

Condolence meet on poet Shakti

Poets and litterateurs held a condolence meeting in the city Thursday night in memory of poet Shakti Chattopadhyaya, who died of a massive heart attack in the Shantiniketan (India) Thursday, reports BSS.

Held at the Dhanmandi residence of poet Rafique Azad, the impromptu condolence meeting paid tribute to Shakti, who was among the famous Bengali poet of his time.

The meeting was attended, among others, by Rahat Khan, Belal Chowdhury, Abdul Mannan Sayed, Nirmalendu Goon, Mahadev Saha, Sikder Aminul Haq, Rabul Hussain, Haroon Habib, Mohan Raihan, Dilara Hafiz and Mohammad Samad.

JS body on Water Resources

The 22nd meeting of the standing committee on Water Resources Ministry was held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban with Agriculture and Water Resources Minister M Majid Ul Haq in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting laid emphasis on adopting effective and sustainable technologies using local resources for checking river erosion.



Norwegian charge d'affaires Tore Toreng having a look at the NORAD-supported computer data bank and the replenished library of the Jatiya Press Club in the city on Thursday. President of the club Reazuddin Ahmed and general secretary Khandokar Monirul Alam are, among others, seen.

Master plan for BSC taken up

CHITTAGONG, Mar 24: Shipping Minister MK Anwar said the government has taken steps for expanding import and export through increasing the local fleet in private and public sectors, reports UNB. He was addressing a function as chief guest organised by Association of Marine Engineers at a local hotel in the city Thursday.

The minister said government has taken up a master plan for accelerating the activities of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC). In the meantime the amount of losses of the corporation is being reduced gradually, he informed.

Anwar said the government has declared the Shipping Corporation as an industry. As such, opportunities have been provided for buying ships in private sector through interest rebate, he said. Government control in this regard has also been largely relaxed.

Yet the number of ships has not increased in the local fleet, the minister observed and urged the private entrepreneurs to invest in the shipping industry which he said is prospective business.

Horacio Boneo leaves Dhaka

Horacio Boneo, Director, Electoral Assistance Division of the Department of Peace-keeping Operations of the United Nations, left Dhaka Thursday after a 10-day visit to Bangladesh, says an UNDP press release.

During his visit, Boneo reviewed the electoral process, consulted with all the major parties of the country.

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