

US supports democratic process, not any parties

Says embassy official

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Washington supports democracy and the democratic process in Bangladesh, not any particular political party, said a top official of the US Embassy yesterday.

proud of its democratic tradition. "We want the tradition to continue." Responding to the demand for more US investment, Geeta said the US investors are ready, willing and able to play an even larger role in Bangladesh.

national policies on mineral resources is a case in point. These policies must be structured to reflect global economic realities and to balance fairly the interests of both Bangladesh and the domestic and international investors," she added.

8-yr-old boy found dead, domestic help commits suicide in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of an eight-year-old boy at his house at Kafrul in the city yesterday afternoon.

Rabbi, a student of class II, was found hanging with a gamchha (towel) from a line at a room at around 2:30pm.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia offers munajat after inaugurating Arial Khan Bridge at Belabo in Narsingdi yesterday.

Need for speedy trial of child violation cases underscored

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday called for building up skilled professionals to ensure care for sexually abused children.

support to abused children to bring them back to normal life. Olof suggested that media has a tremendous responsibility to sensitise society to treat the abused children with due care.

University said children from privileged section of the society are also not safe. "Once the children are abused they may suffer from fear, anxiety, post-traumatic disorder and low self-esteem for a long time," she said.

BSF abducts 2 Bangladeshis

BSS, Jamalpur

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) abducted two Bangladeshi nationals from Dhanua Kamalpur, a bordering area in Bakshiganj upazila, on Monday evening.

JS passes 6 bills

UNB, Dhaka

On the penultimate day of its last session, parliament yesterday passed six bills, including two upgrading madrasa education.



Trade Union Kendra stages a demonstration at Mukhtangan in the city yesterday protesting the new labour law, saying that it goes against the interests of the workers.

Money, valuables worth Tk 7 lakh looted from city house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of robbers looted money and valuables worth Tk 7.1 lakh from a rented flat at a three-storey building at Uttara in the city yesterday.

Eight robbers entered the building at Road-14 of Sector-12 at around 2:10am breaking open the grille of a window on the ground floor, police said.

Iraq leaders seek to flesh out peace plan

REUTERS, Baghdad

Iraqi leaders hope to flesh out a deal to end sectarian bloodshed in Baghdad when they meet again yesterday but conceded a four-point plan, drafted under US pressure, was still a long way short on vital substance.

One negotiator denounced it as a hollow sham. Another said it was merely a stop-gap to relieve US pressure on Maliki.

All the parties would sit on every committee, whatever the sectarian make-up of the neighbourhood concerned, Dulaimi said.

RU authorities urged to open BPEd course

RU CORRESPONDENT

Rajshahi University (RU) authorities have failed to open Bachelor of Physical Education (BPEd) course even after its 53 years of journey despite availability of all infrastructural and academic facilities.

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Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Table with 3 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max/Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning/Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

Distribution of JU admission forms begins on Oct 15

JU CORRESPONDENT

The distribution and submission of forms for admission into first year honours classes at Jahangirnagar University (JU) under 2006-07 academic session will begin on October 15 and it will continue up to November 9.

The forms will be available at Agrani Bank branches of Farmgate, National Museum, Savar Bazar Road and JU at Tk 300 each.



Activists of Awami Jubo League march towards National Broadcasting Authority office at Shahbagh in the city yesterday protesting the telecast of a documentary showing distorted history and undermining the role of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The documentary was aired on state-run Bangladesh Television recently.

Death anniversary

The 3rd death anniversary of M Enayet Rahman, former general secretary of Ducs, will be observed today, says a press release.

Debabrata Chowdhury

Today is the 2nd death anniversary of Debabrata Chowdhury Apu, son of late Joytirmoy Chowdhury of Dharampasha, Sunamganj, says a press release.

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Report launching

Unicef Bangladesh will release global report card titled "Progress for children". Venue: Unicef Dhaka office. Time: 3:00pm.

Photo exhibition

Iranian Culture Centre, Dhaka organises a photo exhibition on Palestinian Intifada against Zionism. Venue: National Museum. Time: 2:00pm.

Discussion

Jubo Nagorik Odhakar Jote and Green Voice organise a discussion on "Pulbari movement: Foreign investment and future of energy sector of Bangladesh". Venue: Nagorik Uddog Training Centre. Time: 4:00pm.

Roundtable

The Institute of Development Strategy and the Centre for Development Research Bangladesh organise a roundtable on public views on electoral reforms. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10:30am.

View exchange

WSSCC-B and Streams of Knowledge organise a view exchange meeting with grassroots level people. Venue: YWCA auditorium. Time: 9:30am.

Rotary Eskaton

The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Eskaton Dhaka will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30pm.



Shykh Siraj, director (news) of Channel i, speaks at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city yesterday to mark the completion of five years of the private satellite channel.

Obituary



Shahana Anis (Zakia), wife of Tareck Anis Ahmed, deputy managing director of "K" Line Bangladesh Limited, passed away in the early hours of September 1 at the age of 57, says a press release.

Comrade Tafazzul Hossain



Comrade Tafazzul Hossain, president of Gonotantrik Mojdoor Party, passed away at his home on Monday at the age of 70, says a press release.

Rebels kill 3 Pak soldiers

Rebel tribesmen shot dead three Pakistani soldiers yesterday after ambushing their jeep in a mountainous region of southwestern Baluchistan province, an official said.