

## Govt-UNDP joint mission visits Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Members of a joint mission of Bangladesh government and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) yesterday visited Long Gadu and Nanir upazilas and held talks with the local people about different problems and local issues.

They visited the area in two groups and exchanged views on the law and order situation and the need for development programme in the area.

Leader of Bangladesh government and UNDP mission Michel Hein in a press conference at the local tourist complex said that different projects of the donor agencies should be started immediately along with the existing development programme of the government for improving the standard of living of the local poor people.

He was speaking last evening

## Under-trial prisoner dies in hospital

UNB, Narsingdi

An under-trial prisoner died at Sadar hospital yesterday afternoon.

Hospital sources said the on-duty doctor declared Jewel, 27, son of Altaf Hossain, dead when he was brought to Sadar hospital from Narsingdi District Jail for better treatment.

Jewel, who was arrested in a dacoity case two months back, had been suffering from stomach pain.

## 11 killed in C'nawabganj incidents in May

UNB, C'nawabganj

At least 11 people were killed in Chapainawabganj in separate incidents last month.

According to police, rivals killed Naimul Haq, 35, at Chaitanya village in Shibganj upazila on May 8.

Nasrin, wife of Sadequul, of Jagannathpur village who was injured in an acid attack by a youth in the same village on May 11 died at the Burn Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on May 15.

A motorcyclist, Anisul Haq, 40, was killed in a road accident in Maharajpur Mela area in Sadar upazila the following day. He was an area manager of a medicine company.

Five people were killed in lightning in Shibganj upazila on May 19. Two of them were identified as Mosharrif, 30, and Babul of Satrasia village.

Besides, three people, including one woman, were killed by lightning in Shyampur, Sona Masjid and Coila Diar areas.

Another woman and her minor daughter suffered serious burn injuries as her husband threw acid on them in Bolpukur area in Chapainawabganj pourashava (municipality) on May 7. They were undergoing treatment at the Burn Unit of DMCH.

## DBBL celebrates 6th anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) has celebrated its sixth anniversary yesterday (Monday), says a press release.

DBBL started its journey in the country in 1996 as the first Bangladesh-European joint venture bank.

DBBL celebrated the occasion by treating orphans of different orphanages in some divisional headquarters of the country. To mark the occasion the bank has also decided to donate an ambulance with modern facilities to Anjuman Mufulid Islam, a humanitarian organisation.

Besides, DBBL has also decided to organise a lunch party in honour of the disabled freedom fighters. Wheel chair and cash assistance will be given to the disabled freedom fighters on the occasion.

## Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

GG Chowdhury, a retired member of the Bangladesh Water Development Board, died yesterday morning in a Singapore hospital at the age of 73, family sources said in Dhaka.

Late Chowdhury, graduated in engineering from Aligarh Muslim University, was a World Bank consultant in Nigeria for several years. After retirement, he was also associated with CIDA.

He was flown to Singapore a week ago following a heart attack and his condition was further compounded by a virus.

The deceased is survived by his wife Fayema Chowdhury, two sons and a daughter.

The namaz-e-janaza will be held today at 7:30 in the morning at Gulshan Azad Mosque. His body will be taken to Sylhet for burial.



President of the Teachers' Association Md Quamruzzaman speaking at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity office yesterday.

## 'Govt committed to poverty alleviation, rural development'

BSS, Dhaka

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday said poverty alleviation and rural development have been given priority in the national development endeavour.

The government is firmly committed to addressing the vital issues of rural development and poverty alleviation so that the people living in the rural areas can come out of the poverty trap, he said while inaugurating a two-day seminar on "Linkage and common interests: experiences of the participatory rural development project (PRDP)" in the city.

The PRDP is a JICA financed pilot project of Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB). The project is designed to develop an alternative rural development model by strengthening linkages

## WVA Int'l Ladies Lunch June 8

The annual "International Ladies Lunch" of Women's Voluntary Association (WVA) will be held from 10 am to 5 pm on June 8 at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in the city, says a press release of the association.

