# METROPOLITAN/NEWS

## The Daily Star

CPD Board of

**Trustees held** 

The 26th meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Centre for Policy

Dialogue (CPD) was held at its

Dialogue Room in the city on

The Board reviewed the

research and dialogue activities

and publications of the CPD of the

last six months and expressed

satisfaction over its performance. It

was particularity happy to note that

the CPD was able to sustain its pre-

and post-budget activities notwith-

standing its engagement in pre-

The meeting also reviewed

CPD's pre-election activities and its

contribution in preparation of Vision

yearly expenditure statement of

Tk 20 lakh from CPD's core budget

to a special fund created for holding

regional dialogues and preparation

The Board expressed satisfac-

It also noted with satisfaction

that the Prothom Alo and The Daily

Star are bringing out special sup-

plements and Channel i is telecast-

ing the regional dialogues all of

Rehman Sobhan, the meeting was

attended by CPD Trustees M

Syeduzzaman, chairman of Bank

Asia, Laila Rahman Kabir, chairper-

son of Social Marketing Company

Ltd, Syed Manzur Elahi, chairman

of APEX Tannery, Dr Anisuzzaman,

former professor of Bangla,

University of Dhaka, Khushi Kabir,

coordinator of Nijera Kori, Nurul

Haq, former member of the

Planning Commission, and Dr

Debapriya Bhattacharya, executive

Anisatul Fatema Yousuf, addi-

ngineer

tional director and head, Dialogue

and Communication Division, CPD

attended the meeting on invitation.

director of CPD.

Obituary

Chaired by CPD Chairman Prof

which are self-financed.

tion that the Prothom Alo and The

Daily Star have agreed to provide the

matching fund for these activities.

The Board approved CPD's half

It also approved the allocation of

election activities.

of Vision Paper.

Paper

2006

PHOTO: STAR

Wednesday, says a press release.

Meeting of

## **Control Aedes mosquito** to resist dengue

## Speakers urge all

#### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a view exchange meeting in the city yesterday urged the people to work together to control Aedes mosquito and resist dengue.

Following the newspaper reports on prevalence of dengue in this season in the capital, the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) organised the meeting where eminent citizens, media people and word commissioners attended to find out

ways to control Aedes mosquitoes. Health minister Khandakar Mosharaf Hossain was present as the chief guest while Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka chaired the session

Asaduzzaman Noor MP,

DHAKA

TODAY

Tree plantation

Khandakar Mahbub Uddin MP and Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Matiur Rahman, editor of the daily Prothom Alo, Dr M R Khan, Dr Zafarullah Chowdhury, litterateur Imdadul Haq Milon, actress Kabari Sarwar, actor lliyas Kanchan, director Chashi Nazrul Islam and Fatema Tuz Zohra

also spoke at the meeting. Dr Mosharaf urged all to clean up their homestead so that Aedes mosquito cannot grow.

People used to be panicky about dengue disease but nowadays they are not, as the government has taken awareness programme about the disease.

Khoka said in the meeting, this year only 182 patients got admitted to the hospital from some particular areas of the city including

Japan to help improve storm

water drainage system in city

February

Kalabagan, Dhanmandi, Kathalbagan, Hatirpul, Khilgaon, Shahjahanpur, Azimpur and Shukrabad

"Aedes mosquitos do not know Awami League or BNP supporters. They bite all. So we have to work collectively to control them," added the Mayor

Asaduzzaman Noor assured the mayor saying that he would help the city corporation providing some drama activists who would go to different dengue affected areas to make people aware about it.

Prathom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman said he would help the city corporation by media campaigning on the dengue and Aedes mosquito.

After intensive field survey and

discussion with authorities con-

cerned, the team completed the

Basic Design Study draft final report.

In order to explain the contents of

this draft report of the study, a four-

member team arrived here on July 8

nents of the project and on responsi-

bilities of both the governments for

Based on this agreement, ERD,

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All the sides agreed on the compo-

## India pledges \$ 2 million to Peacebuilding Fund

India has decided to make an initial commitment of US\$ 2 million to the Peacebuilding Fund proposed to be set up under the newly established Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) at the United Nations, says a press release of the Indian High Commission in Dhaka.

The Peacebuilding Commission as an inter-governmental advisory body will help countries in the process of post-conflict peacebuilding, recovery, reconstruction and development.

As part of its composite engagement with other member states on issues related to the reform of the United Nations. India has been constructively involved in discussions to set up and operationalise the PBC. While the PBC was established in December 2005, the process of forming its Organisational Committee was completed in May 2006.

India has been selected as a member of the Organisational Committee of the PBC under the category of the top five providers of military personnel and civilian police to the UN peacekeeping operations.

