

Betar greets listeners

Bangladesh Betar authorities yesterday congratulated the people for their unprecedented response to the 'Peoples' question: Prime Minister's answer' Programme, reports BSS.

In a statement, they said that the Ministry of Information was highly encouraged and inspired at the enthusiasm and interest demonstrated by numerous radio listeners and television viewers to the Prime

Minister's question-answer programme.

With people's spontaneous participation, the Betar Authorities would arrange similar programmes in future. In the light of the experience of the first programme, the Betar authority is thinking how to create more opportunities for the callers from rural areas and outside Dhaka.

Qulkhwani



The Qulkhwani of late Dr Engr Mohammad Shahjahan, former Vice Chancellor of BUET and Chairman of Engineers' Institution, Bangladesh, will be held today, Saturday, 23 September, after 'Ar prayers at his own house "Panthani"; 63/5 Lake Circus, Kalabagan, Dhaka.

Relations, friends and well-wishers of the deceased are requested to attend the qulkhwani and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Mrs Shahjahan and family
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Girls guide and Green Club members of different city schools and colleges participated in Environment and Social Development Organisation's (ESDO) cleaning programme "Keep Our City Clean and Healthy". Picture shows some of the students at the Dhanmondi Lake area where the cleaning drive was carried out yesterday.

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Chittagong district jail beset with multiple problems

5554 prisoners held in accommodation capacity for 897

CHITTAGONG, Sept 22: The district jail here has been crammed with prisoners six times higher than its capacity, indicating violation of human rights, reports UNB.

Jail sources said some 5,554 under trial prisoners, including 125 women, have been living in very poor conditions in the jail against its capacity of 897 prisoners.

Its female ward which has the capacity to accommodate only 17 prisoners, now accommodates some 125 women.

"The moment the prisoners land in jails, their human rights are at stake as the country's jail administration is run by an orthodox system," a jail official seeking anonymity said.

Apart from accommodation crisis, he said, the prisoners of the jail are also deprived of basic facilities like medical treatment and adequate food.

According to him, the prisoners are forced to live in a filthy atmosphere, even its toilets cannot adequately dispose of sewage. There is always a shortage in supply of medicine

and food.

In an attempt to improve conditions in the jail, the authorities have undertaken at Tk 57 crore project. But the project is unlikely to be completed before 2004, as the progress on it is very slow.

Upon completion of the expansion work, the official said, it will be possible to accommodate 3000 prisoners in the jail. Until then, the accommodation problem in the jail is likely to continue.

According to another source, at present there are 245 convicted prisoners, including three women and 74 foreigners, serving various jail terms in the jail.

The situation in the jail hospital is no better. It already

holds 247 patients against its capacity of 40 patients.

"Precisely for these reasons, prisoners fall sick so frequently and jail revolts take place," a human rights activist said.

Meanwhile, Metropolitan Sessions Judge M Ismail Mia has sent a report on condition of the jail to the Law Ministry after a visit to it on Sept 19.

In his report, the Judge said the jail is beset with serious accommodation, electricity, water and sanitation problems. He also mentioned inadequate food supply and healthcare problems apart from referring to the authorities' struggle to accommodate the large number of prisoners in its limited capacity.

Bangladesh team attends SAARC law confce

A 27-member Bangladesh delegation is attending the 8th SAARC Law conference which began in the Nepalese capital yesterday, a Bangladesh Bar Council press release said, reports BSS.

It said the delegation, led by Vice Chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council and immediate past President of SAARC Law, Barrister M Amir-ul Islam, left here for Kathmandu on Thursday.

The delegation will also discuss ways and means for ensuring good governance, democracy, judicial independence, accountability of the judges, code of conduct for the legal profession, enrolment of the newcomers in the bar and human resource development.

A two-day conference of the chief justices of the SAARC countries is coinciding the law conference in Kathmandu.

Flute presentation by Capt Azizul today

Noted flute player Capt. Azizul Islam will present a classical flute evening at the auditorium of the National Museum at 6:30 today, says a press release.

Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid-town will organise the cultural programme where internationally famous *Tabla* player Ustad Sabir Khan from India will accompany the flute player.

UK theatre at British Council October 13-15

Internationally reputed Kaos Theatre UK will present a theatre event titled "The Importance of Being Earnest" at British Council auditorium in the city from October 13 to 15, a British High Commission press release said, reports BSS.

