Motor workers clash in Rajshahi:

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Apr 29: At least 25 people were injured, five of them seriously, in a clash between the rival factions of Rajshahi Motor Sramik Union at Talaimari crossing in the city yesterday.

About 50 bombs were exploded during the clash. Later, police seized one pipe gun and eight hand-made bombs and arrested one Manik from the spot. The Sramik Union members

were in a meeting, but the clash erupted over the issue of toll collection.

adjacent areas, creating panic among the people. Later, police rushed to the spot and resorted to baton charge to bring the situation under control.

The road communication between Rajshahi and Natore remained suspended for about

Seven terrorists held in city

Seven alleged terrorists were arrested from Jurain area of the city and police seized five bombs and bomb making materials from their possession, reports BSS.

A team of Shyampur police. acting on a tip-off, raided a building at Jurain Commissioner Road and arrested the alleged terrorists from its rooftop.

They seized five petrol and 40 homemade bombs and a huge number of bomb making materials from their possession. The arrested are Iqbal, Mo-

taleb, Delwar, Sumon, Sayeed, Nuruzzaman and Anwer. Police suspected that Iqbal was the leader of a terrorist gang and Motaleb was involved

in trafficking Phensidyl syrup in the area for a long time. Shyampur police also ar-rested Monir Hossain and Ali Hossain from Jurain area and seized a country-made gun from

their possession. City AL spl meet today

A special extended meeting of the City Awami League (CAL) will be held today at the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue at 6 pm, reports BSS.

General Secretary of City Awami League and State Minister for Shipping Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya (Bir Bikram) has requested to all Parliament Members of the city, commissioners of Dhaka City Corporation belonging to Awami League, all CAL leaders, President and General Secretary of every Thana, Ward, Union and its front organisations of the party to attend the meeting on time.

Extortionists attack 2 in city

Two people were critically injured by unidentified extortionists in the city yesterday,

Witnesses said a group of 5 extortionists stabbed Joynul Abedin, 35, of West Sheurapara in Mirpur as he denied to pay them toll.

In another incident, Sujan, 25, of Mauta village in Uttara thana, was injured when some extortionists beat him up.

Another report adds: Some miscreants cut off the righthand wrist of a housewife, Rehana Begun, 35, at Delpara village of Fatulla thana in Narayanganj yesterday.

Witnesses said the miscreants chopped off her wrist as a sequel to past animosity. The injured were admitted to

Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Obituary

By Staff Correspondent Morzina Khatun alias Modina Begum, mother of Masudul Hassan, a noted social worker, director of Peace for All, representative of International Peace Bureau (IPB) died of old age complications on Tuesday night. She was 69.

She was buried at Mirpur Hazrat Shah Ali (RM) mazar sharif premises at Mirpur. A milad mahfil will be or-

ganised at the deceased's residence at 2/E, 6/1, Mirpur after Asr prayers.

Politician Deldar Ahmed dead

KHULNA, Apr 29: A H Deldar Ahmed, one of the senior most politicians in the country, died of cardiac arrest at his residence here at about 6 am today.

He was 90, reports APB. As the news of his death spread in the town, hundreds of people from all walks of life flocked to his residence to have a last glimpse at him and pay

their respect. State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukdar Abdul Khaleque and City Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rah man also visited the residence.

Deldar Ahmed, was a bache-He was a front ranking leader of the Juktafront, led by Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Haq. He was elected a member of the then Pakistan National Assembly in 1955 and was central food and agriculture minister in the Cabinet of Hussein Shahid Suhrawardy in 1966.

Qulkhwani held

The qulkhwani of Abu Naim Ahmed, former president of Pakundia Samity, was held at its office in the city on Saturday lst, says a press release.

A condolence meeting was also held on the day. The samity members expressed deep sorrow at his death and conveyed sympathy to the members of bereaved family.

A former joint secretary, Ahmed died on April 21.

Nazrul's birth centenary

Last phase of celebrations begins today

"Nazrul Birth Centenary Conference" begins today afternoon in the National Museum Auditorium in the city as part of the year-long celebrations of the national poet's birth centenary, reports BSS.

