



Members of Nriyanchal, a dance group that will fly to Oslo to participate in the cultural session of Nobel Peace Prize giving ceremony, pose for photograph at a press conference at National Press Club in the city yesterday.

## Two convicts flee from cop in Ctg

BSS, Chittagong

Two convicted criminals, arrested from Chakaria under Satkania upazila, fled away while police were taking them to custody last night, police said.

The convicts are Osman, 35, son of Abdul Mannan, convicted by a court here for 10 years in jail and Didarul Alam, 30, son of Shah Alam, convicted by another court here for one year imprisonment. Both of them hailed from Satkania.

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Satkania Police Station Jalal Uddin Ahmed confirmed the incident.

Another report adds: Chittagong police arrested three criminals, including a convicted man, and recovered a light gun (LG) with three cartridges after conducting separate drives at Banskhal and Lohagora upazilas on Monday night.

Banskhal police arrested one Absar, son of Badiul Alam, with the LG from Zaliaghata in the early hours of yesterday.

Following his confession, a team of Banskhal Police Station arrested his associate Shafi from the port area yesterday morning.

## Killing of BCL leader protested

RU CORRESPONDENT

Chhatra Sangram Parishad (CSP) led by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), of Rajshahi University unit, yesterday staged a demonstration on the campus protesting killing of BCL leader Ahsan Habib Babu.

Earlier, Babu, a leader of BCL Taherpur Municipality and a third year student at the History department of Rajshahi Government College, was killed in a Rab 'encounter' when he was gossiping with his friends at a shop.

At a rally in front of the central library, Parishad leaders strongly protested and criticised Rab 'crossfire'.

## Nriyanchal to perform at Nobel Peace Prize giving ceremony in Oslo

DU CORRESPONDENT

Nriyanchal, a leading dance group, has been invited to perform in the cultural session of Nobel Peace Prize Awarding Ceremony 2006 in Oslo, Norway where Prof Muhammad Yunus and his Grameen Bank will receive the award on December 10.

A 15-member team led by Shamim Ara Nipa and Shibli Mohammad will leave for Oslo along with Yunus and Grameen Bank team on December 8, a press release said.

The team, invited by Nobel Committee on 'personal request' of Prof Yunus, will represent Bangladesh with two traditional folk dances.

Nriyanchal will also perform at Nobel Peace Prize concert at Oslo Spectrum on December 11 which will be conducted by film stars Sharon Stone and Angelica Huston.

They will also perform at receptions accorded to Prof Yunus in Oslo and Paris.

## CLOSURE OF MADINA SHOPPING COMPLEX Traders demand security of life

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Traders of Madina Shopping Complex at Rampura in the city yesterday urged the caretaker government to save their lives and property and compensation for alleged forcible closure of the market by its owner Abdur Razzak alias Arzan Mollah.

They also demanded that the responsibility of market management should be handed over to the elected representatives of Rampura Madina Shopping Complex Business Development Committee.

The Committee placed their demands at a press conference at the Bangladesh Crime Reporters Association in the city.

Reading out a written statement, Mohammad Nazrul Islam, president of the Committee, alleged that Arzan Mollah forcibly locked the market with the help of his sons and their hoodlums on November 2.

Moreover, Arzan Mollah filed fake cases against the traders of

the market, he added.

Md Mohiuddin Mohan, vice president, and Kamal Hossain, general secretary, of the Committee, also spoke at the press conference.

The speakers alleged that Arzan Mollah increases service charge now and then out of his whim and collects toll on different pretexts.

They said they lodged complaints with Md Akkel Ali, local ward commissioner (Ward No. 22) and the ward commissioner served three notices on Arzan Mollah.

However, Arzan Mollah did not appear before the ward commissioner. As a result, the ward commissioner, after investigation, gave his verdict against Arzan Mollah accusing him of deception and torture on the traders.

Arzan Mollah could not be contacted after several attempts to call over his cell phone and land phone at his house.

## Kiron's exhibition opens tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

A week-long solo sculpture and painting exhibition of artist Hasibur Rahman Kiron begins in the city tomorrow.

The inaugural function will be held in La Galerie of Alliance Francaise de Dhaka at 6:00pm.

Jean Romnicianu, the first counselor of French Embassy, will inaugurate the exhibition while architect Rabiul Hussain will be present as special guest.

## Cooperate with advisers

### BCS body urges cadres

Bangladesh Civil Service Coordination Committee yesterday urged all the employees of Bangladesh Civil Service to cooperate with the council of advisers in ruling the country, says a press release.

They greeted the council of advisers to the caretaker

government for their steps to bring discipline back in the civil administration.

They also urged the council of advisers to take necessary steps to provide security measures to the employees concerned during the election period.



Awami League leaders place wreaths at the grave of Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardi in the city yesterday marking his 43rd death anniversary.



Rubaba Dowla Matin, head of marketing department of Grameen Phone, speaks at a conference on 'e-accessibility' at Brac Centre Inn in the city on December 3. Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) organised the conference.

## 'Ensure access to ICT for people with disability'

Speakers at a conference have called for ensuring access of people with disability to information communication technology (ICT) to help bring them to mainstream of the society.

The conference on 'E-Accessibility' was organised by the Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) in the city on the occasion of the International Day of Disabled Persons on December 3, says a press release.

Rubaba Dowla Matin, head of marketing department of Grameenphone was the chief guest at the programme which was attended by Ilias Khanchan, actor and convenor of Nirapad Sarak Bastabayan Committee, Dr Haider Ali, chairman of computer science department of Dhaka University, and Dr Md Abdul Munim Khan of Darul Ihsan University, as special guests.

Rubaba Dowla said Grameenphone plans to make communication easier for people with disability.

Ilias Khanchan said the society has a moral responsibility to help physically and mentally challenged people.

Dr Haider Ali underscored the importance of IT training to open doors of opportunities for people with disability.

Dr Munim said people with disability need proper education and comprehensive training to develop their hidden potential.

Abul Kalam Azad, a visually impaired student of English literature

at Dhaka University, appealed to the government and affluent people to give them access to ICT.

In a keynote paper, Barrister Rizwana Yusuf of the Institute of Hazrat Mohammad, said the high cost of disability hardware, software and equipments are the main barriers to making information technology available to physically and mentally challenged persons.

President of the Institute Lt Gen (Retd) M Nooruddin Khan in his welcome address requested all to come forward and extend a helping hand towards the persons with disabilities.

Muktabur Rahman, Lt Commander Omar Farooq Hossain, Shamim Jahan, Farzana Rahman and Humayun Kabir also spoke on the occasion.

## Tree felling protested in Rajshahi

RU CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds of students of Rajshahi Government College yesterday staged a demonstration in protest against felling of trees of rare species on the campus.

To press home their nine-point demand, the students also announced to stage a sit-in in front of the administrative building today.

The college authorities, however, have already felled at least 30 old trees over the last several months to make furniture.

The students also placed their nine-point demand in a rally chaired by Mustahim Jaman Imon.

The demands include stopping felling of the trees, operation of college student Union, reduction of women's dormitory fees and distribution of admission forms free of cost.

Blaming the negligence of college Principal Sham-Ul-Haque, the students in the rally said he has been committing misdeeds one after another after becoming the principal.

They threatened to enforce tougher agitations if their demands are not met.