

Three arrested while making bombs

UNB, Barisal

Police arrested three youths with a huge quantity of bomb-making materials while they were making bombs at a house in the town yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house near Paresar Sagar ground and arrested three young men - Khalilur Rahman, Munna Karmakar and Zahuruddin Himel.

Sensing the presence of the police, three other youths managed to flee the scene, police said.

Congratulations

Dr Mian Mashud Ahmad, Assistant Professor, Department of Gastrointestinal Liver Disease, Dhaka Medical College, has obtained PhD from the Dhaka university, says a press release.

The title of his thesis is "Helicobacter Pylori: Diagnosis, seroprevalence and model therapy for duodenal ulcer patients in Bangladesh."

Dr Ahmad did his research work under the supervision of Prof AK Azad Khan of BIRDEM, and Prof Mahmud Hasan of BSMMU.



Bangladesh Nari Mukti Sangsad brought out a procession in the city yesterday on the occasion of International Women's Day calling for an end to cruelty against women.

Women leaders call for elimination of gender discrimination

OUR CORRESPONDENT, CG

The women leaders of the port city yesterday called for elimination of gender discrimination and empowerment of women for upholding human rights and developing the country.

They also urged the conscious people of the society to help ensure human rights for all specially for women and children bringing both men and women on equal footing.

The call was made at the 17th district conference of Inner Wheel District 328 held at a local hotel in the city yesterday.

Presided over by Inner Wheel District 328 chairman Rosy Ahad, the meeting was addressed by Education Minister Dr. Muhammad Osman Faruk, Water Resources Minister LK Siddiqui, and national representative of the club Mahmuda Siddiqui.

Prof. Salma Khan presented the key-note paper at the conference.

In his speech the education minister called upon the women organisations to build up resistance against repression on women and children.

He laid emphasis on the development of women through expansion of their educational facilities so that they can get gainful employment in the society.

Lauding the women's contributions towards the development of the country, the minister called upon them to create social awareness against moral degradation.

LK Siddiqui in his address highlighted the government's efforts for expansion of women education in the country.

Elaborating the activities of the club, Mahmuda Siddiqui said they have taken various projects to provide health care and vocational training for the women.

NGO leadership calls for unity of ADAB

BSS, Dhaka

Senior leaders of Non-Government Organisations (NGO) at a meeting have stressed the need for maintaining unity of ADAB, the coordinating body of NGOs, and agreed that a dialogue should be called immediately to overcome the current impasse of the organisation.

The meeting, held at the BRAC Centre on Thursday with founder of BRAC Fazle Hossain Abed in the chair, unanimously adopted a resolution to form a seven-member committee comprising former chairperson and three directors of ADAB to find ways to overcome the odds being faced by the sector.

An ADAB press release quoted Abed as saying that because of certain actions in recent time, the acceptability of ADAB to some member NGOs has largely gone down, concerning the greater interest of the NGOs.

Around 140 persons including chief executives or senior-most persons representing 123 NGOs of the country attended the meeting. They included Dr Zafarullah Chowdhury of Ganoshastha, Dr Thomas Costa of Caritas, Khushi Kabir of Nijera Kori and Rasheda K Chowdhury of Ganaswakhara Abhijan.

Some speakers opined that ADAB in recent years had moved away from its designated position, making its role controversial. They stressed the need for restoring the lost glory.

In another resolution, the meeting decided to call another meeting soon between the seven-member committee with Kazi Farooq Ahmed, the chairperson of ADAB, and other members of the executive committee at BRAC Centre to dwell with the matter.

Abed, a former chairperson of ADAB, will call the meeting.

Folk art and craft festival begins 'Sonargaon to be made mini-Bangladesh'

BSS, Sonargaon, Narayanganj

Hundreds of people, especially children and women from Dhaka city and adjacent villages gathered here yesterday as the annual folk arts and crafts festival got underway with much enthusiasm.

The crowds, including schoolgirls, flocked at the premises of the Bangladesh Folk Art and Crafts Foundation just to have some amusements and acquaint themselves with the rich heritage of Bengali culture.

BNP Secretary General and LGD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan formally opened the three-week festival as the chief guest, saying that "Sonargaon would be made a 'Mini-Bangladesh' from where foreigners could easily get a picture of the country, at a glance."

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman, State Minister for Industries Prof. Mohammad Rezaul Karim, Ataur Rahman Khan Angoor, MP, and Director of Bangladesh Folk Art and Crafts Foundation Ahmed Musa also spoke at the inaugural function, chaired by Cultural Affairs Secretary Nazmul Ahsan Chowdhury.

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President visits Monno Fabrics factory

UNB, Dhaka

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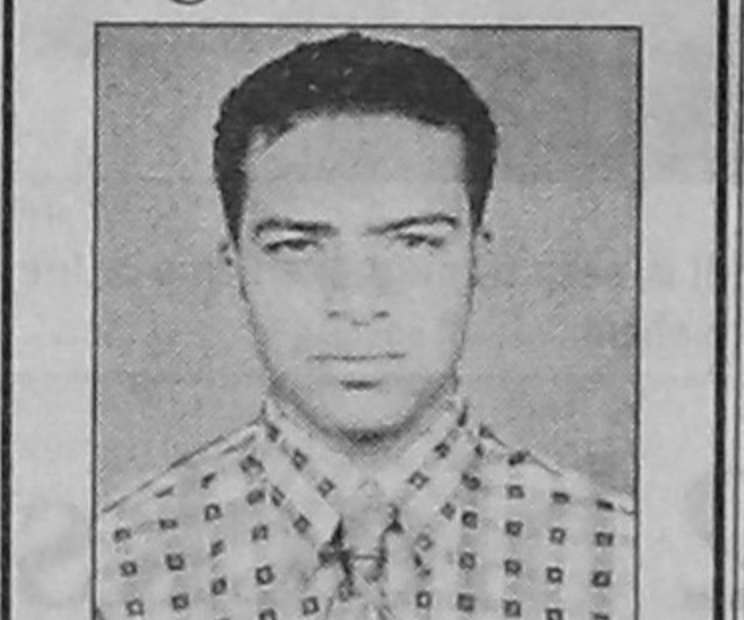
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