

# Metropolitan

## New professionals' body launched

A new welfare organisation styled 'Bangladesh Mukti Juddha Sarkari Karmakartta Parishad' was formed in the city yesterday.

The body comprises the first class gazetted officers who had taken part in the country's War of Liberation in 1971.

The objective of the Parishad is to uphold the spirit of the Liberation War, help build a corruption free, efficient, transparent and responsible administration and initiate programmes for the welfare of freedom fighter officials.

The Parishad has formed a 22-member convening committee with Director General of the Foreign Ministry Manjural Alam as its convener and Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Establishment Md Nazrul Islam member secretary respectively.

## Reception to Gen Mahbub

The Dhaka-based Dinajpur Zilla Old Boys' Association yesterday accorded a reception to its vice-president Lt. Gen. Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman on his appointment as Chief of Staff, Bangladesh Army and President of Bangladesh Olympic Association, says a press release.

The reception held at a city hotel was attended by past students of the school, including present Chief Justice A T M Alzal, Justice retired Dalil Uddin Ahmed, senior advocate of Supreme Court Abdul Malek.



Prize winners pose for photograph with the invited guests at an award ceremony organised by Youth and Children's Development Organisation in the city yesterday.

## Lawyer killed in N'ganj bus mishap

**From Our Correspondent**  
NARAYANGANJ, July 26: One person, reportedly a lawyer, was killed while nine others injured when a speeding microbus fell into a roadside ditch on Dhaka-Sylhet highway near Gokandail under Rupparg thana this morning.

The deceased was identified as Golum Mostafa, 40, of Kishoreganj. The nine injured persons were sent to different hospitals in Dhaka, locals said.

It was learnt that ten persons most of them lawyers were on their way to Sylhet to conduct a case.

The accident occurred when the driver lost control over the vehicle and drove it into the ditch about 9:30 am.

## Shahabuddin felicitated

AM Subid Ali, President, Bangladesh Chamber of Industries (BCI), congratulated former Chief Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on his election as the country's next President, says a press release.

BCI president highly appreciated the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for keeping her words of neutrality by electing a non-partisan and acceptable personality as the Head of the State. Ali expressed his firm conviction that the President-elect would enjoy a sense of trust irrespective of party affiliation, and added that the bold step of Sheikh Hasina be regarded as a 'milestone' in the history of the nation and democracy.

BSS adds: The Bangladesh Lawyers' Coordination Council has congratulated Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on his election as country's next president.

In a statement Shamsul Huq Chowdhury and AFM Mesbahuddin, president and general secretary respectively of the council, also thanked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the regard.

They expressed the hope that Justice Ahmed will be able to render valuable contribution to parliamentary democracy as the Head of State.

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## 'Govt pledge-bound to rout terrorism'

State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharraf said yesterday the present government was pledge-bound to eliminate terrorism and corruption from the society, reports BSS.

With a view to achieving these objectives he sought all-out cooperation from all irrespective of their party affiliation.

The minister was addressing a reception ceremony as chief guest organised by Jamalpur Thana Samity at Engineers' Institution auditorium in the city.

Presided over by engineer Muhammad Ali the reception was also addressed by MPs from Jamalpur district Abul Kalam Azad, Rezaul Karim Hiru and Tahura Ali. Among others the function was addressed by Major General (ret'd) M Khalilur Rahman, secretary general of the Jamalpur Thana Samity, Md Nazrul Islam, vice-president of Bangladesh Krishak League, Nurul Islam and secretary of the international affairs of Bangladesh Krishak League Shah Muhammad Ashrafu Hoq.

## Weather

### Thundershower likely

Heavy fall may occur at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office said occasional moderate rain or thundershower with gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal and Rajshahi divisions during the period.

Many places of Sylhet division may also have occasional moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by gusty or squally wind.

