Ctg lawyers to continue boycott of CMM's court

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 16: The activities at the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court Chittagong remained suspended since May 10 due to boycott of the court by the lawyers of Chittagong District Bar Association.

The lawyers continued boycott of the CMM's court for the seventh day today demanding withdrawal of CMM, AKM Monirul Islam for granting bails to some criminals.

The lawyers at a meeting today decided to continue court boycott programme until the CMM was withdrawn.

President, PM greet Norwegian King

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday felicitated the Norwegian leaders on the occasion of the constitution day of the kingdom of Norway, reports BSS.

In a message of felicitation to King Harald V, president Shahabuddin expressed the hope that the existing friendly relations between the two countries would be strengthened further in the days to come.

"I have the pleasure to convey to your majesty our sincere greetings and felicitations on the occasion of the constitution day of the King of Norway," he said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in her message to the Norwegian Prime Minister, Kjell Magne Bondevik, said, "the government and the people of Bangladesh join me in conveying to your excellency our heartiest felicitations on the occasion of the constitution day of Norway."

Kader Siddiqi visits *mazar* of Bhasani

A delegation of Kendriya Samannaya Parishad, Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad, led by Kader Siddiqi, Bir Uttam, MP Saturday visited the *mazar* of Moulana Bhasani at Santosh in Tangail and offered prayers, says a press release.

They prayed for salvation of the souls of the martyred freedom fighters. They also sought divine blessing for the freedom fighters in implementing the dreams for which they made great sacrifices during the Liberation War.

The delegation members included Parishad convenor Ishtiaq Aziz Ulfat, Sadeq Ahmed Khan, Sirajul Islam, Anwar Hossain Pahari, Habibur Rahman, A Sabur Khan, Matiur Rahman, Amir Hossain Mollah, Humayun Kabir, Mia Abul Hashem and Delwar Hossain.

Later, Kader Siddiqi met Begum Alema Bhasani and exchanged greetings with her.

Petrobangla Engineers' Assoc executives

By Staff Correspondent

Petrobangla Engineers' Association Friday elected a nine-member executive committee with Managing Director of Bakhrabad Gas Moinul Ahsan as its president.

The committee was elected at the annual general meeting (AGM) of the association held at Bangladesh Petroleum Institute auditorium. Engineers from Petrobangla and 10 of its affiliated companies were present at the AGM, says a press release.

The other members of the executive committee are Delwar Bakht — vice president, Rahman Morshed — general secretary; Shahdat Hossain Shelly— organisation secretary; Alauddin Al-Kobbad, AKD Sher Mohammad Khan, and N Haider, — secretaries; Azizul Haq — treasurer, and Khandker Abdus Salek — member.

Canadian team calls on Anwar Hossain

The visiting Canadian delegation, led by Raymond Chan, secretary of state for the Asia and the Pacific Department of External Affairs and Foreign Trade, called on Communications Minister Anwar Hossain at the latter's office yesterday, reports BSS.

They discussed bilateral issues of mutual interests including various projects under the Ministry of Communications.

Anwar Hossain recalled the continued cooperation of Canada for the development of Bangladesh and sought increased assistance in the CIDA Rail-2 project.

He described Bangladesh as one of the best places for private investment and called upon Canadian entrepreneurs to invest here.

Nat'l seminar on bank loans tomorrow

A national seminar on "Bank Loan Default Problem: A Dialogue Between Borrowers and Lenders" organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) will be held tomorrow at 9:30 am at BIBM seminar hall, a press release of BIBM said yesterday, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Mohammad Farashuddin will attend the seminar as chairman. Dr Muinul Islam, Director General, BIBM will deliver the address of welcome. ATM Abdus Shahid, Professor, BIBM will present the key-note paper on the topic.

12 lakh drug addicts across the country

Drivers on drug responsible for 60 pc road accidents

Over two lakh truck and bus drivers across the country are taking drugs causing a sharp rise in the number of road accidents and resultant deaths, according to official sources, reports BSS.

