### CPB leaders call on Hasina

Leaders of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday and exchanged views, on economy, politics, agriculture, rural development and other national

issues, reports BSS.
The Prime Minister explained to them various developmentoriented programmes of her government. She said the gov-ernment would welcome any constructive criticism and suggestion from the political par-

The leaders made an evaluation of the state of running the government. They said exchange of thoughts and ideas and communication between the government and political parties are very important for flourishing democracy.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, LGRD Minister and Awami League general secretary Zillur Rahman, Awami League presidium member Amir Hossain Amu and Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak were

present. The CPB delegation included party president Shahidullah Chowdhury, general secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim, Manzurul Ahsan Khan, Morshed Ali, Sunil Roy, Prof M M Akash, Mohammad Shah Alam, Syed Abu Zafar Ahmed, Shamsuzzaman Selim and Abdul Malek.

### Ershad condoles Diana's death

Jatiya Party chairman Hussain Mohammad Ershad has expressed profound shock at the tragic death of Princess Diana, reports UNB.

"I am also grieved with the people of the whole world at the demise of Princess Diana," said the former president in a message of condolence yesterday.

He conveyed sympathy to the members of the Royal family of Great Britain.

BSS adds: General secretary of Bangladesh Awami League and Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Zillur Rahman expressed deep shock at the tragic and untimely death of Diana, The Princess of Wales, in a car accident in Paris."

Rahman, in a message of condolence said the people around the world will ever remember Diana with respect for her nobel deeds for the welfare of societies in different coun-

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad has expressed his deep shock at the sudden death of Princess Diana in a car accident in Paris. "Her (Diana) tragic death is a great loss of the humanity", Azad said in message of condolence sent to his British counterpart, Robin Cook, reports BSS.

· The Foreign Minister said Princess Diana would be remembered. -

### Death of Diana BNP leaders sign condolence book

A delegation of BNP, led by its secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, yesterday visited the British High Commission office and signed in the condolence book opened following the death of Princess Diana, reports UNB.

British High Commissioner David Critchlow Walker and senior officials there received the BNP delegation that included former ambassador Rezaul Karim, Abdullah Al Noman and Barkatullah MP.

Besides, the delegation handed over a condolence message to the High Commissioner.

### Appointment, transfer

Two senior government officials have been made Officer on Special Duty (OSD), said an official announcement yesterday. reports UNB.

BIWTA chairman (additional secretary) Azizul Haque and Bangladesh Handloom Board member (joint secretary) Mohammad Siddiqur Rahman were made OSD at Establishment Ministry with same rank.

Besides, Mohammad Ashraf, joint secretary of Establishment Ministry, was transferred to the Health and Family Welfare Min-

# Construction of Padma bridge under active consideration

Communications Minister Anwar Hossain yesterday said government is actively considering construction of "Padma bridge" after completion of Jamuna multipurpose bridge, reports BSS.

The minister said communication system in Bangladesh in the last twenty-five years has reached a point of success.

Hossain was speaking at a briefing meeting at National Press Club lounge organised by Overseas Correspondents Association Bangladesh (OCAB).

OCAB president and correspondent of Kyodo News Agency of Japan Zahiduzzaman Farook and Associated Press Correspondent Farid Ahmed also spoke on the occasion.

The OCAB members asked the communications minister. who is also secretary general of Jatiya Party, different questions ranging from politics, development, transit to his views on different government decisions

as well as the party he belongs Replying to a question from a journalist belong to the foreign press the said "we have taken the policy of privatisation and if needed any segment of the railway can be privatised."

#### Mohammadullah meets Shahabuddin

Former President Moham madullah made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB. He stayed with the President

for some time. President Shahabuddin welcomed the former President and exchanged pleasantries with

### DU student beaten up for refusing to guard hall

By DU Correspondent

A resident of Sir AF Rahman Hall of the Dhaka University was allegedly beaten up by some activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Sunday night. The victim, Jafar, is a sec-

ond year student of the Bangla Department of the university and a resident of room no. 219 of the hall.

According to sources, Jafar was asked to guard the hall entrance at night by the BCL gen-eral secretary (hall unit), Mah-

In every DU hall, armed activists of the respective political parties guard the entrance, fearing attack by rival groups. Jafar, according to the

sources, had refused to be posted as a guard, saying that he was suffering from toothache and his examinations were going An infuriated BCL general

secretary then summoned Jafar to the guest room of the hall at around 11 pm. At the directives of the general secretary, he was taken to room no. 215 of the hall and beaten up severely. BCL activists Hiron, Shaw-

kat, Jamal, Mithgu, Babu were allegedly involved in the inci-

# 4 alleged muggers arrested

By Staff Correspondent The Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested four alleged muggers with gold ornaments from Shutrapur area in the city yesterday.

