



FedEx
Federal Express
The World on Time

SIGNED, SEALED & DELIVERED

From documents to packages, FedEx delivers peace of mind reliably to over 210 countries worldwide. Our integrated network of 550 planes, 37,000 vehicles and 1,200,000 people, promises smooth delivery every step of the way. We can even advise you on the status of your shipment, thanks to our unique computerised global tracking system. So the next time you have to send a package, relax - call your FedEx agent BAMEX to deliver your package hassle-free - on time - to your satisfaction.

For more information call - Head Office: 955114-7 Fax: 955112
Gulshan: 957771, Chittagong: 931171/2/7, Khulna: 954125/6



BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addressing a rally organised by the Jassas in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday protesting alleged harassment of its activists. — Star photo

Queen Sophia visits Grameen projects

Queen Sophia of Spain yesterday visited the Grameen Bank projects at the remote village of Tatar Karigarpara, 15 kilometres from the Rajshahi city, reports BSS.

Accompanied by her sister Princess Irene and Managing Director of Grameen Bank Prof Mohammad Yunus, the Spanish Queen arrived at Baneshwar in the morning by an Air Force helicopter.

She walked into the houses of poor rural women to see their self-reliance efforts with the assistance of the Grameen Bank.

During her day-long stay in the Tatar Karigarpara, the Queen visited a basic education programme under the sponsorship of the Grameen Bank, attended a discussion with Grameen Bank members and a workshop at a mango garden there.

She also witnessed a cultural function participated by the little children.

On her way back to Dhaka, the Spanish queen visited the Barendra Museum at Rajshahi and the Paharpur Archaeological Monument at Badalgachhi thana under Naogaon district.

At Tatar Karigarpara, the Spanish queen exchanged views with the women about their plaiting self-reliance with the supportive role of the Grameen Bank. She was visibly impressed to see the warmth and resilience of the rural women of Bangladesh.

The village women too did not hesitate to ask her personal questions. The queen replied to their queries in simple terms.

Replying to a question, the queen said that there were also poor people in Spain. Asked if she would like to open Grameen Bank in her country to help the poor, the queen said she would like to.

Fire at cotton factory

A fire broke out at a cotton spinning factory at Shyampur industrial zone at Postogola in the city yesterday afternoon. An electrical short circuit sparked off the fire at the Ahmed Machinery and Company factory, said the fire fighters who brought the fire under control. The loss caused by the fire was estimated at about Tk 35,000, reports UNB.

BNP rally

From Page 1

non-cooperation by the then opposition party — the AL. About the government move to ensure independence of the judiciary, Mannan Bhuiyan commented, "It seems that the judiciary is independent only in the case of Ershad.... the Public Prosecutors don't oppose any bail prayer for Ershad while pressure from the higher authorities are cited when such moves are made for the BNP workers."

Reiterating the allegation that his party was not allowed to speak on the floor of the Parliament and not properly represented in the parliamentary committees, the BNP leader said, "That's why we've boycotted the parliament."

Alleging political, economic and cultural aggression against the country, Mannan Bhuiyan called for strong resistance against the move under the leadership of BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia.

The BNP leader also blamed the government for smuggling out fertiliser, depriving the farmers of just price of their produce, not paying salaries to the industrial workers regularly, closing down several mills and unleashing terrorism at the educational campuses and the industrial zones.

Editor: Mahfuz Anam

Printed & Published by A. S. Mahmud, Managing Director, on behalf of Mediaworld Ltd, 52, Motiheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, from City Publishing House Ltd, 90, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000. Editorial, News & Commercial Offices: House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhanmandi R/A, Dhaka-1205. PABX: 500092-4, Commercial: 500091 (Direct), Fax No: 88-02-863035, GPO Box No: 3257, Cable: DAILYSTAR, DHAKA. Email: dstar@bangla.net

The Daily Star

Call for fighting scourge of AIDS

A four-day meeting of national AIDS programme managers of WHO in the South-East Asia region began in the city yesterday with a call for fighting against the killer disease that has already sieged humankind around the world, including Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf inaugurated the 12th annual meeting at a local hotel, assuring all government cooperation and support in the battle against the deadly disease.

"We must save our people from the killer disease," said the minister, who also informed that a national HIV/AIDS/STD policy, framed by a task force, is now under study by the government and would be adopted shortly.

Besides, Yusuf said, a technical committee would be formed soon to find ways to contain the scourge as already 74 Bangladeshis, most are migrant workers, have been detected AIDS-positive.

Four of them are already dead while, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO), the number of estimated HIV (Human Immuno-deficiency Virus)-infected people in Bangladesh stood at 20,000 at the end of 1995.

