Moushumi Mela begins in Ctg

Plan to set up exclusive zone for foreign tourists only

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CIR

A two-day long 'Moushumi Mela' Agrabad in Chittagong vesterday. A total of 33 stalls were set up in the fair featuring garments,

cosmetics and food items. and Tourism Mir Md Nasir Uddin inaugurated the fair as chief guest while president of Chittagong chamber of commerce and indus-

hury attended the function as try in the country," he said. special guest. Resident Director of (seasonal fair) began at Hotel Hotel Agrabad Hakim Ali presided that efforts were underway to opover the function.

Speaking on the occasion, the state minister said a plan was underway to set up an exclusive zone State Minister for Civil Aviation at Cox's Bazar to attract only the foreign tourists by providing all

> "The government has taken allout efforts to tap the potentiali-

try (CCCI) Farid Ahmed Chowd- ties for developing tourism indus-

The state minister also said erate direct flights between Chittagong and Thailand.

Also, measures would be taken to introduce Chittagong-Sylhet

CCCI president Farid Ahmed called for developing Chittagong zone as a tourist spot.

flights shortly, he added.

Police intercepted a procession of the Chhatra League at Shahbagh intersection in the city yesferday as it was protesting the Jatiya Sangsad resolution condemning Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina.

Donors urged to help mitigate

child malnutrition

Release of 4 DU hall mess staff demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Student leaders of S M Hall of Dhaka University yesterday demanded the release of four 'innocent mess staff who were arrested following the killing of BUET student Sabegun Nahar Sony.

Addressing a press conference at the DUCSU cafeteria, they said the arrested mess staff namely Almas, Sattar, Dulal and Belal were never involved in any criminal activities.

"But because of the government's pressure, the law enforcers arrested them to cover up their failure", they claimed.

Criticising the role of the pro- ter. vost and the DU authorities, the mess staff were arrested only to present at the press conference.

protect the 'real criminals' involved in the murder.

They said the cadres keep their arms at secret places including the rooms of general students and the hall mess. So the arms recovered by the police from the mess were also kept by the cadres and the mess staff were made the victims of the circumstances.

the release of the mess staff were also announced in the press conference. These included human

Kamal Uddin new

A B M Kamal Uddin Khan, a

Founder-Life Member of the

North South University Founda-

tion (NSUF), has been unani-

mously elected new Chairman of

the Board of Governors of the

Foundation at its 10 Annual Gen-

eral Meeting Wednesday, says a

North South University, the first

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The NSUF is the founder of

press release.



protesting the 'anti-people' budget, and demanding withdrawal of the decision to close Adamjee Jute Mills.

Tariqul urges information cadre officials

professionalism and utilise mass communication as an effective catalytic tool in the process of national development. "It is the era of information and

communication technologies (ICT), we should try to use talents and skill for successful use of mass communication institutions in the development support communication campaign," he

said as the chief guest at a certificate awarding ceremony for-

(NIMCO) at Mirpur. Information Secretary Mirza NSUF chairman

Diploma in journalism

says a press release.



Left Democratic Front staged a demonstration in the city yesterday

Be professional

BSS, Dhaka growing development in ICI

across the globe and said Information Minister Tariqui information officials have to keep Islam vesterday directed the abreast with the modern world. information cadre officials to be Despite resources limitations, the imbued with the spirit of minister said, government has been trying its best to develop skills in all the fields,

the information cadre officials. Violal of 17 Bis information. cadia officials participated in a-12 week long training in the National Institute of Mass Communication

Tasadduk Hossain Beg attended the function as special guest. chaired by Director General of NIMCO Syed Sujauddin Ahmed. He reminded of the fastest

exam result

and premier private university of Result of the final examination of the country. one year Post Graduate Diploma A renowned industrialist, Kacourse in journalism for the 2000- mal Uddin is also a Sponsor Di-2001 academic year, conducted by rector of National Credit & Comthe Press Institute of Bangladesh merce Bank Ltd and president of (PIB) under the National Univer-Gulshan Club Ltd. sity was published on Tuesday, Dr Roushan Alam, MA Hashem, MP and Rehana Rahman

Fifteen students appeared in have also been elected vicethe examination. One secured first chairmen of the Board of Goverclass and 14 others got second nors. They are also the Founderclass. Life Members of NSUF.

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demonstration and memorandum to vice chancellor, home minister and prime minis-Tanvir Ahmed, Momtajul Kabir | Speaker, But police stopped them student leaders alleged that the Rubel and Shahdat Hossain were

Speakers at the rally said the

ers led by Saifuzzaman Shekhor, acting general secretary of BCL, went to the Speaker's office to submit the memorandum.

Extortionists beat NGO official for refusing to pay toll in Ishwardi

UNB, Pabna

An NGO official was mercilessly beaten up by the extortionists at Charkudulia in Ishwardi upazila on Monday as he refused to pay

The victim, Mazharul Islam, coordinator of non-government organisation 'Osaka', was admitted to local hospital "in a critical

Police and witnesses said the armed extortionists beat him up and broke his hands and legs on his way to office at about 7 pm. They also snatched away Tk 12,000 and a gold chain from him.

Police raided different places to arrest the culprits after a case was filed accusing four persons Ashraf Member, Swapan, Ujjal and

Geographical Society AGM held

The Annual General Meeting and a daylong seminar of the Bangladesh Geographical Society (BGS) was held at the BIAM Conference Hall in the city yesterday, says a press release.

Chaired by Society president Prof. Dr Amanat Ullah Khan, the function was attended by Vice-Chancellor of BRAC University Prof. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, as chief guest and Prof. Yusuf Haider

as special guest. Prof. Dr Nazrul Islam presented the keynote paper. Two other sessions were presided over by Prof Monirul Hug and Prof. Rosie Ahsan.