Officials of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police said six in every 10 road accidents are caused by drivers who are "high" on drugs.

"It is very alarming that these drivers are killing so many innocent people frequently," the official said.

A transport worker leader said that most of the drivers are unaware of the effects of drugs. They take it out of curiosity and at one stage became addicted to them.

The transport drivers are among the 12 lakh drug users in the country. The figure has soared to the present level from eight lakh three years ago.

The International Drug Programme figures show that drug taking is rife among the educated class. Some 4,40,000 of this class, a third of them students, are taking a wide range of drugs.

Thirty-seven per cent of all drug takers are students of whom 15 per cent are addicted to heroin and phensidyl syrup, 13 per cent to pathedrine injections, six per cent to hashish and 3 per cent to alcohol.

The drivers and low income people are taking contraband phensidyl syrup and locally made liquor but wealthy and educated are taking heroin and foreign liquor, the sources added.

Prof Nazrul Islam of Dhaka University who has recently researched on drug taking trends in Dhaka says, "It is a major threat to us that more than one third of the educated people are taking drugs which can cripple the nation."

According to the International Drug Control Programme, the drug addicts spend a total of Tk 5000 crore on drugs every year, an average of Tk 130 for every drug user each day.

More than half of the drug users buy their drugs in slum areas in the cities.

According to the Central Drug Addicts Treatment Centre, 70 per cent of the addicts are aged from 16 to 35 of whom 34 per cent are unemployed and 23 per cent small traders. Of this total, 49 per cent are unmarried and 39 per cent are educated.

The numbers of drug users and drug traders have increased sharply in recent years, according to the Department of Narcotics Control. The number of drug users was almost one lakh in early nineties which increased to eight lakh in 1996. The figure rose to ten lakh in 1997 and to 12 lakh by December last year.

The Director General (DG) of the DNC told BSS that they have only 1274 sanctioned posts across the country which is not enough to combat the drug trade. "Some 350 posts are currently vacant and we have shortage of logistics and equipment but the drug traffickers are well organised and well equipped," said the DG.

"We have only one official for every 10,000 drug users," he added.

The DG said that drug trading has even spread to the district and thana levels but the department has only five officials headed by an inspector for a district.

A senior police official said about half of the drugs in the capital area are being traded through slums. More than 60 per cent of their total seizure of drugs are from slum areas, the official added.

GSS opposing groups still at loggerhead

By Staff Correspondent

The opposing groups of workers of Gano Shahajjo Sangstha (GSS), one of the largest NGOs of the country, are still agitating against each other on the streets.

One group, organised under the banner of the GSS Workers Co-ordination Council, is struggling for ousting the organisation's executive director on allegations of his autocratic practices, abuse of power, nepotism and so on.

This group brought out a black-flag procession in the city yesterday demanding immediate arrest of Dr F R Mahmood Hassan, the Executive Director of the GSS.

In another development, this group made an appeal to the advisory council and the executive body of the GSS to sever relationship with its controversial ED. The group also requested them to resume investigation into the allegation of "sexual harassment" of a female worker by the ED.

Meantime, the other group of workers and employees — organised as GSS Workers Unity Council — believes that the coordination council is out to destroy the GSS. Supporter of Dr Hassan, this group is scheduled to stage a token sit-in demonstration in front of Jatiya Sangsad building this afternoon 'in demand of punishment to those conspiring against the GSS.'

Meantime, all the offices of the GSS were closed on April 14 for *sine die* due to fund constraints, while some six thousand workers of the organisation are going unpaid for the last couple of months.

Tk 15 cr edn projects for 10 SW districts near completion

BHERAMARA, May 16: The Facilities Department of the Education Ministry is executing 91 projects at a cost of Tk fifteen crore twenty-two lakh in ten south-western districts in this financial year, reports BSS.

The districts are Khulna, Satkhira, Bagerhat, Jessore, Magura, Narail, Jhenidah, Kushtia, Meherpur and Chuadanga.

The projects include 12 colleges, 42 secondary schools, 12 madrasas and 25 government primary schools.

