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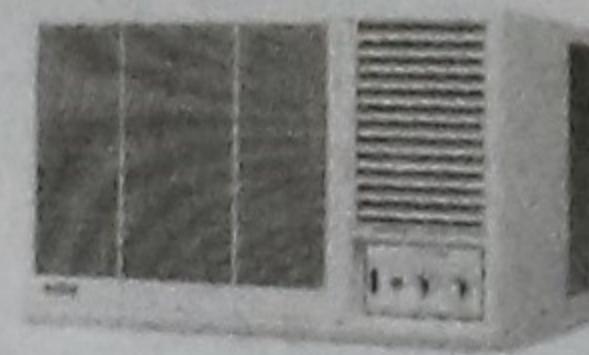
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Give money, not advice, agri minister tells WB

By Staff Correspondent

Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury has urged the World Bank to provide money instead of giving advice always.

"It is not expected that you would deliver papers every year, containing various suggestions without providing money," she said yesterday while addressing as chief guest a WB sponsored seminar in the city.

"We do not need so much advice. We are ready to accept your suggestions--no matter how difficult those are--only if you provide money along with those," she said.

She urged the WB to extend all out co-operation for development of the country's economy.

The seminar on "Incorporation of Renewable Energy Technology in Development Projects" was also addressed by Frederick T. Temple, WB Country Director in Bangladesh; Dominique M. Lallement, ESMAP Programme Manager, WB, Washington; Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, Chairman of Rural Electrification Board; Dr. Maksudina Nargis, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Planning; Nilufar Ahmed of

WB and Prof. Nurul Islam of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). Prokaushali Sangshad Ltd organised the seminar with assistance from ESMAP (Energy Sector Management Assistance Programme) of World Bank. It was

Hearing of case against 74 IU students begins today

KUSHTIA, Nov 18: The hearing of a case filed against 74 students of the Islamic University under Public Safety Act (PSA), will begin in the district court here tomorrow, reports UNB.

Police arrested them on charge of damaging property on the IU campus on November 2.

Campus sources claimed all the arrested students were innocent and police arrested them without any valid reasons. Meanwhile, All-Party Chhatra Oikya (APCO) has threatened to go on a greater movement if IU authorities failed to secure release of the arrested students by Monday (Nov 20).

held at the LGED auditorium.

Matia said renewable energy can be successfully utilised in almost all economic activities in the country. But those should be cheaper for the middle class people.

For example, the cost of solar energy is very high and rural people can not afford it, she said. She urged scientists to develop technologies to make it cheaper.

Dominique Lallement said renewable energy can generate more economic activities and create huge employment opportunities for the rural poor.

This environment friendly technology could help bring about sustainable development in a country like Bangladesh, she noted.

Temple said World Bank will support activities which will create an enabling environment for the poor so that they can come out of poverty through more access to energy and technology services.

He said Bangladesh is facing crisis in energy delivery, which is indicated by load shedding.

2 electrocuted in city

By Staff Correspondent

Two people were electrocuted at Hazaribagh in the city yesterday.

They were seriously injured when they came in contact with a live electric wire during piling work at about 9 am, hospital sources said.

The victims, identified as Mohammad Shafiqul, 22, an employee and Abdulla, 23, supervisor of piling work.

They were rushed to nearby Sikder Hospital and later shifted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the attending doctor declared them dead.

Bodies were sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

Mystery shrouds death of Boalmari UNO

TANGAIL, Nov 18: Mystery shrouds the death of Boalmari Upazila Nirbahi Officer Abdul Halim Mia, 40, on Tuesday at his official residence, reports UNB.

Following a General Diary (GD) filed with the police here autopsy was done on the body of Halim in Tangail General Hospital. Doctors said the reason behind the death could be ascertained after examination of his viscera.

Halim was found dead at his official residence at Boalmari in Faridpur district and subsequently the body was sent to his village home at Anahola of Ghatil upazila in Tangail.

He was posted in Boalmari two months ago where he was living without his family. He left behind wife and two children.

One chopped to death in N'ganj

By Staff Correspondent

A young man was chopped to death by unidentified miscreants at Kaipur in Narayanganj on Friday.