Former Chief Justice and Head of the Caretaker Government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman will inaugurate the conference, first programme of the last phase of the year-long celebrations whi-ch began on Jaistha 11, 1405 (May 25, 1998), the 100th birthday of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to attend the concluding and main function of the birth centenary as the chief guest scheduled to be held on Jaistha 11, 1406 (May 25, 1999) at the Osmany Memorial

This was disclosed at a press conference of the "National Committee on Celebration of the Poet's Birth Centenary" held in the Nazrul Institute yester-

Acting secretary of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs Muhammad Azizur Rahman read out the speech of the State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture and Executive President of the committee Obaidul Quader as he could not attend the press conference due to ill-

Bangladesh missions abroad will also celebrate the day with elaborate programmes.

A total of 15 distinguished foreign experts on Nazrul are expected to attend the "international conference on Nazrul" scheduled for May 22-23.

The experts include Dr Henry Glassic and Dr Winston Langley from United States, Dr Kiyuka Niwa from Japan, Dr Hans Horder, Dr Monika Karbe and Dr Cristian Weive from Germany, Mrs Theodora Kis from Greece, Azhar Uddin Khan, Dr Bramhamohon Thakur, Dr Madhusuddhan Basu and Dr Anup Ghosal from India.

Buddha Purnima celebrated

The Buddhist community of city. the country yesterday celebrated their biggest religious festival with due respect fervour, marking the advent, enlightenment and "nirvana" or passing away of Lord Gautam Buddha, reports BSS.

On this day 2500 years ago, Lord Gautam Buddha was born in a grove called Lumbini in Kapilavastu (Nepal), attained supreme enlightenment at the age of 35 in Gaya (Bihar, India) and passed away at the age of

To celebrate the day. Buddhists carried out a number of rituals including lighting lamps, "Bodhibrikhaya Sinchan," "Buddha Puja," "Punnaya Dan," "Panchashila and Asta Shila Grahan," presented special yellow robes to the monks, and took part in re-

ligious discussions. This year Bangladesh Buddhist Federation and several other Buddhist organisations, including Sammilita Buddha Purnima Udjapan Parishad (SBPUP), observed the day through holding peace march, rallies, discussions, and

prayers seeking world peace. Bangladesh Buddhist Federation organised a number of programmes at the International Buddhist Bihar at Merul Badda, Gulshan in the

Minister for Civil Aviation Tourism and Works Engineer Mosharraf Hossain attended the programmes as the chief guest and State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana Nurul Islam was present as special guest.

Among others, A K M Rahmatullah, MP, Chairman of Huq were also present on the occasion.

Meanwhile President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed hosted a reception for the members of the Buddhist community on the occasion of Buddha Purnima at Bangabhaban yesterday after-

State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana Nurul Islam was present on the occasion.

Diplomats of Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Pakistan The members of the Buddhist community thanked the president for arranging such a

graceful reception. Earlier, President Shahabuddin welcomed the guests and exchanged pleasantries with them. He also enquired about

Teachers urged to be vocal against AL govt

BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday urged the teachers' community to raise their voice against the "autocratic" government to rid the country of a serious crisis, reports UNB.

"Teachers always protest against any misdeeds and injustice. The country is now plagued by widespread terrorism. People are disappointed with worsening law and order and economic slowdown as well," she said.

The opposition leader made the call when 54 teachers of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) called on her at her 29 Minto Road official residence in the evening. Newly elected president Prof

Moinuddin Ahmed and general secretary Prof Idris Mia of the BAU Teachers Association led the delegation.

BNP-backed Sonali Dal bagged eight posts out of 11 in the teachers' association elections.

Begum Zia said "state terrorism" and politicisation were vitiating academic atmosphere of BAU as of other universities. She said the agricultural

university was established to introduce state-of-the-art technologies in the country's agriculture. 'Agriculture contributes li on's share to our national economy, but the university is lag-

