

Spl training on 'unarmed combat' ends

A month-long special training course on 'Unarmed Combat' of Bangladesh Coast Guard, conducted by Rangers Special Security System, ended in Chittagong yesterday, said a press release.

A total of 39 sailors of Bangladesh Coast Guard and Navy participated in the training course on self-defence and how to resist smugglers, arrest miscreants.

Speaker back home

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury returned yesterday after attending the second SAARC speakers and parliamentarians conference in Pakistan, reports BSS.

Chowdhury led a six-member Bangladesh delegation to the three-day conference which was opened by Pakistan President Farooq Ahmed Khan Leghari on Sunday in the national assembly house in Islamabad.

What's on today . . .

- Society for Parliamentary Democracy:** A roundtable conference organised by the society will be held. Time: 3.30 pm. Venue: TSC auditorium.
- Seminar:** A seminar titled 'Medico-Legal System in Bangladesh' jointly organised by Bangladesh Rehabilitation Centre for Trauma Victims (BRCT) will be held. Time: 4.30 pm. Venue: Hotel Purbani International.
- Rotary Club Jahangirnagar Dhaka:** The weekly meeting of the club will be held. Time: 5.30 pm. Venue: Officers' Club.
- Discussion session:** On the closing day of the Asia Pacific Youth Gathering, '97, ANANDO, a national NGO has arranged a discussion session. Time: 6 pm. Venue: Public Library auditorium.
- Inaugural function:** The inaugural function of the second meeting of the Customs Administration of SAARC countries will be held. Time: 9.30 am. Venue: Hotel Sheraton (South Ball Room).

Nepalese envoy calls on Sajeda

Nepalese Ambassador to Bangladesh Lok Bahadur Shrestha called on Minister for Forest and Environment Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury at her office yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed different issues relating to the development of environment and more afforestation.

The Nepalese envoy lauded the government's role in socio-economic development of the poor through social forest programmes.

Shrestha expressed hope that bilateral ties and cooperation between the two countries would be enhanced in the day's ahead.

'Marathon of Hope' on BTV today

Bangladesh Television will show a special feature on the incredible life of Terry Fox at 4.30 pm today, says a press release yesterday.

The film, entitled "Marathon of Hope" highlights the struggle of the young Canadian who ran 42 kilometres, the equivalent of a marathon every day for 143 days to raise funds for cancer research— even though he had lost a leg to bone cancer.

Terry Fox died just before his 23rd birthday. Today, the Terry Fox Run is the only global charity of its kind. Runs are held around the world and in Canada to raise funds for cancer research.

Samad Azad returns

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad returned home yesterday after attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Edinburgh, UK, said an official handout, reports UNB.

BOU 2nd, 4th semester results announced

The results of the 2nd and 4th semesters of June '97 term of B Ed programme under Bangladesh Open University (BOU) have been announced, reports UNB.

A total of 1976 examinees out of 2143 in the 2nd semester came out successful. The pass percentage is 92.21, said a BOU press release yesterday.

In the 4th semester, 3082 examinees out of 3302 passed the examination. The pass percentage is 93.34.

The examinees have been requested to collect the results from their respective examination centres.

Sayed urges newsmen to help prepare code of conduct

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday urged the journalist community to help the initiatives of Information Ministry in preparing a code of conduct for the journalists and principles for the newspapers, reports BSS.

Prof Sayeed was discussing different issues with the leaders of Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU), an independent forum of journalists of newspapers and news agencies at his office.

DRU President Shafiqul Kabir, General Secretary Mustafa Firoz and Information Secretary M Akmal Hossain were present in the meeting.

The DRU leaders expressed their total solidarity with the proposition of Prof Sayeed and said they will support any stringent measures against 'yellow journalism'.

Norwegian minister apprised of govt steps to remove child labour

State Minister for Labour and Manpower M A Mannan, now in Norway, met Norwegian Minister for Development and Human Resources Hild F Johnson in Oslo on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The State Minister, who is leading a Bangladesh delegation in an international conference on child labour being held in Oslo, apprised the Norwegian minister of the Bangladesh government's step to remove child labour.

Norwegian co-operation in various development programmes in Bangladesh was highlighted during the discussion held in a very cordial atmosphere, according to a message received Dhaka yesterday.

The Norwegian minister showed her keen interest in the privatisation process and administrative reforms taking place in Bangladesh.

Both the ministers also expressed satisfaction over the bilateral co-operation between Bangladesh and Norway.



Energy Minister Nooruddin Khan attended as chief guest the grand conference to mark the launch of Mobil engine oil products at Sonargaon Hotel yesterday. President of Mobil Bangladesh Daniel Peter McDermott is also seen. — Star photo

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