

## Govt to start Dhaka eastern bypass project work

UNB, Dhaka

To remove nagging traffic jams from the capital city, the government would start work on the Dhaka Eastern Bypass Integrated Project (DEBIP) that is linked with multi-model communications networks.

Communication Minister Barister Nazmul Huda, while visiting the site yesterday, spoke of the work plan of the important project.

The 30-km road from Kanchpur Bridge to Joydevpur via Tongi would have integrated systems, including Dhaka Flood Control Dam, ring road and circular rail communications.

Most important side of the comprehensive project is that the bypass will connect the north-southeastern highway through the

Jamuna Bridge, which is also a part of the planned Asian Highway.

Bangladesh Water Development Board, Roads and Highways Department and Bangladesh Railway would jointly implement the project at an estimated cost of Tk 2,500 crore.

Later, the Communications Minister visited the 4.5-km-long Matuail-Shyampur-Zia Sarani and 9-km Demra-Ashulia-Rampura connecting road to oversee the progress of construction works.

Addressing a meeting organised by Demra BNP, the minister called upon the people to be vocal against "negative activities of the opposition party and thus help strengthen democracy and ensure uninterrupted development of the country".

## Under-trial prisoner dies

UNB, Barisal

An under-trial prisoner died at Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital here on Thursday.

Police and hospital sources said Daliluddin, 50, an accused in a murder case, was admitted to the hospital on Thursday night after he fell sick.

## 4 shops gutted in Barisal fire

UNB, Barisal

Property worth about Tk 30 lakh was gutted in a devastating fire at Bazaar road in the town early yesterday.

Fire brigade sources said the fire broke out in a shop of the bazaar and soon engulfed three other shops.



Members of the People's Little Theatre performing at a function at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday as part of the Amar Ekushey programmes organised by the Sammilita Sangskritik Jote.

## Steering body formed to make legal assistance sangstha stronger

BSS, Dhaka

The government yesterday formed a National Steering Committee under the Board of Directors of National Legal Assistance Sangstha to make it stronger, effective and pro-people.

The board of directors at a meeting also decided that a steering committee in each district, side by side with the district committees, would be formed for monitoring the activities of the Sangstha across the country.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed Presided over the meeting.

The four-member national steering committee headed by the director of the Sangstha will be comprised of representatives from home, social welfare and law ministries and NGOs.

The law minister said that a vast section of poor people of the country is being deprived of justice due to economic recession. The procedural difficulties of the Sangstha would have to be removed to make it stronger and pro-people, he added.

Mozammel Haque, MP, Chairman of Bangladesh Legal

Aid and Services Trust Dr Kamal Hossain, law secretary Afzal Hossain Ahmed, Inspector General of Prisons Brigadier General Zillur Rahman, Executive Director of Jatiya Mahila Sangstha Noor Mahal Islam, advocate Fowzia Karim Firoz and Barrister Salma Sobhan of Ain-O-Salish Kendra attended the meeting.

## Persian Studies Bhaban to be built at DU

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka University will construct Bangladesh-Iran Centre for Persian Studies Bhaban with the financial assistance of Iran.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to this effect was signed between Iran and Dhaka University yesterday.

Iranian Ambassador to Bangladesh Rezaei Noori and DU Treasurer Syed Rashidul Hasan signed the MOU on behalf of their respective sides.

The visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Dr Sayyed Kamal Kharrazi, DU VC Anwarul Haque Chowdhury, Pro-VC ZN Tahmina Begum, Registrar Muhammad Selim, the deans of various faculties and senior officers were present on the occasion.

Later, the Iranian Foreign Minister Dr Kharrazi laid the foundation stone of the bhaban, said a DU press release.

The Iranian Foreign Minister also attended a reception accorded to him at the auditorium of Institute of Modern Languages.

## BCL leader injured in armed attack

UNB, Munshiganj

A Chhatra League leader was seriously wounded in an armed attack in Tongibari upazila yesterday.

Family sources said a gang attempted to murder Ripon Khan, upazila unit president of Chhatra League, while he was on way to a wedding party at Sonarang village.

Ripon was rushed to Orthopedics Hospital.

## 25TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Today is the 25th death anniversary of late Khan Bahadur Mujibur Rahman.

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