ging behind its main objective

following state terrorism and

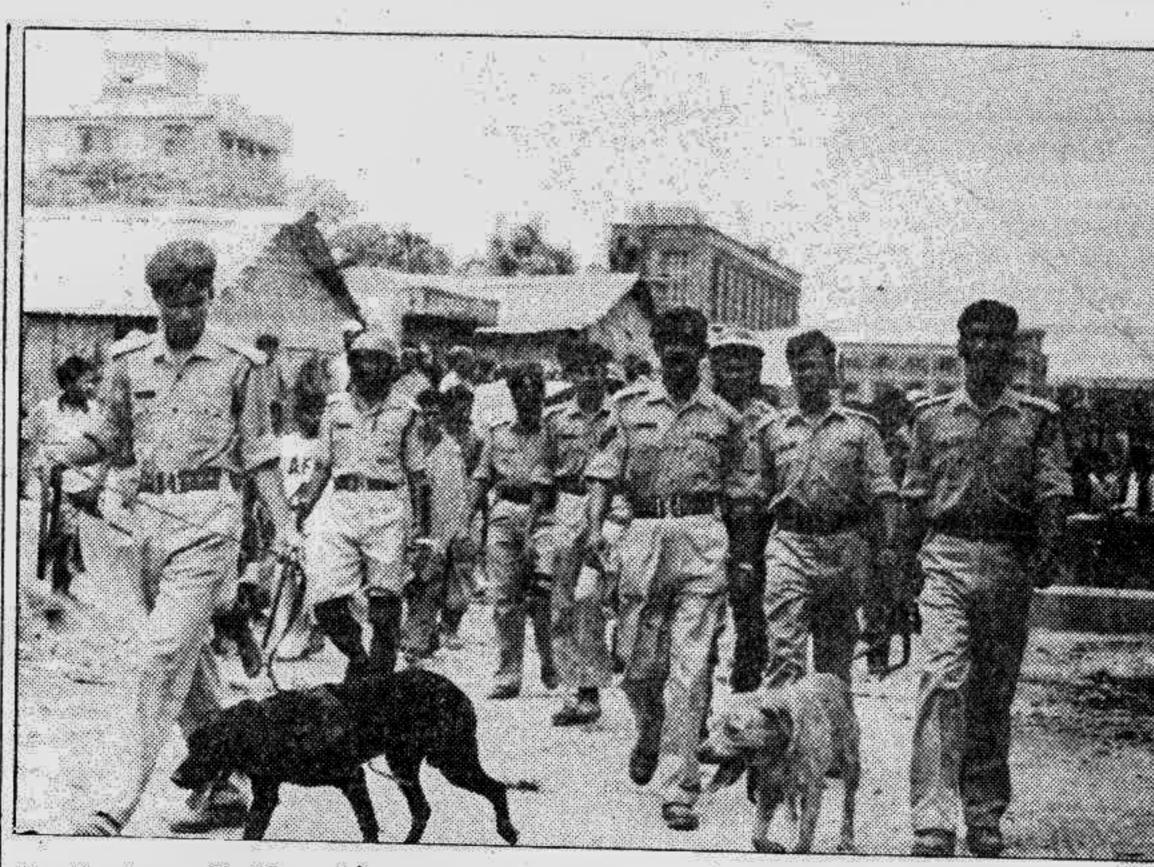
politicking," Begum Zia ob-She said many efficient and qualified teachers of the university were losing interest in teaching profession due to politicking.

Eid reunion of Dhaka Dist Rover today

The Eid reunion of Dhaka Zilla Rover Scouts will be held in the city today, says a press release.

An award distribution ceremony and cultural programme have also been arranged on the

(Organisation) of Bangladesh Scouts and LGRD Secretary Badiur Rahman, President of Dhaka Zilla Rover and Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka M. Mobarak, Commissioner o Dhaka Zilla Rover Dr QATM Habibur Rahman will attend the function at the Eden Girls' College auditorium.



A police team aided by a dog squad raided TT Para slum at Kamalapur in the city yesterday Five bottles of phensidyl were recovered and four people arrested during the raid.

-Star photo

Spl police drive in Khulna 122 criminals rounded up

KHULNA, Apr 29: A review meeting on special police drive against criminals in Khulna Division and Khulna Metropolitan area was held yesterday with the Additional Inspector General of Police (Administration) Abdur Rahim Khan at the Khulna Metropolitan Police Commissioners conference room, reports BSS.

The Metropolitan Police Commissioner Anwarul Iqbal informed the additional IGP of the uptodate result of special police drive in the city and said that during the last seven days the metro-police had recovered 25 arms and 26 rounds of ammunitions and arrested 122 criminals from the city area.