The meeting, organised by the South-East Asia Region Office of WHO, is being participated by health and development experts from Bhutan, India, Indonesia, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Bangladesh. Besides, officials from the

United Nations AIDS (UNAIDS) are also attending the meeting to make a series of recommendations for further strengthening of national programmes for controlling AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

According to the WHO, up to 28 million adults and children around the globe have so far been infected with the HIV which leads to the fatal condition known as Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

AIDS has so far killed nearly 6 million people around the world since the early 1980s and threatens to affect millions in this Southeast Asian region.

WHO Representative in Dhaka Dr W Hardjotanto read out a message of Regional Director of WHO's South-East Asia Region Dr Utton Muchtar Rafei in the inaugural function. UNFPA representative Alain P Mouchiroud read out message from UNDP Representative David Lockwood.

Representative of WHO South-East Asia Regional Office Dr S Pattanayak also addressed the meeting.

Country papers detailing existing situation and initiatives undertaken to contain the AIDS epidemic are to be presented at the meeting by national programme managers of the participating states.

The HIV/AIDS scenario is likely to worsen, says WHO, because no cure or preventive vaccine is likely in the next five to ten years. By the end of the century, 40 million people are likely to contact HIV.

Condition of Teresa 'unchanged'

CALCUTTA, Nov 25: Mother Teresa suffered chest pains and breathing problems again overnight, and doctors said today she must remain in hospital for at least several more days, reports AP.

She was given medication, oxygen and mild sedative, and then she slept through the rest of the night and had a light breakfast, said SK Sen, the medical director of the Woodlands Nursing Home.

A medical bulletin described her condition as 'unchanged'. Sen added: "She is not out of danger."

Her medical team was considering giving Mother Teresa an angiogram to see whether her arteries needed dilating. Sen said. But the doctors will wait for a few more days in deference to her routine aversion to any intrusive tests, he said.

Khulna BNP demands removal of Kotwali OC

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 25: The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its front organisations have demanded removal of Kotwali thana OC, allegedly for assaulting a Jubo Dal leader. He was admitted to the Sadar hospital, a Jubo Dal press release said.

According to the press release, Shahjahan Ahmed, 30, was severely injured in an attack by police at the Natun Bazar during the half-day hartal on Sunday.

Dhaka-Seoul parliamentary caucuses proposed

SEOUL, Nov 25: State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury today proposed creation of Bangladesh caucus in the Republic of Korea Parliament and a ROK caucus in Bangladesh Parliament to boost relations between the two Asian nations, reports BSS.

The minister, who arrived here this morning, also proposed holding annual consultation of these caucuses for strengthening bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

Chowdhury was exchanging views with members of Bangladesh-ROK Parliamentary Committee.

The Korean parliamentarians received his proposals enthusiastically and assured the minister of their full cooperation in the realisation of the objectives.

The minister, who heads a team of leading businessmen, briefed the parliamentarians on the economic and political changes in Bangladesh with the Awami League coming to power.

He mentioned the steps the new government has taken to attract foreign investments in the country and said Bangladesh was looking forward to receiving major investments from Korea.

The Korean parliamentarians assured the minister of their full cooperation to motivate their investors to go to Bangladesh.

The minister, who is on an official visit here at the invitation of the government of Korea, will address a seminar on investment opportunities in Bangladesh. He will meet Korean investors.

It was the first meeting between a Sri Lankan Tamil politician and Sonia Gandhi since the May 1991 killing of her husband at an election rally in southern India by a suicide bomber.

40 injured in Barisal road accident

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Nov 25: At least 40 people were injured, 10 of them seriously, when two buses collided head-on at Rupatali near the Barisal town today.

Police and witnesses, said a bus was bound for Barisal from Nalchiti and the other was on way to Patuakhali from Barisal.

Hamed Ali, 60, Md Shahajahan, 50, Sabita Rani, 25, Kamal, 35, Lokman Hossain, 22, Azam Khan, 35, Sonar, 11, Sumon, 8, Abdur Rab, 35 and Awi, a one year old child were admitted to the Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

BNP programmes to observe Dr Milton Day

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its front organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe Shaheed Dr Milton Day tomorrow, reports UNB.

On this day, in 1990, Dr Shamsul Alam Milton was shot dead by terrorists near TSC crossing during anti-autocratic movement.

To mark the day, BNP leaders will place wreaths at the Shaheed Milton Memorial Plaque at TSC at 8:30 am and offer jateha at his graveyard adjacent to Dhaka Medical College at 9:00 am.

The BNP will also hold a discussion at its central office at 5:30 pm.



