

DUJ election Jan 25

BSS, Dhaka
The annual general meeting and election of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will be held on January 24 and 25 respectively.

The meeting schedule was announced at a meeting of the executive committee of DUJ on Friday with its president Altaf Mahmud in the chair.

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Seminar on higher edn in UK

The Queens Park College (QPC) of London yesterday held a seminar in the city with a view to opening up opportunities of higher education in the UK for prospective students from Bangladesh.

As part of its South Asia tour, the QPC made spot assessment of the students who sought admission from Dhaka at the seminar held at a city hotel.

Representatives of the college counselled the students on study opportunities at the QPC. In addition, the team also provided advice on entry requirements, visa regulations and other inquiries by both students and guardians.

Chaired by Eric R Forbes, principal of the college, the seminar was attended by QPC Consultant Faisal Rahim and local representatives Shahnaz Rahman and Reazur Rahman.

The QPC offers a wide range of disciplines from computer science to business studies. The other courses include travel and tourism, hospitality studies and law. The college also offers the PhD programme.



BDR personnel have been deployed at different city markets, as part of a beefed-up security measure ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr.

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2 killed, 3 hurt in Ctg road accident

Two persons were killed and three others injured in a road accident at Mirsarai here yesterday morning.

The accident occurred when a Chittagong bound van and an autorickshaw collided on Dhaka Chittagong road at Mirsarai proper area at around 11 am.

The autorickshaw driver identified as Shahabuddin, 30, and an unidentified passenger were killed on the spot while three other passengers including two women were injured.

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CIDA to continue help in health sector

Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will continue its cooperation to develop health sector for better healthcare of the people of Bangladesh.

The assurance came from the visiting Vice-President (Asia) of CIDA Hui Sing Ise when he called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khondaker Mosharraf Hossain at his office yesterday.

They exchanged views on programmes being carried out in health and population sectors.

The Health Minister told the delegation that HPSP is a nice programme but there has to be some corrective measures to make it more suitable programme. He assured to continue reform programmes in health sector.

They also exchanged views on some public health problems especially arsenic and AIDS situation in the country.

The visiting Vice President of CIDA said his organisation will continue its assistance along with other donors for health sector of Bangladesh.

Canadian High Commissioner in Bangladesh David Preston was present on the occasion.

Mosquito drive Directive to gear up drive in city

Acting Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Humayun Kabir yesterday directed the concerned city corporation officials to further gear up the ongoing mosquito control drive and the 2nd cleanliness week for attaining the confidence of the dwellers, says a press release.

The workshop on the future activities of the newly formed "Education Campaign Group" started yesterday (8th December, Sunday) at the YWCA auditorium, Dhaka. ActionAid Bangladesh, LOKOI and Center for Asian Arts & Cultures (CAAC) jointly organized the workshop where 25 young professionals are attending.

Nilufer Rahman of AAB delivered the opening speech in the workshop. The designated discussants were Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Shamim Ahmed of UNICEF, Deonika Nani of Save The Children (UK) and Ahmed Swapan of CPPRL.

New policy to ease traffic jam soon: Huda

Communications Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda said here yesterday that the government was working to build an efficient and dynamic road network to ease traffic congestion in the country.

"We are working to formulate a new policy for properly maintaining roads and highways for safe transport and remove traffic jam across the country," the minister told a symposium at BRAC Centre here.

The symposium on "Transport in Bangladesh" was organised by British High Commission in Dhaka aimed at increasing the level of dialogue between the donors engaged in the transport sector and the government of Bangladesh.

Paul Ackroyd, Head of Department for International Development (DFID), Bangladesh presided over the function.

The main paper "Transport in Bangladesh-Current Situation and Issues for the 21st Century" was presented in the symposium by Dr Rahmatullah, a policy specialist.

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55000 to be able to perform Hajj this year

Fifty-five thousand Bangladeshis, including 3,500 of them as ballotee, will be able to perform the coming holy Hajj in Saudi Arabia.

The holy Hajj will be held on February 21 subject to the appearance of the moon and the Hajj flight is expected to begin January 23 next.

State Minister for Religious Affairs Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan said this at a press conference at the Secretariat yesterday.

Shahjahan said houses for 3,626 pilgrims have been rented in Makkah and Medina. He said the pilgrims would get accommodation at a lesser rate than the previous year.

He said the overall expenditure of a pilgrim in the coming Hajj will stand at about Tk 1 lakh 2 thousand and 25 which was Taka 1 lakh 2 thousand 36 last time.

Bangladesh Biman will carry about 30,000 Hajj pilgrims, the Saudi Airlines 10,000 and the rest 15,000 by the airlines of Kuwait, Pakistan and India, the State Minister said.

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