Save schoolboy Anup

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leukaemia is the most common type of cancer in children in Bangladesh and Anup Bhattacharya, a nine-year old schoolboy has been suffering from this deadly disease.

In his case, the white cells that fights with bacteria and virus are not produced adequately and are frequently broken down, a disease Anup has been suffering since his birth. However, the disease reached its climax three months back and he now often falls sick - a symptom of the acute stage of the blood disorder.

"Anup has virtually stopped eating since last four days and he needs immediate treatment", gramme for Anup. doctors say.

"I have blood cancer. But I know there is treatment for this. So please help me to survive. I don't want to die so early," Anup made an appeal to all.

Anup is now in Haematology Department of Dhaka Shishu Hospital where he is being treated for almost one and half month. Doctors have suggested for him bone marrow transplant, a costly surgical intervention that requires around Tk 25 lakh.

Anup's father who works at a tailoring shop in Old Dhaka sold almost all his property for his initial treatment which mainly involved chemotherapy at a private hospital in Kolkata.

"Collection of Tk 25 lakh is not possible for me without public donation" said Anup's father, Dilip Bhattacharya,

In bone marrow transplant, healthy marrow is infused into the blood-stream of the patient and vention is not available in Bangla- joins the campaign. desh, sources say.

sufficient fund is available.

protesting court fee hike.

The Jatiya Ainjibi Parishad staged a demonstration in the city yesterday

Azim Uddin Ahmed (R), Chairman of North South University (NSU)

Foundation, giving away the crest to the joint winner 'Sarat Das and

Design Consortium' of India at the concluding ceremony of two-day long

exhibition of architectural designs for non-residential university campus

Tuesday. Members of the NSU Foundation are also seen in the picture.

Appointment of pry school teachers

to continue, JS told

continue until a balance was es- ment, he stressed.

giving equal opportunity to all for merit and skills.

Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain,

Minister in-charge of Primary and

Health and Family Welfare Minis-

ter, said the primary school

Acid attack on

A teenage girl suffered severe burn

injuries in an acid attack at

Villagers said Kabir Hossain,

acid on the girl as she agreed to

choice turning down Kabir's offer

girl in Bhola

upazila on Monday.

for marriage,

UNB, Bhola

BSS, Dhaka

tablished.

educating the nation.

Quota system for women

Mass Education Department in it may leave adverse effect on so-

the Jatiya Sangsad, told the House ciety, dampen the country's image

yesterday that quota system for abroad and stop assistance from

women in the appointment of development community. It is also

primary school teachers would against the policy of the govern-

The minister was replying to a quota for women, the appoint-

Dr Hossain, who is also the Minister for Health and Family

Hamidpur village in Charfashion hospitals would be replaced when

who had an affair with Tupuri would be procured for the radiol-

Begum, 15, of the village threw ogy department of the hospital.

call attention notice by Sarwar ment of female school teachers

Jamal Nizam (BNP-Chittagong) on were made on the basis of their

teacher appointment rules of 1991

reserved 60 per cent quota for

If the quota is withdrawn now,

He said although there was

Another report adds: State

Welfare Amanullah Aman told the

Jativa Sangsad yesterday that the

government would take all neces-

sary measures to resolve the

College Hospital.

the fund is available.

problems of Rangpur Medical

The minister was making a

statement on a call attention no-

tice by Golam M Kader (JP Rang-

pur) on manifold problems of

Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

He also said a cobalt machine

fourth class employees are now

lying vacant at the hospital.

Aman said the old lifts of the

women to empower them.



Jagannath College and University has taken up a fund raising pro-

Under the banner of 'Shekorer Sandhaney' they formed a human chain in front of the National Press Club recently to collect fund for his treatment.

"This is our first programme and we intend to carry on this programme especially for poor children including Anup who suf-Khandaker Intekhab Alam, president of the organisation.

special charity programme at difmonth. So far we have collected Tk 1.25 lakh including Tk 2 from a beggar and Tk 50,000 from a family whose son (Ashit) died of blood cancer recently", said Raisuddin Ahmed, general secretary of the

He said we have now decided to seek the help of the mass-media instead of 'street collection' programme to raise fund for Anup. I such a high-tech medical inter- am sure people will help if media

Anyone willing to donate for So Anup has to be shifted ei- the treatment of Anup can send ther to Channai in South India or their contributions to Uma Bhatto Bangkok in Thailand provided tacharya, Savings Account No. 5705, Rupali Bank, Rathkhola A group of former students of Branch, Nawabpur Road, Dhaka.