The victim was identified as Abdul Barez, 30, a shepherd and son of Joyal Majumder of South Sayespur, Fatullah, Narayanganj.

The miscreants chopped him indiscriminately at about 7pm. He was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition where he died at about 10-40 pm on Friday.

The body was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

The victim left behind his two daughters and a son.



Professor Nizamuddin Ahmed makes a point during The Daily Star-Bangladesh Scouts workshop on Waste Management in Dhaka City: Towards a Solution, held at the Scouts Bhaban yesterday. He is flanked by Dr Md Mujibur Rahman (L), who presented the keynote paper, and Habibul Alam.

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'Voice of women least heard in JS'

Withdraw bill seeking direct polls, demands Nari Samaj

By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of Sammilta Nari Samaj yesterday called for immediate withdrawal of the bill placed before the parliament seeking extension of tenure of and direct election to the reserved seats for women in the Jatiya Sangsad.

The Nari Samaj leaders, speaking at a press conference in the city, said voice of women is least heard in Jatiya Sangsad although it is the highest law-making organ of the government. The provision for reserved seats for women by indirect election was a right move for a certain period of time, but it is no more acceptable now, they said.

"Despite our continuous demand for direct election of women to the reserved seats, we note the government is ignoring our sentiment and finally it has brought the bill of extended tenure of reserved seats for women," said Hajera Sultana, a leader of the Nari Samaj.

Women parliamentarians who are indirectly elected rarely have any voice in the parliamentary proceedings. This is why Sammilta Nari Samaj and other women rights organisations of the country are protesting against the male chauvinistic

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RP invited to offload 40 pc Biman shares

By Special Correspondent

The government has invited Request for Proposal (RP) from foreign investors to off-load up to 40 percent of its shares in Bangladesh Biman as part of a plan to restructure the airline.

A notice for sale of the shares, issued by Biman, was published in The Daily Star and in the inter-

national media and was also put on Biman web site on the internet on Friday.

Interested parties, reputed airlines barring those from South Asia and investors in airline industry have been given a time till December 2 to submit the RP. See page 11 col 8

Bank dacoity in Khulna: 2 arrested

KHULNA, Nov 18: Police arrested two people from ghat number 7 area in the city on Friday for their alleged involvement in the Thursday's bank dacoity, reports UNB.

On information, police raided the area at dawn and arrested Jamal and Imron.

A gang of armed bandits took the employees of Agrani Bank of Samsur Rahman road branch hostages and looted Tk 1.06 lakh at noon on Thursday.

Road accident kills 4 in Laksam

COMILLA, Nov 18: Four people, including two children and a woman, were killed and 20 others injured in a road accident at Shunichou in Laksam upazila today, reports UNB.

Among the dead were Hosriy Ara Akhter, 20, wife of Babul Mia of Ashwadia village in Langokot upazila of the district, and her two months old daughter. The two others were a boy, 8, and a youth, 22.

Witnesses said the accident took place when a bus from Dhaka collided with another bus coming from opposite direction at about 11.30 am.

Babul Mia and his son, Shuvo, who received injuries, were sent to district Medical College Hospital.

Red list on endangered wildlife

By Shehab Ahmed

At least 13 species of vertebrate animals have disappeared in Bangladesh during the last century according to a book, The Red List of Threatened Animals of Bangladesh, published by the International Union of Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

The publication, brought out with assistance from the German and Dutch embassies in Bangladesh, also reveals how 54 varieties of fish, eight types of amphibians, 58 classes of

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Microbus stolen from police lines

By Staff Correspondent

A microbus of Dhanmoldi police was stolen from inside the Rajarbagh police lines yesterday, police said.

A white microbus was parked at the Rajarbagh Police Lines at about 4 am yesterday. Its driver Abdul Alim found the microbus missing when he went there to take the vehicle, police said.

The driver informed about the incident to the police lines authority. But they could not recover it till writing of this report last night.

An anonymous caller requested the police over telephone not to search for the microbus. The caller said the vehicle is in their possession. They will return it at the Zia International Airport at a convenient time, the caller added.