Meanwhile, Cox's Bazar experienced 125 mm rainfall in last 24 hours till 6 am Friday followed by Chittagong 37 mm. Besides, 21 mm rainfall was recorded at Khulna, 24 mm at Jessore and 32 mm at Barisal during the period.

Day temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged across the country.

Country's highest temperature 33.7 degree Celsius was recorded at Sylhet and the lowest 24 degrees also at Sylhet.

The sun sets today at 6:44 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:26 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

| City/Town  | Temperature in Celsius |      | Humidity in percentage |         |
|------------|------------------------|------|------------------------|---------|
|            | max                    | min  | morning                | evening |
| Dhaka      | 32.0                   | 26.5 | 92                     | 89      |
| Chittagong | 26.8                   | 24.8 | 98                     | 93      |
| Rajshahi   | 30.5                   | 26.3 | 83                     | 96      |
| Khulna     | 28.8                   | 25.4 | 95                     | 99      |



Visitors at an exhibition of photographs entitled 'New Way' by eight photographers at the Gallery Tone in the city yesterday.

## Memorial body formed

A new socio-cultural and sports organisation styled 'Alef Khan Smriti Sangsad' was announced in the city yesterday, says a press release.

The body was formed in memory of Alef Khan, a veteran social worker, freedom fighter and Awami League leader of Nakhla-Mohakhali area.

Azmal Huda Mithu, a noted film actor-producer, has been made convener of the new body.

Other office-bearers are: Joint convener - M A Gaffar and Shahidul Islam, members - A S M Ali Kabir, Syed Yunus Ali, Amanullah, Mohiuddin, Serajul Islam Mollah, Feroze Ahmed Khan, Abul Quasem, Mohd Nasir and S M Abdus Salam.

The committee was announced at a day-long memorial programme held at Mahakhali Plaza in Mohakhali yesterday.

The programme included Quran Khwani, Milad Mahfil and offering of food to the poor after Jumaa prayers. Large number of friends, relations and admirers attended the functions.

## Obituary

Abdul Khaleque Chowdhury, a retired deputy secretary of the government, died in the city yesterday after prolonged illness. He was 59, reports BSS.

Chowdhury, youngest son-in-law of national Professor Dewan Mohammad Azraf, left behind his wife, two sons and daughter. His wife Sadia Chowdhury Parag is a writer and social worker.

The body of the deceased was taken to his village home at Dhala in the Blyanibazar thana in the Sylhet district for burial.

His namaz-e-janaza was held in the city yesterday afternoon and another janaza will be held today at the mazar premises of Hazrat Shah Jalal Rahmatullah at Sylhet town.

## Farewell reception

ERD secretary Muhammad Lutfullah Majid was given a hearty fare well reception by the officers and staffers of the Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, in the NEC auditorium at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city Thursday morning. On the eve of his voluntary retirement from government service, reports BSS.

## Call to form new homeo board

A two-day meeting of Homeo Medical Chhatra Okiya Parishad concluded in the city yesterday with a call to form a new homeo board cancelling the present one, reports UNB.

They also put forward demands including establishment of a charitable homeo dispensary in each thana, a 100-bed homeo hospital in district-level and 200-bed hospital in each division, and nationalisation of homeo degree colleges.

Representatives from 20 colleges took part in the meeting with Mohammad Obaidul Haque in the chair.

## Workshop on AIDS held

A day-long workshop on AIDS awareness for the garment workers at Mirpur stressed the need for creating mass awareness on various aspects of killer disease AIDS, reports UNB.

Organised by ADRA Bangladesh, an international NGO, the workshop emphasised on creating awareness on how the disease spread and how it does not, its prevention and the high-risk group including truck drivers and commercial sex workers.

Importance on creating awareness also came up in the discussion.

Resource person Anjuman Ara Beauty conducted the workshop held at Florescent Apparels Limited at Barabagh at Mirpur in the city Thursday.

