangour reports: Four

people, including three unidentified

women, were killed and 27 others

injured in two separate road acci-

dents on Rangpur-Bogra highway

under Mithapukur upazila of the

from Rangpur collided head-on with

the drivers and helpers of the trucks,

One pedestrian Abdus Sobhan,

50, son of late Abdul Aziz of

Mohiarpur village in the upazila and

two other unidentified women aged

between 35 and 48 succumbed to

their injuries at RMCH on Tuesday

Police said a Bogra-bound truck

by the NGOs or the government. Only then we can see that the ultrapoor have come to a level when they can be eligible for microcredit and use it to slowly change their status,"

Dr Saadat identified nepotism at the local governance level and leakage at the service delivery system as major setbacks in developing the status of the ultra-poor.

There are some people having close connections with the local government representatives who eat up the relief or other assistance allocated for the ultra-poor under different government programme,

"This is how the ultra-poor have been deprived of their access development," he said.

Rahnuma Salam Khan, senior assistant chief of general economics division of the Planning Commission, also identified lack of good governance or leakage in the public delivery system as major ন্দার: আসুন দুর্নীতি প্রতিরোধে সক্রিয় হই - একসাথে

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

There is also lack of proper coordination among different government ministries and lack of monitoring or re-assessment of the programmes on their success or failures, which is also holding back the development process, she

Emphasising on increasing budgetary allocation she said there are many aspects of poverty alleviation including health, education and income generation and therefore an 'integrated national policy' should be formulated specifically for the

According to World Bank and Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics the

2122 kilo calories daily are poor while the poor who consume less than 1805 kilo calories are the ultra-

METROPOLÎTAN/NEWS

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 ultrapoor to change their fate says the people who depend on work at other's house or beg are also ultra-

The other features of the ultrapoor are they have land less than 10 decimals, no income earning male member, children who are supposed to go to school go for work for earning and have no capital that can be the base for production.

M Tazul Islam, director of Federation of NGOs in Bangladesh, and Sheikh Muzibul Hague of Brac also spoke at the workshop moderated by Afsan Chowdhury, director of Advocacy and Human Rights Unit

SHAPTAHIK 2000

Copies of current issue disappear off newsstands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All the copies of the current issue of the Shaptahik 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.

It is alleged that the CBA leaders and their men have bought up the copies from different parts of the country, including Dhaka, Narayanganj, Narail and Jessore, in order to hide their activities from the

CBA leaders BM Baqir Hossain of Sonali Bank, Firoz Mia of BTTB, Faruq Hasan of Titas Gas, Amir Khasru of Rajdhani Unnayan Katripakkha (Raiuk). Abul Hossin and Kazi Mosharaf Hossain of Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (Desa), Abul Kashem Chowdhury of Water Development Board, Zafrul Hasan of Power Development Board and Aminul Hag Faruk of Sonali Bank and their activities were featured in the cover story of the current issue of the

The story tells how the leaders have amassed crores of taka despite the fact they draw a salary of about Tk seven thousand each, says a press release of the magazine.

As the copies are no longer available in the market, the hawkers have been thronging the office of the Shaptahik 2000 to get more copies the press release added.

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.

However, the schedule of other examinations will remain unchanged.

Fresh date of the postponed examinations will be announced soon.

Globeleg Ibrahim General Hospital foundation laid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (DAB) and Globeleq, a power company, yesterday laid foundation stone of a 30-bed hospital at Kaliganj village in Sonargaon upazila, 40 kilometers off the capi-

The two-story Globeleq Ibrahim General Hospital is a joint project of DAB and Globeleq and is scheduled to be built by the end of 2007. The hospital will be brought

under tele-medicine programme through which its patients would get services of reputed medical specialists of the country, said DAB offi-

There will also be arrangements to transfer the critical patients of the hospital to other specialised hospitals of DAB, they added.

At the foundation stone laying ceremony, Chief Executive Officer of Globeleg Torbjorn Caesar reiterated Globeleq's commitment to social welfare and said, 'We are committed to being positively engaged in the communities where court hours.

Secretary General of DAB Prof A K Azad Khan said that the hospital is being established as a part of DAB's mission to provide healthcare for the

people in Bangladesh.
Executive Vice President of Globeleg Asia Arun Sen, Vice President of DAB M Moyeedul Islam and Managing Director of Globeleg Bangladesh Operations J Edward Barndt were also present at the



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 Mahbub 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.