Work of the projects is progressing fast and expected to be completed by June next.

Annual rally of Ansars, VDP held in Chuadanga

CHUADANGA, May 16: The annual rally of Chuadanga district Ansars and VDP was held at district Ansars and VDP Barrack at Alokdia recently, reports BSS.

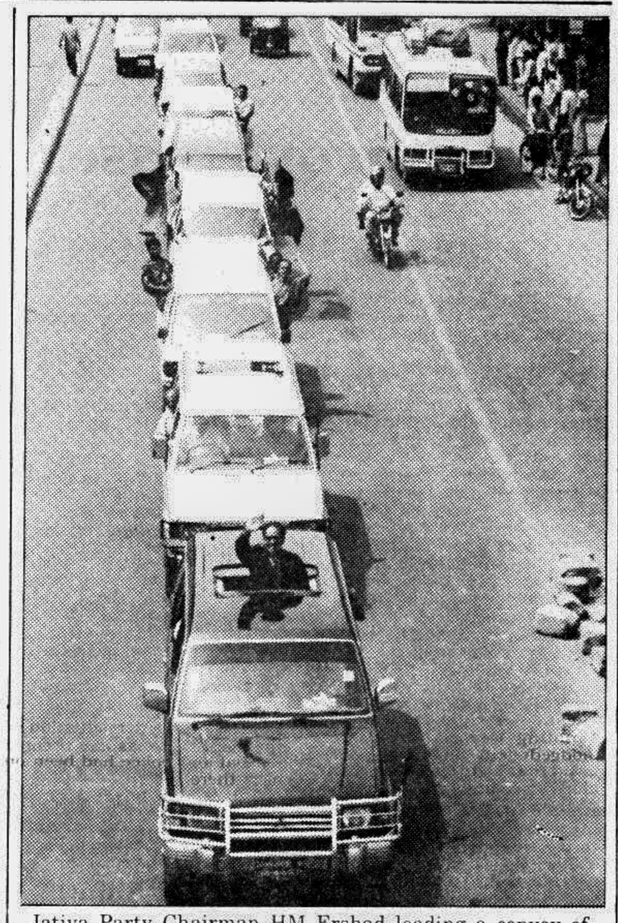
A total of 248 Ansars and VDPs from four thanas of Chuadanga district took part in the rally.

Joynul Abedin, Additional Deputy Commissioner (general) of Chuadanga presided over the inaugural function.

Colonel Mohammad Golam Mustafa, PSC, Director (Training) of Bangladesh Ansars and VDP was present in the function as the chief guest while Mohammad Tozammel Hoque, Deputy Director of Ansars and VDP, Khulna Division was the special guest.

The chief guest in his speech urged the Ansars and VDP members to work for the welfare of the society with a missionary zeal. He told the Ansars and VDP to prepare themselves to do any sacrifice for the safety and welfare of the nation.

A total of 67 Ansars and VDP members of the district were rewarded in the function for their contribution in socio-economic development work and to maintain law and order in the district.



Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad leading a convoy of vehicles in the city at the beginning of the party's 'Road March" yesterday. — Star photo

Drug trade rampant in Feni

FENI, May 16: Illegal drug trade continues unabated here despite special anti-drug drive launched recently to curb the increasing crime, reports UNB.

Police Super Kazi Anwar Hossain directed the OCs of all the thanas to gear up the drive in order to curb trafficking in drugs and narcotics and arrest the criminals.

During an operation at Gopalpatti in the town on Monday, police seized 81 bottles of phensidyl and arrested two people named Golam Haider Patwary and Alauddin Selim.

But informed sources said that a section of unscrupulous traders in connivance of some police officers were doing brisk business in heroin and other drugs on the side-line of anti-drug operation.

Heroin, hemp, rectified-spirit and phensidyl are being openly sold at Trunk Road, Shaheed Minar, Dighirpar, Jail Road, Mohipal, Station Road, Gudam quarter, Comilla Bus Stand, Pachgachhia Road.

