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Remain alert to conspiracy against edn system: Khaleda

UNB. Jovpurha

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday said country's education system had faced conspiracy several times that caused deterioration of the standard of education and blocked the nation's progress

"So, we should remain alert. Students, teachers, guardians and civil society should keep vigil so that no conspiracy against education can succeed." she said while inaugurating Joypurhat Girls' Cadet

College The prime minister called upon the teachers' community to instill

sense of discipline in the future leaes and these institutions set a citizens of the country alongside tradition of continuous success in imparting standard education to the grooming students as disciplined itizens She mentioned that shortly

"Complete discipline should be after country's independence, the maintained in all spheres to keep our progress unhindered in the environment of education was future." she told the function. ruined and even there was a move She said the girls' cadet college to close down the cadet colleges.

has been established as part of the government's initiative to expand women's education. She hoped that it would turn into a national educa tional institution in real sense.

arners.

inaugurated the newly built Joypurhat Girls' Cadet College by Khaleda noted that the standard of education is good in cadet colunveiling a plaque. The college, set

through movement," she said.

up on 57 acres of land at a cost of TI 30.3 crore, can accommodate 450 students

Academic activities of the college have already started from the current session with 100 students admitted to class VII and VIII.

Defence Secretary Abu Mohammad Moniruzzaman Khan and Cadet College Principal M Abu "But the students and patriotic citizens saved these institutions Syed Biswas also spoke on the occasion.

The prime minister formally Chief of air and naval staffs, local elite, cadets, local MPs and political leaders were present at the function

'Resolve power

crisis to save

mills, factories

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

President of Khulna Chamber of

Commerce and Industry (KCCI)

Shaharuzzaman Martuza has urged

authorities of West Zone Power

Distribution Company Ltd

(WZPDCL) to resolve load-

shedding problem immediately to

save mills and factories from being

in Khulna'



Jubo League stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday protesting what they say government conspiracy against the security of Awami League President Sheikh Hasina.

Mass preparedness stressed to face quake aftermath

BSS, Chittagong

Speakers at a project focusing meeting here yesterday stressed the need for adopting a sustainable and comprehensive mass casualty management preparedness to face the aftermath of earthquake.

They said such step at institutions like hospitals and schools would greatly help to keep the loss of lives and property at a minimum level with optimum services to the victims when a natural disaster particularly an earthquake strikes.

Referring to the bitter experience of the trial of devastation left by hurricane Katerina in the United States last year, the speakers pointed that Bangladesh must have a work plan and preparation with adequate logistic supports to face the earthquake or other natural disasters.

They, however, praised Bangladesh's disaster preparedness programmes that earned much appreciation internationally

the natural disasters like floods and cvclones.

Action Aid Bangladesh (AAB) has selected Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) to execute the project titled "Reducing the Risks of Vulnerable Communities to Flood and Earthquake (RRVC)" with financial assistance from the European Commission Humanitarian Aid office. critically injured persons following

AAB is implementing the RRVC project under EC's DIPECHO (Disaster Preparedness-European Commission Humanitarian Organisation) programme. The aim of the 7-month project from July this year is to facilitate the hospital's preparedness against earthquake, officials concerned told BSS.

Under the project, they said experts from home and abroad will disseminate knowledge to the hospital staffs on mass casualty management and provide necessary support to develop a continncy plan to this effect.

With CMH Director Brig, Gen Abidur Rahman in the chair, the meeting was addressed, among

Four JCD men injured in gunfight at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

Tension prevailed on Rajshahi huge bomb making materials from University campus yesterday after a his room. Shafin is still under treatpreparation for gunfight by two ment in Dhaka under police custody. factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

Muggers stab one to death in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT. Mymensingh

Snatchers stabbed a youth to death and injured two others seriously in front of the gate of Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital (MMCH) morgue at about 5:00am yesterday on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway.

The victim was identified as Sujon, 30, son of Abdur Rashid of College Road area in Jamalpur town. Sujon, an NGO official, was returning to Dhaka from his in-law's house at Golapjan Road of Mymensingh town.

Police said, the muggers stabbed Sujon, a father of a twoyear-old child, along with two others n their chests. Critically injured three were sent to MMCH but Sujon succumbed to his injuries on way to MMCH.

Injured Abdur Razzaq, 50, a senior officer of Sonali Bank, Hazaribagh branch in Dhaka, who hailed from Chhankanda Kuturia in sadar upazila of Jamalpur and Hafiz, 18, son of Abdur Rahim of Balashpur in Sadar upazila of Mymensingh, are now undergoing treatment at MMCH.