He also called for ensuring accountability of the educational institutions so that the teachers perform their duties with greater 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. Presenting the keynote paper, Dr

Hamidul Haque, chairman of Jiban O Jibika Gobeshona Pratishthan, observed that the education policy is not reflected in the curriculum, as the policy is not based on empirical He suggested that the National

Academy for Primary Education (NAPE) should be made active by ncreasing its capacity so that it can play a significant role in overall development of primary education.

He also called for inclusion of a subject on child rights in the curriculum to make children aware of their riahts mentioned in the UN Children's Rights Convention.

At the roundtable, the speakers suggested monitoring the educa-

MEMORIAL LECTURE 2006

tional institutions with regard to whether the children are enjoying their rights at their schools AYM Mosharraf Hossain, direc-

Forum, underscored the need for material adaptation and simplified curriculum to motivate the children. He also called for better coordination at all levels and among the

tor of Bangladesh Shishu Odhikar

government and non-government organisations to this end. Prof Dr Mahmuda Islam of the Department of Social Science, Dhaka University, said the children

should not be overburdened with more subjects on human rights. "The curriculum at different levels of education should be

selected carefully," she added. Dr Rezwan Siddiqui, director 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

Rasheda K Chowdhury, director of CAMPE, Prof M Moniruzzaman Miah, commissioner of Anti-Corruption Commission, Abdus Sattar Mollah, material development specialist of National Curriculum and Textbook Board, Prof Hannana Begum, former curriculum specialist of NCTB, and Advocate Elina Khan, executive director of Bangladesh Manobadhikar Bastabayan Sangstha, also spoke.

Mumbai blasts condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different political parties have condemned Mumbai blasts and demanded proper investigation into the incidents vesterday

A series of blasts on commuter trains in Mumbai killed nearly two

hundred people on Tuesday. Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) in a statement said that such attacks are being

conducted to create distrust and

suspicion among the neighbouring

countries like India. Pakistan and Bangladesh. They condemned all sorts of terrorist attacks around the world and sought for combined

Anwar Hossain Monju and General Secretary Shaheedul Islam expressed deep shock at a different statement and condemned the attacks. They also expressed their determination to resist such terrorist activities.

actions to resist such activities.

Khaleda prayed for salvation of the departed soul and conveyed her Jatiya Party (Monju) Chairman sympathy to the bereaved family

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.

He hailed from Atanibazar at Muktagachha in Mymensingh.

He left behind his wife, four daughters, four sons and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn

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.

She left behind her three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

Association President Hossain Ahmed, Secretary Maqbul Hossain Sarker, Chittagong Newspaper Hawkers Union President Obaidul Haque Majumder and Secretary Joynal Abedin expressed profound shock and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

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.

Samsun Nahar

She was a former teacher of Nawab Faizunnesa School, Comilla, and former education officer of Primary Education Directorate.

She left behind two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death. She was the mother-in-law of Prof Abdul Bayes, vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University.

Her gulkhwani will be held at her residence at Sector # 13, House # 10, Shah Mokhdum Avenue, Uttara, tomorrow.

Death anniversary

The second death anniversary of

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

A milad mahfil will be held at the orphanage of Pir Dudu Mia of

requested to pray for the salvation



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 Bhoumik, 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. With this, an unprecedented 98-

day work abstention by the bar members ended. The lawyers began the agitation against Gafur protesting some of his 'unilateral' decisions including changing of KM Bashir Ullah joined as the

new Chittagong District and Session Judge yesterday. Earlier on Tuesday night, the

association made the decision in an urgent meeting to join the court of Bashir Ullah, Association President Mohammed Khairul Islam presided over the meeting.

The association leaders greeted the new judge and decided to render full cooperation.

organise the first National Cancel Discussion Conference. Venue: Bangladesh-China

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. Reception

Music department of University of

Development Alternative (UODA) will organise a reception to pay tribute to Nazrul Sangeet singers Firoza Begum Sohrab Hossain, Rawshan Ara Mustafiz and Khalid Hossain. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 6:30pm.

Certificate awarding The successful students who took part in

the Partnership for Learning Youth Exchange and Study (P4LYES) programme will be awarded certificates. Venue: Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) auditorium. Time: 3:30pm.