They said there are 100 drug dealers in the town who are said to be paying Tk 5 lakh to the police every month for their protection.

The majority of the addicted are young who are also involved in various crimes like mugging, dacoity and burglary in order to collect money for buying drugs.

The common people never dare lodge complaints against the drug-traders as there are godfathers besides police protection.

JP (Mizan-Manzu) to take part in all polls

Secretary General of Jatiya Party (Mizan-Manju) and Minister for Communications Anwar Hussain Manju yesterday said the government should be changed only through the constitutional way, reports BSS.

"People are already frustrated as the major political parties are conducting activities to gain narrow party interests," he said.

He was addressing a meeting of the party's central working committee with its chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury in the chair.

He said his party would participate in all the elections as it was an "election oriented" political party.

"People of the country now want to get rid of unproductive politics," Manju said adding that interests of the country as well as the people were not their prime objectives.

Islami Oikyajote leaders and activists taking part in the 'Road March' yesterday. — Star photo

BTV DG's appointment extended

By Staff Correspondent

Tenure of contractual appointment of the BTV Director General Syed Salauddin Zaki has been extended for one year.

The extension was given after his contractual appointment expired on May 13, said a press release issued by the Ministry of Establishment yesterday.

DU Senate

Progati Parishad candidates for election

By DU Corespondent

Left-leaning Progati Parishad (PP) a panel contesting the election of 25 registered graduate representatives in the Dhaka University Senate, yesterday introduced its candidates in a projection meeting at the Teacher-student Centre (TSC) of the university.

Presided over by Dr Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, the meeting was addressed by Hena Das, Chowdhury Khurshid Alam, Dr Golam Mohiuddin, Dr Laila Arjuman Banu and AN Rasheda.

The candidates of the panel are AN Rasheda, Prof AM Muajjam Hossain, Prof Dr Shisir Kumar Majumder, ZI Khan Panna, Habibur Rahman Milan, Manabendra Batabal, Dr Muhammad Mustaque Hossain, Dr Nehal Karim, Md Abul Hossain, Abdullah Al Kafi Ratan, Moajjem Hossain Khan Mojlish, Md Zahurul Islam, Rafiqul Islam, Md Motiur Rahman, Prof Monwara Begum, BM Sahidul Haq, Prof Ferdous Ara Mini, Md Anwar Hayat Khan, Md Abu Ali, Md Rezaur Rasheed Khan, Prof Mokhlesur Rahman Mumktadir, Prof Sumaia Khanam, Khandaker Saidur Rahim Bitul, Md Abul Khayer Siddique and Dr AKM Ataruzzaman.

GCE exams begin today

By Staff Correspondent

The International General Certificate Examinations of O'Level and 'A' Level of University of London Examination and Assessment Council (EDEXCEL) begin today.

The British Council in Dhaka will be conducting the examinations at its Fuller Road and Satmasjid Road offices. They will also be using North South University and WVA auditorium in Dhanmondi as venues for some of the examinations.

The examinations will be held world-wide on the same dates, which is why there are no exams on Saturday and Sunday. Timetable of the May/June examinations is available on request from the examinations unit of British council.

Around 1900 candidates will sit for the examination which will continue till June 24.

World Telecom Day today

Bangladesh will observe the 31st Telecommunications Day today in a befitting manner as elsewhere in the world, said a Bangladesh T&T Board press release yesterday, reports BSS.

On the day in 1965 International Telegraph Union was founded in Paris which was later renamed as International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and become a specialised body of the United Nations. It is one of the oldest Inter-governmental Organisations of the world.

"Electronic Commerce" is the theme of this year's World Telecommunication Day.

To celebrate the World Telecommunication Day, Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board will organise a seminar. The key-note paper on the theme of the day 'Electronic Commerce' will be presented by Engr SD Khan former Secretary.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has called for taking necessary preparations to take full advantage of electronic commerce.

In a message on the occasion of World Telecommunications Day, he said rapid development in the sector of information technology continuously unveils newer opportunities for commerce.