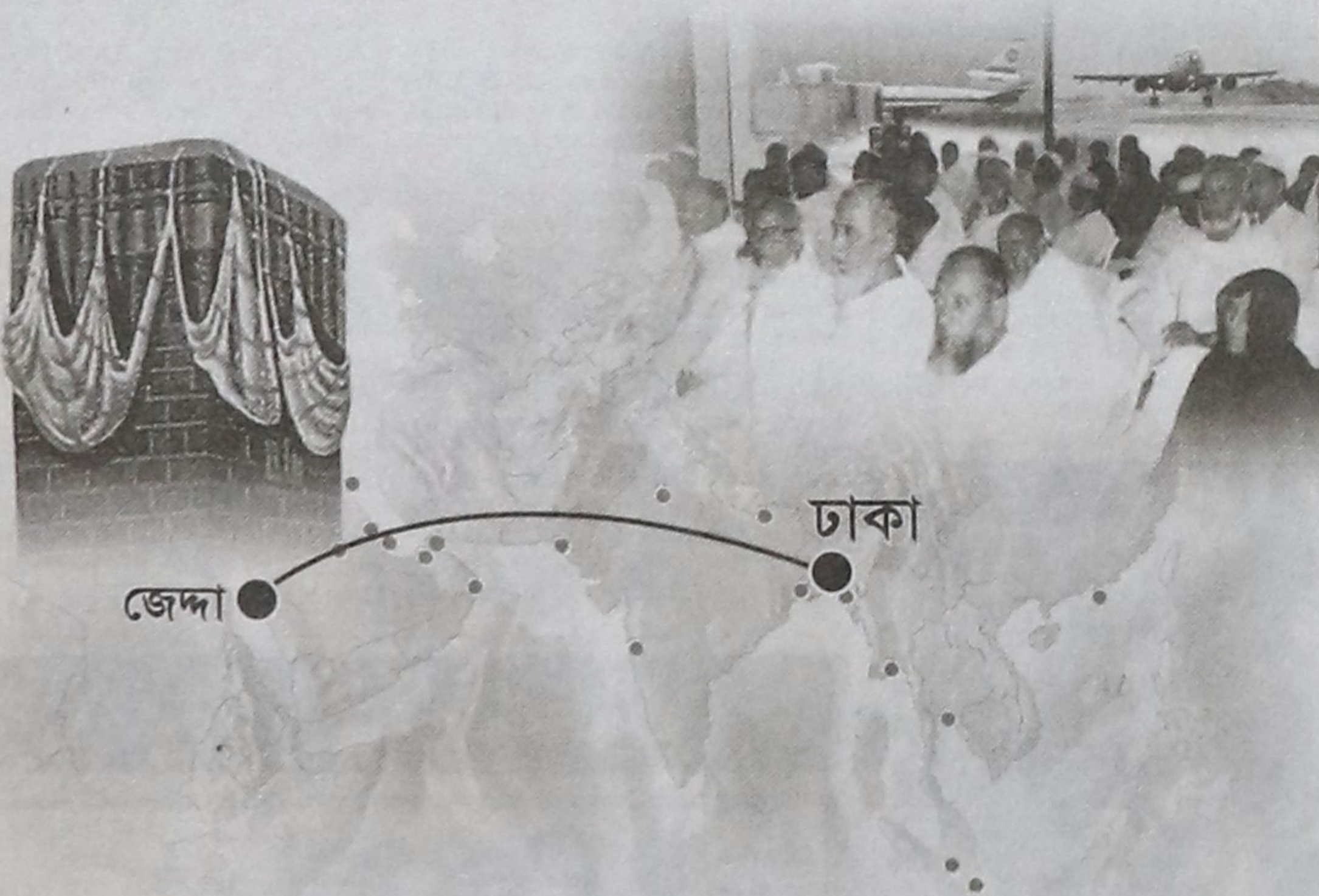
The caller also said they did it to know, how police security is functioning, police sources added.



A trio performs a Monipuri classical score at a function yesterday, jointly organised by the Department of Dramatics and Music and Centre for Classical Dance at the Nat Mandal of Dhaka University.

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