Conference

meritorious students who achieved outstanding results in the SSC examinations 2006. Venue: Schoo campus, Wari. Time: 4:00pm.

Reception

Blue for peace

Family of slain former finance minister

Shah AMS Kibria will hold the Blue for

Peace Programme demanding proper

School will accord a reception to the

Representatives'

The representatives' meeting of Gono Forum will be held. Venue: Engineers Bangladesh Cancer Foundation will

investigation into the death of the former minister. Venue: Bahadur Shah Park Silverdale Preparatory and Girls' High

Shariatpur on the occasion. Relatives and friends are

of the departed soul.

JOYPURHAT ACCIDENT Khaleda, Hasina condole deaths Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed deep shock at the

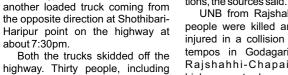
tragic deaths of train-bus accident in Joypurhat. In a message of condolence, Khaleda conveyed her deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved families and prayed for eternal

peace of the departed soul. She also asked the authorities concerned to ensure proper treatment to the injured and wished their early recovery.

Meanwhile, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina also expressed her deep shock at the deaths In a message of condolence, she

expressed her sympathy to the members of the bereaved families of Joypurhat incident and prayed to Almighty Allah for the eternal peace of the departed souls. Hasina, also President of

Bangladesh Awami League, demanded of the government to give compensation to families of the victims and to take necessary measures to ensure better treatment of the injured.



Police rushed to the spot and sent 15 injured to Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH) and and six others injured. Mithapukur Upazila Health Complex.

could not be known immediately. All the injured were admitted to the local health complex. Our Correspondent from

Siraigani adds: At least two people

were killed and six others injured in

a road accident on the Dhaka-Bogra

8 killed in road accidents

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immediately after the accident. but the third one managed to escape.

tions, the sources said. UNB from Rajshahi adds: Two people were killed and six others

leaving two people dead on the spot

TIB Trustee Board Chairman Prof Muzaffer Ahmad addresses a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the city

vesterday. On his left is trustee board member Khan Sarwar Murshid and on his right is trustee board member

In another accident, one woman street beggar, 50, was crushed by a Bogra-bound truck from Rangpur in Bazar area of Mithapukur upazila

Of the injured condition of seven is stated to be critical at RMCH.

sadar at about 9:00pm on Tuesday

Police seized the first two trucks, Two separate cases were filed with Mithapukur police in these connec-

highway yesterday.

injured in a collision between two tempos in Godagari upazila on Rajshahhi-Chapainawabganj

Police sent her body to RMCH

place at Sharenpur area at 6:00pm,

Police said the accident took

The identities of the deceased

Raiganj Health Complex and local Police and witnesses said the ccident took place at about 7.30am when a Bogra-bound bus from Tarash upazila headquarters hit a pick-up van from behind.

Azizah Haque, 28, of Tarash village died on the spot while an unidentified man aged about 40. succumbed to his injuries on the

way to hospital. Police sent the bodies to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with Raiganj police station in this connection.

highway at Chandaikona Bazar

The injured were admitted to

area in Raiganj upazila yesterday.

Satkhira reports: A youngman was killed in a road accident at Nalta Bazar on Satkhira-Kaliganj road at Kaliganj upazila. The deceased was identified as

Our Correspondent from

Mamun Sardar, 22 son of Abdul Ahad Sardar of Palashpole in the Quoting local people police said

the accident took place as Mamun lost control of the motor bike while returning home from Kaligani. He succumbed to his injuries on

Humidity in

the way to Satkhira Hospital.

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.

at Jessore and Ishurdi and lowest 23.5 degree Celsius at Sandwip. The sun sets in the capital at 6:49pm today and rises at 5:20am tomorrow. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town

WEATHER TO DAY Thundershowers likely

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions, Met office said. It said that day temperature may rise 1-2 degree Celsius over the country. Highest temperature 33.8 degree Celsius was recorded vesterday

•	in Celsius	percentage		•
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.0	25.0	83	92
Chittagong	31.0	25.0	82	85
Rajshahi	32.5	26.2	93	85
Khulna	32.0	26.2	91	83
Barisal	31.4	24.8	92	84
Sylhet	33.4	26.5	75	88
Cox's Bazar	31.6	24.8	76	83