The arrested were identified as Sarwar Hossain, 25, Tota Mia, 25, Moti, 28, and Uttam Das, 28. Police said they seized six cocktails, three knives and some gold ornaments which were reportedly snatched ear-

During a raid, DB team arrested the four from K M Das Lane at about 4 am.

Police suspect that the arrested persons are members of an organised muggers' gang, which has been active in different parts of the city for a long

A case has been filed with Shutrapur thana in this connection.

### Adult Edn Week programme from Sept 4

Non-formal Education Directorate has chalked out an elaborate programme on the occasion of the Adult Education Week and International Literacy Day, reports UNB.

The five-day programme, beginning from Sept 4, includes rally, mass song, street drama, munajat, mass education fair, exhibition, seminar and cultural soiree. The International Literacy Day will be observed on Sept 8.

On the opening day, a rally will be brought out from Shaheed Minar at 10 am which will terminate at the Osmani Smriti Auditorium. Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof Zinnatunnesa Talukdar will lead the rally.

Education Minister ASHK Sadek will inaugurate the Adult Education Week at the Osmani Smriti Auditorium at 11 am on the day.

Mass songs and street dramas will be presented at different parts of the city from Sept 4

On Sept 5, prayers will be offered at the country's mosques and temples seeking blessings to get rid of the curse

of illiteracy. Prof Zinnatunnesa will inaugurate the two-day long mass education fair at the auditorium of National Museum on Sept 6. Books, booklets, posters, short and documentary films will be

exhibited at the fair. A seminar on the role of Non-formal Education Directorate in eradicating illiteracy will be held at the National Museum on Sept 7. It will be followed by a cultural function.

On Sept 8, awards will be distributed among the persons who have contributions in the field of non-formal education.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed will attend the function as chief guest, said a press re-

### Painting contest for children

By Staff Correspondent A painting competition for children will be held on the occasion of the 850th anniversary of Moscow city on Sept 5.

Jointly organised by the cultural department of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Bangladesh and Volga Club. the competition will be divided into three groups: Ka group - up to 8 years. Kha group - 8 to 12 years and Ga group - 12 to 16 years.

Interested participants have been advised to send application on prescribed form to Russia Cultural Centre, House no. 510, Road no. 7, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka 1205. (Phone-9118531).



Shishu Academy organised a children's painting competition on the occasion of the 79th birth anniversary of Bangabir Gen MAG Osmani at its auditorium in the city yesterday. - Star photo

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BOU plans to bring all

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(BOU) has launched a plan to

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BOU Dr Rafiqul Islam Sharif

told BSS that the university

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50 more BRTC

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Corporation (BRTC) yesterday

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Anwar Hossain addressed the

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Bangladesh Road Transport

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# Minister tells JS

# Govt pry schools to get one addl teacher each

Education Minister ASHK Sadique yesterday said the government has a plan to appoint one additional teacher in every government free primary school, reports BSS.

"The matter is now under process and appointments will be made after creation of the post," he said while replying to a question from Jalaluddin Talukder of Awami League from Netrokona in the Jatiya Sangsad.

On a supplementary from Talukder, the minister said that his ministry had already taken this decision in principle and sought opinion of other concerned ministries in this respect. There are currently three teachers in each primary

The minister said a process is now on to fill up the posts which are lying vacant in some primary schools.

On a supplementary from ASM Firoze (AL-Patuakhali) Sadique said the written tests for appointment of teachers in the vacant posts were taken this time through special measures to avoid irregularities.

"Only the successful candidates will be invited for viva voce," he said.

He further told Dr H B M Iqbal (AL-Dhaka) that the government is giving due emphasis on technical and science-based education in the country.

He said considering the importance of technical and science-based education, the government is constructing new polytechnic institutes and technical schools in the coun-

# JS told

### 7 more police stations to be set up in city

Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed said that seven more police stations would be set up in Dhaka city in addition to the present fourteen, reports BSS.

He was replying to a question from the Treasury Bench member Haji Md Selim (Dhaka-8) at the Jatiya Sangsad yester-

"Setting up of all these polices stations are now under the process of implementation." Tofael said adding that the areas where the police stations would be set up include Hazaribagh, Pubail, Kafrul, Lalbagh and Kamrangirchar.

The minister said opinion of the elected representatives from Dhaka city would be endorsed in implementation of those proposed police stations.

Replying to another question from the ruling party member Sharif Khasruzzaman (Narail-2) he said the government had decided to set up in vestigation centres across the country to stabilise law and order at the last meeting of the Executive Committee of National Economic Council

(ECNEC) Like thanas, the investigation centres will have fullfledged staff, he added.