Snackmaker Toaster Oven

Let's make things better

Transcom Electronics Limited
Official license of Philips Electronics N.V. for lighting products, radio and TV sets
Phone: 915302, 915303, 915304, 915305
Fax: 915306, 915307, 915308, 915309, 915310, 915311, 915312, 915313, 915314, 915315, 915316, 915317, 915318, 915319, 915320, 915321, 915322, 915323, 915324, 915325, 915326, 915327, 915328, 915329, 915330, 915331, 915332, 915333, 915334, 915335, 915336, 915337, 915338, 915339, 915340, 915341, 915342, 915343, 915344, 915345, 915346, 915347, 915348, 915349, 915350, 915351, 915352, 915353, 915354, 915355, 915356, 915357, 915358, 915359, 915360, 915361, 915362, 915363, 915364, 915365, 915366, 915367, 915368, 915369, 915370, 915371, 915372, 915373, 915374, 915375, 915376, 915377, 915378, 915379, 915380, 915381, 915382, 915383, 915384, 915385, 915386, 915387, 915388, 915389, 915390, 915391, 915392, 915393, 915394, 915395, 915396, 915397, 915398, 915399, 915400, 915401, 915402, 915403, 915404, 915405, 915406, 915407, 915408, 915409, 915410, 915411, 915412, 915413, 915414, 915415, 915416, 915417, 915418, 915419, 915420, 915421, 915422, 915423, 915424, 915425, 915426, 915427, 915428, 915429, 915430, 915431, 915432, 915433, 915434, 915435, 915436, 915437, 915438, 915439, 915440, 915441, 915442, 915443, 915444, 915445, 915446, 915447, 915448, 915449, 915450, 915451, 915452, 915453, 915454, 915455, 915456, 915457, 915458, 915459, 915460, 915461, 915462, 915463, 915464, 915465, 915466, 915467, 915468, 915469, 915470, 915471, 915472, 915473, 915474, 915475, 915476, 915477, 915478, 915479, 915480, 915481, 915482, 915483, 915484, 915485, 915486, 915487, 915488, 915489, 915490, 915491, 915492, 915493, 915494, 915495, 915496, 915497, 915498, 915499, 915500, 915501, 915502, 915503, 915504, 915505, 915506, 915507, 915508, 915509, 915510, 915511, 915512, 915513, 915514, 915515, 915516, 915517, 915518, 915519, 915520, 915521, 915522, 915523, 915524, 915525, 915526, 915527, 915528, 915529, 915530, 915531, 915532, 915533, 915534, 915535, 915536, 915537, 915538, 915539, 915540, 915541, 915542, 915543, 915544, 915545, 915546, 915547, 915548, 915549, 915550, 915551, 915552, 915553, 915554, 915555, 915556, 915557, 915558, 915559, 915560, 915561, 915562, 915563, 915564, 915565, 915566, 915567, 915568, 915569, 915570, 915571, 915572, 915573, 915574, 915575, 915576, 915577, 915578, 915579, 915580, 915581, 915582, 915583, 915584, 915585, 915586, 915587, 915588, 915589, 915590, 915591, 915592, 915593, 915594, 915595, 915596, 915597, 915598, 915599, 915600, 915601, 915602, 915603, 915604, 915605, 915606, 915607, 915608, 915609, 915610, 915611, 915612, 915613, 915614, 915615, 915616, 915617, 915618, 915619, 915620, 915621, 915622, 915623, 915624, 915625, 915626, 915627, 915628, 915629, 915630, 915631, 915632, 915633, 915634, 915635, 915636, 915637, 915638, 915639, 915640, 915641, 915642, 915643, 915644, 915645, 915646, 915647, 915648, 915649, 915650, 915651, 915652, 915653, 915654, 915655, 915656, 915657, 915658, 915659, 915660, 915661, 915662, 915663, 915664, 915665, 915666, 915667, 915668, 915669, 915670, 915671, 915672, 915673, 915674, 915675, 915676, 915677, 915678, 915679, 915680, 915681, 915682, 915683, 915684, 915685, 915686, 915687, 915688, 915689, 915690, 915691, 915692, 915693, 915694, 915695, 915696, 915697, 915698, 915699, 915700, 915701, 915702, 915703, 915704, 915705, 915706, 915707, 915708, 915709, 915710, 915711, 915712, 915713, 915714, 915715, 915716, 915717, 915718, 915719, 915720, 915721, 915722, 915723, 915724, 915725, 915726, 915727, 915728, 915729, 915730, 915731, 915732, 915733, 915734, 915735, 915736, 915737, 915738, 915739, 915740, 915741, 915742, 915743, 