Telecom Regulatory commission formed to ensure balanced competition'

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission was formed on January 31 this year to ensure a balanced competition among the telecom operators and regulate their activities.

Minister for Post and Telecommunications Barrister Md Aminul Haq said this while replying to a question from Delwar Hossain Sayeedi of Jamaat (Pirojpur) in the Jatiya Sangsad yester-

"This commission has been conducting its activities including recruitment from that day," he

Replying to another question from Kazi M Anwar Hossain of BNP, the minister said the telecommunication sector had already been opened to the private sector with four mobile phone operators, two digital telephone exchange operators at upazila fer from blood cancer", said levels and one operator providing paging, radio trunking and riverine communication services.

He also said that digital tele-"We have been organising phone exchanges would be set up in important growth centres, inferent points of the city for last one | cluding Ranishakail upazila, under the 'Upazila and Growth Centre Digital Telephone Exchange Establishment' project.

On a question raised by M Shahidul Islam of BNP from Jhenidah, the minister said Bangladesh has direct postal link with 42 countries.

"The Postal Department earned Tk 61.60 lakh as revenue from postage during the 2000-2001 fiscal year," he said.

SAARC secy-gen visits SAIC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SAARC Secretary General QAMA Rahim visited SAARC Agricultural Information Centre (SAIC) in the city vesterday, said a press release. He was accompanied by Masud Bin Momen, director, SAARC

Secretariat, Kathmandu, Nepal. Dr M Jahangir Kabir, director, SAIC briefed them about the activities of SAIC and its latest achievements in related fields. He also told them about the infrastructure facilities provided by the Government of Bangladesh to

During the visit, the secretary general was shown some of the videos on proven agricultural technologies in member countries documented for effective dissemination.

He also released five new VCD: on proven agricultural technologies in some member countries.

Speaking on the occasion QAMA Rahim advised the staff members of SAIC to work hard to make it a Centre of Excellence.

He said there will be no dearth of fund and resources for any programme taken by SAIC in the field of dissemination of information and technology related to agriculture and allied fields.

The secretary general also expressed his satisfaction over the activities of SAIC.

Dr M Nurul Alam, executive chairman of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) in his speech assured SAIC of al possible help for its development.

Exhibition of architectural designs ends

The best three structural designs for non-residential campus for private university were awarded at the concluding ceremony of two day long exhibition at the North South University Tuesday, says a press release.

A total of 19 architectural works of India, Pakistan, Thailand, Malaysia and Bangladesh were put on display at the exhibition.

The jury board consisting of a South Asian panel of judges chaired by Prof. Bal Krishna Doshi, a world famous architect, made the evaluation from the 19 works of architectural models.

Azim Uddin Ahmed, Chairman of NSU Foundation, gave away crests and Tk 300,000 cash honorarium to the joint winners - 'Sarat Das and Design Consortium' of India and Haq-SNAL Consortium of Bangladesh.

JA Architects and Architeckton. a local firm, was selected as the third best designer.

Obituary



Begum Saleha Kabir, wife of late Kabiruddin Ahmed, died of a cardiac arrest on June 25 at the age of 72, says a press release.

She is survived by three sons, Regarding the appointment of one daughter and eight grand marry another man of her father's staff, the minister said 63 posts of children.

She was the founder president of Mou-mita Samity.



PHOTO STAR The Bangladesh Students Welfare Association formed a human chain in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday calling upon all to extend financial help for the treatment of Mehedi Reza Aankhi, a former student of Bangladesh Rifles College, who is suffering from blood cancer.

Drug traffickers use Bangladesh as intermediate channel: Altaf

BSS, Dhaka

Home Minister Air Vice Marshall (Retd) Altaf Hossain Chowdhury yesterday said international terrorist networks are integrally linked with illicit trafficking of addictive drugs and drug abuse is responsible for social instability.

"Bangladesh is not producer of addictive drugs but often international traffickers use the country as intermediate channel. Abuse of drugs not only destroys the golden drug use makes individuals vuldreams of the young people but also contributes to social chaos and this phenomena serves as a ominous curse for any developing nation," the minister this said while he was addressing a function at Osmani memorial auditorium

Department of Narcotics Con- address the issue, he added. trol (DNC) organised the function to bolster campaign among students and youth people as part of celebration of International day against drug abuse and illicit traf--ficking. The thome of the day was 'Substance abuse and HIV/AIDS."