Speaking on the occasion Abdur Rahim Khan said that police had launched a special drive against the criminals successfully nabbing criminals and recovering illegal arms and ammunitions. He further said that the present government is determined to establish a crime-free society at any cost and the police is relentlessly working to make the drive successfully.

Referring to the steps already taken to contain crimes the additional IGP said that 150

Withdrawal of

'false cases'

against BNP

leaders demanded

Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday

demanded withdrawal of "false

cases" filed against the central

of judicial enquiry committees

to probe the cases where his

He also called for formation

party leaders, reports BSS.

implicated.

Manzur.

BNP secretary general Abdul

permanent police camps were being set up in Khulna Division of which ten such police camps would be set up in Khulna Metropolitan police area. He also said that five police camps would be set up immediately. He sanctioned Tk five lakh for set ting up of Mistripara Bazar camp and approved police camps at Labanchora, Rayermohal, Arang Ghata and Pathar Bazar in the Metropolitan city.

The meeting was attended by the officers-in-charge of all the nine thanas of the district and high officials of the police department.

Earlier, the additional DIC visited several places in the metro-city and exchanged views with local people. Speaking on the occasion Abdur Rahm Khan sought the cooperation of the people in apprehending criminals of their respective

During the visit Abdur Rahim Khan was accompanied by Awami League leaders including Shamsur Rahman Mani, member of Awami League Presidium, Awami League nominated Khulna city mayor candidate S M A Rob and members of local police officials.

First operation by dog squad

talked about dog-squad in its first drive yesterday frustrated their masters failing to nose out any narcotics in an operation at the city's TT-para slums, said to be a den of drug smugglers, reports UNB.

Some of the policemen, how ever, claimed that the dogs detected five bottles of phensidyl from one shanty.

Rahman conducted the search from 8 am ringing the entire slum areas so that none could move out. They, later, brought the dogs to conduct the combing operation inside the slums, "but in vain.

unwilling to come down from the police van when they were called to go for the operation,

A police official opined that the dog-squad is not efficient as the dogs were too old to conduct any operation.

netting criminals and contrabands. After six months of training, the police formally launched the 'trained dogs' in the drive.

Zillur says BNP conspiring with killers to

lur Rahman has said the leaders of killings, conspiracies and military coups of the past have united to take back the country to the post-'75 situation to destabilise the prevailing congenial political atmosphere of

Secretary of Awami League, said the BNP Chairperson had chalked out the conspiracy with the beneficiaries of the brutal killing of 1975 to capture the state power in an unconstitutional manner and out of the electoral system by creating anarchy and violence.

The minister was inaugurating the construction work of the 500-feet Kuthibazar-Radhaganj bridge over Arialkha river at a function at Shibpur.

political ideology, programmes and ethics always want to capture the state power by any means - through the politics of killing, conspiracy and military coup and violating the democratic process and basic rights of the citizens.

Accounting Club executive committee A 23-member executive

Held at the club office at

Rahman, Harun-or-Rashid Hawlader and Kishwar Sultana

agency a contingent of 160 police led by DC (East) Mokhlesur

the phensidyl bottles were 'brought and kept' on the spot seeing failure of the dogs after four hours of painstaking operation, to avert an embarrassing situation.

"The dogs were found very

capture power

NARSINGDI, Apr 29: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zilthe country, reports BSS.

He said those who have no

committee of the Accounting mously yesterday.

Lalmatia in the city, the meeting was presided over by Dr M Harunur Rashid. It also approved the constitution of the Other elected office-bearers

are: Vice-presidents - S I Khan Zaker Ahmed, Benajir Ahmed, M Humayun Kabir and Tapan Krishna Podder; joint-secretary Dewan Wasiqul Alam Milton; treasurer — Dewan Nurul Islam; joint treasurer — Samiran Kumar Bose; cultural and publication secretary - Azadur Rahman Khan; sports secretary - S M Wahiduzzaman Babur; membership development and public relation secretary - Kamrul Islam; and executive members -K M Badruddin, K M Husamuddin, Ishtiaque Hasan, Rafiqul Islam, Samsul Alam Mallick Mahfuzur Rahman Jalil, Mah-

