

## Jail Killing Case Hearing adjourned till April 16

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka yesterday adjourned the hearing of the Jail Killing Case, till April 16.

Judge Ahmed Jamil Mostafa adjourned the hearing following a time petition by the prosecution lawyers.

The prosecution side submitted a petition, seeking adjournment of the hearing. They stated that the 9<sup>th</sup> witness could not appear in the court due to unavoidable circumstances. So, they prayed for adjournment of the hearing.

The defence lawyers were ready for hearing. After hearing both the sides, the court granted the petition.

Earlier, 8 prosecution witnesses, including complainant of the case, were cross-examined.

Four national leaders - Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, Captain Mansur Ali and AHM Quamruzzaman - were killed in the Dhaka Central Jail on November 3 in 1975.

The then DIG (prison) Kazi Ab-

dul Awal filed the Jail Killing Case with Lalbagh thana on November 1 the same year.

Special PP Mosarraf Hossain Kajol appeared for the state while Advocate TM Akbar, Hazi Nazrul Islam, Abdul Mazid Munshi, ABM Sharfuddin Khan Mukul, Mohammad Hanif and Arshadul Haque for the accused.

Four of the 21 accused in the Jail Killing Case - Taheruddin Thakur, Lt Col (dismissed) Syed Farookur Rahman, Lt Col (Retd) Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan and Maj (Retd) Bazul Huda - detained at the central jail, were produced before the court during the hearing.

Four other accused - Shah Mozazzem Hossain, Nurul Islam Manzoor, KM Obaidur Rahman MP and Maj (Retd) Khairuzzaman - now on bail, were also present in the court during the hearing. They were granted ad-interim bail by the High Court. The court granted them bail till April 30.

## 10 model high schools to be set up

BSS, Dhaka

The government has taken up a project for establishing 10 model high schools in the capital city at a cost of Tk 114 crore, an official handout said.

The entire cost of the project will be provided by the government.

As part of the project, construction work of four schools will begin in the current fiscal.

The foundation stone of Mohammadpur Model High School, one of the proposed schools, was formally laid on the premises of Dhaka Residential Model School on Tuesday. The new school compound will be set up on three acres of land.



Dhaka City BNP brought out a procession yesterday protesting Israeli attacks on Palestinian President Yaseer Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

## Goldsmith murder One arrested in Chittagong

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested an FIR-named accused in goldsmith Nantu murder case in the early hours of yesterday.

Kotwali thana police arrested Manik Gosh, 40, from Goalpara area at around 4pm, police said. Goldsmith Prabir Chakraborty alias Nantu of Hazari Goli was shot by a gang of terrorists near Chateshwary temple on Saturday afternoon. He succumbed to his injuries at Chittagong Medical College Hospital the following.

## French language course in Ctg from Apr 6

The new session of French Language Course will begin at the Alliance Francaise in Chittagong on April 6, says a press release.

The course is divided into three categories - Normal, Intensive and Junior - and the duration is 11 weeks.

The last date for admission is April 6. The courses will be conducted with audio-visual methods.

## More changes in administration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has brought further changes at the joint secretary level in the administration.

In the latest reshuffle, nine joint secretaries have been transferred, according to an official notification.

Member of the Board of Investment Habibur Rahman and joint secretary of the Ministry of Social Welfare Taj Mohammad were transferred to the Election Commission Secretariat.

Member of the Land Reforms Board M Sayedur Rahman has been transferred to the Local Government Division while Director General of Social Welfare Department Mohammad Saifuzzaman to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief.

Joint secretary Dr Selina Ahsan, an OSD, has been transferred to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare while another OSD, joint secretary MA Kashem, has been made a member of the Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Council.

Joint secretary of the Water Resources Ministry Sushanta

Chandra was made a member of the Land Reforms Board and joint secretary of the Local Government Division AKM Kamaluddin Senior Director Staff of the National Defence College.

Additional Divisional Commissioner of Dhaka Division Mortuza Hossain Munshi has been appointed Director General of the Department of Social Service.

## Aptech launches degree programme

Aptech Computer Education launches a Bachelor of Applied Computing degree programme for the students of Bangladesh, says a press release.

The programme would be offered through a strategic alliance with Southern Cross University, Australia.

Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan, minister for Science and Information and Communication Technology, will formally launch the programme at a function in the city on April 7.

Robert K Flynn, Australian High Commissioner in Dhaka will attend the function as special guest while Maitur Rahman, editor of Prothom Alo, as guest of honour.

Barry Wilks, Head of the School of Multimedia and Information Technology, Southern Cross University, Australia, will be the keynote speaker, the release added.

## Disabled are inseparable part of society: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday shared a few hours with the disabled and assured them of her government's all cooperation for integrating them into the mainstream of national development.

"The disabled are an inseparable part of our society... A balanced national development is not possible keeping them detached," she said inaugurating the National Day for the Disabled 2002 at the Osmani Memorial Hall yesterday morning.

In her speech translated into sign language for the deaf, the PM emphasised that conducive atmosphere for proper education, training and rehabilitation can make the disabled population proud participants in the national progress.

The function was part of a day-long programme, which also included a rally starting from in front of Engineers Institution and a discussion meeting and cultural function at the National Museum Auditorium organised by the Ministry of Social Welfare.

Ministers, MPs, diplomats, leaders of various social welfare organisations and a large number of disabled people were present at the inaugural function.

The prime minister said nearly 10 million people of the country are disabled in one way or the other and it was possible through necessary treatment to enable the physically and mentally handicapped to work and make themselves self-dependent.

"We can perform our responsibility by giving recognition to them and not through compassion

of pity," she said pointing to equal rights of all citizens guaranteed in the country's Constitution.

Referring to the UN Charter for Children's Rights which ensures education, training, health service, rehabilitation, employment and entertainment rights, she said Bangladesh as a signatory to it is committed to ensure welfare and development of the children.

The prime minister reiterated the BNP government's pledge for ensuring welfare of the disadvantaged groups and said her party always considered it a sacred responsibility.

Referring to the declaration of ESCAP Conference of Beijing in 1992, Khaleda Zia recalled that the BNP government in 1995 had accordingly formulated a national policy for the disabled and undertaken various welfare-oriented programmes.

She also spoke of reserved seats for the disabled in all modes of public transport. She said orphans and the disabled will be employed in 10 per cent of government jobs.

The PM particularly mentioned building of suitable passage in all government offices for the disabled on wheelchairs.

She announced a 20 per cent increase in government allocation for the National Development Foundation for the Disabled.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Social Welfare Ali Ahsan Mujahid said proper nurturing of the disabled could turn them into a productive workforce.

The prime minister enjoyed a cultural programme featured by hamd, naat, poetry recitation, songs, drama and dance depicting the problems and real-life stories of the disabled.

The function over, Khaleda Zia also inaugurated a handicraft exhibition displaying products including artificial limbs, utensils and toy furniture made by the disabled.

## Two new DU provosts appointed

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka University authorities have appointed new provosts for two female students' dormitories.

Dr Fazmeri SA Islam, professor of Chemistry Department, was appointed Provost of Rokeya Hall for three years.

And Tahmina Akhter, assistance professor of Social Welfare and Research Institute, was made Provost of Bangladesh-Kuwait Maitry Hall for the same period.

Their appointment came into effect from April 1.

## Special DMP cell to fight extortionists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has set up a special cell to fight the extortionists, said a press release yesterday.

Issued by the DMP Police Commissioner, the press release requested aggrieved persons and institutions to contact the cell for immediate help.

Telephone numbers of the cell set up at the Detective Branch at Mintto Road are: 9337362 or PABX 999 ext-2628, the press release added.

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