India is among the longest serving and largest troop contributors to UN's peacekeeping activities. More than 85,000 Indian troops, military observers and civilian police officers have participated in 42 out of the 60 peace keeping missions established since the inception of the UN. A total of 116 Indian soldiers have made the supreme sacrifice while serving in UN peacekeeping operations, and have been awarded the

# Justice seeks

Justice M Bazlur Rahman Talukdar 70, who has fought against all kinds of injustice throughout his life, is now broke and seeking financial assistance from affluent people for

rights. From 1994 to 1997, he served as a justice in the Supreme Court. Justice Rahm



Women employees of a project under women affairs department continue their fast-unto-death for the second day in front of the department office in the city yesterday.

countries.

### 17 Bangladeshi students receive **US State Dept** certificates

#### **DU CORRESPONDENT**

US Department of State yesterday gave away certificates to 17 Bangladeshi students of secondary and higher secondary levels for their suc-cessful completion of Partnership for Learning Youth Exchange and Study (P4LYES)programme Bangladesh Country Office of

Nacel Open Door, a voluntary organisation, organised the P4LYES Students Certificate Awarding Ceremony 2005-2006 at the Women Voluntary Auditorium

(WVA) in the city The students went to the USA last year on a one-year full-fledged scholarship, financed by the US Department of State, and got back home recently.

During their stay in the USA, they studied at different American schools in a bid to learn, enhance cooperation and exchange culture between the two countries State Minister for the Ministry of

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Md Lutfor Rahman Khan Azad distributed the certifi cates among the students.

The students who received Free treatment for 10 certificates are: Mirza Salma Mishori, Maheen Mahjabeen, Kinnor Chakma, Morsheda Khatun, Tanvir Hakim (Tanvir), Rafatul Bari Saif

Form global network to fight fundamentalists Shahriar urges in Russia

#### STAFF CORRESPONDENT presided over the conference.

While sharing his experience of Acting president of Ekatturer Tatarstan visit, Shahriar said Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee Islamic militants have started Shahriar Kabir called for forming a activities in Tatarstan although they global network of antididn't even have any existence two fundamentalist humanists to fight years ago. the increasing terrorist activities of

Dr Igor Chubais, Professor of the fundamentalists in different History at Friendship University, Moscow, Russian historian Dr "Extremists are carrying out Maxim Dubaev, Awami League's terrorist activities in Bangladesh, some regions of Russia and some Russian unit President Dr Motaleb other countries in the name of Patwari Bahar, Indian journalist Islam," Shahriar said on Saturday, Atul Sahani also addressed the asking the conscious Russians to conference.

form a united movement against Nirmul Committee President Dr Shahidul Hag delivered the welcome The Nirmul Committee leader speech. A 41-member executive was addressing the biennial concommittee with Ludmila Pavlovna as ference of the Nirmul Committee the president was formed later for as the chief guest at Park Palace 2006-2008. Prof Alexander Glatuk auditorium in Moscow. Ludmila Daneilchuk was made president of Pavlovna, executive president of Russia-Bangladesh Maitri Samity the advisory board

#### Muhammed Masud Hassan passed away in Afghanistan due to a cardiac arrest on July 2 at the age of 60, says a press elease.

He had been working with UCC Budservice Construction & Engineering Co. Ltd

He left behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death

#### Shaheda Noor

UNB, Dhaka

Shaheda Noor, a former senior teacher of Viqarunnissa Noon School, passed away due cerebrovascular complications at her Lalmatia residence in the city on Wednesday night at the age of 68. She left behind her husband, a son, five grandchildren and a host



PHOTO: STAR Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain speaks at a meeting of party representatives at the Engineers Institution auditorium in the city yesterday. On his right is Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury and on his left is Awami League presidium member Abdur Razzak.

## Dilruba elected Zonta Int'l

Save Environment Movement organises a tree plantation programme to protect memorial signs from damaged graveyard. Venue: Azimpur graveyard.

BSS, Dhaka

#### Seminar

Time: 2:00pm

Katalyst organises a seminar titled 'local business dynamics: ground realties and policy challenges'. Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Time: 10:00am.

#### Hajj programme

A discussion on the rules of holy hajj will be held. Venue: Spetra Convention Centre. Time: 4:30pm.

A minutes of discussion was signed between Bangladesh and Japan on Explanation of Basic Design Study for funding a project titled "Improvement of storm water drainage system" in Dhaka city. M Emdadul Haque, deputy secre-

tary, ERD-Japan Branch and Eiichiro Cho. Team Leader and Additional Resident Representative of JICA Bangladesh, signed the Minutes on behalf of their respective sides.