The doctor at MMCH said their condition is now out of danger. They have been operated, the source added.

others, by Dr F Karim of Chittagong Police sources said the muggers Shishu Hospital, Dipecho Project snatched away cash and valuables Manager Catelijne Mittendorff and ncluding mobile phones from the victims. Brig Gen Abidur Rahman said it

The body of Sujan was sent to MMCH morgue for autopsy. A case was lodged with Kotwali Police Station in this regard.

However, none was arrested til filing of this report at 6:30pm

BRTA introduces high security driving licenses BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) has introduced high security driving licenses for professional and non-professional drivers with a view to increasing road safety by resisting cheating of driving licenses.

Communication Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday inaugurated the activities of issuing the high security driving licenses in the city. Earlier, BRTA signed an agreement in this regard with the National Database and Registering Authority of Pakistan and Opso Security Ink of USA,

says an official handout. Under the agreement, a total of 7.5 lakh high security licenses would be provided in next five vears to both the professional and

non-professional drivers. The communication minister in his inaugural speech said high security ariving licenses would

increase road safety in the country

and bring an epoch-making

change in resisting road accident.

"Reflective number plate will soon

be launched for all road trans-

Additional Secretary of the

ministry MA Wahab, Chairman of

BRTAAbu Bakar M Shahjahan and

Director General of Pakistan

National Database and

Registering Authority Ali M Ahmed

Coast Guard-Navy

joint drive against

More than 3,000 members of the

Coast Guard and the Navy have

launched joint operations to capture

pirates in the Bay of Bengal in the

wake of increasing criminal activi-

also addressed the function.

pirates in Bay

UNB, Bagerhat

ports," he said.

'Solidarity between Bangalees, hill people a must for CHT dev'

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Rangamat Speakers at a seminar here have underlined the need for solidarity and confidence building between hill people and Bangalees to ensure peace and development in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT).

They urged the leaders of Bangalee settlers and indigenous people to work for fostering mutual respect and trust among the people in the hills

The seminar on 'Prevention of conflict and promotion of solidarity and development in the Hill Tracts' was jointly organised by national daily Amar Desh and news magazine Probe at Rangamati Tribal Culture Institute on Saturday

Former chief election commissioner Justice Md Abdur Rouf addressed the seminar as chief quest while former advisor to caretaker government Subimol Dewan was the special guest. Journalist Mahfuz Ullah moderated the func-

Irtiza Nasim Ali, editor of Probe, delivered the welcome address.

The speakers said poverty is the main cause of all crises and it always obstructs ways to resolving problems

Poverty is increasing day by day among all communities in CHT which is making the situation complex, they added. The speakers said the leaders of

Bangalees and indigenous communities should realise this and work

together to improve relations among all communities and change the lot of the people

They said peace is destroyed by some vested quarters to achieve their personal gains and as such people in the hill irrespective of their origins should guard against the evil elements for their own interest.

Prof Dr Tareque Shamsur Rehman of Jahangirnagar University, Amar Desh Editor Amanullah Kabir, Ramgarh Pourasabha Chairman Belayet

Hossain, Bandarban Press Club President and Editor of weekly Chimbuk Badsha Miah, Rangamati Press Club President Sunil Kanti Dey, Sukumar Dewan and Konka Chakma also spoke at the seminar.

destroved. The KCCI president, who is also a senior leader of City BNP, submitted a memorandum to Managing Director of WZPDCL Brigadier General (Retd) Md Mofizur Rahman at Biddut Bhaban yesterday. He was accompanied by the directors of Khulna Chamber.

The KCCI president urged the MD of WZPDCL to ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity, generated from 110-megawatt power plant of Goalpara, to Khulna Zone,

The severe load-shedding is not only crippling economy of this part of the country but also destroying academic careers of students and risking lives of hospital patients, the KCCI president said.



Buddhist Youth Federation

for having been able to cope up with Bail order

stage protest

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bail was rejected.

prompts prosecution lawyers to

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A group of prosecution lawyers

staged a protest at the CMM's Court

in Dhaka yesterday after a magis-

trate granted bail to two accused in

Sources and eyewitnesses said

the lawyers became enraged when

Metropolitan Magistrate

Mohammad Shafiqul Islam passed

the bail order after a long hearing on

In the face of agitation by the

lawyers, the magistrate adjourned

the hearing of other cases and left

took his seat again and heard the remaining cases, fixed for hearing

the prosecution and the defence

lobal. Ibrahim and Yusuf -- in an

Khilgaon Police Station in June this

After the hearing, the court

granted bail to two of the accused

Ibrahim and Yusuf while another's

After half an hour, the magistrate

an attempted murder case.

