

US\$ 48.7m AIDS project launched

BSS, Dhaka
 Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim yesterday formally launched a 48.79 million US dollar (about Taka 260 crore) ambitious project to contain AIDS.

The project "Expanded National HIV/AIDS Program" spanning over a period of four years is to prevent HIV/AIDS epidemic in Bangladesh and will be as per the plan expanded along side NGO programmes to cover people at risk of HIV infection, a press

release said.
 Speaking on the occasion, the minister emphasised on the need for urgent action to prevent an AIDS epidemic in the country. "We only have a small number of people with HIV/AIDS in our country now but we have to act now with effective and large scale programmes to prevent an AIDS epidemic. The future of our country depends on this," the minister reminded all.

Selim highlighted the plight of neighbouring countries who

wanted to undertake effective HIV prevention activities. "Already millions of people have been infected with HIV in India, Myanmar, Nepal and Thailand", he said adding "from our neighbors' unfortunate experience, we have learned of the need to take effective and large scale action to prevent HIV while the number of cases is still small. This is only way that we can prevent a large-scale epidemic in Bangladesh," the minister said.

Legal notice on govt to realise Tk 6 cr phone bills of MPs

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) issued a legal notice on the government asking it to realise outstanding telephone bills of MPs of 5th and 7th Parliament amounting Tk 6 crore by April 19.

In its notice served on secretary of Post & Telecommunication Ministry, Chairman and Chief Accounts Officer of T&T Board, BLAST asked for immediate recovery of the outstanding bills.

It said an MP is entitled to a telephone and Tk 4000 in bills per month as part of his privileges. Although they withdrew the money, more than Tk 3.85 crore remained outstanding to 266 MPs of the 5th Parliament and Tk 1.37 crore to 216 MPs of the 7th Parliament, said a press release.

HC issues rule nisi on ministry of environment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Division Bench of the High Court has issued a *rule nisi* asking the government to show cause as to why and under what authority Chief Conservator of Forests Mohammad Nuruzzaman is holding the office under current charge.

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Dates for written test of 23rd BCS (Spl) changed

UNB, Dhaka

The dates for written examination of 23rd BCS (Special) scheduled for April 21 to 25 have been changed due to unavoidable circumstances.

The exams will now be held on June 10-14 at the Commission Bhaban Hall, Dhanmondi Ideal College and London centre.

Examination schedule, timetable and seat arrangement will be informed again through notification, said an official handout.

JU students form human chain on Dhaka-Aricha highway

JU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar Sangskritik Jote (JSJ), a conglomeration of 29 cultural organisations of Jahangirnagar University (JU) formed a human chain on Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday protesting the carnage at Ramna Batamul on Pahela Baisakh.

JSJ also brought out a mourning procession on the campus.

Rotary News

Weekly meeting

The regular weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna will be held today at 5:30 pm at Dhaka Club Ltd, says a press release.

The guest speaker Prof Mansur Musa of Dhaka University will speak on "Bangla Nababarsha."

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sonargaon Dhaka will be held today at 5:30 at Dhaka Club family lounge, says a press release.

All members have been requested to attend in time.

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