Meanwhile Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a message has said she firmly believed that Bangladesh would be able to take advantage of the e-Commerce (Electronic Commerce) for ensuring progress in business and banking.

Larma seeks cooperation to maintain communal harmony

KHAGRACHHARI, May 16: Chairman of the interim Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma alias Shantu Larma today sought cooperation of all by maintaining communal harmony for the development of the region, reports APB.

He said maintaining peace in the region is not the responsibility of solely the Parbattya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), the tribal organisation that struck a peace deal with the government in December 1997, but of all the people inhabiting the area.

"Peace will not automatically descend with this taking over of the charge of the council. The council is only the beginning of the establishment of the Jummo people," he said.

The former guerrilla leader was addressing a mass reception accorded to him on his arrival in the hilltown from Dhaka this afternoon after formally taking over the charge of the 22-member regional council.

"We, the tribal people and Bengalees living in Chittagong Hill Tracts, should maintain harmonious coexistence," he said adding peace in the region shall prevail for the greater good of all segments of people.

Convenor of former liaison committee Hanghs Dhwaj Chakma presided over the function at the poura auditorium. Khagrachhari Pourasava Chairman and member-secretary of the district reception committee Mongko Chi Chowdhury delivered the address of welcome.

Among others, local District Council Chairman Jyotindralal Tripura, Chairman of the Jummo Refugee Welfare Association Upendralal Chakma, Pourasava Chairman Abul Kashem and PCJSS Vice-President Ushatan Chakma addressed the function.

KU admission tests begin tomorrow

The three-day admission tests for the first year honours of Khulna University for the academic year 1998-99 will begin tomorrow, a university press release said, reports BSS.

Examination for the science, engineering and technology schools will take place tomorrow while biology school will be held on Wednesday.

Tests for management and business administration schools, arts and humanities school and Social science school will be held on May 20 simultaneously.

All the tests will be held in the university academic building 1 and 2 starting from 10 am everyday.

Containing air pollution

4-pt recommendations submitted to Sajeda

By DU Correspondent

A delegation of some environmental organisations yesterday submitted a four-point recommendation to the Environment and Forest Minister Sajeda Chowdhury, urging her to implement these for containing air pollution in the country.

The recommendations are as follows: Imposing a ban on import of autorickshaw and tempo with two-stroke engine; phasing out these type of vehicles from the country within next four years; imposing a ban on selling lubricant as fuel and considering use of synthetic lubricant instead and formation of an environment court to check air pollution.

The delegation also requested the minister to shift the Bangabandhu Convention Centre construction site from the Osmany Uddyan.

The minister assured the delegation of considering the recommendations, said a press release.

Director of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra and co-chairman of air pollution resistance sub-committee of 'Parash' Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed and Prof Muzaffar Ahmed of Dhaka University led the delegation.

Among others, Chief of the Environmental Engineering Division of BUET Prof Firoz Ahmed, Chairman of Coalition of Environmental NGO Khushi Kabir and general secretary of Parash Prof Abu Naser Khan were present.

Body recovered

JHALAKATI, May 16: Police have recovered the body of a young woman from a canal at Krishnakati village near the town, reports APB.

The body was of Amena Begum, 30, wife of Abdul Quader, a microphone operator of the same village.

Police said she was strangled on Friday. The body was sent to the Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Selection of govt asstt teachers

Following are the roll numbers of candidates who have been selected for the posts of assistant teachers in secondary government schools across the country. Their appointment letters have been sent to their permanent addresses. The candidates have been asked to join their work by June 20.