Amendment to water-body policy 2005 demanded

National Press Club in the city yesterday.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A four-member team of Bangladesh Khudra Matshajibi Samity, a platform of fishermen, yesterday submitted memorandums to the deputy minister for land and the director general of Fisheries Department to press their five-point demand, including amendment to water-body policy 2005 and incorporation of fishermen into the wetland management.

Their demands also included participation of fishermen in the leasing process of the country's water-bodies, implementation of all projects submitted by the Samity and allocation of khas land for setting up of matsha-palli (fishing villages).

Terming the water-body policy 2005 a document for the extinction of fishermen community, the Samity General Secretary Anwar Hossain Sikdar said that it has opened up opportunities for some NGOs and other vested quarters for money makina.

Describing the sufferings of the fishermen, he also said that implementation of the current policy cannot change the lot of the fishermen.

They also held a rally at Muktangan in the city where Samity President Md Israil Pandit, Organising Secretary Hasinur Rahman, Vice President Abdus Samad, Treasurer Manik Lal Dhar and other leaders were present.

Robbers loot postal orders

UNB, Sirajganj

Agang of robbers swooped on the main post office of the town on Saturday night and looted postal orders worth Tk 5.25 lakh.

Sources said the gang numbering 10 or 12 entered the post office after tying up the night guard and looted the postal orders and other valuables.

'A List of Offences' launched

gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong, Barisal

and Khulna divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places over Chittagong,

It said that day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.2 degree Celsius was

The sun sets in the capital at 6:48pm today and rises at

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in

Min

27.2

26.1

26.6

26.5

26.8

26.2

25.0

recorded at Rangamati and the lowest of 24.4 degrees at Sandwip.

Temperature

in Celsius percentage

and Sylhet divisions in the next 24 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Barisal and Khulna divisions, Met Office said in a forecast

some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Max

33.2

33.8

33.4

32.8

32.0

34.8

32.8

DU CORRESPONDENT

A List of Offences, a novel by Bangladesh born Swedish write Dilruba Z Ara, was formally launched at the National Press Club in the city

Guests pose for photograph at the launching ceremony of a novel titled 'A List of Offences' a by Bangladesh born Swedish writer Dilruba Z Ara, at t

vesterday. The novel, a saga of three generations of women in the then East Pakistan, was published by University Press Limited in April this

Dilruba had begun to write the book, her first ever novel, 10 years back in Swedish language, but it was not published. Then she translated

the book into English, the author said while addressing the ceremony. Dilruba said her novel is being translated into Spanish and Greek

UNB, Dhaka

the country

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Dhaka

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Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Cox's Bazar

5:21am tomorrow.

while it is expected that the book will be published in more than 70 coun-

PHOTO: STAF

"The novel is full of humour and social criticism, and the emancipation of a strong woman inside a traditional society was depicted in the book," Dilruba, daughter of late writer Shahed Ali, said.

Dilruba added that the story brings up issues of religion, ethnic origin, family and dynastic relations, rise and fall of love.

The book is priced at Tk 550. The News Today Editor Reazuddin Ahmed, the Inquilab Feature Editor Abdul Gafur and Asian University Professor Fariduddin Khan also spoke on the occasion.

Humidity in

Evening

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Morning

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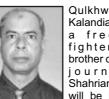
executives

Dolon Barua and Rahul Barua have been elected president and general secretary of the newly formed Bangladesh Buddhist Youth Federation, says a press release.

Other office-bearers are Executive President: Engineer Abhijeet Barua, Vice Presidents: Bidhan Barua Milu, Sabuj Barua and Alok Barua Sentu, Joint General Secretary: Palash Barua, Finance Secretary: Hillol Barua, Organising Secretary: Sentu Barua, Publicity and Publications Secretary: Raju Barua, Office Secretary: Rubel Barua, Religious Affairs Secretary: Manash Barua Dibash, Health Secretary: Ranat Barua Uttam, Sports and Cultural Secretary: Subrata Barua Apollo, Executive Members: Dhiman Kanti Barua, Subhash Kanti Barua Nepal, Pranesh Kanti Barua, Ripon Barua, Anupam Barua, Liton Barua, Jagannath Barua, Kazal Barua, Shimul Barua Bappi and Shyamal Barua.

