

White Panel bags 3 posts, Pink one in CU academic council polls

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The White Panel has swept the election to the academic council of Chittagong University (CU). The BNP-Jamaat-backed White Panel bagged three posts out of four. And the rest went to the left-leaning Pink Panel.

Most sex workers not aware of safe sex, AIDS

NAMUL HAQ

Rina (not her real name) had to drop out of school at a tender age because of poverty. And her family of one sister and two brothers were forced to move to the capital in search of job about five years ago.

My family knows that I still work in a garment factory," said Rina. Rina may be happy but she is engaged in one of the most hazardous occupations that she did not know about until very recently - contracting the virus for AIDS.

skill." Last week, Aruna had to undergo treatment to terminate her four-month old pregnancy and she is now fighting with frequent sickness. Doctors suspected she has some serious illness and she was advised an ALISA test for HIV.

reha - the most common diseases reported in voluntary tests. "It is horrifying to know that a large number of the CSWs have symptomatic evidence of HIV. As HIV test is expensive, only a few go for the confirmatory tests," said Md Abdul Berek, Chief of NISHKRITY.

ected sex with multiple partners," said researchers of ICDDR,B, a leading international health and population research organisation. "However, almost all the element for an explosive outbreak of an HIV/AIDS epidemic has been found in the country. Here, we have a very high prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases indicating the country's increased susceptibility to HIV/AIDS," a scientist of ICDDR, B said.



The 11 Party organised a discussion on the proposed national budget at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Young Debaters' Festival inaugurated

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Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka yesterday said working children can make significant contributions to the development of the country if they are given facilities to study.

removal of differences among the students coming from lower, middle and upper classes. They also requested the mayor to help implement these programmes.

Plan to expand IT edn countrywide

BSS, Dhaka

Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury yesterday said the government has undertaken various programmes to expand IT (Information Technology) education across the country considering the global demand of IT professionals.

chair. Khasru said the government has taken a move to set up an IT office in the USA to provide support to the private IT companies in the country and searching market to export software there.

Minor girl raped in Mymensingh

UNB, Mymensingh

A minor girl was violated allegedly by her neighbour at village Nizbakhail in Trishal upazila on Friday. Polish, 18, son of Khalifa Arfan Ali violated the five-year-old girl and left the scene when she started screaming, police said.



The Bangladesh Reconditioned Vehicle Importers and Dealers Association staged a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding withdrawal of ban on import of reconditioned vehicles.

Training on mushroom production ends

BSS, Barisal

A three-day long training course on 'Production of mushrooms' for women concluded at the Horticulture Centre at Rahmatpur on Friday. Organised by the Horticulture and Nutrition Development Project, 30 women took part in the training programme. It was conducted by mushroom specialist M Didarul Islam.

Govt to reform SSC, HSC exams system, Dr Farruk tells JS

BSS, Dhaka

Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk yesterday said the government would reform the current system of examination in the SSC and HSC level to make it modern and time befitting in the greater interest of the students.

the government would take the issue of opening degree classes in ADB-assisted schools after consultation with Asian Development Bank (ADB) soon. In reply to a call attention notice by Engineer Shamsuddin Ahmed (Mymensingh-6) on permission for opening degree classes at ADB-assisted educational institutions under Higher Secondary Education Project.

to relax the terms under which it funded the projects. Under the project, 133 educational institutions of the country were developed in the first half of 1990s. A term of the project said that the colleges developed under the project would not be allowed to open degree classes. He said the government would take the issue with the ADB again for the benefit of a large number of students.

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The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal took out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday congratulating Tareq Rahman on his appointment as joint secretary general of BNP.

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