JICA, M/OLGRD & C and DWASA The Basic Design Study Team for signed the Minutes of Discussion for the above-mentioned project was the Basic Design Study dispatched to Bangladesh in

implementing this project.

Dag Hammarskjold Medals.

## help for treatment STAFF CORRESPONDENT

his treatment

In his career as a lawyer in the High Court from 1966 to 1994, Justice Rahman always stood by the oppressed to establish their legal

#### director



International District 25 Governo Dilruba Ahmed has been elected Zonta International director for 2007-2009

recently, says a press release She is the first Bangladeshi to be elected to this post.

Born out of a legacy of women's struggle, Zonta International seeks to provide service at the local and global levels to improve health. educational and economic potential and professional standards of women

Zonta International works for the goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of women in business and professions, promoting justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedom.

Zonta **Rain likely** 

The second

#### **UNB**, Dhaka

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

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Day temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 34.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Ishwardi and lowest 24.1 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 vesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius percentage		Humidity in	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.5	27.5	82	74
Chittagong	32.5	26.4	81	82
Rajshahi	34.5	26.4	83	76
Khulna	32.3	26.0	87	82
Barisal	33.0	27.5	88	94
Sylhet	32.0	25.5	79	83
Cox's Bazar	31.8	26.0	79	83

Fenchuganj proposed power

plants. The promotion of incompe-

tence however failed to add any

effective megawatt of power,

Kabir Talukder also does not enjoy

the confidence of BNP's 'alterna-

reportedly been asked to inflate the

budget of a certain project by three

to four times, which he refused to

do making the 'alternative power-

removed from the post of the state

minister in such a way as if he was

responsible for the government's

failure in the power sector. But

actually, the job of the state minister

here is just like that of a decoy. The

government did not even bother to

try to address the real leadership

"Igbal Hassan Mahmood was

sources pointed out.

house' very unhappy.

## State minister for power at loggerheads

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progress and creating confusion. He said he does not accept any authority of such a high powered committee and argued that the prime minister has entrusted him with the leadership of the power ministry, and the secretary level committee does not have the mandate to override his authority.

Talukder's grievances reportedly have not reached the ears of the prime minister as the PMO is continuing to ignore him.

"There is nothing wrong with the secretary level committee," said a high official of the PMO adding, "the secretary level committee was first formed during the Awami League regime to oversee the power sector. At the time the secretaries (SA Samad, Towfik-e-Elahi Chowdhurv and others) performed wonderfully in terms of leadership, inter-ministry coordination and supervision."

"The key players of the current high powered committee are Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr Kamal Uddin Siddigui, and Secretary to the Prime Minister Khandker Shahidul Islam. It is true that their performances and leadercompanies like US-Irish Cadogan ship qualities are far below the level Manning or the local Orion power of achievements of the secretaries company or the incompetent of the Awami League regime," the Chinese company Harbin in proofficial admitted. ects like Meghnaghat-3, Meghnaghat-2, Chandpur and

However, despite poor output, Dr Siddiqui and Islam are successfully keeping the prime minister 'politically' happy. The secretarial committee of the

Awami League regime helped different authorities to implement projects without interference. As a result, not a single private power project during 1997-2000 required re-tendering. There was no allegation of bid manipulation and the aovernment succeeded in implementing five private power projects totalling around 1200mw of power.

In contrast, the present committee and the PMO have so far backed incompetent and novice parties in different power projects. They have pushed for 50 to 60 expensive skidmount power projects since early last year on 'emergency basis' and after many procedural cancellations ended up having only three skidmount projects.

The PMO and the committee problem in the sector," noted an are also backing up novice power official

lor, has long been suffering from various diseases, including diabetes.

Misfortune befell him in 2000 when he suffered a brain stroke. A few days later, he underwent a brain operation. While he was recovering from his illness, he suffered a massive cardiac arrest.

As his health has deteriorated since, Justice Rahman could not go back to normal life to earn a living.

He is now almost paralysed and has spent his small savings on treatment. He now even cannot afford to buy medicines.

As he has no family members, his domestic help Rashed looks after him at a rented house at Rampura. Sometimes both of them have to starve as Justice Rahman has no source of income. Justice Rahman also could not pay the rent for several months.

Rashed, who also do not receive his payment regularly, said he could not leave behind the ailing person because of deep emotional attachment to him.

Justice Rahman has now developed cataracts and is also suffering from kidney ailments. Doctors have advised him to undergo operation immediately.

He now appeals to the president, prime minister and generous people to extend a helping hand.

Contributions can be sent to the following account: Justice M Bazlur Rahman Talukdar. Savings Account No.-34001002. Sonali Bank Bangladesh Supreme Court Branch. Interested persons can also contact him at 134 West Rampura, Wapda Road. Mobile phone No.-0152-363613.