New buses of BRTC for city-service

# 'No dearth of consensus for curbing terrorism'

The former chief justice and chief advisor of the 1996 caretaker government, Habibur Rahman, yesterday said that there was no dearth of consensus among the people for curb-ing terrorism from society as everyone wants to live in peace, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at a discussion on "the role of political parties and leadership in checking terror-ism", organised in observance of the 79th birth anniversary of the Commander-in-Chief of the Liberation War, Bangabir M A G Osmani at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the city.

Paying rich tributes to General Osmani, Rahman said the Bangabir had never compromised with principles and ideals that would, otherwise, have let loose terrorism in society.

Rahman described the task

of curbing terrorism as difficult

and pleaded for collecting correct data referring the sources and patronisation of terrorism. The former chief justice pointed out that the importance of terrorism in gaining state power had reduced substantially and the responsibility of running the affairs of the state had been entrusted with the

He hoped that the political parties would put in their endeavours in curbing terrorism from society.

elected representative belong-

ing to political parties.

Organised by the Bangabir Osmani Smriti Parishad, the discussion was presided over by its president, Abul Hossain Khwaja.

Parliamentary Advisor to the Prime Minister Suranjit Sengupta, former finance minister and BNP leader Saifur Rahman, former Chief Justice Kemal Uddin Hossain, Attorney General K S Nabi, Sagufta Yasmeen, Sultan Mohammad Mansur, Mahibur Rahman Manik, Former Inspector General of Police Enamul Haque, veteran student leader Nur-E-Alam Siddiqui and Editor of Bangla Bazar Matiur Rahman Chowdhury participated in the discussion.

# Painting contest

By Staff Correspondent

The theme of the competition is "A Traffic Jam-free Dhaka in

Road 4, Dhanmondi.

Renaissance, a social development and environmental protection organisation, has arranged a painting competition for children and juvenile to create awareness about healthy traffic management.

Participants have been requested to submit their entries

# by September 20 to House 37, O What's on today

Publication ceremony: The publication ceremony of Anwara Bahar Chowdhury Smarak Grantha will be held. Venue: Children auditorium of the National Museum. Time: 5

Instrumental music: In observance of the 30th death anniversary of Ustad Ayet Ali Khan and the 25th death anniversary of Ustad Alauddin Khan, a discussion and instrumental music soiree will be held. Organiser: Ustad Ayet Ali Khan Sangeet Niketan. Venue: German Cultural Centre, House: 10, Rd: 9, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:45 pm.

Convention: A national convention of the country's garments workers will be held. Venue: Jatiya Press Club auditorium. Time: 3 pm. Organiser: Jatiya Garments Sramik Karmachari Samaunnaya Parishad.

Bangla Academy: The academy will hold a memorial meeting on Professor Momtajar Rahman Tarafder. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time: 11 am. Prof M Mofakharul Islam, Prof Habiba Khatun, Subroto Bikash Barua, Mosharrof Hossain and Shirin Afroza Khanam will speak. DG of the academy will preside.

Rotary Club of Dhaka: The regular weekly meeting of the club will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5 pm.

Rotary Club of Dhaka New City: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: FICCI, 35/1 Purana Poltan Line, Inner Circular Road. Time: 6 pm.

Rotary Club of Shahbagh: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Officers Club, Baily Road. Time: 6 pm.

### '2610 non-formal edn centres in city soon'

Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Zinatunnesa Talukdar said yesterday that the government had undertaken a non-formal education project titled "Hard to Reach Children" in six divisional towns to literate the dropout and street children, reports

Under the project to be implemented by NGOs, 2610 education centres will be opened in Dhaka city soon, she said.

The deputy minister was addressing the concluding session of a ten-day long workshop on "literacy and continuing education planning and management" organised by Gono Shakkharata Ovijan at NEAM auditorium. The function was addressed.

among others, by director gen-eral of NGO Affairs Bureau Md

Giasuddin Pathan, executive di-

rector of BRAC Fazle Hasan Abed and director of Gono Shakkharata Ovijan Rasheda K Chowdhury. Later the deputy minister distributed certificates among

the participants of the workshop.

### IFRCS official assures continued aid to BDRCS

Margareta Wahalstroem, visiting Under-Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRCS), yes-terday assured the Chairman of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS), Maj Gen (retd) Abdus Salam, of the continued assistance of the organisation for the projects and pro-grammes of the BDRCS, reports

She said that the IFRCS would always stand by the BDRCS during any national emergency.

Wahalstroem called on BDRCS chairman at his office in the city yesterday. They discussed matters of mutual interest and ways to in-

tween the two organisations. Wahalstroem was apprised of the on-going projects of the society as well as their progress. She also visited Red Crescent Blood Centre at Mohammad-

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Wahalstroem also called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf at his Secretariat office and discussed matters of mutual inter-

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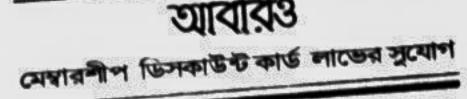


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