## Nirmul Committee' discussion

Speakers at a discussion meeting in the city yesterday called upon the pro-liberation forces to strengthen the anti-Jamaat movement launched by late Jahanara Imam, reports UNB.

Ghatak Dal Nirmul Committee arranged the discussion at the Taher Auditorium in the afternoon to mark the second death anniversary of the three of its activists in Chittagong.

Ehasanul Haq Monir, Khoka Roy and Abu Zafar were killed on this day in 1992 when the 'armed killers' of Jamaat-Shibir had attacked a procession organised to resist the visit of Jamaat leader Colam Azam in the port city.

## Crescent Assoc blood donation programme

State Minister for Jute and Textiles AK Faezul Huq urged the social welfare organisations to work with fresh vow to build a happy and exploitation free society, reports UNB.

He was inaugurating a day-long blood donation programme at Gopibagh Community Centre in the city yesterday. Crescent Association, a local social organisation, arranged the programme.

Faezul Huq said social organisations should come up with more realistic programme to serve the distressed humanity, said a PID handout.

## Confce of trade union trainers concludes

State Minister for Labour and Manpower M A Mannan said in the city Thursday that the government of Sheikh Hasina was committed to fulfilling all just demands of the workers and employees and it would make sincere efforts in this regard, reports BSS.

Speaking as chief guest at the concluding function of the three-day long trade union trainers conference, jointly organised by International Trade Union Confederation for Asia Pacific Region (ICTU) and ICTU-Bangladesh Council, the minister urged all, including the owners and workers, to extend their cooperation to the government.

Mannan underlined the need for maintaining good relations between the owners and workers in the mills and factories and said there was no alternative to good relations for the expansion of the industries and boosting production.



Members of Bangladesh Scouts organised a Walkathon in the city yesterday in observance of the 40th founding anniversary of Scouts, South Asia-Pacific region.- Scouts photo

## Regional scouts 40-yr anniversary

The 40th founding anniversary of scouts of Asia-Pacific region was observed in the country, reports UNB.

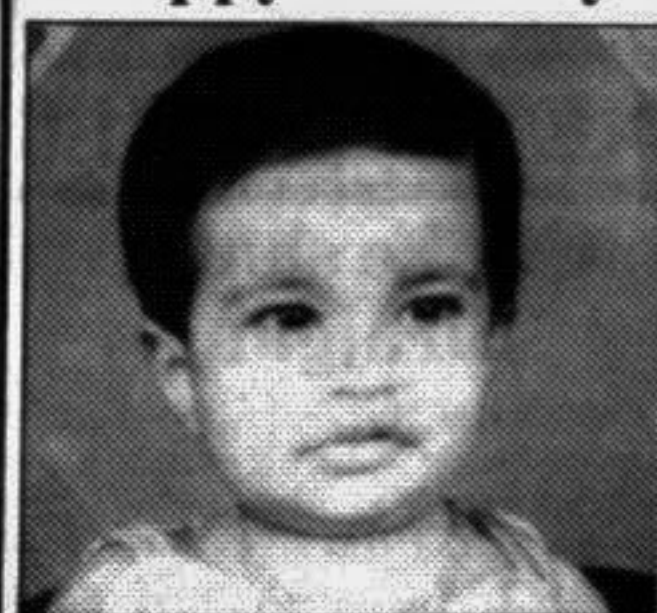
To mark the day, Bangladesh Scouts organised a walkathon from its headquarters to the Press Club in the morning and later a tree plantation programme at its head office.

In the afternoon, a discussion meeting was arranged on the occasion. It was addressed, among others, by Chief National Commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts Manzurul Karim, National Commissioner (Admin) Mohammad Abdul Quayyum Thakur and its President Mahbubuzaman.

Deputy National Commissioner (Programme) Mohammad Rafiqul Islam Khan discussed on the history of Asia-Pacific scouting movement.

Prizes were distributed among the winners of essay competition organised on the occasion.

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