#### Seminar on The sources added that Anwarul healthcare on July 16 tive powerhouse'. Talukder had

A seminar on 'Healthcare, Global Economy & Generics -- How to Partner', organised by The Millennium University, will be held in the city on July 16, says a press release

The seminar will begin at 3:30pm at the Democracy Auditorium at Momenbagh, with Science and ICT Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan as the chief guest.

Dr Selima Begum, associate director. Johnson & Johnson Inc., USA will be present as the key speaker while Advocate Rokhsana Khondker, provice chancellor of the university, wil preside over the seminar.

Masaba Adneen, Nusrat Jahan Deep Mohammad Azmain Rubaiyat Kamal, Sushmita Zaman Mou, Farhanaz Fatima Reya, Afroza Sultana (Bristy), Sanwar Azam (Sunnay), Shubhojit Roy (Shubho) and Nisha Chakma (Nisha).

#### Death anniversarv

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Tagore singer and former leader of Chhatra Union, says a press release On the occasion, Bangladesh

Udichi Shilpi Goshthi will organise a discussion at its central office at 14/2, Topkhana Road in the city. A discussion and doa will also be

younger brother journalist GM Yakub at 158. Journalist Residential Area, Road No-7, Section11, Mirpur

## cancer patients a yr

## Cancer Foundation announces

#### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

fundamentalism and terrorism.

Bangladesh Cancer Foundation (BCF) hospital will provide free treatment to ten cancer patients every year, the foundation announced yesterday.

The announcement came at the daylong national conference on 'Cancer prevention and care' at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre yesterday.

The foundation also announced that it would hold such national conference every year to create awareness among people as well as keeping medical practitioners updated.

. Besides, every year a person will be awarded for contributing to cancer treatment and care in Bandladesh. This year Prof Syiid Fazlul Huq (posthumous) was awarded for his contributions to cancer awareness, prevention and care.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mizanur Rahman Sinha inaugurated the conference

Vice Chancellor of

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Prof MA Hadi, Pro-VC MA Mannan, President of BCF Dr Monwar Hossain, Secretary General Habibullah Talukder, Director of Bangladesh Cancer Institute AMM Shariful Islam and Head of the Department of Medicine of Dhaka

Medical College Prof FM Siddiqui also spoke on the occasion.

The speakers said there are ten lakh cancer patients in the country and every year another two lakh patients are being added to this number. But if we can change our food habits and life style, it is possible to reduce the risk of cancer.

Four different sessions took place including discussions on situation of paediatric haematology and oncology in Bangladesh, endoscopy in cancer care, management of oro-facial cancers in Bangladesh and paclitaxel based adjuvant chemotherapy for patients with node-positive primary breast cancer.

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PHOTO: STAR

of relatives to mourn her death. Her qulkhwani will be held at her residence at 2/19 B-Block at Lalmatia in the city on Sunday afternoon.

Mohammad Abdul Mannan BSS, Dhaka

> Noted lyricist Mohammad Abdul Mannan died at National Heart Foundation here on Wednesday at the age of 70.

He was buried at Paikpara graveyard after a namaj-e-janaza in front of Beparipara Jame Masjid in Narayanganj.

### Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Rashedunnabi a Bangladeshi expatriate in New York, will be held today at his sister's residence at

House #27, Road #3 D, Sector #9 at Uttara in the city, says a press release

Rashedunnabi died at New York City Hospital on Tuesday at the age of 57.

The deceased was buried at a Muslim graveyard at Long Island, 80 Kilometres away from New York He left behind his mother, his wife Dr Dilruba Nabi (Honey) granddaughter of Dr Kudrat-e-Khuda and a sister and a brother to mourn his death.

#### New CU Proctor takes office **CU CORRESPONDENT**

Professor Didarul Alam Chowdhury took office as the new Proctor of Chittagong University (CU) on Wednesday.

He was appointed the new Proctor after the post became vacant following the resignation of Dr Mohammed Al Amin on Tuesday sources said.

Professor Alam previously served as Assistant Proctor in the university.

( Bangladesh Cancer Foundation

Speakers at a national conference on 'Cancer prevention and care' at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday. Sitting from left are BCF President Dr Monwar Hossain, Bangladesh Cancer Institute Director Prof AMM Shariful Alam and State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mizanur Rahman Sinha.

Chief Guest : Mizanur Rahman Sinha M. P. Hon'ble State Minist Special Guests : Prof. M A Hadi, Vice-Chancellor. BSMMU & Presider Professor Dr. Md. Shahadat Hossain, Director Gene Prof. AZM Zahid Hossain, Secretary General, Bangl WHO Representative (Acting), Bangladesh

held at the residence of Razia's after Asr prayers today.