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**Observation in workshop  
Agri information should get  
more space in news media**

The agricultural information should get regular and more space in news media for the betterment of the most neglected section of the society, the farmers, reports UNB.

About 70 to 80 per cent of the population is directly or indirectly involved with agriculture. But the sector gets minimum importance without having regular news space in the mass media.

The observation came from the inaugural session of a two-day workshop on "Agricultural Reporting" that got underway at the BARC conference room yesterday.

In collaboration with Novartis (Bangladesh) Limited, the workshop was jointly organised by Bangladesh Centre for Development Journalism and Communication (BCDJC) and BARC.

Dr Zahrul Karim, Executive Chairman of BARC, chaired the inaugural function and presented the key note paper titled "Bangladesh Agriculture: Trends and Critical Issues".

Seventeen journalists from different leading national dailies, news agencies and other media are participating in the workshop.

Speakers at the inaugural session also said the agricultural sector is being neglected although it is still contributing nearly 30 per cent of GDP to the national economy, providing employment to 60 per cent of the population and earning

about 32 per cent of the exports. Referring to the garments sector which contributes highest export earnings in terms of volume, they said in terms of value addition its contribution is less than agriculture.

They urged the journalists to come forward to publish more analytical news on agricultural sector in the mass media for the greater interest of the country.

The workshop will be followed by a number of fellowships for depth reporting in some areas to encourage agricultural reporting in newspapers.

**NGO workers  
gherao DC office  
in Sirajganj**

About 500 NGO workers gheraoed the Sirajganj Deputy Commissioner's office and submitted a memorandum on Thursday protesting arrest of their director, reports UNB.

Towhidur Rahman, the Director of Daridra Nibaron Kendra, was arrested in connection with a general diary filed by another non-governmental organisation on July 13.

The NGO workers alleged that the Officer-in-Charge Abdul Motalab arrested Towhidur Rahman, a freedom fighter, being motivated by the false allegations of the Islami Women Organisation and demanded suspension of the OC.



The leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia seen consoling mother of Shamim Reza Rubel, a university student, who was killed under police custody on Thursday night. — Star photo

**New Dinkal  
management  
takes over**

By Staff Correspondent

New management authorities of The Daily Dinkal took over at a simple ceremony yesterday, says a press release.

A K M Mosharrif Hossain MP, and Afzal H Khan MP, were appointed Managing Director and Managing and Executive Editor of the daily respectively.

Nurul Amin Talukder MP, was appointed Director and Tareq Rahman Executive Director.

The new appointments were confirmed at a meeting of Directors of the Jatiyatabadi Publications Ltd (JPL) with Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair recently.

JPL directors Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder, Shaikh Razzak Ali MP, Barrister Nazmul Huda MP, Fazlul Azim MP, Dr A R Ghani, Nurul Amin Talukder MP, A K M Mosharrif Hossain MP, Manzurul Ahsan Munshi MP and Editor of the Daily Dinkal Akhter-Ul-Alam were present at the meeting.

**Killing of  
Rubel condemned**

By Staff Correspondent

Different organisations yesterday condemned the killing of Rubel at the DB police custody and demanded a judicial probe into the incident by a judge of the Supreme Court.

Bangladesh Manobadhikar Samonoy Parishad (BMS) in a statement yesterday said "We have no language to condemn, reproach and express hatred for the loathsome killing." This incident has exposed the fragility and dire strait of democracy and human rights in the country," the statement said.

In another statement, Jatiya Ainjibi Parishad (JAP) expressed grave concern at the killing and said it would intensify people's distrust and lack of confidence in the police and discipline.

"It is an expression of the government's failure and its lack of commitment to democratic values", the statement said.

JAP said "this kind of incident reminds of political terrorism, administrative wantonness and the attacking attitude of the government."

JAP also alleged that the authorities are trying to prove the incident as an "isolated" one by arresting several low ranking police officers keeping the real culprits in hiding.

The Democratic Republican Party (DRP) also expressed concern and condemned the killing.

**Rafiqul Islam Mia  
concerned at  
death of Rubel**

Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia, a BNP leader and former minister, has expressed grave concern at the death of Rubel in police custody, reports UNB.

"The brutality has shattered the confidence on the police force," said Rafiq in a statement yesterday and demanded an explanation of the Home Minister about the conduct of the police officials.

Inhuman torture in police custody is against all international laws and the Constitution as well. If the police are not restrained from repeating such incidents, people may tempt to take the law in their hands to punish the violators of the law, Rafiq said.

**AKTEL's announcement  
TMIB clarifies  
its position**

By Staff Correspondent

TM International (Bangladesh) Limited (TMIB), provider of AKTEL cellular service, yesterday clarified position regarding introduction of tariff on AKTEL's recent announcement to impose charges on incoming calls from BTB local lines, says a press release.

"Imposition of incoming charge on BTB local calls is absolutely necessary to avoid one-way traffic congestion to cellular subscribers and thereby to safeguard the standard of AKTEL service," the clarification said.

"Amendment or variation of tariff rates by TMIB is in conformity with and within the scope of the terms and conditions of the agreement signed by the customers," it claimed.



**'Ochin Pakhi'  
selected for  
Italian film  
festival**

A documentary film titled 'Ochin Pakhi' (The Unknown Bird) on the life and music of Lalou Fakir by Tanvir Mokammel has been selected for the 11th International Festival of Ethnographical Films, says a press release.

The film festival on 'Music and Ritual' is scheduled to be held on October 5 to 10 in Nuoro, Italy.

The director of the 60-minute documentary has also been invited by the Istituto Superiore Regionale Etnografico, Organiser of the festival, to attend the festival.

**Matia opens  
Bangabandhu O  
Muktijuddho  
Reading Room  
in Calcutta**

Agriculture and Food Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury yesterday inaugurated the "Bangabandhu O Muktijuddho reading room" in the library and information centre of the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Calcutta, according to a message received here, reports BSS.

This has fulfilled the long awaited demand of scholars, teachers, researchers and general readers of West Bengal. At present 25 researchers and students of different universities of India are doing research on Bangabandhu and the War of Independence of Bangladesh using the library and information centre, the message said.

In her inaugural speech Begum Matia Chowdhury recalled the contribution of Bangabandhu in the creation of Bangladesh and paid tribute to the martyrs of the liberation movement for their sacrifices. She said the present government was committed to establishing the ideals and spirit of the liberation movement in every sphere of national life.

**Boat-capsize in  
Kangsha: 2 bodies  
recovered**

Two bodies, out of 20 missing people in a boat-capsize in the river Kangsha in Fulpur thana were recovered on Saturday morning under Myensingh district, reports UNB.

A boat with about 60 passengers capsized in the river near Mahisikandi Bazar on Thursday morning amid whirling current.

Police said one of the bodies was identified as Nabi Hossain, 45, Assistant Thana Education Officer of Fulpur.

**First class first**

By DU Correspondent

Md Hafizur Rahman Hafiz stood first class first in the MA final examination of 1995 from the Department of Bengali of the Dhaka University, said a press release.

The only first class first out of 200 students of the department this year, Hafiz is the second son of Md Kinar Uddin and Rabeeya Begum of Chapamagar village under Badalgachhi thana of Naogaon.

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Enlistment Form can be purchased at Tk 50/= (fifty) only (non-refundable) in cash from this office up to 4-00 PM of 5-8-98. Applications will be received in the box kept at the Office Chamber of Civil Surgeon, Dhaka up to 1200 Noon of 6-8-98, and the applications will be selected on the same day at 12-30 PM by the Enlistment Selection Committee.

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