A scene from 'Great Expectations,' adapted from the Charles Dickens classic by students of Happy Times International School, and staged by them at the Shishu Academy in the city yesterday. — Star photo

South Asian confce on CBR network ends

Dhaka Declaration adopted

The second South Asian Conference of the Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR) Network concluded in the city yesterday calling upon the region's governments and NGOs to develop access to basic rehabilitation services to the disabled by the year 2010, reports UNB.

The four-day conference began on December 3 also adopted the "Dhaka Declaration."

The declaration said all government and NGOs working in this region, recognise that handicap and disability are development issues and that they include specific activities for resolving these issues in all development planning, budgeting, implementation and evaluation.

The declaration emphasised on cooperation and collaboration of the government and NGOs in developing a systematic and planned approach for the implementation of CBR to combat "ignorance, fear and superstition" at all levels.

It further recommended a national plan of action for community level interventions by government and non-government organisations and the government policies must be developed and integrated into existing legislation and implemented at the community level.

The declaration suggested that assistance to children with disabilities through early intervention programmes and inclusive education initiatives must be given special emphasis in all development programmes.

It added that prevention of impairment and disability by making community members aware of the causes of disability and by providing access to prevention activities must also be included in development programmes.

Specialised rehabilitation support services for community activities must also be developed in conjunction with relevant community level interventions also came up as suggestion.

Effective action research into and evaluation of community level interventions must be part of the development plan, the seminar declaration said.

What's on tomorrow....

Seminar: A seminar on 'Benefits of accession to international conventions of land transport facilitation for countries of the SAARC subregion' will be held. Organisers: Bangladesh government and ESCAP. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time:?

Concluding session: The concluding session of a workshop on 'Biosafety regulation for Bangladesh' will be held. Venue: Auditorium of Institute of Food Science and Technology, BCSIR (Science Laboratory). Time: 3:30 pm.

Function: A function to mark 'Begum Rokeya Day' will be held. Organiser: Bangladesh Mahila Parishad. Venue: Jatiya Press Club auditorium. Time: 3:30 pm.

Auxiliary police force proposed

By Staff Correspondent

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam on Thursday gave directives for the formation of a committee to determine the strength of a proposed auxiliary police force for the business establishments and educational institutions.

Besides, the minister also emphasised on a task force and an integrated programme in the SAARC countries to arrest child traffickers and rescue the victims.

He was addressing a meeting of the senior police officials at the Police Headquarters, said a press release.

The Home Minister said the introduction of police in industries, banks, export processing zones and related other sectors was a part of the process of modernising the police force.

Referring to some irregularities at certain thanas in the Dhaka metropolitan area, Rafiqul Islam attached importance on the accountability of the officials at the thana level.

The Inspector General of Police, Ismail Hossain, informed the meeting about the present law and order situation of the country.

Additional IGPs and senior officials of Special Branch, CID and Dhaka Metropolitan Police were also present.

Open universities of Bangladesh, India Pakistan discuss exchange programme

Senior educationist of Bangladesh Open University (BOU) Indira Gandhi National Open University and Allama Iqbal Open University yesterday discussed collaboration of teachers training and exchange programmes and sharing of experience and resources among them, says a press release.

The Vice-Chancellor of BOU Dr M Aminul Islam said the conference of Asian Association of Open Universities held recently in Kuala Lumpur decided that there should be collaboration in teachers training, exchange of teachers and sharing of resources and experiences among the open universities of the Asian countries.

The VC of BOU presided. He hoped that today's meeting with the joint working group of these three universities will be a first step towards that goal.

The meeting was addressed among others by Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr R I Sharif, Dr Shireen Haque, Prof Shamsul Haque, Prof. M Shamsul Kabir and Associate Prof Monira Hossain of BOU, Dr Muhammad Rashid and Dr Mussarat Anwar Sheikh of Allama Iqbal Open University of Pakistan and Prof S B Menon and Dr S V S Chaudhury of Indira Gandhi National Open University of India.

'Golden Tones' concert in city Dec 8, 9

Benson & Hedges is going to host another international "Golden Tones" musical concert extravaganza in the city. Two popular young artists from Bombay, India — Rahul and Tunisha, and local favourite Feelings, will perform at the concert, to be held at the Sheraton Hotel's Winter Garden on the nights of December 8 and 9, says a press release.

The Golden Tones concert is being organised by Sandhani National Eye Donation Society, and all proceeds from ticket sale will benefit the Society. Bangladesh Tobacco Company has officially handed over the tickets to the Society.

