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Health services for floating

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Under the project, a field sur- of performances in the class

Speaking at a press briefing at Stopes is providing health services

society at 7 spots in the capital project which is partly funded by

reveals that unless proper health DFID and will continue till 2004.

people, actual services will never ment and other NGOs will come

in future.

occasion.

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on the performances of teachers

and students in the classrooms

were collected to assess the state

of education at the primary level.

tified a number of impediments

the quality of primary education.

that stood in the way of improving

The survey in its findings iden-

The impediments included-

traditional teaching and learning

process, lack of satisfactory rela-

tions between teachers and stu-

proper monitoring and evaluation

In most cases they look for

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due to close location and less ex-

to floating people once a week at

their 7 satellite clinics in Dhaka

and 3 in Chittagong at an afford-

Services are given from 7.00pm

Dr. Yasmin said it is a pilot

She hoped that the govern-

General Manager Wahiduz-

forward to assist the programme

zaman Chowdhury and Pro-

gramme Officer Dr. Samina

Chowdhury were present on the

to 10.00pm as they remain free

able fees of Tk 5.00 per patients.

from their work at that time.

Under the programme, Marie

pense, she added.

Shortage of CNG filling stations in city

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Shortage of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) filling stations in Dhaka is acting as a deterrent against conversion of different modes of transports into CNG run vehicles.

Presently there are only six stations in the capital to meet the demands of an estimated 3,000 vehicles which were converted into CNG since 1996 under the CNG conversion project of Rupantorito Prakritik Gas Company

Limited (RPGCL). * Since conversion into CNG gained ground, there are increasring demand for the CNG filling stations. More and more people are showing interests to convert their vehicles into CNG run vehicles. Even the auto-rickshaw own-

ers are also showing interests. "But we are unable to meet the

Film star Razzak asked to appear before court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka yesterday, directed film star Abdur Razzak to appear before it by May 12.

Magistrate AKM Abdus Salam Miah passed the order following a complaint case filed by the Film

Development Corporation (FDC). Mohammad Ruhul Amin, Law Officer, FDC, also the complainant of the case said Razzak used floor, camera set and other things of

year. It cost Tk 38,72,973. Abdur Razzak gave two sepa- 6 am yesterday. rate cheques amount of Tk plainant told the court.

demand since there are not sufficient filling stations which is acting as a negative factor against conversion", said a high official of the RPGCL yesterday.

To meet the rising demands, the RPGCL has started a process to float a tender for setting up six more stations in the city, the official said adding that the complex procedure involved in calling a tender may however delay the process.

There is a need to speed up the matter as the campaign for conversion into CNG is gaining momentum to curb environmental pollution in the capital.

Recently, the High Court directed the authorities concerned . to go for conversion of government vehicles into CNG.

Such directives also added momentum to the need for proper availability of CNG at the filling stations to meet the new de-

"The existing six filling stations in the city having low compression are unable to cope with the increasing demand causing long queue at these stations", said the officials preferring anonymity.

have to be equipped with high compressors for quick filling. The potential demands for CNG make it attractive to the pri-

vate sector to come forward in

He said the future stations will

setting up CNG filling stations. 10 arms seized

Police recovered 10 firearms and FDC during the time of shooting of 19 lethal weapons along with 73 the film "Moran Niye Khela", last bullets in the countrywide drive during the last 24-hours ending at

Police also arrested 1477 peo-10,00,000. But the cheques were ple, including nine identified terdishonoured when these were rorists, 742 wanted accused and submitted to the bank to withdraw 718 accused in different cases the amount of Taka, the com- under investigation from across