বিষয়ঃ বাংলা ।

রোল নং-মা/টা-৫৬, খা/ঢা-৬৫১,রা/ম-২১০১,ঢা/ন-৫০৩,চ/শ-৬০১৭,কু/কু-৬০,ঢা/ন-৪৩১,কু/মৌ-৩১,ব/পিরো-৩০৪২,চ/চ-১০৪৩,খু/পা-৮০০৪,রা/ব-৬০৮৮,ম/শে-৫৭,ঢা/ঢা-৭৪৩,রা/পা-৪১০৫,খু/মে-১০১৩,ম/লে-৮৩,ব/নীল-১৪৮৫,ঢা/গো-৪৫,চ/চ-১১১৮,কু/বি-২৬,রা/ন-৩০৫২,ব/পা-১৩৬৪, কু/বি-১০,ব/কুড়ি- ১১০২,ব/প-২১১,ম/কি-১৫,খু/গা-৬০৪১ = ২৮ জন।

বিষয় ঃ ইংরেজী ।

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বিষয় ঃ গণিত

রোল নং-ব/বাব-১০৫১, ব/র-১৭১২, চ/লো-৪১১৩, কু/বি-২০৪, কু/কু-৪৮২,ঢা/ন-১৬৮৫, ঢা/ঢা -১৮০৩, চ/চ-১৪১৩,চ/চ-১৩৯০, ঢা/ন-১৬৭৫, রা/সি-৫১৮৫, খু/খু-৯১৮২ ঢা/ঢা-১৭৭৭, রা/না -৩১৯২,ম/ব-৬০৭৮, কু/সু-৮৩, ম/টা-১৫৭,ব/দি -২৩৯৭, চ/চ-১২৫৮, ব/পটু-৪০৬০, ব/গাই-৭৪৭, ম/ম-৪৬৭,রা/সি-৫০০৬, খু/ঝি-৩১০৩, কু/বি ২১৭, খু/কু-২০৯৪, খু/ম-৬১৫৪,কু/সি-৭৮, ম/সি -১৯৪, ম/ম-৫১৫, চ/ল-৮০৪৮, ব/সী-১৫৩৮, ঢা/ফ-১৩৯৮, ব/শ-১৫৬,ব/লো- ২০২৫, ঢা/ঢা-১৮০১,রা/ন-২২০১,কু/মৌ-১২,কু/ঢা-২০৮,ঢা/মাদা-১৩২৯,ঢা/ঢা-১৭৯৯,ম/শে-১৩=৪২জন ।

বিষয় ঃ সমাজবিজ্ঞান

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বিষয় ঃ রাষ্ট্রবিজ্ঞান

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বিষয় ঃ ভূগোল

রোল নং -চ/চ-১৮০৭, ঢা/ফ-৪০০৭, খু/খু- ৯৫২০, ব/টা-৩১১, ম/লে-২৭৭,খু/মা-৪২১০, কু/ঢা- ৩৪১, ব/কুড়ি-১০০১, ব/বরা- ৬০৫১, ঢা/মা-৪০৪২, ঢা/গা-৪১৬৬=১১জন

বিষয় ঃ জীব বিজ্ঞান

রোল নং -খু/সা -৭১৯১, ঢা/মাদা- ১৯৩৩,ব/র-২০৮৯, রা/সি ৫৩১৫, ঢা/না -২১২৭,কু/কু-১৩৫, ব/পিরো-৩১১৭,খু/সা-৭১৯৬,ব/দি-২৫৭৫,চ/চ-১৫২৪,রা/রা-১১২,কু/মৌ-৬৫,ম/কি-২০৭ =১৩জন

বিষয় ঃ ইসলামিয়াত

রোল নং-চা/লো -৪৩১১, খু/চু-১৭১২, খু/ঝি-৩৩৫৮, কু/কু-৮২১, রা/ঢা-৪০৬,ব/গাই-৮৯৬ ,ঢা/ঢা-৪৮৪৪,ম/কি-৩৯৯, ব/বরি-১৯৮৫, রা/নবা-১০৭৬, চ/লক্ষ-৩২৩৮, খু/বা-৮৩৯৯,খু/খু-৯৫৮২, কু/হবি-১৮৭=১৮জন ।

বিষয় ঃ শারীরিক শিক্ষা

রোল নং -রা/ন-২১৬৭, ব/গাই-৮২২, খু/সা-৭৩৭৩, ম/শে-২১৯, কু/বি-২০৮,ঢা/গা-৪৩১৬, ব/বরি-১১৩৪, চ/বা-৭১৭৯, ঢা/ন-৪৩৪৯=০৯জন

Agreement signed to produce hybrid seeds locally

An agreement was singed between BRAC and Hefei Fengle Seed Company of China for production of hybrid vegetable seeds in Bangladesh, says a press release.