Benson & Hedges "Golden Tones" is synonymous with outstanding musical performances in many countries. Benson & Hedges brought their "Golden Tones" events to Bangladesh for the first time earlier this year with "Golden Tones" Dhaka Dhoom Dharakka in March. This was followed by a smaller "Golden Tones" — Unplugged event featuring Renaissance in September at the Spaghetti Jazz Restaurant.

CPU, PIB course begins tomorrow

A five-day course on "Investigative Reporting," organised by Commonwealth Press Union (CPU), Bangladesh section in collaboration with the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB), will begin tomorrow at 9 am at the PIB auditorium, reports UNB.

Laurie Flynn, a freelance journalist from Britain, has been commissioned by the CPU, London to conduct the course.

Some 25 senior journalists will attend the course.

BCCP, UNICEF sign agreement

An agreement was signed between the Bangladesh Centre for Communication Programmes (BCCP) and UNICEF yesterday as a step towards conducting a national media survey in 1998, according to a UNICEF press release, reports BSS.

This survey is the second of its kind in Bangladesh.

The first survey held in 1995 has since become an important tool for media planning and monitoring, UNICEF said and hoped that the survey would provide an update on the reach and usage of the various media in Bangladesh, their comparative strengths and weaknesses.

UNICEF will contribute one third of the costs of the survey, with BCCP and Social Marketing Company contributing the other two thirds.

'Begum' Editor accorded reception

Renowned women movement leader and Editor of 'Begum' magazine, Noor Jahan Begum Friday said women must have a clear concept of religion while fighting against the fundamentalist groups and orthodox practices deep rooted in the social fabric, reports BSS.

She said the women folk have successfully crossed many social barriers in the past and may have to face fresh challenges in the years ahead.

The noted journalist was addressing a reception accorded to her by Bangladesh Women Journalists' Forum at the Mahila Samity auditorium in the city.

Presided over by forum chairperson Setara Musa, the function was addressed, among others, by journalist ABM Musa, Rokonuzzman Khan Dada Bhai, forum general secretary Rasheda Ameen, Mahila Parishad general secretary Ayesha Khanam and former general secretary Maleka Begum.

A musical soiree followed the reception.

Govt urged to ban activities of 'Transparency Int'l'

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Civil Service (Judicial) Association yesterday deplored a news item published in some national dailies on December 4 alleging corruption in the judiciary.

A statement signed by president of the association Kazi Golam Rasul and general secretary Shahab Uddin said that a survey of 'Transparency International,' Bangladesh Chapter, on the basis of which the report was made, was totally false, fabricated and motivated.

They termed the report as a deep rooted conspiracy to tarnish the image of the judiciary, which had already earned confidence of the people.

The statement said that the way the report has humiliated the judiciary might have a negative influence on people's mind which is not desirable.

They urged the government to take necessary steps for banning the irresponsible activities of 'Transparency International.'

Governor of Meghalaya calls on Speaker

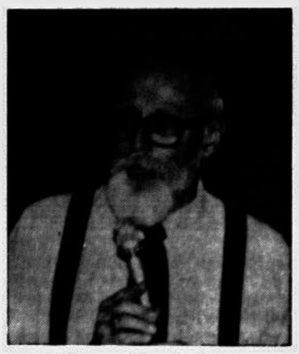
The visiting governor of the Indian state of Meghalaya M M Jacob called on Speaker Humayun Rasheed Choudhury at his Sangsad Bhaban office yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting Speaker Humayun Rasheed Choudhury said that one of the main objectives of our foreign policy is to develop a very close and cordial relationship with her neighbouring countries and in this context he expressed the hope that its relations with adjacent states of India would naturally be more closer.

M M Jacob expressed the same sentiment and said that closer contact and interactions were necessary for the mutual benefit of the peoples of both the countries.

M M Jacob arrived here yesterday afternoon on a four-day visit to Bangladesh.

Whip vice principal Abdus Sahid and secretary of Parliament Secretariat Quazi Md Munzur-i-Mowla were present, among others.



Ray Jutkins arrives Dec 12

One of the marketing trainers of the world, Ray Jutkins, will be visiting Bangladesh from Dec 12 to 18 at the invitation of Rapport Bangladesh Limited. He will conduct four special one-day programmes on selling skills for ANZ Grindlay's Bank, Grameen Telephone, Rahimafrooz Bangladesh Limited and Beximco Investment Co Ltd. He will also conduct two one-day programmes on direct marketing on Dec 15 and financial services marketing on Dec 17. These two programmes will be held at Sonargaon Hotel in the city, says a press release.

Reinstatement of fundamental clauses of '72 Constitution demanded

A labour organisation yesterday demanded of the government to reinstate the fundamental clauses of 1972 Constitution for ensuring welfare of the workers community, reports UNB.

The Constitution written soon after the independence had ensured the basic rights of people from all profession and also ensured one's right to be associated with an organisation.