Four dogs of the much-

A police source told the news

Another source claimed that

Twenty-three dogs were imported from London last year under a Tk 5 crore project and trained to make them skilled in

Zillur Rahman, also General

Club has been elected with Dr M Harunur Rashid and Dr Jamaluddin Ahmed as its president and general secretary respectively, says a press release. The seventh meeting of the club's convening committee elected the committee unani-

club.

sudur Rahman, Mashihur

Noakhali FENI, Apr 29: Diarrhoea that has broken out in an alarming rate in the char areas of the district and neighbouring

Diarrhoea claims

14 in Feni,

Noakhali claimed at least 14 lives, reports UNB. The victims, including 10 children, died during the last two weeks, said the local

The worst affected areas are Char Mujlishpur, Char Chandia and Sonagazi unions in Feni and Nabagram, Char Ma-jid, Char Mahiuddin, Char Nalua areas in Noakhali dis-

The number of deaths in Noakhali 13 includes 10 chil-

At Feni Sadar Hospital, 10 to 15 people are getting admitted with diarrhoea everyday, most of them are children and old The spread of the water-

borne disease is mainly due to the prevailing drought and scarcity of drinking water. Official sources said medical teams are working in the af-

fected areas but the local people alleged that they did not found any member of the teams in their areas.

Hot spell claims 3 in Pabna PABNA, Apr 29: A prolonged

heat wave sweeping most parts of the district left three people dead over the past week, hospital sources said, reports APB. Those killed in the heat-

stroke were identified as Ganganarayan Dhar, 55, of Shalgharia and Maqsud Ali, 60, of Hamichapur in sadar thana, and Afsar Mollah, 42, of Nayanpur in Bera thana. The district had been reeling under scorching heat for the last few days and according to

ture soared to as high as 40 degrees Celsius in some places. Although some places in the country experienced a little rainfall in the recent months, Pabna has been hit by a severe drought.

The district experienced no

records registered by the local

administration, the tempera-

recorded here on November 17 last, concerned sources said. Meanwhile, several thousand people joined in a special prayer in the town today seeking divine increention for

rain since a 20 mm rainfall was

Road accident in Gaibandha: One killed, five hurt

GAIBANDHA, Apr 29: A man was killed and five people were injured in a road accident at Gobindaganj on Dhaka-Rangpur highway here today, reports

The dead was identified as Jafrul Islam (35), son of Hossen Ali of Valuk Kanupur village in the thana and the injured were Major Faraji of Syedpur Cantonment, his wife Salma Begum, son Musfiqur Rahman, daughter Tasmima Tanjim and driver Sekendar.

Police said the accident occurred at about 1 pm when a car carrying Major Faraji and his family members turned turtle into a roadside ditch after hitting pedestrian Jafrul from be-

The injured were admitted to Bogra Combined Military Hos-A case was filed with Gobindaganj thana in this connec-

One sentenced to death in Jamalpur

JAMALPUR, Apr 29: A court here sentenced a man to death on Sunday for killing a teenaged girl, reports UNB. According to the prosecution, Liton, son of Zinatullah,

killed his cousin Rina Begum at village Porarchar in Islampur thana on June 1, 1995 following a previous enmity. After investigation police

had submitted charge-sheet against seven people. After examining the witnesses and records, Additional District and Sessions Judge Monwara Begum found Liton guilty and awarded the capital

punishment acquitting others. Bangladesh, US friendship school opens in Rangpur

RANGPUR, Apr 29: Apart from military cooperation, Bangladesh and US army have made a symbol of friendship contributing to the country's social development by jointly building a school in Rangpur, reports UNB. Now renamed Nishbetgan

Friendship School, near the Rangpur Cantonment, the school was originally set up in 1993, in a temporary tin shed. It now boasts a modern building with ceiling fans and tube lights in every classroom. The changed look of the school is the outcome of 13 weeks of hard work by 84th En-

Schofield Barracks of Hawaii, USA and the 18th Engineers Battalion of 66 Infantry Division of Bangladesh Army. The work was carried out under an exercise, named "Bailey Bulldog," that involved 49 soldiers from the US side and

gineers Combat Battalion from

over 50 from Bangladesh side. Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman and Deputy Chief of Mis-sion of the US Embassy in Dhaka Theodore A Nist jointly inaugurated the school building, situated by the highway of the district.