Entry cards may be collected personally from the WVA office at Dhanmondi.

among village community, union parishad, nation building departments and NGOs, all working at union levels.

Chaired by Dhiraj Kumar Nath, secretary of rural development and cooperatives division, the function was also addressed by Jiro Kobayashi, Japanese ambassador to Bangladesh, Takashi Sakamoto, Resident Representative of JICA, Abu Naser Ahmed, Director General of BRDB, and Mujibur Rahman, project director.

Prof Yoshihiro Kaida of Kyoto University of Japan and JICA expert for PRDP presented a keynote paper.

Bhuiyan said that in spite of sincere efforts, about 43 per cent of people still live below the poverty line.

Describing the participatory rural development project as a unique one, the minister said it was striving to promote linkages between villages and local government institutions such as union and upazila parishads. "Union is envisaged as the focal point development under this project," he added.

He expressed the hope that the PRDP would formulate the development strategy in such a way that it becomes stable, sustainable and replicable.

Bhuiyan said that Japan was one of the major development

partners in Bangladesh's development efforts in the field of infrastructure development, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, rural development and poverty alleviation.

Jiro Kobayashi referred to the excellent ties between Japan and Bangladesh and said the two countries celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> years of diplomatic relations this year.

He said Japan would continue to support Bangladesh in its development efforts.

Prof Kaida in his paper gave an outline of the project and said the PRDP had been implemented in a mini-pilot scale in two unions in Kalihati upazila, Tangail for the past two years.

## Train derails near Majdi Court

UNB, Noakhali

Direct train communications on Laksam-Noakhali route remained suspended for 18 hours from Sunday mid night as three compartments of a local train went out of the track at Bender Mosque near Majdi Court.

Five people sustained minor injuries and were given first aid.

Railway sources said three bogies, including a goods wagon and a second class compartment of the Noakhali-bound local train from Laksam, derailed about 1 am.

## Deep cracks panic villagers in Jessore

QUAZI AMANULLAH, Khulna

Panic swept through two villages in Jessore district after several deep cracks appeared in the ground following a storm on May 23.

Several hundred people of Teghari and Makamtale villages under Manirampur upazila have moved to safer places fearing that these are the signs of an impending disaster.

On May 23, a devastating storm lashed the villages five kilometres away from the upazila headquarters. The following day, the villagers awoke only to find that fissures have opened in several places of the villages.

Each of the cracks is over 14 feet deep and over three feet wide. The cracks have sent chill among the villagers as these are gradually

expanding. One of the fissures that opened on the Jamtala road of Tehari village gradually stretched up to the house of farmer Majid Morhol. His house is nearly one and a half kilometres away from the Jamtala road. The fissure now looks like a canal.

The cracks are expanding towards the neighbouring Dhaligai village of Shyengkuri union, said Abdul Aziz, a resident of the village.

Frightened by the freak of nature, people of other neighbouring villages - khemberber, Tetulia, and Munshikhanpur - have also started leaving their houses.

They are also offering prayers at the mazars of pirs seeking protection from any natural disaster. And the Hindus are offering puja to remove the 'curse of God'.

### WEATHER TODAY

## No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna and Barisal divisions with moderately heavy falls at one or two places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature 37.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Mongla and the lowest 23.5 degree Celsius at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.43 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 am.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.4	24.0	78	75
Chittagong	32.5	27.0	82	76
Rajshahi	35.8	25.6	74	74
Khulna	32.4	24.4	92	--
Barisal	35.4	26.4	81	92
Sylhet	32.2	24.2	91	79
Cox's Bazar	34.0	26.5	75	78

### Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Office of the Chief Engineer  
Headquarter, Kurmitola, Dhaka

## Corrigendum of Tender Notice

Name of work : Supply of holding lounge furniture, carpet, sofa, false ceiling, service line & ducting work at ZIA, Kurmitola, Dhaka (S.H.-Supply of Lounge Furniture).

