

## Call to unite against criminals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof. Mozaffar Ahmed has urged all, including the political activists, to unite against criminals and their black money that corrupts the political parties.

He was speaking as chief guest at a seminar titled 'Irregularity at Land Administration and Transparency and Accountability of Political Parties' at Tangail on Friday. The Transparency International, Bangladesh (TIB) organised the seminar.

Prof. Ahmed said everyone should protest corruption every day since it does not begin suddenly.

"Corruption does not mean embezzlement only, but it also means misuse of power and negligence of duty."

Speaking at the seminar, Margit van Ham, Executive Director of Asia-Pacific Region, TIB, said, "There is no substitute for crusade against organisational corruption which is prevalent in developing countries as well as in developed countries like Germany."

Presided over by Prof. Sekander Hayat, the seminar was also addressed by Manzoor Hasan, Executive Director, TIB, and Mohammed Ilias, Additional District Commissioner, Tangail.



Prof. Mozaffar Ahmad speaking at a roundtable on 'Budget and Environment' organised by the Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

## BTV directed to improve quality of news

BSS, Dhaka

Information Minister Tariqul Islam yesterday directed the Bangladesh Television (BTV) to improve its quality of news.

"The BTV should produce quality and timely news for sustaining in the competitive broadcast medium," he said.

The information minister gave the directive at a meeting with officials of the BTV news. Information secretary Mirza Tasadduk Hossain Beg, deputy director general (news) Faruque Alamgir and concerned officials were present in the meeting.

Tariqul Islam said various steps have been taken to improve the quality of BTV news. He advised newsroom officers to take advantage of the new facilities created for ensuring fidelity of news.

Minister said attractive presentation skills should be displayed to improve overall quality of news.

## Thai-Bangla bilateral issues discussed

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan flew to Bangkok yesterday to attend the first Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) of Foreign Ministers at the invitation of Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra.

Morshed Khan held a meeting with his Thai counterpart Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and exchanged views on the ACD concept and on ways to strengthen cooperation among the Asian countries yesterday afternoon, a message received here said.

It said the ministers also discussed bilateral matters and the coming visit of Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra to Bangladesh early next month at the invitation of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

He will call on Thai Prime Minister this afternoon. The release said that the ACD has been initiated by the Thai

Prime Minister with a view to forging greater cooperation among the Asian countries.

The ACD forum is designed to be the informal and open and it will be an evolving process. Dr Shinawatra has invited 17 Asian nations in the Cha-am conference as founder member of the ACD.

Participant countries in the ACD are Thailand, Bangladesh, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, Vietnam, Bahrain, Cambodia, China, Laos, Pakistan, India, Indonesia and Brunei.

Withdrawal of ban on Matir Moina demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Short Film Forum has condemned the Bangladesh Film Censor Board for refusing censorship certificate to 'Matir Moina', a feature film directed by Tareque Masud.

In a statement yesterday, the Forum said the people of Bangladesh have the right to watch the internationally acknowledged film that is being screened at different theatres in France and in many other countries.

But the people are being deprived of their democratic right, it added.

The Forum also urged the authority to withdraw the ban on the screening of the film.

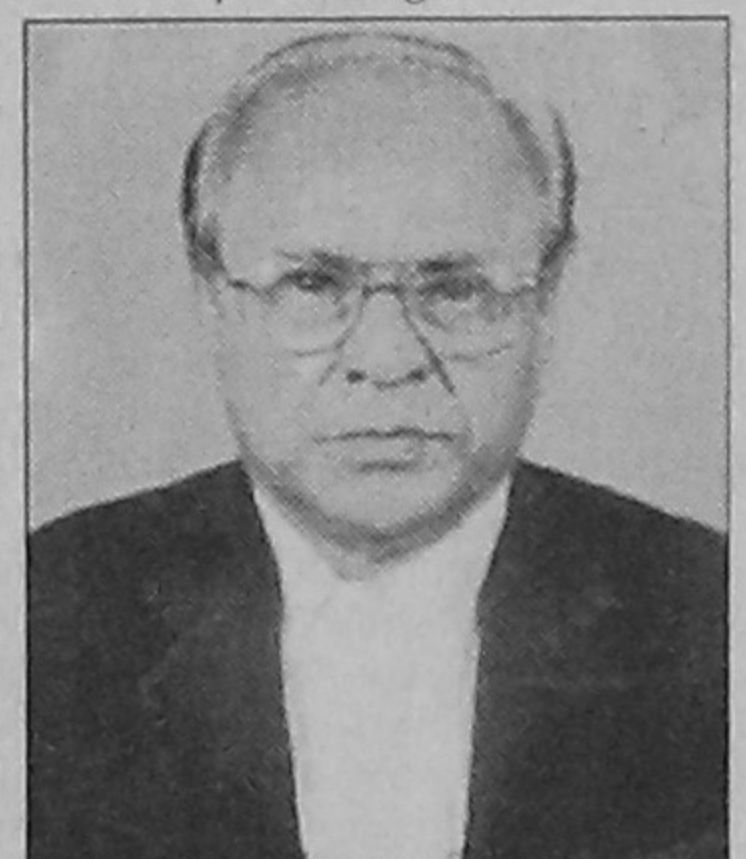
College student kidnapped

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Sohel Rana, 20, only son of police sub-inspector Asad Ali of Rampal thana of Bagerhat district has been kidnapped for ransom.

