JS meet held Proposal to raise SKS welfare spending

The parliamentary standing committee on Defence Ministry at a meeting yesterday proposed to raise welfare spending to 50 per cent of the profit of Sena Kalyan Sangstha (SKS) from the existing 10 per cent, reports

The Sangstha earned a profit of Tk 150 crore in last 10 years, including Tk 32 crore last year. Of this, the organisation has spent Tk 27 crore for welfare

purposes, the meeting was told. The Sangstha provides financial assistance to former and retired members of the armed forces and their dependents for educational and professional stipends and medical treatment as per decision of the management.

Committee chairman Maj Gen (retd) K M Safiullah presided over the meeting at the Sangsad Bhaban. Committee members Col (retd) Shawkat Ali, Muhammad Farouq Khan, Golam Mohammad Kader, Maj (retd) Akhtaruzzaman, chiefs of three services and officials concerned were present.

The members also proposed to make the Sena Kalyan Sangstha an independent trust and appoint retired personnel from the armed forces instead of anyone in the service so that they could give full time for the organisation, the meeting sources said.

The meeting also expressed deep shock at the death of S J M Akramuzzaman, former managing director of Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust, and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Baitul Mukarram complex earns Tk 79 lakh a year

A meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on Religious Affairs Ministry discussed the matters relating to Baitul Mukarram complex yesterday, reports UNB.

Presided over by committee chairman Shah Hadiuzzaman. the meeting was told that the complex's annual income is Tk 8.93 lakh which comes from ent paid by 458 shops in the P complex.

The meeting reviewed the report on the 28-acre Abdul Hamid Shah Waqf Estate of Di-P najpur and suggested measures 11 to resolve the problem of apopointing 'Mutawali' of the ese tate.

Committee members State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana M Nurul Islam, M Shahadat Hossain, Panchanon Biswas, M Lutfar Rahman Chowdhury, Prof M Abdullah, Abdul Wahab Khan and Haji _ Abdul Majid attended the meet-

Sirajganj accident Death toll rises to 53

From Our Correspondent SIRAJGANJ, Apr 30: The death toll in the Sirajganj road accident rose to 53 today with the death of another unidentified passenger.

Sources at Sirajganj General Hospital said that 8 out of the 17 admitted to the hospital have been released so far. The identified dead bodies

have been handed over to their families, the sources added. Meanwhile, Ekok Sangha, a social organisation buried 11 unidentified bodies at Malshapara graveyard last right.

CORRIGENDUM

The word "applicants" shall be read for the word "applications" appearing in the beginning of the second sentence from the bottom in the advertisement of Al-Arafah Islami Bank Limited captioned "EXPERIENCED BANKERS WANTED" which was published in the front page of this Daily on the 30th April, 2000.

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Collection of garbage from city's garbage bins is a work that is never done on time. After the collectors' bins get filled up, the waste materials spill over to the adjoining areas, sometimes taking up large portions of the road itself. The above picture, taken from in front of the Rajarbagh police line, shows a scene typical in our metropolitan life.

- Star photo

Fire damages Barisal T&T MDF: 5000 phones inoperative

distribution frame (MDF) of Barisal T&T rendering some 5,000 digital telephones in the southern town inoperative, reports UNB.

Divisional Engineer of local T&T hoped that they would be able to restore the telephone lines in 10 days.

But other local officials said it might take about a month to restore the telephone lines. While confirming Saturday night's fire incident, T&T officials in Dhaka said the phone lines would be restored "very soon."

said vesterday.

All the digital phones bearing the number beginning with Dhaka have already left to visit. 5 are now out of order in Barisal the spot.

BDR hands

over BSF men

BSF personnel intruded into

the Panchgaon village in

Netrokona district Saturday.

Birol was caught by the vil-

lagers while trying to harass a

woman of Garo community. His

at pillar no 1184, BDR strongly

protested the incident and de-

manded that the BSF man be

tried for his offence. Birol was

handed over to BSF after its

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Central and City Awami

murder case, reports BSS.

Dhaka City Awami League

deputy commander gave assur-

ance of a trial.

BDR at the flag meeting held

colleague managed to flee away.

Kalmakanda thana

local people, reports UNB.

A fire burnt down the main town. However, the phones bearing the numbers beginning with 7 are working as usual, the release said.

> Sources said that the MDF room of Italtel Digital Exchange in the town was locked during the fire during which all the cables, optical fibres, machinery and furniture in the room went up in flames.

> On being informed by PDB and police, fire service men came to the spot and the flames under control after 90 minutes.

The fire service could not give any exact figure about the "The technicians of the extent of damages, but a local Board have been putting all-out T&T official, on condition of efforts to repair the MDF which anonymity, told UNB that the was severely damaged in the loss could be around several fire that broke out at 9:25 pm crore taka. He could not say Saturday," a T&T press release anything about the origin of

High officials of T&T from

Biman to cut flights to ME, Gulf states

MYMENSINGH, Apr 30: Bangladesh Rifles following a deputy commander level flag By Special Correspondent meeting with BSF today handed Bangladesh Biman has deover a BSF man caught by the cided to cut some of its flights to the Middle East and Gulf to op-Birol Mohan with another erate its new route to New York via Dubai and London, civil

> aviation sources said. The decision was taken to introduce the flight once a week in the lucrative route during summer holidays in the West.

