

Vital post of CPA vacant for 6 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, City
The post of Member (operation) of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) is lying vacant for about six months, affecting normal activities at the port, sources said.



Children's painting competition, organised by Haji Shahabuddin Social Foundation, in observance of the Golden Jubilee of Amar Ekushey at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday.

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Various factors cause defacement of the city's landscape being an eyesore to its residents. Among the factors, we may mention the widespread prevalence of graffiti or wall-writing in almost all areas of the city.

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Defacing city landscape

regulate this unsightly activity, the propensity for resorting to this sort of activity for any cause whatsoever has been steadily on the increase. Previously under autocratic regimes, orders were issued to wipe out the ugly signs.

2 accomplices of drug peddler Sentu held with arms in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Detectives yesterday arrested two accomplices of notorious drug peddler Sentu from Tulata slum in the city.

Crime curve on rise
40 murdered in the city last month

SHAIKH NAZRUL ISLAM
The tough stance of the government proved futile as the city's crime curve for January rose alarmingly. A total of 40 people were murdered in the capital city last month, as against 33 in January 2001, 19 in January 2000 and 18 in January in 1999.

3 outsiders held with arms from DU hall

BSS, Dhaka
Detective Branch (DB) of police raided Surya Sen Hall of the Dhaka University on Thursday night and arrested three outsiders. Police also recovered a foreign made firearm with bullets from their possession.



Winners of the 20th Lancer Cup Golf Tournament pose with their trophies at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday. Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Harun-Ar-Rashid (4th from L) and Chairman of Rangs Group A Rouf Chowdhury (5th from R) were also present. (Story on Sports page)

Al-Jazeera to sue CNN

AFP, Doha
Qatar's Al-Jazeera satellite channel said yesterday it would sue CNN for airing without its consent an interview with suspected terror mastermind Osama bin Laden conducted by one of its reporters.

DCC mayoral election
Khoka official runner but Abbas lobbying for ticket

REZAUL KARIM
Sadeque Hossain Khoka, president of ruling BNP city unit, still remains the officially declared candidate for Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) mayoral election although there are more than one aspirants in the party vying for the party ticket.

Computer games: Doctors call for health warnings

REUTERS, London
Computer games with vibrating hand-held control devices should carry health warnings because they can cause damage to hands, British doctors said yesterday.

Tapan still at large: 2 cops remanded for 3 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna
The special teams formed in the country's southwestern zone have so far failed to make any headway in the hunt for the outlawed PBCP's Khulna Division leader Abdur Rashid Tapan.

4 BCP cadres held with arms in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia
Police arrested four cadres of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) along with firearms and ammunition from Kumerkhali and Khoksha upazilas yesterday.



Soldiers of the military commander Padsha Khan's troops fire a rocket launcher to hit Saif Ullah's troops who hold the provincial capital Gardez city of Pakhtia province. The battle between two factions finished yesterday evening.

Uneasy calm in Gardez: 61 killed so far

AP, Gardez
After a two-day battle which combatants said killed at least 61 people, an uneasy calm had returned yesterday to the capital of an eastern Afghan province where rival warlords are trying to exert control.

Delhi also to help set up new Afghan army

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi
India has assured Afghanistan's interim administration headed by Hamid Karzai to consider its request for assistance in setting up its national army as part of reconstruction of the war-ravaged country.