But provisions of human rights had been snatched and reduced through amending and revising various clauses of the Constitution, said Mujibur Rahman, chairman of International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers Federation — Bangladesh National Coordinating Council (ITGLWF-BNCC) at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club.

The press conference preceded by a workshop participated by presidents and general secretaries of 15 labour organisations.

He demanded formulation of a democratic, progressive and timely labour law in the light of 72 Constitution and International Labour Organisation (ILO) convention, said a press release.

ITGLWF-BNCC secretary Z M Kamrul Anam, TWARO president T Takagi and general secretary N Suzuki were present at the conference.

ITGLWF-BNCC will observe the World Human Rights Day on December 10 and has chalked out a week-long programme from today.

Body found in suitcase yet to be identified

By Staff Correspondent

Police could not yet ascertain the identity of the elderly woman who was found dead in a suitcase beside a road in city's Gulshan area Thursday morning.

Besides, police were not able to arrest any one in connection with the murder of the about 50-year-old woman, police said. Meanwhile, none came to claim the body at Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue.

Gulshan police recovered the body that bore deep scar of rope around the neck and several wounds of sharp weapons.

BHRF accords reception to 12 personalities

Bangladesh Human Rights Foundation (BHRF) accorded a reception to 12 personalities at a local hotel Friday on the occasion of International Human Rights Day, reports UNB.

The personalities are : Human rights activist Father RW Tim, engineer SAKM Shafiq, UNB chairman Amanullah Khan, Lion Humayun Kabir, cultural activist Meher Nigar, Prof Abdul Mannan, Prof Azizur Rahman Chowdhury, banker Sayed Anisul Huq, Jahangeer Hossain Badal, Lion Nazrul Islam Khan, freedom fighter Adv Nuruzzaman (Nonee), Police Super Abdus Sattar Khan, Abdul Kahar Akand and film actress Diti.

The reception was followed by a seminar with Deputy Speaker Adv M Abdul Hamid in the chair.

Inspector General of Police M Ismail Hossain and Lawyer Gazi Shamsur Rahman and Kishoreganj Samity president Sayed Aminul Huq attended the function as special guests, said a press release.

Muktijuddher Bijoy Mela begins in Ctg today

CHITTAGONG, Dec 6: A ten-day grand traditional *Muktijuddher Bijoy Mela* (victory fair) with objective to uphold the spirit and ideals of Liberation War of the country begins at the outer stadium and its adjacent areas tomorrow, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at Chittagong City Corporation auditorium chairman of the *Muktijuddher Bijoy Mela Parishad*-97 and City Mayor Alhaj A B M Mahiuddin Chowdhury and secretary general of the parishad Abul Hashem said the *mela* is being held for the seventh time.

Members of the martyred families along with disabled freedom fighters will inaugurate the *mela* by igniting the victory flame, permanently erected with playing of the national anthem and releasing pigeons, they said.

A good number of valiant freedom fighters including ministers, members of parliament, eminent politicians, journalists, intellectuals, litterateurs and artistes will take part in the *bijoy mela* functions.

Weather

Dry weather forecast

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky across the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office says slight rise in night temperature is expected over the country.

Country's highest temperature 32.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 11.5 degrees at Srimangal.

The sun sets today at 5:11 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:29 am.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius max	min	Humidity in percentage morning	evening
Dhaka	28.7	15.0	69	74
Chittagong	29.6	17.0	74	61
Rajshahi	27.5	16.0	76	83
Khulna	29.0	16.0	74	64
Barisal	28.4	13.6	86	-
Sylhet	29.5	15.4	-	70
Cox's Bazar	32.0	19.00	74	62

You are invited to Seminar on

Ultra-Low Permeability Concrete by David M J Ball, David Ball Group PLC, Cambridge, England on Monday, 8th Dec, '97 at Institution of Engineers, Ramna, Dhaka at 5:30 PM and on Tuesday, 9th Dec, '97 at Institution of Engineers, Chittagong Centre, Chittagong at 6:00 PM.

The lectures include recent research and development work undertaken at Imperial College, London on producing durable, corrosion resistant, waterproof concrete.

The lectures will be of interest to Consulting Engineers, Architects, Contractors and those engaged in producing Cement and/or Concrete.