The new school building reopens tomorrow with about 350 students from class VI to X.

25 hurt

The clash soon spread to the

two hours due to clash. auditorium.

day afternoon.

Bangladesh Public Service Commission (PSC) Prof M Mustafa Chowdhury, and Chairman of RAJUK Azizul

were present on the occasion.

occasion.

National Commissioner



Women activists of BNP chant slogans during a demonstration in the city yesterday

demanding the name of former minister Tariqul Islam be withdrawn from the chargesheet in

the murder case of Saiful Alam Mukul, the Editor of Runner. Editors firm to prevent yellow

journalism Editors of different national newspapers and news agencies said yesterday that they would safeguard the freedom of the press and prevent yellow jour-

nalism in the country, reports

exchanging views at a meeting

with Chairman of the Press

Council Justice Habibur Rah-

The editors said this while

man Khan at the Jatiya Press Club. They also expressed solidarity with the Press Council to make it more dynamic and ef-The meeting decided that the Chairman of the Press Council would visit all newspapers and news agencies and exchange

views with the journalists re-

lating to their various prob-

The editors emphasised the need for reaching a consensus to amend and change the existing laws relating to journalism. President of the Editorial Board of Ittefaq Barrister Moinul Hossein, Acting Editor of Sangbad Bazlur Rahman, Editor of Ajker Kagoj Kazi Shahed Ahmed, Editor of Bangladesh Observer Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Chief Editor and Managing Director of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) Haroon Habib, Editor of Independent Mahbubul Alam. Editor of Khabor Mizanur Rahman Mizan, Editor of Banglabazar Patrika Zakaria Khan, Editor of Manabjamin Motiur Rahman Chowdhury, Editor of Probhat Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Chief Editor of Inqilab A K M Mohiuddin, Assistant Editor of Sangbad Santosh Gupta, Senior Journalist of Ittefaq Shafiqur Rahman and Assistant Editor of Muktakantha Ajoy Dash Gupta at-

tended the meeting.

-Star photo What's on today

Founding anniversary: A discussion meeting has been organised on the occasion of first founding anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University. Health Minister Salahuddin Yusuf will be present as chief guest. Venue: Shaheed Dr

Classical music: Ustad Ayet Ali Khan Sangeet Niketan has organised a discussion meeting and a programme of classical music on the occasion of third death anniversary of Ustad Abed Hossain Khan. Venue: German Cultural Centre, House-10, Road-9, Dhanmondi. Time: 7 pm.

Silver jubilee celebrations: A programme has been arranged to mark 25 years of the monthly 'Sangskriti' edited

by Badruddin Umar. Venue: Modern Language Institute audito-

rium, Dhaka University. Time: 4:30 pm. Outlaw killed

Milon Hall. Time: 4 pm.

in Magura MAGURA, Apr 29: An activist of the outlawed Biplobi Communist Party was killed in an encounter with police at a village in Shalikha thana here today, police said, reports APB. A pipe gun and two rounds of bullets were seized from his possession. Police captured the

He succumbed to his injuries later. The incident occurred when a group of about 12 armed cadres went to the house of one Akin at village Sandra and demanded Tk 15,000 as toll this morning, according to sources. Following a tip, a police force led by SP Akbar Ali raided the village and ringed the house.

wounded activist Zakir alias

Kala, 30, a member of Nasir

group of the underground party

as his accomplices retreated.

lice, the outlawed activists opened fire in a bid to make their way out. Police quickly returned the fire and Zakir was hit by a bullet. A case was filed with the local police.

Sensing the presence of po-

Honours courses introduced in two colleges in Sherpur

SHERPUR, Apr 29: Honours courses have been introduced in six subjects in two colleges here during the last two academic years fulfilling a long cherished demand, reports UNB. The National University is also considering introduction

of the courses in three other

subjects.

In Sherpur Government College, courses were introduced in Zoology and 30 students will be admitted into it. Earlier in the last academic year, Honours courses were introduced in Bangla, Mathematics and Management subjects in the college. Some 60 students in Bangla, 50 each in Mathematics and Management were admitted to the college.

were introduced in Bangla and

Philosophy and a total of 120

students were admitted.

ered welcome speech in the inaugural session of the seminar.