915744, 915745, 915746, 915747, 915748, 915749, 915750, 915751, 915752, 915753, 915754, 915755, 915756, 915757, 915758, 915759, 915760, 915761, 915762, 915763, 915764, 915765, 915766, 915767, 915768, 915769, 915770, 915771, 915772, 915773, 915774, 915775, 915776, 915777, 915778, 915779, 915780, 915781, 915782, 915783, 915784, 915785, 915786, 915787, 915788, 915789, 915790, 915791, 915792, 915793, 915794, 915795, 915796, 915797, 915798, 915799, 915800, 915801, 915802, 915803, 915804, 915805, 915806, 915807, 915808, 915809, 915810, 915811, 915812, 915813, 915814, 915815, 915816, 915817, 915818, 915819, 915820, 915821, 915822, 915823, 915824, 915825, 915826, 915827, 915828, 915829, 915830, 915831, 915832, 915833, 915834, 915835, 915836, 915837, 915838, 915839, 915840, 915841, 915842, 915843, 915844, 915845, 915846, 915847, 915848, 915849, 915850, 915851, 915852, 915853, 915854, 915855, 915856, 915857, 915858, 915859, 915860, 915861, 915862, 915863, 915864, 915865, 915866, 915867, 915868, 915869, 915870, 915871, 915872, 915873, 915874, 915875, 915876, 915877, 915878, 915879, 915880, 915881, 915882, 915883, 915884, 915885, 915886, 915887, 915888, 915889, 915890, 915891, 915892, 915893, 915894, 915895, 915896, 915897, 915898, 915899, 915900, 915901, 915902, 915903, 915904, 915905, 915906, 915907, 915908, 915909, 915910, 915911, 915912, 915913, 915914, 915915, 915916, 915917, 915918, 915919, 915920, 915921, 915922, 915923, 915924, 915925, 915926, 915927, 915928, 915929, 915930, 915931, 915932, 915933, 915934, 915935, 915936, 915937, 915938, 915939, 915940, 915941, 915942, 915943, 915944, 915945, 915946, 915947, 915948, 915949, 915950, 915951, 915952, 915953, 915954, 915955, 915956, 915957, 915958, 915959, 915960, 915961, 915962, 915963, 915964, 915965, 915966, 915967, 915968, 915969, 915970, 915971, 915972, 915973, 915974, 915975, 915976, 915977, 915978, 915979, 915980, 915981, 915982, 915983, 915984, 915985, 915986, 915987, 915988, 915989, 915990, 915991, 915992, 915993, 915994, 915995, 915996, 915997, 915998, 915999, 916000, 916001, 916002, 916003, 916004, 916005, 916006, 916007, 916008, 916009, 916010, 916011, 916012, 916013, 916014, 916015, 916016, 916017, 916018, 916019, 916020, 916021, 916022, 916023, 916024, 916025, 916026, 916027, 916028, 916029, 916030, 916031, 916032, 916033, 916034, 916035, 916036, 916037, 916038, 916039, 916040, 916041, 916042, 916043, 916044, 916045, 916046, 916047, 916048, 916049, 916050, 916051, 916052, 916053, 916054, 916055, 916056, 916057, 916058, 916059, 916060, 916061, 916062, 916063, 916064, 916065, 916066, 916067, 916068, 916069, 916070, 916071, 916072, 916073, 916074, 916075, 916076, 916077, 916078, 916079, 916080, 916081, 916082, 916083, 916084, 916085, 916086, 916087, 916088, 916089, 916090, 916091, 916092, 916093, 916094, 916095, 916096, 916097, 916098, 916099, 916100, 916101, 916102, 916103, 916104, 916105, 916106, 916107, 916108, 916109, 916110, 916111, 916112, 916113, 916114, 916115, 916116, 916117, 916118, 916119, 916120, 916121, 916122, 916123, 916124, 916125, 916126, 916127, 916128, 916129, 916130, 916131, 916132, 916133, 916134, 916135, 916136, 916137, 916138, 916139, 916140, 916141, 916142, 916143, 916144, 916145, 916146, 916147, 916148, 916149, 916150, 916151, 916152, 916153, 916154, 916155, 916156, 916157, 916158, 916159, 916160, 916161, 916162, 916163, 916164, 916165, 916166, 916167, 916168, 916169, 916170, 916171, 916172, 916173, 916174, 916175, 916176, 916177, 916178, 916179, 916180, 916181, 916182, 916183, 916184, 916185, 916186, 916187, 916188, 916189, 916190, 916191, 916192, 916193, 916194, 916195, 916196, 916197, 916198, 916199, 916200, 916201, 916202, 916203, 916204, 916205, 916206, 916207, 916208,