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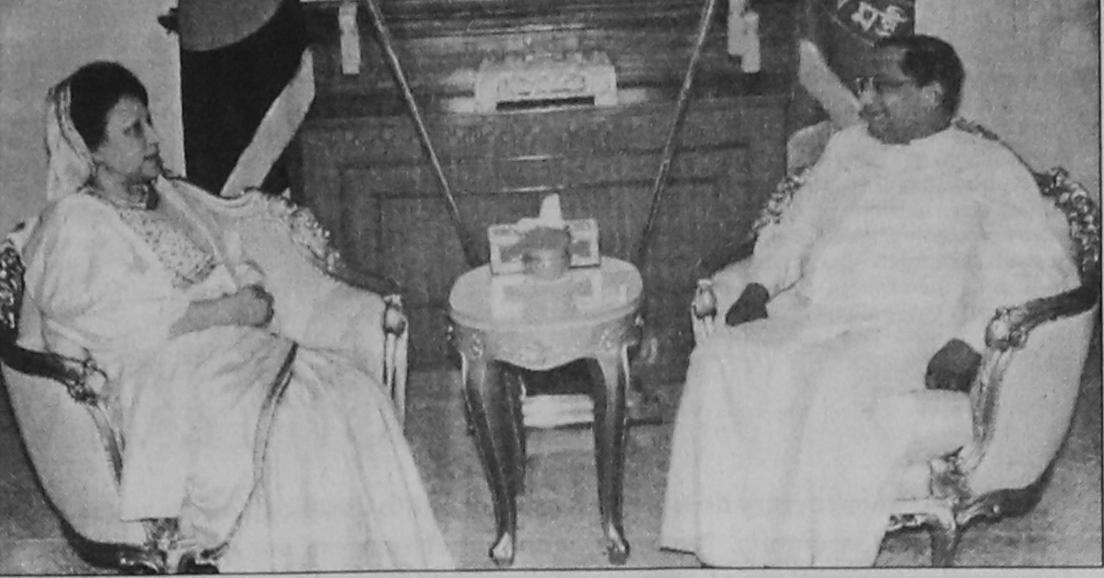
> Prof Abdur Rashid, former DG, Primary and Mass Education De-

WAIM fellowship

Managing Director of Hamdard Laboratories (Waqf) Bangladesh, Hakim Mohammad Yousuf Haroon Bhuiyan has been awarded Fellowship of World Association of Integrated Medicine (WAIM), a

State Minister for Finance and Planning Anwarul Kabir Talukder awarded the fellowship to him at a function in the city recently.

Yousuf Haroon was also awarded with International Ibne Sina Award 2002 for his contribution to herbal medicine at the



Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Tyronne Fernando called on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at her office in the city yesterday.

'Standard of education yet to improve at primary level'

berg, Principal Education Special-

panel discussants while Prof Sid-

digur Rahman, Co-Team leader of

the project presented the findings

three-year project under the tech-

nical and financial assistance of

the ADB in 1998. The project was

aimed at developing a model for

monitoring of the school perform-

ances, to provide information to

different stakeholders on status of

schools and classrooms perform-

people launched

and evaluation system.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marie Stopes Clinic Society for-

mally launched its 'Health services

to floating people' in the city yes-

the National Press Club to mark

the occasion, Dr. Yasmin H Ah-

med, managing director of the

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be enough to improve their health

Dr. Yasmin said though many

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the floating people.

condition" she said.

city yesterday.

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"A survey carried out by the

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of the project.

BSS, Dhaka

Educational institutions at the primary level are yet to make any headway in standard of education.

The observation was made in the findings of a survey report of the Primary School Performance Monitoring Project (PSPMP). The report was released yesterday at a national seminar at the Bangladesh Institute Administration and Management (BIAM) auditorium in the city.

The report said though notable achievement has been made in raising enrolment and reducing dropout, the standard of education at the country's primary level could not be improved during the last couple of years due to lack of proper monitoring, evaluation of classroom performances, training to teachers and adequate teaching materials.

Country's leading academics, government officials and representatives of Asian Development Bank (ADB) participated in the seminar titled "National Dissemination Seminar on Outcomes of the Primary Schools Performance

Prof Jahan Ara Begum, Advisor | terday to the Prime Minister on Primary and Mass Education attended the seminar as the chief guest while Prof (Dr), Tehmina Hussain, Secretary, Primary and Mass Education Department was in the chair.

for Hakim Yousuf

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

they hardly seek for proper medipress release said.

function.

Join movement against corruption, lawlessness

Hasina urges people at Mujibnagar Day discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the people to join movement against the 'all pervasive' corruption and lawlessness in the country.

"From April 21 our party leaders will move out to a mass contact programme across the country to mobilise the people in our continuous fight against bribery, corruption, terrorism, and price hikes of essentials," Hasina said while speaking at a discussion organised by city AL at Mahanagar Natya Mancha marking the historic Mujibnagar Day.

On this day in 1971, Bangladesh's first government-in-exile took oath at Baidyanathtala in Meherpur district. That historic place was later named after Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and since then the day had been observed as 'Mujibnagar

Referring to a foreign government's allegation of corruption against a minister, Sheikh Hasina, the leader of the opposition in again ashamed the nation before press release. the world community.

jected Bangladesh as a terrorist talents in writing in the country. country before the world. A for- The theme of the contest was "Jieign newspaper wrote article headlining 'Beware of Bangladesh.' We like to say that the people should rather 'Beware of Khaleda," Hasina said.

country were now passing through a state of helplessness, the AL president said independent candidates were forced to refrain from electioneering as 'top terrors' got ruling alliance's nominations in the city corporation elections. "Under these circumstances,

the Election Commission would only declare those notorious terrorists as elected representatives as per government blue print" she

of the government for not taking up any official programme to mark the Mujibnagar Day.