Md Aminul Alam, Deputy Executive Director, BRAC and Pang Liping, General Manager of the Chinese Seed Company signed the agreement at the BRAC Centre in the city on May 15.

According to the agreement, BRAC and Fengle Seed Company will invest on long-term research activities in Bangladesh and after the successful completion of trials by using adaptable parent lines of productive varieties, those will be introduced in the country.

The agreement, which will initially be for 10 years, includes open exchange of seed related information and that all the infrastructures installed in Bangladesh will be the property of BRAC.

Fazle Hasan Abed, Executive Director of BRAC, who was also present hoped that cooperation between these two organisations would promote production of good quality and high yielding vegetables in the country.

3 outlaws arrested

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, May 16: Three activists of an outlawed party were arrested in the district today.

The arrested were identified as Sohel, Salam and Shipul. Police said all are the activists of Sarbahara party and member of local Kamrul group.

Police arrested them from in front of the Magura Collectorate Building at about 12:30 pm.

They are accused in several cases, including murder and robbery, police said.

Phensidyl seized in Madaripur

MADARIPUR, May 16: Forty-four bottles of Indian phensidyl were recovered from a woman here on Thursday, reports APB.

The woman, with the bottles strapped to her body, was moving suspiciously in the court area in the town. A Narcotics Control Department personnel took her to his office searched her body and recovered the bottles, police said today.

She was identified as Rani Majumder, 42, wife of Siraj Majumder of Razoir thana in the district.

She was carrying these from Kaliganj in Jessore, police said.

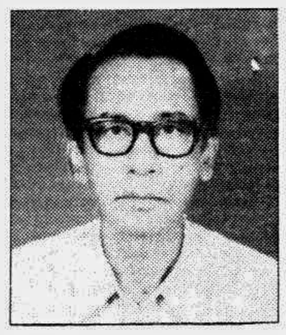
Scouts workshop held

A three-day-long Community Development and Health Project Evaluation Workshop organised by Bangladesh Scouts was held at the National Scout Training Centre, at Gazipur from May 13 to 15, says a press release.

The workshop was formally inaugurated by Md Shahidul Alam, Director General, BCS Administration Academy, on May 14. Md Fazlur Rahman, National Commissioner (Community Development & Health), Bangladesh Scouts and Secretary, Ministry of Science & Technology presided over the inaugural function.

Md Shah Alam, National Commissioners (Training), Deputy National Commissioner Mihir Kanti Majumder, Md Rafiqul Islam Khan, Abul Kalam Azad, Dr Jalaluddin Ahmed, Dr Ahmed Al Sabir, Dr Farida Khatun, and Md Abul Husain Sikder, executive secretary (Incharge), Bangladesh Scouts, attended the workshop and exchanged views with the participants on health, sanitation, nutrition, tailoring, fisheries, poultry, goat farming and kitchen gardening.

At least 46 project managers, regional scouters and professionals of various projects from all over the country attended the workshop.



Obituary

Advocate Abu Hassan, son of Shaheed Dr Kasiruddin Talukder, died at Suhrawardy Hospital in the city on May 11, says a press release.

Dr Talukder and advocate Hassan organised a First Aid clinic for the treatment of freedom fighters during the Liberation War. But Dr Talukder was caught by the Pakistani occupation forces and executed after a mock trial.

Advocate Hassan was also engaged in various socio-cultural activities in Bogra. Noted dramatist Dr Zia Hassan is his only brother.

He left behind his wife Rebeca Hassan, a retired Headmistress of VM Govt Girls' School, only son Fuad Hassan, three daughters and sons-in-law and a host of grand children.