



Karmajibi Nari brings out a procession at Mukhtangan in the city yesterday with a call to save industry, workers and the country.

Woman dies due to wrong treatment

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A housewife died due to wrong treatment and negligence of doctors in a city clinic yesterday. Sources said Naznin Begum, 40, wife of one Rafiqul Islam of Tikapara, was admitted to Mohanagar Clinic with problem in the uterus on July 10. Without consulting any specialist and proper medical test Dr Sahela Jasmine Shilpy, a physician of the clinic, operated her on Tuesday evening. Naznin was transferred to the bed at about 8.00pm but at around 11.00pm her condition began to deteriorate.

When the attendants of the patient called the doctors and the owner of the clinic over telephone no one responded to their calls. Then the attendants went to the house of the concerned doctor who misbehaved with them. At around 2.30am, Naznin died after prolonged suffering and bleeding. Hearing the news of death of Naznin, hundreds of local people thronged in front of the clinic and chanted slogans demanding arrest and punishment of the owner of the clinic and the doctor. Patient's attendants filed a case against the doctor and clinic owner in this connection.



Bangladesh Technical College Teachers' Association stages a demonstration at Mukhtangan in the city yesterday to press their 12-point demand.

\$ 696,000 Dutch help for Brac

Under an agreement signed with Brac, The Netherlands Development Cooperation Programme will provide US\$ 696,000 to the Institute for Educational Development (IED) of BRAC University for an initial period of two years, says a press release.

Embassy and Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury, Executive Director of Brac, on July 10. GLOBAL WARMING Trees could grow in Antarctica within century AFP, sydney

The fund will enable the Brac institute to carry out its core activities in the field of primary and secondary education with a focus on improving learning outcomes, teacher development and education research. The programme will be co-financed by The Royal Norwegian Embassy and Swiss Development Cooperation. The agreement was signed by Jaap van der Zeeuw, Charge d' Affairs of the Royal Netherlands

Trees could be growing in the Antarctic within a century because of global warming, an international scientific conference heard Wednesday. With carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere set to double in the next 100 years, the icy continent could revert to how it looked about 40 million years ago, said Professor Robert Dunbar of Stanford University. "It was warm and there were bushes and there were trees," he told some 850 delegates in the Tasmanian capital Hobart, the national AAP news agency reported.

BDR recovers 8,865 bottles of Phensidyl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) members recovered 8,865 bottles of Phensidyl from Katla village under Birampur upazila, Dinajpur yesterday morning. On information, a patrol team of 15 Rifles Battalion led by Md Nurul Islam raided Katla village at around 7am yesterday and recovered the bottles, BDR sources said. None was arrested in this connection.

The delegates are attending the combined meetings of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research and the Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs. Dunbar said climate experts were predicting a doubling of the levels of carbon dioxide by 2100, "but it actually looks like it's going to come sooner unfortunately". Scientists blame greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, produced mainly by the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and oil, for causing rising temperatures worldwide.

Workers go for abstention at a DEPZ factory

JU CORRESPONDENT About 700 workers of sewing section of Honorway Textile Ltd at Dhaka Export Processing Zone (DEPZ) have been observing work abstention since Sunday demanding cancellation of termination of 35 fellow workers. The workers staged peaceful demonstration in front of the factory yesterday. However, workers of other section including knitting, dyeing and packing, resumed operation. As authorities of the factory remained indifferent regarding the termination order, the agitators left the factory premises in afternoon.

1,258 more held

UNB, Dhaka Police arrested some 1,258 people on various charges across the country in the last 24 hours ending at 6:00am yesterday. During the period, the law enforcers also recovered four firearms and three other weapons, said a police headquarters release.

Male circumcision could save millions from Aids in Africa

AFP, Paris The systematic circumcision of all boys in sub-Saharan Africa could potentially prevent nearly six million new HIV/AIDS infections over the next two decades, a research team says in a study published Tuesday. The study, coordinated by Brian Williams of the World Health Organization (WHO) and published in the US review PLoS Medicine, is based on results of a trial conducted in South Africa, in which men were offered the chance to be circumcised. Those who chose to be circumcised had a lower HIV infection rate 18 months later. Researchers say that their test shows a reduction in rates of infection, from women to men, of about 60 percent. Extrapolated mathematically, that would lead to a prevention of about two million new HIV infections in the next 10 years, and a further 3.7 million cases in the decade after that, while 2.7 million deaths could be prevented. About a quarter of those numbers, both deaths and infections prevented, would occur in South Africa, they said. The study builds on primary research led by co-author Bertran Auvert of France's Inserm medical research institute in the Orange Farm area of South Africa. His group's work on 3,000 male cases provided a scientific demonstration of previous speculation that male circumcision could have an impact on the spread of AIDS, which is ravaging Africa. Results from other trials in Uganda and Kenya are being gathered by the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), and are expected to be published in September 2007. Some 38.6 million people are dealing with HIV or AIDS, some 24 million of them in Africa.