She urged the people to converge at Saturday's public rally aimed at protesting the enactment of a new black law.

"We applied for Paltan Maidan as the venue of the rally but till date the government did not give us the permission," she said

The opposition leader noted with deep concern that since taking over power by the four-party alliance, opposition activists as well as general members of the public were being subjected to unabated repression.

"Many of our party-men and supporters lost their limbs and

Philips-Shaptahik 2000 storywriting contest results announced

The results of Philips-Saptahik 2000 Storywriting Contest was parliament said this incident once announced on 14 April, says a

The purpose of this contest was "She (Khaleda Zia) has pro- to encourage and recognise young boney Ashar Alo."

More than 4000 people participated in the contest. Of them, 28 were selected as winners by the panel of judges comprising emi-Noting that the people of the nent writers Shawkat Ali, Imdadul Haque Milon and Moinul Ahsan 2000 Shahadat Chowdhury.

The first, second and third prizes were awarded to Rafigur Rashid of Meherpur, Saniyat Sattar of Mymensingh and Taiyebur Rahman of Dhaka respectively. The first prize was a Whirlpool refrigerator, second a Philips VCD player and third a Daewoo microwave oven. There were consolation prizes of prize bonds worth Tk Hasina was also highly critical 1,000 for the rest of the finalists.

eyes. They were even prevented from admitting to hospitals for treatment," she alleged.

Senior party leaders Zillur Rahman, Amir Hossain Amu, Tofail Ahmed, Suranjit Sengupta, Abdur Razzak, Sajeda Chowdhury also took part in the discussion chaired by city AL president Mohammad Hanif.

Earlier on the day, Hasina garlanded the portrait of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangabandhu Bhaban at Dhanmondi.

Besides, the party and its front organizations took up various programmes in observance of the

BCSEF executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

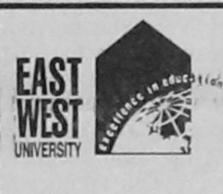


Sheikh Moinuddin Ahmed and Mohammad Abdulllah elected President Secretary General respectively of Bangla desh Civil Service

Economic Forum (BCSEF) for the year 2002-2003, a press release

Mohammad Nurul Islam Mollah was elected treasurer of the association.

Other office-bearer are: Vice Presidents - Abdul Haq Miah, Shuvash Chandra Ghosh, Abdul Matin, Khaleda Akhter and Abdul Hye Talukder, Joint Secretaries-General - Sarder Ilias Hossain, Saber, and the Editor of Shaptahik Prashanta Kumar Chakrabarti, Anwar Hossain, Lutfar Rahman Tarafder and ANM Rokon Uddin, Organising Secretary - Monwar Hossain, Office Secretary Mohammad Helal Uddin, Publicity Secretary - Mohammad Mahbubor Rab, Cultural and Social Welfare Secretary - Mohammad Shoeb, Research and Publication Secretary - Begum Towhida Rashid and Women Affairs Secretary - Begum Azizun Nahar.



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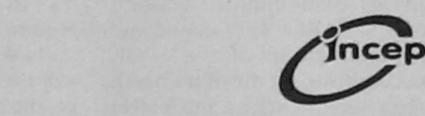
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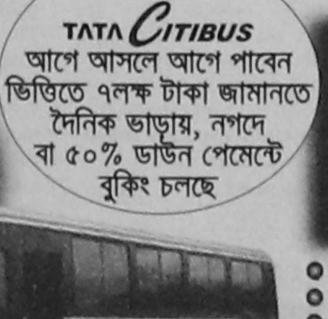
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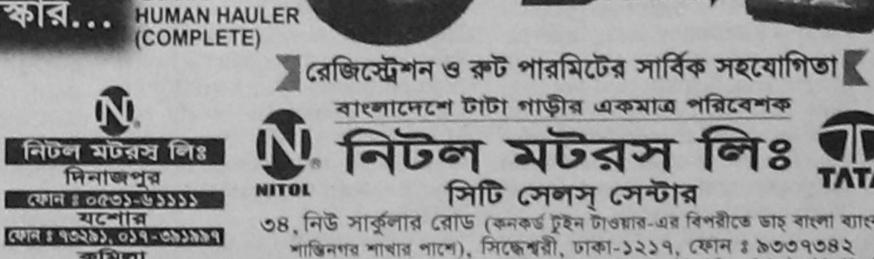
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