Please contact: Dr Ladly K. Faiz, Managing Director, The Eagles Company, House-F-15, Road-4, Banani, Dhaka-1213. Tel: 884765, 887629, Fax: 873119 C-897

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১। পদের নাম : ব্যবস্থাপক (সিষ্টেম)
শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা : বি.এস.সি. ইঞ্জিঃ (কম্পিউটার সাইন্স/ ইলেকট্রিক্যাল/ মেকানিক্যাল) অথবা এম.এস.সি ফলিত পদার্থ বিদ্যা। যে কোন দুটি পরীক্ষায় ১ম বিভাগ/শ্রেনীসহ অন্যান্য পরীক্ষায় কমপক্ষে ২য় বিভাগ শ্রেণী থাকতে হবে।
বয়স : অনুর্ধ ৪০ বছর (২১/১২/৯৭)
অভিজ্ঞতা : যে কোন সরকারী, স্বায়ত্ব-শাসিত বা বেসরকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানে কম্পিউটার কেন্দ্রিক MIS ব্যবস্থাপনায় ৭ (সাত) বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা। LAN ব্যবস্থাপনাসহ Foxpro এবং Oraccle প্রোগ্রামিং এর অভিজ্ঞতা। User দের প্রশিক্ষণ প্রদান এবং Hardware Trouble Shooting এর বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা। বিশেষ ক্ষেত্রে শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা শিথিলযোগ্য।
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২। পদের নাম : সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক
শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা : হিসাব বিজ্ঞান/ব্যবস্থাপনা/ফাইনান্স/লোক প্রশাসন/অর্থনীতি/ সমাজ বিজ্ঞান/ ইংরেজী/ সমাজ কল্যাণ/ অংক/ পদার্থবিদ্যা/ পরিসংখ্যান বিষয়ে কমপক্ষে দুটি প্রথম বিভাগ/শ্রেনীসহ সকল পরীক্ষায় অনুন্য ২য় বিভাগ/শ্রেনীসহ মাষ্টার্স বা সমমানের ডিগ্রী অথবা শিক্ষাজীবনে সকল পরীক্ষায় অনুন্য ২য় বিভাগ/শ্রেনীসহ স্নাতক বা সমমানের ডিগ্রী এবং তৎসহ জাতীয় বেতন স্কেলে নয় গ্রেডে অথবা খ্যাতি সম্পন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠানে আট বছর চাকরির অভিজ্ঞতা অথবা কমপক্ষে দুটি ১ম বিভাগ/ শ্রেনীসহ স্নাতক বা সমমানের ডিগ্রীসহ সি.এ. ইন্টারমিডিয়েট।
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শর্তাবলীঃ
ক) দরখাস্তকারীকে নিজের নাম, পিতা/স্বামীর নাম, স্থায়ী ঠিকানা, বর্তমান ঠিকানা, জন্ম তারিখ, বয়স, জাতীয়তা, ধর্ম, নিজ জেলা, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা (যদি থাকে) ইত্যাদি উল্লেখপূর্বক সাদা কাগজে লিখিত দরখাস্ত ২১শে ডিসেম্বর, ১৯৯৭ইং তারিখের মধ্যে পৌছাতে হবে।
খ) সরকারী ও আধাসরকারী সংস্থায় কর্মরত প্রার্থীদের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে।
গ) দরখাস্তের সংগে শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদপত্র, মার্কশীট, দুই কপি ছবি, ২টি চারিত্রিক পত্র, অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি জমা দিতে হবে।

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২৬, দিলকুশা বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা
ঢাকা-১০০০

৩য় বিশেষ সাধারণ সভার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা বিজ্ঞপ্তি দেয়া যাচ্ছে যে পূবালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেডের শেয়ারহোল্ডারদের ৩য় বিশেষ সাধারণ সভা আগামী ৩০শে ডিসেম্বর, ১৯৯৭ইং মোতাবেক ১৬ইং পৌষ ১৪০৪ বাংলা রোজ মঙ্গলবার সকাল ১০ (দশ) ঘটিকায় ২৬ দিলকুশা বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকায় অবস্থিত পূবালী ব্যাংক ভবনের মিলনায়তনে (১৪ তলায়) নিম্নলিখিত কার্যাবলী বিবেচনার্থে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে ঃ

১। ব্যাংকের পরিচালনা পর্ষদের চেয়ারম্যানকে অতীতে প্রদত্ত ভাতা ও অন্যান্য সুবিধা অনুমোদনের সিদ্ধান্ত সাধারণ সিদ্ধান্ত হিসাবে বিবেচনা এবং বিবেচিত হলে সাধারণ সিদ্ধান্ত হিসাবে অনুমোদন ও গ্রহণ।

২। ব্যাংকের সংঘ বিধির ৮৫নং ধারা সংশোধনের সিদ্ধান্ত বিশেষ সিদ্ধান্ত হিসাবে বিবেচনা ও বিবেচিত হলে বিশেষ সিদ্ধান্ত হিসাবে অনুমোদন ও গ্রহণ।

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