- The Tender Notice for the above noted work was published earlier in The Independent, The Daily Star & The Daily Sangram on 12-05-2002 and The Daily Ittefaq on 18-05-2002. Due to unavoidable circumstances, date of receive & opening the tender has been changed. The last date of issuing tender is 29-06-2002 and the date & time of receiving the tender is 30-06-2002 up to 1200 hrs. The Technical offer of the tenders will be opened at 1500 hrs on 30-06-2002 in presence of the bidders or their representatives, if any.
- Item No. vi) of Technical Specification to be read as follows: "Seat and back panels shall be separate or composite but fixed independently to the steel structure beam".
- Other terms & conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged.

Asaduzzaman Chowdhury  
Chief Engineer  
Civil Aviation Authority.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

#### Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board's Request to the valued Subscribers for payment of Telephone bills

- This is for kind information of the valued subscribers that T&T Board has already issued all telephone, telex, internet and other bills up to April 2002 to the subscribers.
- To avoid disconnection valued subscribers are requested to pay all outstanding bills including current bills.
- Telephones of the subscribers who will fail to pay the bills up to April 2002, will be disconnected from 10 June, 2002.
- In case of non-receipt of bills in due time, the valued subscribers are requested to collect duplicate bills from respective T&T revenue office for immediate payment.
- Pay the bills in due time and help in the development of the country.
- T&T Board is your organization.

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## Nat'l programme on World Environment Day begins

BSS, Dhaka

A five-day national programme marking the World Environment Day began in the city yesterday with a children's art competition.

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj was chief guest at the art competition held at the Shishu Academy.

A slide show on environment was also organised. As part of the national programme, a colourful rally will be brought out from the Shishu Academy at 8.00 am today.

On June 5, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the World Environment Day and Environment Fair at Bangladesh.

## Girl raped in Rajshahi

BSS, Rajshahi

One girl aged about 8 was raped at Chhatragachha village under Puthiya upazila in Rajshahi on Sunday, police sources said.

Police said one youth named Mukul, 20, of the same village took the girl near a jute field and raped her there. She was grazing goats near the field.

The girl was undergoing treatment at Puthiya Upazila Health Complex.

A case was recorded with Puthiya thana in this connection. The alleged rapist, Mukul remained absconding since Sunday.

China Friendship Convention Centre at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will be present at the inaugural function as special guests.

The Forum for Environment Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB) will organise a discussion on "Environment of Dhaka City" at the same venue at 3.30 pm on June 5. Communications Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda will be chief guest.

A cultural function and folk songs on environment will be presented at the centre in the evening of June 5.

Ubining, a local NGO, will hold a discussion on "Preservation of bio-diversity" at the Friendship Centre on June 6 at 10 am. State Minister for Agriculture, Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir will attend the discussion as chief guest.

A discussion on "International Mountain Year" will be held at the same venue at noon on June 6. Deputy Minister for CIIT Affairs Moini Swapan Dewan will attend the function as chief guest.

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj will attend the cultural function in the evening of June 6 as chief guest.

On June 7, a discussion on "World Summit on Sustainable Development and Bangladesh Perspective" will be held at the Friendship Centre.

### Bangladesh Ordnance Factories

Gazipur Cantonment, Gazipur

## Tender Notice

- Sealed tenders in prescribed form (BOF No. 76) are invited from bona fide manufacturers/local agent/importers/supplier for supply of the following items:

Sl. No.	Nomenclature	Last date of selling	Date of dropping	Date of opening	Currency	Price of schedule	TE No. & date
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
a.	Multi Media Projector	15-6-2002 From (0800 to 1200 hrs)	16-6-2002 (by 1100 hrs)	17-6-2002 (at 1200 hrs)	Local	Tk. 400/- (non-refundable)	BOF/125/Cap/D/Pur dt. 5-5-2002

- Tender forms with details specifications and terms & conditions will be available from the representative of BOF in Directorate General of Defence Purchase Office, Ministry of Defence, New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 and the Purchase Office of Bangladesh Ordnance Factories.
- Commandant, Bangladesh Ordnance Factories reserves the right to reject any or all of the tenders without showing any reason thereof.

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