The newly elected executive committee members took oath on the Dhaka International Buddhist Monastery premises on July 14. Bangladesh Buddhist Federation President Bishwapati Barua presided over the programme.

Qulkhwani



Colleagues, friends and admir-

Kalandiar, director (international relations) of Bangladesh-China Chamber of Commerce and Industries, committed suicide at his house at Mohakhali sometime around midnight on Thursday.

He left behind two sons and a daughter and a host of admirers to mourn his death. During the Liberation War, he fought under sector-2

over Saturday's gun battle on the campus.

Farlier on Saturday night, two groups -- one led by RU JCD Joint Convener Al Amin Russel and another led by Joint Convener Wahiduzzaman, were locked in a gunfight and hurled bombs on each other in front of Ziaur Rahman Hall over beating up of a Wahid group activist Khokon

During the gun battle, four JCD men -Kawsar, Shamim, Golam Sarwar Tipu and Russel were injured.

University authorities deployed additional police forces on the campus.

Earlier at about 12:30pm, both In retaliation to the incident, both the infighting groups tried to lock in took part in the hearing on a petition another round of clashes yesterday bail for three accused -- Faruque on the campus with many outsiders, campus sources said. attempted murder case filed with

But police prevented both the groups from locking in clash, the sources added.

Earlier on June 23, a JCD leader Shafin Ahmed was seriously injured when he was making bombs at his room of Nawab Abdul Latif Hall. Police recovered six powerful



live bombs, two foreign made pis-

tols, foreign wine and phensidyl and

AAB's Shihab Uddin Ahmad.

a powerful earthquake.

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would be really difficult for a public

referral hospital like CMCH with

poor logistic support to deal with

the massive influx of victims and

in such a critical time and the situa-

tion may worsen many times when

hundreds of people with critical

injuries will rush here every

moment," he said adding, the hospi-

tal is now handling 1,700 patients

daily against the seat capacity of

Catelijne Mittendorff said EC is

funding such projects worldwide in a

bigger way as it has shifted its

outlook and mindset to proactive

aspects from the previous reactive

role on the issue of disaster man-

Addressing the function,

"The hospital itself is vulnerable

Album launching ceremony

Laser Vision will launch two albums with the twenty best Bangla songs of all-time, voted by BBC audience. Venue: Sky Garden at Nahar Plaza. Time: 4:30pm

Dialogue

JJS and Action Aid Bangladesh will jointly organise a 'Dialogue on GMOs'. Venue: Civic Inn. Time: 10:00am

Ikebana Exhibition

National Association of Unesco Clubs in Bangladesh will organise a daylong solo 'Ikebana Exhibition' by Rina Rahman. Venue: BNCU conference hall. Time: 10:30am to 4:00pm.

Discussion

Words 'n Pages Reading Circle will hold a discussion on 'The Hungry Tide' by Amitabh Ghosh. Venue: Café Insomnia of Words 'n Pages. Time: 5:00pm

Workshop

9:00am.

ties by sea robbers. Nari Maitree will hold a workshop on ensuring Some 17 naval vessels along the rights of young generation to reproductive health care. Venue: Cirdap auditorium. Time: with over 3,000 coast guards and naval forces are taking part in the

PHOTO: ISPR

joint operations. The offshore police station and outposts have been kept on alert so that the pirates could not take shelter in offshore areas during the operation, an official source said.

Dublarchar, Kochikhali, Akram Point, Tentulia, Kuakata, Khepupara, Amtala and other points were identified as pirate-infested areas

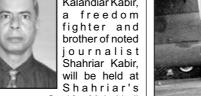
Coast Guard West Zone, Mongla Commander Anwar Hossain said the combined operations were being carried out after identifying certain points in the Bay. However, no report of arrest was received as of yesterday.

In the last one month, the pirates launched attacks on over 500 fishing trawlers and looted fishing nets, fish and other goods worth about Tk 10 crore

Two fishermen were killed and more than 300 others injured in the pirates' attacks during the period. The pirates also kidnapped nearly 300 fishermen and seized several trawlers to press for the release of their accomplices.

On July 5 and 11, the Coast Guards and the sea robbers had traded fire, resulting in the death of two pirates

Air Officer Commanding of Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) Base Bashar hands over UN medal to Saidul Alam, son of BAF peacekeeper late AKM Shamsul Alam at a simple ceremony at BAF Bashar Parade Square in the city yesterday.



residence at Ga-16, Mohakhali after Asr prayer today, says a press release

ers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Moderate rain likely Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Qulkhwani of

