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The second batch of commissioned officers recruited during the Liberation War presented a crest containing their names to the Muktijoddha Museum yesterday. —Star photo

## Crest presented to Muktijoddha Museum

By Staff Correspondent

The second batch of Commissioned Officers recruited during the Liberation War presented a crest containing their names to the Muktijoddha Museum yesterday.

Museum archive committee member Air Vice Marshal (retd) AK Khandker received the crest and some war documents from the representatives of the second batch.

The names inscribed in the crest are: ABM Tajul Islam, Abu Taher Basunia, Abu Taher Sarker, ALM Fazlur Rahman, ASM Shamsul Arefeen, Chandra Kanta Das, Chowdhury Mohammad Ali, Dost Mohammad Sikder, Dewan Gous Ali, Ekramul Haq Khandker, Golam Noor, Jhulan Kanti Paul, Jibon Kanti Das, Kaiser Ahmed, Kazi Md Kamal Uddin, Khaireul Islam, Khurshid Alam Basunia, Mahfuz Anam, Mahmudul Masud, Md Abdul Muqtadir, Md Abdul Halim Khan, Md Abdul Hamid, Md Abdul Jalil, Md Abdul Kader, Md Abdul Rab, Md Abdus Salam, Md Akbar Yousuf, Md Akhtar Hossain, Md Akhtaruzzaman, Md Aminul Islam, Md Anusr Rahman, Md Asadul Haque, Md Ashrafuddoula, Md Atiqur Rahman, Md Bazlur Rashid, Md Fazlul Haque, Md Feroze Akhter, Md Hafiz Ullah, Md Harunur Rashid, Md Hasan Islam, Huimayun Kabir Chowdhury, Md Issa Gazi, Md Jahangir Osman Bhuiyan, Md Jalal Uddin Siddique, Md Kamrul Haque, Md Latiful Alam Chowdhury, Md Liaquat Ali Khan, Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, BB, Md Mafizur Rahman, Md Motahar Hossain, Md Muqtadir Ali, Md Qurniul Islam, Md Rezaul Ahmed, Md Rezaul Haque, Md Sirajul Islam, Md Solaiman, Md Zillur Rahman, Md Zainul Abedin, Miran Hamidur Rahman, Modasser Hossain Khan, Mohammed Ali, Md Mosharraf Hossain, Mustaque Uddin Ahmed, Syed Abul Bashar, Sheikh Ataur Rahman, SM Habibullah, Md Shah Alam Talukder, Sheikh Jamshed Hossain, SM Shahiduzzaman and Zulfiqar Ali.

## One dies

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mitted to the DMCH and released after treatment.

It could not be known immediately whether it was a case of food poisoning. Police said they collected sample of the food items for chemical examination and were waiting for the autopsy report of Kabir.

Owner of a bicycle shop at Nawabpur, Kabir family resided in Shahidbagh area in the city.

The nine who fell sick are family members: Farida, 6; Isma, 3; Monwar Begum, 50; Nazmul Huq Bhuiyan, 18; Farhana Huq Bhuiyan, 28; Asiful Huq Bhuiyan; shop employee Kashem, 40, and Wahab, and maid Sufla, 26.

All the 10 including Kabir were found unconscious when some relatives came to the house yesterday morning. They took all to the DMCH immediately, police said quoting the FIR filed with Mohammadpur thana.

Kabir's brother-in-law Asiful Huq Bhuiyan said in the FIR one of their maids, Nasima, was missing since yesterday morning.

Police added that rice, chicken curry, dal and vegetables were served in the dinner. Kabir took milk after the dinner while some others took soft drinks.

The body of Kabir was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy. An unnatural death case was lodged in this regard.

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**The Daily Star**

# Heavy fighting in Lanka: 145 killed

COLOMBO, Aug 2: Ferocious battles gripped Sri Lanka today as Tamil Tigers attacked in waves to smash military defences and kill at least 38 troopers for the loss of 107 of their own fighters, officials said, reports AFP.

About 1,000 men and women from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) carried out seven assaults near the army-held northern town of Omantha and destroyed two police posts, officials said.

The Defence Ministry said the rebels fired automatic assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and artillery guns at army positions and security forces hit back using helicopters and heavy artillery.

The attack was a carbon copy of two previous assaults on June 11 and 25 against the same military column trying to open a key highway through

Tiger-held territory to the northern peninsula of Jaffna.

The earlier offensive of the rebels was code-named by them as "Do-or-Die" and officials here said all three attempts were aimed at stalling the military advance through jungle terrain.