In Sherpur Government Girls' College, Honours courses

CAT seminar on theatre held

The rally was followed by a

day, says a press release. The seminar organised by Centre for Asian Theatre (CAT) was presided over by Ataur Rahman, Theatre Director and Secretary General to ITI, Bangladesh-Kamaluddin Nilu, Secretary General, (CAT) deliv-

structure.

The day-long seminar was treatment but now financially participated by outstanding broken. theatre directors, actors and actresses, writers, academicians, ment included Shahjahan theatre scholars and theatre Siraj, A F M Mahbubul Huq and critics of the country. Nazrul Islam.

Committee formed to recommend policy support for garments industry

The leading trade bodies in the textile and garments sectors yesterday formed a committee to recommend policy support for the overall development of the industry, reports APB. A 17-member committee was

formed at a joint meeting of

lems facing the textile sector,

find solutions and recommend

policy support to the govern-

ment to increase its competitive

edge, keeping in view the with-

drawal of the Multi-fibre

Anisur Rahman Sinha, the

meeting was attended by BTMA

president Salman F Rahman,

BKMEA president Monzurul

Huq, BTTLMEA president

Shafiqul Islam and other

members of the associations,

Gonoshasthaya

protests road

accidents

Gonoshasthaya Kendra (GK),

teachers and students of Gono

Bishwabiddalaya and Gonopa-

thshala brought out a silent

procession in protest of the

tragic death of Anu Chowdhury

in a road accident, says a press

Babu, the only son of Dr Qasem,

executive director of GK, re-

ceived serious head injuries on

Pahela Baishak, (April 14) near

Niribili area at Savar when a

speeding killer truck knocked

down his rickshaw. Anu suc-

cumbed to his injuries at

Bangabandhu Hospital (former

Help sought for

treatment of

Bir Bangalee

different socio-political organ-

isations of Sylhet yesterday

sought government's help for

providing medicare services to

freedom fighter Saidur Rahman

Mahtab, popularly known as

fighter who had long been suf-

fering from different diseases

and is now in a serious condi-

tions from diabetes and infec-

tion in his kidney and pan-

creas, needs help for treatment.

self bore the expenses of his

The Bir Bangalee so far him-

The signatories to the state-

Mahtab, an injured freedom-

'Bir Bangalee', reports BSS.

Leading personalities and

IPGMR) on April 17.

Anu popularly known as

The officers and workers of

said a BGMEA press release.

Chaired by BGMEA president

Agreement in 2005.

party leaders and workers are Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters' Asso-Addressing a rally at Mukciation, Bangladesh Textile tangan here in protest against Mills Association, Bangladesh the filing of 'conspiratorial Knitwear Manufacturers and case' against former minister Exporters' Association and BNP Vice Chairman Bangladesh Teri Towel and Tariqul Islam, Bhuiyan also Linen Manufacturers and Exdemanded immediate release of porters' Association at the BGall political detenus including K MEA conference room. M Obaidur Rahman MP, Alam-Ahead of the next budget, the gir Kabir MP and Nurul Islam committee will identify prob-

only to harassing him and weakening the BNP, party MP Alamgir Kabir, he said, was also implicated in another murder case. Presided over by convenor of Dhaka City BNP Sadek Hossain Khoka MP, the rally was also addressed, among others, by

Bhuiyan alleged that Tariqul Islam had been impli-

cated in the Mukul murder case

ber Abdul Matin Chowdhury and BNP joint secretary general Abdullah Al Noman. Other leaders of BNP reiterated their demand for resignation of the government and holding of fresh elections under

a caretaker authority.

procession.

BNP standing committee mem-

A day-long seminar on "Theatre of and for the People: A contextualised View on Popular Theatre" was held at the

Goethe-Institut Dhaka yester-

The seminar discussed functions of popular and folk theatre and dance for the public at large, in everyday life, as well as in religious or secular festivals and holidays. Dr Christina Nygren, theatre scholar from the Swedish Council for Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences pointed out that popular theatre is integrated in society and in people's life, not only as an aesthetic experience or as entertainment for the common people, and the performances are often significant for a feeling of community or serve like unifying events for certain groups in the social