

Peace exercise Army chief leaves for Nepal

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman left Dhaka for Nepal yesterday to attend the concluding ceremony of four-nation peace exercise 'Shantir Proyash', reports UNB.

The fortnight-long exercise began in Kathmandu on January 15 under the auspices of the UN Department of Peace-Keeping Operations, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, USA and host Nepal are taking part in it.

Fourteen other countries including Bhutan, Maldives, Mongolia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore, UK, Thailand, Japan, New Zealand and Russia sent observers in the exercise.

Bangladesh Army sent a platoon of army personnel to participate in the exercise.

Nat'l symposium on biotechnology at DU tomorrow

By DU Correspondent

A national symposium on 'The Role of Biotechnology in Improving the National Nutrition Status' will be held at 3.30 pm at TSC auditorium of Dhaka University tomorrow.

Organised by Bangladesh Biotechnological Society (BBS) on the occasion of its annual general meeting, the symposium will be chaired by Vice Chancellor of Islamic University Prof M Qaisuddin, said a press release.

Dr Harun K M Yusuf, Professor of Human Nutrition, Department of Biotechnology of DU and Vice-Chancellor of Patuakhali Science and Technology University will deliver the keynote paper.

A large number of scientists and experts are expected to attend the symposium.

A cultural function will also be held in the evening on the occasion.

British envoy presents credentials

The newly appointed High Commissioner of the United Kingdom to Bangladesh, Dr David Carter, presented his credentials to President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

The President said Bangladesh and the UK have historical and traditional friendly ties that predate the independence of Bangladesh.

The special relations that Bangladesh have with UK is evidenced by the fact that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, father of the nation, chose to travel to London on his release from the Pakistani prison in 1972, on his way to Bangladesh, he said.

He observed that the relations have expanded and deepened over the years and have seen concrete manifestations through close cooperation in economic, political and cultural fields.

The President mentioned that the Bangladesh migrants in UK have contributed to forge people-to-people contact.

He said both the countries believe in democracy, a free market economy and respect for the dignity of the human

JS House Committee meets

A meeting of the House Committee of the Jatiya Sangsad was held yesterday with its President Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting took a unanimous decision of bringing the medical centre of the Parliament Secretariat under its direct administrative control.

A four-member sub-committee headed by State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr M Amanullah has also been formed to take speedy decision in this regard.

The other members of the committee are A S M Firoz, M Tajul Islam Chowdhury and Begum Mannuzan Sufian.

The meeting reviewed the progress of the implementation of the decisions taken earlier and expressed satisfaction over the improved services at the MP hotels at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar and Nakhla Para.

The issue of constructing a 10-storied building at Nakhla Para MP Hostel Bhaban premises for the guests of the NAM summit scheduled to be held in 2001 also came up for discussion.

New envoy to S Korea

The government has appointed Iftekharul Karim as ambassador to South Korea, a foreign ministry press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

A career diplomat, Karim was the Director General (South Asia) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs prior to his present posting.

He served in various capacities in Bangladesh embassies and missions in Stockholm, Ankara, Geneva and Washington.

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DU Eng Dept Alumni Society reunion today

The annual get-together of the English Department Alumni Society of Dhaka University will be held at the Teacher Student Centre (TSC) on DU campus from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm today, says a press release.

Japanese surgeons due tomorrow

A Japanese team of experts on oral and maxillofacial surgery will arrive in the city on Saturday, reports BSS.

The team will perform operation on patients with cuts in lips and thumbs free at the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department of Dhaka Dental College Hospital from January 30 to February 7.

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Steve Hawley
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