Four alleged criminals kidnapped Sohel at arms point on June 11 from Rajarhat crossing of Jessore as learnt from GD filed with Jessore Sadar thana on June 17.

The victim is a student of Monirampur College.



## Obituary

Advocate Laskar Fakhruddin Ahmed, a former deputy attorney general, died at BIRDEM hospital in the city on June 17 at the age of 66, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

His quikhwani will be held tomorrow after Asr prayers at his residence at 7/B, Momenbag, Bazarbag.

## Chehlum

Chehlum of Aleya Razzaque, wife of late Abdur Razzaque and mother of ex-secretary M Faizur Razzaque, will be held on June 28.

A milad and oca mahfil will be held on this occasion after Asr prayers at her residence at 12-B, Abhy Das Road, Tikatuli in the city.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the function. Aleya Razzaque passed away on May 19.

## Crores of taka can be saved thru' cultivation of medicinal plants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh can save crores of taka through proper cultivation and conservation of indigenous medicinal plants.

This was stated by Dr Ferdousi Begum, executive director of Development of Biotechnology and Environmental Conservation Centre (DEBTEC), at a press conference in the city yesterday.

She said the country spent about Tk.1,500 crore in last five years by importing medicinal plants from abroad. But it is quite possible to save the huge amount of money by using our own medicinal plants.

Dr Ferdousi suggested that to cultivate and preserve the medicinal plants the government should take some immediate steps for

creating awareness among the people.

She said over 500 species of medicinal plants were available in the country. But most of them are now on the verge of extinction due to lack of proper conservation and cultivation.

"The DEBTEC has taken a programme for planting the medicinal plants at its project area at Luxmipur" she said adding "to create awareness among the children and the people, we are planting medicinal plants at rural schools. We are also encouraging village women to plant and conserve medicinal plants as a source of income."

At the conference, Dr Ferdousi placed a 14-point recommendations which include creation of the Centre for Medicinal Plant Research, formation of a coordinated cell comprising ministries concerned for cultivation and conservation of medicinal plants and vigorous campaign through mass media for creating awareness among the people about the importance of medicinal plants.

Earlier, the DEBTEC published a book titled 'A Hand Book of Commercially Important 20 Medicinal Plants in Bangladesh' on February 6 this year explaining their usefulness for curing various diseases.



## Birth anniversary of Sufia Kamal tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 91st birth anniversary of poet Begum Sufia Kamal will be observed tomorrow.

On the occasion, a discussion and a cultural function will be held at the Liberation War Museum at 6.30pm today.

Justice Habibur Rahman will preside over the ceremony.

The Bangladesh Mahila Parishad will hold a memorial lecture at the National Press Club at 4.00pm tomorrow.

Prof. Anisuzzaman will present the key-note paper.

## Threat to Christians protested

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh Christian Association yesterday protested the fresh threat to the Christian community living in various areas under Pabna district.

The President and Secretary General of the Association Daniel Koriaya and Neval De Rozario respectively in a joint statement yesterday alleged that the Christian people were being threatened of extortion and eviction from their homestead.

They demanded of the government to take quick action in this regard. They also demanded investigation into the incident and punishment to the persons responsible.

## WEATHER TODAY

### Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions till 6pm today.

Moderately heavy falls is also likely at places over the country during the period, MetOffice said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 24 degree Celsius at Syedpur and Dinajpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 6.48 pm today and rises at 5:11 am tomorrow.

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	33.5	26.8	77	76
Chittagong	33.4	26.8	71	70
Rajshahi	30.8	27.4	84	82
Khulna	34.8	26.2	82	-
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Cox's Bazar	34.0	27.0	78	84

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Interested organisations are requested to collect detailed formatted Letters of Interest for above-mentioned services from reception desk, ground floor, UNICEF, Bangladesh Country Office, Sheraton Annex Building, 1, Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 BCO or contact email: [Nhuda@unicef.org](mailto:Nhuda@unicef.org), from June 19, 2002 Thursday.

Completed LOIs must be submitted on or before 14.00 hours June 27 Thursday, 2002, in a designated "Tender Box" located in UNICEF HR Section, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, right wing. D-488

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