

## Mujibnagar Day Apr 17

A day-long programme on the occasion of 'Mujibnagar Day' will be observed in Meherpur on April 17, reports BSS.

This was decided in a meeting held in Meherpur in the conference room of the deputy commissioner on April 6.

The meeting was presided over by deputy commissioner of the district Mohammad Kamrul Islam.

It was attended, among others, by local political leaders and concerned public officials of the district.

The programmes include different cultural events, exhibitions and discussions.

## Post office holiday Apr 16

All the post offices will remain closed on April 16 on the occasion of holy Ashura, reports UNB.

However, GEP and EMS services will continue as usual.

Unregistered letters will be delivered and envelopes and postage stamps will be sold from the counter of RMS (mail and sorting) offices on Saturday due to holiday for three consecutive days.

## New kidney diagnostic centre in city

A new kidney diagnostic and treatment centre to treat patients at a minimum charge was inaugurated in city's Banani area recently, reports UNB.

The centre named Renal Hope, was set up by the Revival of Islamic Heritage Society, a Kuwaiti NGO in Dhaka with the financial assistance of Patients Helping Fund of Kuwait, said a Kuwaiti Embassy press release yesterday.

Ambassador of Kuwait to Bangladesh Ali Hussain Al-Sammak was present on the occasion.



Students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) held a demonstration in front of the High Court yesterday demanding immediate reopening of their institution. — Star photo

## All water bodies to be brought under aquaculture: Rob

Fisheries and Livestock Minister ASM Abdur Rob has said all water bodies of the country would be brought under aquaculture to meet the increasing protein demand of the common people of the country, reports UNB.

While addressing the inaugural session of start-up workshop on Aquaculture Development project at a local hotel yesterday he also underscored the need for finding out the practical ways and means to produce more fish at all environmental situation.

Organised by the Department of Fisheries, the work-

shop was sponsored by IFAD in collaboration with Environment, Agriculture and Development Services Ltd.

Aub Quadri, Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock presided over the inaugural session which was addressed, among others, by Masudur Rahman, Director General, Department of Fisheries, K R Nielsen, Representative of IFAD and Attaullah Bhuiyan, Additional Chief Engineer of LGED.

The minister also emphasised the need for exploring the ways and means of transferring the know-how to the farmers

and fishermen. He called upon all concerned to do their best to increase the production of fish per unit area at least 10 tons per hectare per year in close cooperation with private sector.

The minister said to achieve the target seasonal water bodies such as homestead ditches, canals and borrow-pits will be made as first production units. He also said that the fast growing fish species like GIFT Tilapia and Rajputi can be cultured in the water bodies which will need only 100 days time before harvesting. Existing culture practices in ponds would be intensified, the minister added.

The minister also said that if we work with utmost sincerity and dedication in a planned way, we would be able to attain cherished goal of fulfilling the protein demand of the nation

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## US Embassy changes visa procedure

In order to improve service to the beneficiaries of US Immigrant Visa Petitions, the US Embassy is changing its procedure for processing immigrant visas, says a USIS press release.

Effective immediately, the Embassy will schedule interviews as follows: Applicants of IR-5 (parents of US citizens) visas will be interviewed on Sundays.

Applicants for IR-1, and IR-2 (spouses and children of US citizen) visas will be interviewed on Mondays.

Visa applicants for all other immigrant categories will be interviewed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

If anyone misses his or her appointment for any reason, they should come to the Consulate on any workday, except Thursday, to be rescheduled.

Appointment letters will now indicate an arrival time for the interview. The applicant should observe that time. Early arrivals will not be processed until the time indicated on the appointment letter.

Individuals who were refused and issued a 'blue sheet' may now only come to the Embassy on Sundays and Mondays between 8:00 am and 8:30 am. There is no need to come early.

The purpose of these changes is to improve service and to reduce the amount of time applicants must wait.

## JS body on Health Ministry meets

A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health Ministry was yesterday informed of the steps to fill up vacant posts of physicians in hospitals, reports UNB.

The meeting, chaired by committee chairman Dr Kazi Abu Yusuf, stressed the need for the use computer to develop skills of health administration and for training of physicians to develop their skills.

Committee members State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof M Amanullah, Al-haj M Tajul Islam Chowdhury, Dr Dewan M Salahuddin, Syed Mehedi Ahmed Rumi and Dr Ziaul Huq Molla attended the meeting.

## 5 policemen suspended

COX'S BAZAR, Apr 11: The government has constituted a two-member inquiry committee to probe the terrorist attack on Cox's Bazar court hajat, reports BSS.

The committee comprises of additional Divisional Commissioner Chittagong Akram Ali Mridha and the additional IGP Ali Imam Chowdhury.

The committee began its work today.

Meanwhile, Cox's Bazar police said the terrorists attacked the court hajat to free one Jasim, 28, a terrorist of Huai Kung Union of Teknaf area. But Jasim could not escape from the hajat though 18 others managed to escape. police have so far arrested four of the 18 undertrial prisoners.

Five police personnel including an SI have been suspended for negligence of duty.

## BCS foundation training begins

A three-month foundation training course for BCS Education Cadre (General and Technical) of the 58th batch began at the National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM) in the city on Monday, reports BSS.

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## Thousands have had holy dip at Langalbandh

NARAYANGANJ, Apr 11: Tens of thousands of Hindu devotees from across the country have had their holy dip in the river Brahmaputra at Langalbandh today on the occasion of the celebration of *Maha Ashanti Snan* seeking divine blessings, reports BSS.

The devotees were also given shelter at Musapur Union Parishad building for over night stay. Over 150 police men were deployed around Langalbandh for the security of the pilgrims.

According to Hindu belief, Parshuram, a saint killed his mother with an axe at the order of his father Jamadagni. The axe clung to his hand as a mark of sin for killing his mother Amogha Devi (Remukai). At the order of the divinity he bathed at the slope of the Himalayan water fall on this day of the Lunar month and the axe dropped from his hand and he freed himself from sin.

## CAAB starts probing GMG aircraft incident

By Special Correspondent

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh yesterday began investigation into the damage caused to the nose landing gear of a GMG aircraft during landing at ZIA on Sunday. The de Havilland Dash-8 turboprop carrying 37 passengers was on a flight from Chittagong.

Jalaluddin Ahmed and Mahmood Hasan, CAAB's deputy and assistant directors respectively, and Captain M. Akhtar Syed, a GMG official, will investigate the incident and report back within 30 days.

The team conducted a preliminary inspection of the aircraft yesterday, said aviation sources.

When contacted, Shzab Sattar, Managing Director of GMG, said the landing gear's lock strap indicator was damaged, not the landing gear.

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