The latest attack which began just before midnight on Friday and pursued this morning was not unexpected. Earlier on the same day the military shot dead three Tigers who intruded.

"We were prepared for them because we killed three infiltrators who had come on a spying mission west of Omantha," a defence ministry spokesman said.

At least 40 of the bodies were those of women fighters of the LTTE known as "freedom birds," military officials said.

## Regional meeting on agriculture from Aug 18

By Staff Correspondent

Development activists from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal are planning to intensify cooperation among the farmers of the region to promote sustainable agriculture in the context of implementation of various World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules.

For this purpose, some 42 development activists from these countries and Thailand, Malaysia, USA, Canada, Indonesia and Japan will hold a South Asian workshop on "Food ecology and culture: in the context of livelihood struggles of the rural community" on July 18 to 22. It will be held at Bishnupur in Tangail district.

Organised by the South Asian Network on Food, Ecology and Culture (SANFEC), this workshop will also produce a joint statement upholding the interest of the South Asian countries. SANFEC Managing Director Farhad Mazhar said at a press briefing in the city yesterday.

One of the purpose of this workshop would be to form a regional committee to monitor all WTO committees, identifying the people inside WTO who are against the interest of developing countries, he added.

Besides, the SANFEC committee will try to build a consensus among different nations on re-opening the negotiations over Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIP) agreement.

Under TRIP, which will be implemented from 1999, every country will have to patent bio-diversity. SANFEC feels that such agreement would monopolise the control of the developed countries over the agriculture and politics of developing countries and therefore a campaign was necessary to avoid patenting of bio-diversity of the world.

"Multi-national companies in the past had taken thousands of indigenous rice seeds from Bangladesh. Now we don't have these seeds and we have to depend on high yielding varieties (HYV). When TRIP will be applied, they will have complete control over selling these HYV to us," Farhad Mazhar said.

The press briefing was attended by among others, Farida Akhtar of UBINIG and Hasanul Huq Inu of JSD.

The discussion, chaired by

Paite activists torch 100

Kuki houses

IMPHAL, Aug 2: Paite activists attacked five Kuki villages in Manipur's trouble-torn Churachandpur district this morning and torched over hundred houses in the renewed ethnic violence, reports PTI.

According to first official reports here, more than 40 Paite activists attacked the villages at around 0700 hours and set ablaze at least five Kuki villages.

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BNP clash

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persed them and brought the

situation under control. None

was arrested. Policemen were

deployed in front of Nasiruddin's residence and at BNP's office premises at Nasiruzzaman Building, he said.

Later, activists of the rival

factions held protest rallies and

brought out processions blaming

each other for the clash.

Mir Nasiruddin, talking to

The Daily Star alleged that

party activists opposing the

new committee had deliberately

attacked his residence, injuring his family members and some

party activists.

He also alleged that they

ransacked and damaged his

house.

But a leader of the opposing

faction, Md Ali, alleged that

the attack was made from inside

the residence of Nasiruddin.

His faction is demanding lead-

ership of Abdulla-Al-Noman

in the city committee. They

held protest rallies and staged

demonstrations in front of the

party office for the third con-

secutive day today.



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Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad and City Mayor Mohammad Hanif along with other AL leaders at a discussion meeting organised by Joy Bangla Sangskritik Oikky Jote yesterday as part of its August 15 observance programmes. —Star photo

## Anti-liberation forces hatching conspiracy, says Samad Azad

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday said the shock of the killing of Bangabandhu should be converted into an inspiration for taking the nation forward, reports BSS.

He was addressing a discussion on the occasion of the August 15 organised by Joy Bangla Sangskritik Oikky Jote as part of their fortnight long programme.

He said father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman along with his family members was killed as part of the conspiracy of the anti-liberation and communal forces.

He said the anti-liberation forces have also been hatching conspiracy against the eternal flame which is the symbol of the Liberation War.

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Biman admits

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of any airport in the country had not been changed.

When contacted, Managing Director of Biman Air Com- modore Rafiqul Islam declined to make any comment about the circular but acknowledged the issuance of it.

Talking to The Daily Star last night, Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir said, issuance of such circular by Biman was 'not in my knowledge.'

As Mannan Bhuiyan (BNP Secretary General) from where he got the copy of the circular, he said, adding "We stand by our commitment, we did not and will not change the name of the airport."

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commission and head of Social

Science Department of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) Dr Mahbub Hossain

placed four reports.

Commission Chairman AM

Ansuzzaman and his members

Begum Matia Chowdhury, Agri-

culture Secretary Dr AMM