The Bman recently got permission to use Heathrow Airport in London to operate its transatlantic · flights. But it must use it by June 3. Otherwise, it would miss the slot in Heathrow.

To overcome the trouble, the Biman decided to reduce some frequencies in the Middle East and Gulf routes to avail a DC-10-30 aircraft in the new route, the sources said.

A meeting was held in this connection at the Ministry of Civil Aviation with the Minister Mosharraf Hossain in chair Earlier Biman decided to

take a DC-10-30 aircraft on dry lease for three years to operate the new route along with an Airbus 310 which it planned to run an extra flight from Sylhet to London via Dubai.

But due to procedural delay in tender and negotiations to get the aircraft before June 3 it was decided to divert a DC-10-30 from the Middle East and Gulf sector, the sources said.

Medicine shop owners observe strike in old city

By Staff Correspondent Medicine shop owners of Mitford, Babu Bazar and Islampur observed a half-day strike yesterday protesting terrorism, extortion and mugging in the

Bangladesh Chemist and Druggist's Samity (BCDA) called the strike in protest against deterioration of law and order in the area. Business leaders at a rally

forcing agency to arrest hoodlums otherwise the businessmen would announce a tough programme in future. BCDA President Sadequr Rahman and Md Shamser

urged members of the law-en-

Alam Bhuiyan addressed the rally.

Later, the businessmen brought out a procession which paraded different thoroughfare of the area. Police intercepted the processionists when they tried to go toward Babu Bazar.

Namaj-e-janaza Namaj-e-Janaza for Osman

Ghani Khan, former Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh, will be held tomorrow at Baitul Mukarram Mosque after Zohr prayers, says a press release.

Another Namaj-e-Janaza will be held at the premises of CGA's Office at 12 noon.



A Memorandul of Understanding (MOU) for development of Sericulture as signed between Bangladesh Silk Foundation (BSF) and BRAC yesterday. Dr S A Hossain, Managing Director of BSF (second from left) and Md Aminul Alam, Deputy Executive Director of BRAC signed the MOU. Fazle Hasan Abed, Founder Executive Director of BRAC was also present.



A letter of understanding (LOU) was signed between LGED and WFP in the city yesterday to construct bridges/culverts in three districts of Chittagong hill tracts. Md Monowar Hossain Chowdhury, Chief Engineer, LGED, and Werner Kiene, Country Representative of WFP, signed the LOU on behalf of their respective sides.



High Commissioner of Canada David Preston (right) called on North South University (NSU) Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Hafiz GA Siddiqi at his office on Wednesday. They discussed possible academic collaboration and faculty exchange with Canadian universities.



Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) and Study and Research Group of Manobik Shahajya Sangstha held a workshop on reform of Union Parishad election laws at the Rajshahi Training Complex auditorium recently. Prof Saidur Rahman, Vice-chancellor of Rajshahi University, Advocate Mohsin Khan FEMA Rajshahi President, Abdus Sattar, Additional Commissioner Abdus Sattar and Prof Shawkat Ara Hossain of Dhaka University participated in the workshop. - FEMA photo

Govt firm to ensure women's right: Mannan

Minister for Labour and Employment M A Mannan said yesterday that the government is pledge-bound to ensure the rights of women workers in all spheres, reports BSS.

He was speaking as chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of a workshop entitled "a worker in the context o Bangladesh's labour market. jointly organised by International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Bangladesh National Council for Women Workers Development (BNCWWD) in observance of the May Day at a city hotel.

Presided over by Chairman of BNCWWD Prof Jahanara Begum, the function was addressed by ILO Director Clodia Coenjaerts and Chairman of National Coordination Committee on Workers' Education Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan.

The Minister said the government had supported the ILO Convention-100 relating to equal wage for equal works to protect the rights of the women workers. He said the government is continuing its efforts to implement the Convention in all spheres.

He stressed the need for establishment of good relations between owners and workers in the industrial units.

BRAC signs MOU with Silk Foundation

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for development of sericulture was signed between BRAC and Bangladesh Silk Foundation (BSF) at the BRAC Centre in the city yesterday, says a press release.

Dr SA Hossain, Managing Director of BSF, and Md Aminul Alam, Deputy Executive Director, BRAC, signed the MOU on behalf of their respective organisations. Fazle Hasan Abed, Founder Executive Director of BRAC, was present on the occasion.

Under the MOU, BRAC will participate in training, extension, 'chawki' rearing, product promotion and development of the Silk Development Project. BSF is implementing the Silk Development Project (SDP) under the IDA credit of the World Bank to promote sericulture activities in Bangladesh.

