

Remain alert to conspiracy against edn system: Khaleda

UNB, Joypurhat
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.

sense of discipline in the future citizens of the country alongside imparting standard education to the learners.
"Complete discipline should be maintained in all spheres to keep our progress unhindered in the future," she told the function.

leges and these institutions set a tradition of continuous success in grooming students as disciplined citizens.
She mentioned that shortly after country's independence, the environment of education was ruined and even there was a move to close down the cadet colleges.

up on 57 acres of land at a cost of Tk 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.

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

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati
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).

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

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.

'Resolve power crisis to save mills, factories in Khulna'
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 destroyed.



Guests pose for photograph at the launching ceremony of a novel titled 'A List of Offences' by Bangladesh born Swedish writer Dilruba Z Ara, at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Amendment to water-body policy 2005 demanded

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.

'A List of Offences' launched

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

while it is expected that the book will be published in more than 70 countries.
"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.

Buddhist Youth Federation 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, Praneesh Kanti Barua, Ripon Barua, Anupam Barua, Liton Barua, Jagannath Barua, Kazzal Barua, Shimul Barua Bappi and Shyamal Barua.

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Moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka
Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary 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 and Sylhet divisions in the next 24 hours as of 6:00pm today.

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

Robbers loot postal orders

UNB, Sirajganj
A gang of robbers swooped on the main post office of the town on Saturday night and looted postal orders worth Tk 5.25 lakh.



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.

the natural disasters like floods and cyclones.
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.

others, by Dr F Karim of Chittagong Shishu Hospital, Dipecho Project Manager Catejine Mittendorf and AAB's Shihab Uddin Ahmad.
Brig Gen Abidur Rahman said it would be really difficult for a public referral hospital like CMCH with poor logistic support to deal with the massive influx of victims and critically injured persons following a powerful earthquake.

Bail order prompts prosecution lawyers to stage protest

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A group of prosecution lawyers staged a protest at the CMM's Court in Dhaka yesterday after a magistrate granted bail to two accused in an attempted murder case.
Sources and eyewitnesses said the lawyers became enraged when Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Shafiqul Islam passed the bail order after a long hearing on the case.

Four JCD men injured in gunfight at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT
Tension prevailed on Rajshahi University campus yesterday after a preparation for gunfight by two factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal over Saturday's gun battle on the campus.
Earlier 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.

Event listings for Dhaka Today including Album launching ceremony, Dialogue, Ikebana Exhibition, Discussion, and Workshop.



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.

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 two-year-old child, along with two others in their chests. Critically injured three were sent to MMCH but Sujon succumbed to his injuries on way to MMCH.

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.

Coast Guard-Navy joint drive against pirates in Bay

UNB, Bagerhat
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 activities by sea robbers.
Some 17 naval vessels along with over 3,000 coast guards and naval forces are taking part in the 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.