Home Secretary Dr Sadaat Hussain presided over the discus-

urged the government to stick to

restrictions on import of old and

reconditioned vehicles and also

take other measures to check air

Organised jointly by the Soci-

ety for Urban Environmental Pro-

tection (SUEP) and the Bangla-

desh Health and Environment

Journalists Network (BHEJNET),

the seminar was aimed at raising

awareness about the impact of

polluted air on human health, says

findings, general secretary of

SUEP Aktar Hossain Babu told the

seminar that the city's air con-

tained higher level of suspended

He put forward a 14-point pro-

posal for the mitigation of air pol-

lution in urban areas. The sugges-

tions included import of new car

with in-built CNG and catalytic

converter system, restrictions on

particles that causes various res- versity.

and regular maintenance of motor 2003 session.

Presenting a recent survey

pollution in Dhaka.

a press release.

piratory problems.

Govt urged to take steps

Speakers at a seminar vesterday BHEJNET, Abu Naser Khan, gen-

to check air pollution

, Muhammad Salam addressed on the occasion.

government has taken steps to halt supply of addictive drugs apart from reducing internal demands. If the users mostly young people, can learn the benefits of living a healthy life they will be away from these deadly substance. He said young people should be made aware of the fact that injecting nerable to HIV infection.

He said the addicts should be treated with love and care. Employment opportunities for the young should be created to free them from all types of frustration. The special youth ministry campaign will be launched soon to

He said the non-government organisations can play significant role in anti-drug campaign and rehabilitation programmes for the adolescent and young population. T whefering to spontaneous purticipation in the rally against drug abuse and illicit trafficking the minister said it is a positive sign

eral secretary of Bangladesh

Paribesh Andolon, Col (rtd) MA

Mannan, secretary general of

Bangladesh Petroleum Dealers,

Distributors, Agents and Petro-

leum Pump Owners' Association,

Dr Abdul Hakim, Advocate Mollah

Mohammad Mokbul Hossain and

affiliated with

Khulna Medical College (KMC

will be affiliated with Khulna Uni-

the medical college on Tuesday.

Among others, KU Vice Chancellor

Principal were present at the

The registration of students of

The academic session of the

Abdul Kadir Bhuiyan and KMC

It was decided at a meeting at

Abdul Mannan.

UNB, Khulma

old and reconditioned cars, intro- the medical college would be done

duction of mass transport system under the university from 2002-

Held at National Press Club, college began in 1992 and its

the seminar was also addressed by authorities applied for affiliation

Abdur Rahman Khan, president of to the university in 1998.

KMC to be

sion. Director general of DNC that hundreds of boys and girls took part in the rally in a disciplined way and they are deter-The home minister said the mined to participate in the collective war against abuse of drugs.

The home minister later distributed certificates and trophy among winners of walkathon, painting and essay competitions organised by DNC highlighting significance of the campaign.

Hundreds of students and young people holding banners and festoon with messages against abuse of drugs, brought out a procession in the city led by the home minister.



Farook uz Zaman made advisor at IDB

Farook uz Zaman has been appointed Advisor (Operations) in the office of the Vice-President (Operations) at the Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank (IDB), says a press release.

A Bangladeshi national, Zaman will now be overseeing bank operations in the 54 member countries in co-ordination with the Country Operations Departments. He will also co-ordinate inter-

agency co-operation and cofinancing with the multi-lateral financing institutions and also serve as focal point for SME development with national development finance institutions and the regional offices of the IDB located in Kuala Lumpur, Al Maty and

A specialist in development finance, Zaman has also worked with the Commonwealth Secre-

He is a chemical engineering graduate from the erstwhile E Pakistan University of Engineering & Technology and completed his MBA from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow.

Zaman has been working with the Islamic Development Bank since 1982.

3245 college teachers to be recruited: PM

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday told the House that her government was determined to improve the quality of education.

In reply to a question from Prof. Shahidul Islam (BNP-Kushtia), she said to achieve the goal 3245 teachers would be appointed against vacant post at government colleges and the Public Service Commission would take existing curriculum. necessary steps in this regard.

ers have been recruited against secondary high schools. She said steps have been taken for reforms of public examination system for removing the trend of adoption of to submit its report soon, she said. unfair means in the examinations.

been provided to different educational institutions to make the

of 1100 computers is under process and the government has plan for distribution of 20 thousand computers in phases to secondary schools, colleges and madrassahs in next four years.