The theatre event will be sponsored jointly by British Council, British Airways and Lever Brothers Bangladesh Limited.

During its stay in the city Kaos Theatre UK will also conduct workshops with theatre practitioners in Bangladesh, the press release said.

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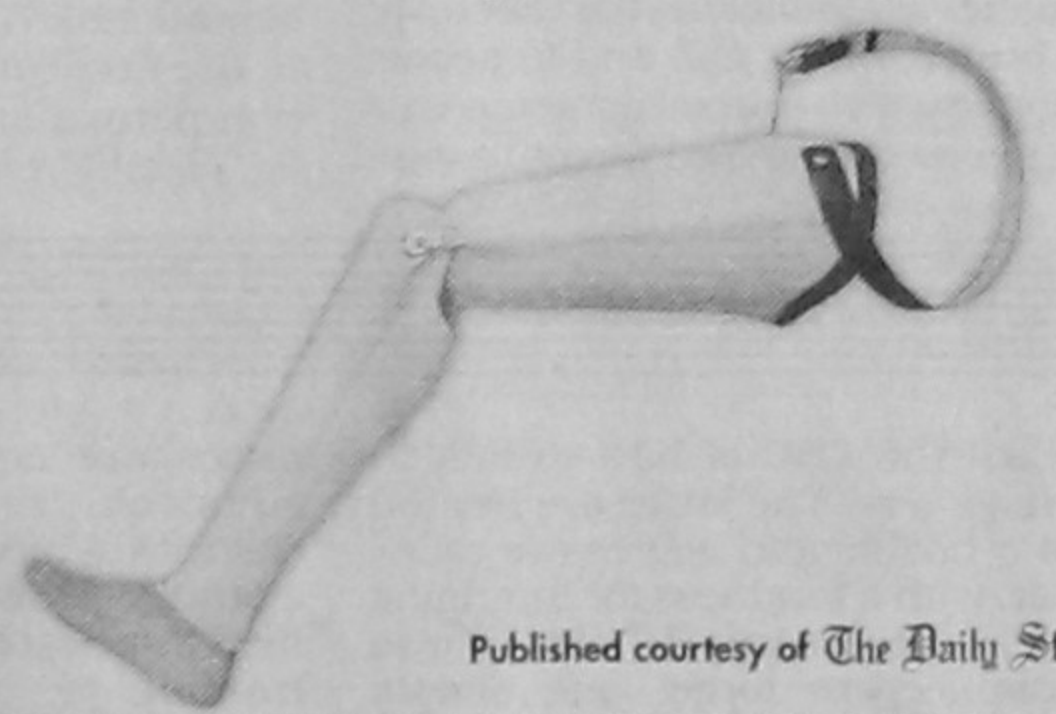
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Signing Ceremony of MOU between IT Bangla Ltd., Bangladesh and Assumption University, Thailand.

The academic council of Assumption University (AU) of Thailand has signed a MOU with IT Bangla Ltd recently to import IT education. Picture shows the signing ceremony between Azizul Haque Chowdhury, Chairman of Aziz Group, and Dr PMK Komolmas, President of AU at AU campus in Bangkok, Thailand.



Rtn. Mosharrar Hossain, Managing Director, Rapport Bangladesh Ltd, delivering a speech on "Business in the 21st Century" at a regular meeting of Lions Club of Dhaka South held recently. From right are Ln. Rashed Maksud Khan, Ln. Nishat Hug, Rtn. Mosharrar Hossain, Ln. M.A. Salam and Ln. Md. Tofazzal Hossain.

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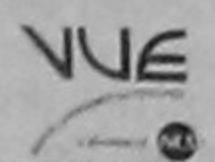
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Karnaphuli thana OC injured in road mishap

CHITTAGONG, Sept 22: Two persons including the officer in-charge of Karnaphuli thana were injured in a road accident at Mehidibog on M M Ali Road here today, reports BSS.

Police sources said the accident occurred when a covered van knocked down the pick-up van carrying OC of Karnaphuli thana Mohammad Sadrul Islam and two other persons.

Roki, a passenger of the pick-up, was seriously injured while OC received injuries in his head.

Sadrul was treated in a city clinic and Roki was admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital, Khulshi thana police said.

Police seized the van and arrested its driver. A case has been filed with Khulshi thana in this connection.

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