The main objective of the 5year SDP is to assist in increasing incomes of small scale silk producers, most of whom are poor women, through improved technology,

HSC examinee killed in-Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, Apr 30: An HSC examinee was killed allegedly by his cousin in Fulpur thana Saturday night, reports

Police said Abdul Motaleb, a student of Fulpur Degree College, was killed near his house in a sequel to a family feud. He hailed from a village in Chand-

His body, recovered by police this morning, bore marks of stabbing. It was sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

A case was filed in this con-

Police havilder closed for torturing a young man

JHALAKATI, Apr 30: A police havilder was closed to the district police lines on Saturday from Nalchhiti thana on charge of torturing a young man, reports UNB.

Sources said havilder Mozammel Hossain called Quamruzzaman Babu, 18, in his thana office and tortured him as he refused to marry a 16year-old girl despite having an affair with her.

The higher authorities took action against the policeman on complaint lodged by Babu, son of Abdul Rob Mollik of Surjapasha village.

One electrocuted in Munshiganj

person was electrocuted at Ranchha Howlapara under Sadar Upazilla of the district this morning, reports BSS. The victim was identified as Abdul Matin, 40, a deed-writer at the district sub-registrar's

MUNSHIGANJ, Apr 30: One

According to sources, the incident occurred as Matin came into contact with a live wire at his house at Ranchha Howla-

Liquor seized from boat near Ctg port

para under Sadar Upazilla.

CHITTAGONG, Apr 30: Coast Guards recovered 378 bottles of beer and 32 bottles of whisky worth over Tk one lakh from an engine boat at the outer anchorage of the port today, reports UNB.

The guards while patrolling the estuary of river Karnaphuli in the morning, chased the boat and found the liquor in it. The smugglers, however, managed to flee. The boat along

with the liquor were handed

over to the customs officials.

World Education Forum ends

'Dev partners need to invest for quality edn'

Education Minister ASHK Sadique has said that the implementation of 15 years Dakar Framework of action on education for all would necessitate huge financial resources, reports BSS.

The development partners need to invest significantly greater resources to ensure quality education for all, he said and appealed to the donor community to join their hands with the national governments to achieve the goals set in the Dakar Framework of action. The Education Minister was

convened after conclusion of the World Education Forum on April 28 in Dakar, as the representative of the developing na-

addressing a press conference

Sadique was optimistic about achieving the goals set at World Education Forum in view

Gandhi Ashram trust members meet President

A five-member delegation of Joya Gandhi Ashrama Trust of Noakhali made a courtesy call on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Debesh Chandra Bhattacharya led the delegation.

The delegation members apprised the President of various activities of the trust and invited him to inaugurate a function marking the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2. President Shahabuddin wel-

comed the delegation members and expressed satisfaction over the welfare-oriented activities of the trust. The delegation members in-

cluded Chitra Bhattacharya MP, Jharnadhara Chowdhury, Rakhal Majumder and Rabindranath Datta Gupta.

of the solidarity forged between the developed and the developing countries. Canadian education minister represented the

developed countries. The three-day World Educa-tion Forum in Dakar adopted the Dakar Framework of action for promotion of basic education for all. The meeting was attended by delegates from 182 countries led mostly by their ministers of education. About sixteen hundred delegates attended the forum. Heads of UN agencies, inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organisations also attended the conference which was inaugurated on April 26 by the President of Senegal Abdullaye Wade.

Sadique emphasised the need for imparting quality basic education which ultimately would lead to productivity. economic development, alleviation of poverty and reducing inequalities within the society.

He also emphasised the need for involving political leaders. people's representatives, parents and philanthropists for formulating policies and plans of the country. Sadique added that increased financial assistance was not only needed for basic education but also for tertiary level of education to ensure quality education at primary and secondary levels of Trust president Justice education by providing quality teachers.



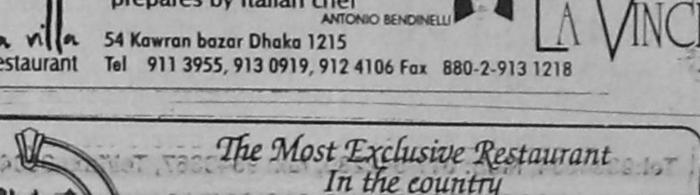
Weekly meeting

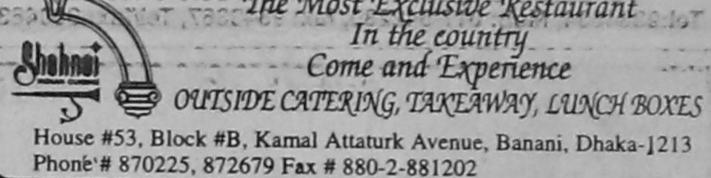
The weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held tomorrow at 5.30 pm at Dhaka Club (Guest House Restaurant),

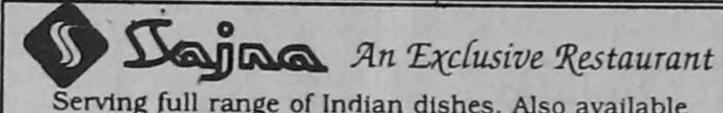
says a press release. AM Mesbah Uddin, Retired Secretary of Labour, will be the guest speaker. He will speak on the significance of May Day.

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