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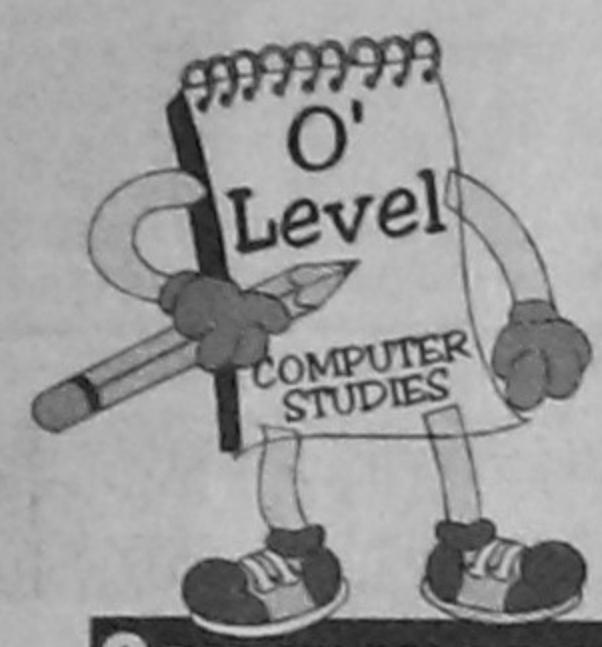
The embassy of Sweden has signed an agreement with the Association for Community Development (ACD), a local NGO of Rajshahi region, for a three-year period (2000-2002) recently. The signing ceremony was held at the embassy in the city, says a press release. Anders Johnson, the ambassador of Sweden and Salma

Sarwar, Director of ACD, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations.

Under this agreement, an amount of 1.5 million Swedish Kronor has been made available for ACD to implement a project titled "Promotion of Human Rights and Women's Participation in the Democratic Process".

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Bangabandhu Murder Case Spl bench demanded to ensure completion of trial

A group of lawyers yesterday demanded setting up of a special bench to ensure quick completion of trial of the Bangabandhu Murder Case, considering it as a case of public importance, reports UNB.

The lawyers, under the banner of "Sammilita Aijibhi Samannaya Parishad" at a post-election reception of the Supreme Court Bar, said that the trial of gruesome murders were restricted for long 21 years by Indemnity Ordinance.

They said although the judges are oath bound under the Constitution that they would discharge their duties without any fear, favour and greed to ensure justice, but they are feeling embarrassed with the case. But there is nothing called feeling embarrassment in the Constitution, they said.

The lawyers expressed deep concern over reports of corruption and mismanagement in the judiciary and urged members of the bar to raise their voice against such corruption.

The reception was chaired by

Bangladesh Bar Council vice-president Barrister Amirul Islam. Bar Council members Abdul Baset Majumder, Ozaer Farook and coordinator of combined lawyers council Subrata Chowdhury spoke at the reception.

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Newspapers should report objectively: Sayeed

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday called upon newsmen to report objectively without reflection of anything personal, reports BSS.

"Objective and constructive news should be published in consideration of national interest," he said, adding the nation would be benefited if things were presented in an objective way.

"Photography, a universal language, can project the true picture of life," he said in a speech to a function organised to distribute certificates of the eight-week long photography course among participants at Teachers' and Students' Centre on Dhaka University Campus here this evening.

Organised by Dhaka University Photographic Society and presided over by Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, the function was addressed, among others, by Pro-Vice Chancellor of

the University Professor M Shadat Ali, Advisor of the Society Prof AASM Arefin Siddique, Layla Nargis Rupa and Mohammad Ahsan Rajib Bulbul.

Director General of the Press Institute of Bangladesh Prof Sheikh Abdus Salam was present.

Referring to the negative attitude of a section of the press, Professor Sayeed said news should be presented only as news.

Prof Chowdhury said academic atmosphere of the universities had improved significantly.

"The problem of session jam is almost over at Dhaka University as a peaceful atmosphere conducive to education is prevailing there. The situation has allowed students to develop their mental faculty by involving themselves in a rage of activities including photography," he added.

IBA Alumni Assoc
Organising fortnight from June 3

The IBA Alumni Association has arranged an 'Organising Fortnight' beginning on June 3, says a press release.

As part of the programme, three discussion sessions on 'Private Banking in Bangladesh', 'Career Opportunity' and 'Prospect in Marketing' and 'Preparation of National Budget' will be held on June 3, 10 and 17 at the IBA, University of Dhaka.

Besides, film show and a cultural programme have been arranged on June 9 and 16.

The WHO expert has assured the minister of providing necessary diagnostic tools for detecting arsenic victims and emphasised the need for creating public awareness about arsenic contamination.

The minister said if such problem is not solved on emergency basis, it may reach epidemic proportions in next 15 to 20 years' time. He urged the WHO to extend all-out cooperation and assistance to cope with the situation.

Bangabandhu Bridge Directive to repair faulty computer system

The Institute of Bangladesh Studies (IBS), a pioneer centre for advanced education under the University of Rajshahi, will celebrate its silver jubilee on June 3, says a press release.

Prof Khan Sarwar Murshid, ex-vice chancellor of Rajshahi University, will be present as chief guest at the inaugural function beginning at 9 am at the IBS Seminar Hall.

Prof Sayeedur Rahman Khan, Vice-Chancellor, of Rajshahi University, Prof Muhammed Wazed Ali, pro-Vice Chancellor, and Prof AF Salahuddin Ahmed will be the special guests.

IBS Director Prof Priti Kumar Mitra preside over the ceremony. It will be followed by a seminar on "Bangladesh Studies".

In the afternoon, IBS alumni will share their reminiscences with the audience. A cultural soiree will follow.

Registration for the invited participants will start at 8 am on the day.

The meeting, chaired by committee Chairman Afsaruddin Ahmed Khan, discussed different activities of BRTA. Complete reports of its sub-committees 5 and 6 were also placed in the meeting.

Before going into the business, the meeting adopted a condolence motion expressing shock at the death of Jaffar Ali Bhutto MP.

Committee members Whip SM Mostafa Rashid (Suzal), Mostafizur Rahman, Mokbul Hossain, M Nazimuddin Alam and M Shahidul Islam attended the meeting.

Communications Secretary Syed Rezaul Hayat, JMB Department Secretary Atif Abdul Momin, BRTA Chairman M Azizul Huq Bhuiyan and senior officials concerned were present.

CRP to organise wheelchair race tomorrow

A wheelchair race with the participation of patients from Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) will be held tomorrow, reports UNB.

Twelve teams will participate in the rally to be started from Bagha Club in Gulshan at 8:30 am.

The race, organised to raise funds for promoting a feature film, "Bihongo", produced by CRP, will cover a 5 km circuit, according to a press release.

CHT affairs coordination meet held

The monthly co-ordination meeting on the progress of the activities taken up by the Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs and its sub-ordinate organisations was held yesterday, reports BSS.

An official press release said

acting Secretary of the ministry Mohammad Sakhawat Hossain presided over the meeting held in the conference hall of the ministry.

It reviewed progress of the activities run by the ministry and its organisations.

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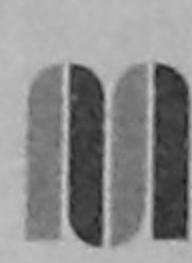
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