She said the formation of a service commission for recruitment of teachers for private educational institutions is under process. Moreover, steps have been, taken, she said to modernise the

Khaleda Zia said a 49-member She said 1072 assistant teach- expert committee headed by former vice chancellor MA Bari has vacant posts for 317 government been formed to identify the reform measures which can be implemented smoothly in the education sector. The committee is expected

Meanwhile, the committee She said 873 computers have headed by vice chancellor of Islamic University Dr M Mustafizur Rahman has already submitted its. country's education time belitting. report for reforms of madrassah. Besides, she said the distribution education making it time befitting

SOBA get-together

A grand gala get-together of Sargodha Old Boys Association (SOBA) will be held. Venue: Falcon Hall, BAF (Opposite Tejgaon Old Airport). Time: 7.30pm.

CDS

The Centre for Development Services will form a human chain and stage a street drama to creating awareness among the workers on occupational safety and health. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar, Time: 8.00am.

The Annual General Meeting of Mugdapara Adarsha Samaj Kalyan Samity will be held. Venue: 51, Atish Dipankar Road. Time: 7.00pm.

High Commission of India

The High Commission of India will organise an evening of Manipuri dance by well-known performer Kalavati Devi. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, 754 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm.

Cheque distribution ceremony

The Ministry of Youth and Sports will organise a cheque distribution ceremony for youth organisations with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: Shahid Suhrawardi Indoor Stadium, Mirpur, Time: 11.30am.

Anya Prakah

The inaugural ceremony of the new sales centre of Anya Prakash, a book publisher company, will be held with noted writer Humayun Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Mannan Market, Banglabazar. Time: 11.00am.

ETCETERA

The two-day Summer Carnival of Etcetera will begin. Venue: STM Hall, Sector-1, Uttara. Time: 3.00pm. The carnival will remain open on the following day from 10.00am to 10.00pm.

Quantum Foundation

The Mirpur branch of Quantum Foundation will organise a voluntary blood donation camp. Venue: Dhaka Ideal Institute, Pallabi, Time: 9.00am.

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote The workers' meeting of Sammilito Sangskritik Jote will be held. Venue: Theatre Complex, Baily Road, Time: 5.30pm

Nazrul Institute Nazrul Institute organises a session of poetry recitation dedicated to the poet with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima

Ranman as chief guest. Venue: Kabi

Bhaban, Dhanmondi, Time: 5.00pm.

Rally

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal organises a rally with Housing and Works Minister Mirza Abbas as chief guest. Venue: Muktangan. Time:

Palestine seminar

The National Committee for Solidarity with the People of Palestine organises a seminar with Palestine Ambassador Mohammad Shahta Zarab as guest of honour. Venue: TSC of Dhaka University. Time: 10.00am.

TOMORROW

Prize giving ceremony

The prize giving ceremony of The Daily Star-Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2002 will be held. Venue: National Press Club auditorium. Time: 4:30pm. Prize winners of all 5 rounds are requested to attend alongwith their families, friends and well-wishers to receive their respective prizes from the guests.

Symposium

Hepatitis C'. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 9.30am.

The Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Personal Management (IPM) will be held. Venue: Hamdard Laboratories auditorium, 291/1Sonargaon Road. Time: 5.00pm.

CEC

The Centre for Ethnic Children organises a premier show of a theatre performance titled 'Tales of Child Trafficking' directed by Zillur Rahman John. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm.

Publication ceremony

The Academic Press and Publishers Limited organises a publication ceremony of a book titled 'Islamic Thinking' by Kalimur Rahman. Venue: Cultural Centre of the Islamic Republic of Iran. House-54, Road-8/A, Dhanmondi, Time: 5.00pm.

Alliance Française

Under its weekly movie programme, Alliance Française will screen two films titled 'Madame Bovary' directed by Claude Chabrol and 'Le hussard sur le toit directed by Jean Paul Rappeneau. Venue: Alliance Française auditorium. Time: 10.30am and 6.00pm respectively.

BPRA

A meeting of the Bangladesh Public Relations Association will be held. Venue: Ramna Chinese Restaurant. Time: 5.00pm.



UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over the country with moderately heavy falls at places in 24 hours till 6pm today.

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

Country's highest temperature 32.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and Dinajpur and the lowest 24.5 degree Celsius at Iswardi.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.50 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:13 am.

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

Humidityin Temperature City/Town percentage in Celsius Morning Evening Min 26.3 Dhaka 32.4 Chittagong 26.0 25.3 Rajshahi 32.0 Khulna 25.0 31.2 Barisal 26.0 Sylhet 32.6 26.8 Cox's Bazar 32.2 25.0



A number of kutcha houses blew down during a storm at Tallapara in Fatulla, Narayanganj, on Tuesday night.