In his speech, Dr Amanat Ullah stressed the need for conversion of spatial data into digital databases. Prof. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury

observed that the recent developments in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) had revolutionised different aspects of field of geography.

He suggested the BGS members to take the advantage of the global demand for rendering GISbased services from remote location, a new avenue for business. In his keynote paper, Prof Dr

Nazrul Islam focused on the tendencies and future challenges of Geography as a subject, with special reference to its field of origin.

Narseen Rafig, acting secretary general of the Society, presented annual report of the Society.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of national cricket coach Moshiuddin Ahmed Montu will be held after Asr prayers today at his Gopibagh residence in the city, says a BCB press release.

BCL protests remarks against Hasina in parliament

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday staged a demonstration on the Dhaka University campus demanding the cancellation of 'the adopted censure motion' against the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami A week-long programme for League Chief Sheikh Hasina.

They also demanded the expunge of 'vulgar remarks' against the opposition leader.

After the demonstration, the the country's child malnutrition BCL leaders and workers marched | problems. towards the Jatiya Sangshad to submit a memorandum to the chief guest, ERD Secretary Anisul at Shahbag. So they held a rally in front of the National Museum.

Presided over by BCL Vice | future generation from malnutri-President Balaram Poddar, the rally was addressed by Abdul become meaningless," he said. Wadud Khokon, Ashraful Azim Rubon, Khan Moinul Hassan Mostaque and Moniruzzaman Tarun.

vulgar remark against Sheikh Hasina was the complete violation of parliamentary norms. After the rally, three BCL lead-

to 1998. The European Union and nar. the Government of Australia have grammes under the project.

BSS, Dhaka

The Economic Relations Depart-

ment (ERD) of the government

vesterday urged the donors to give

special assistance for mitigating

Hug said 45 per cent children of

the country are born underweight.

"If we fail to protect half of our

tion efforts to alleviate poverty will

further continue the SIFAD

(Strengthening Institutions for

Food Assisted Development) proj-

ect, which will end this month.

He urged the donors to help

Speaking at a seminar as the

gramme organised the seminar to entation of future directions of

the museum premises on Wednesday.

killing wife

The Additional District and Ses-

sions · Judge-1, Rajshahi on

Wednesday sentenced one person

to life term for killing his wife at

Shimulia village under Charghat

default to suffer rigorous impris-

Abdus Samad Master was acquit-

dences. He was not found guilty.

The convict, Altaf Hossain, 35,

He was also fined Tk 1000, in connection,

Another accused in the case dences.

upazila in the district.

onment for one year more.

BSS, Rajshahi

US Ambassador Mary Ann Peters handing over a cheque for Tk 4.96 lakh

to Liberation War Museum director Akku Chowdhury at a ceremony on

One gets life term for

son of Zamshed Ali, is a resident of Nasir Uddin Mahmud pro-

the Shimulia village of Charghat nounced the judgement after ex-

for the future training and other challenges of household food incapacity building activities for the security, maternal and child malon-going food assisted pro- nutrition. grammes in Bangladesh.

said a task force comprising the ment, civil society and the NGOs donors and government representatives was formed to submit a report by six weeks about extension of the project. Positive indications were received from the donors for continuation of the project, the sources said.

WFP Country Representative Dr Pieter Dijkhuizen, Food Security Advisor of EU in Bangladesh, level. Robert Hynderick, representative of Australian Aid in Dhaka Ms The project under which offi- Vilaisan Campbell, Project Direccials and staffs of different food tor of SIFAD and Joint Secretary of level through the Local Governassisted programmes have been ERD Dr MA Kamal and Deputy ment Division. trained, initially began in 1991. It Secretary of ERD Prasanta was funded by the WFP from 1995 Bhushan Barua spoke at the semi-

The WFP representative said assisted some training pro- there are 26 million "ultra poor" and 30 million "absolute poor" ERD and World Food Pro- people in Bangladesh. In a pres-

evaluate the achievements of the food assistance to Bangladesh, he SIFAD and to provide a direction said Bangladesh is facing the

He stressed the need for joint Sources close to the project partnership among the governto mitigate the challenges through pooling the resources together. EU representative Robert Hyn-

derick said steps should be taken to keep the trained people in same places to get more benefit from their expertise on capacity building and the training programmes should be extended to the field He said the European Commis-

sion will continue to assist capacity building activities up to upazila

Ms Campbell said this year marks the 30th anniversary of Bangladesh-Australia bilateral assistance. She said the Australian government is committed to continue assistance to training programmes in Bangladesh.

US grant for Liberation

received a US grant of 8,500 dollars (Tk 496,000) from the US Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Pres-US Ambassador Mary Ann Pe-

ters presented a cheque for the amount to Akku Chowdhury, the Museum Director, at a ceremony at the museum on Wednesday. The funds will be used to pro-

cases that will better protect and preserve archival and historical documents housed in the Liberation War Museum. Ambassador Peters said, "I am

pleased today to be able to contribute to the museum's unique role with this grant, which will be used to better protect and preserve the important historical artifacts and documents that are

in 2001, the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation is a worldwide programme of the US Department of State. In 2001, the Fund distributed over 1,000,000 dollars in grants to 61 countries around the world, including Victim's brother Saiful Islam lodged a case with Charghat thana Bangladesh. against the two persons in this

less developed countries in preserving their cultural heritage and to demonstrate US respect for other cultures. As Congress noted, "Cultural preservation offers an opportunity to show a different American face to other countries, one that is non-commercial, non-

Prayer for acquittal of Haji Selim rejected

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka yesterday lawmaker Haji Mohammad Selim of charges under Section 54 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC).

Magistrate Jagannath Das Khokan passed the order following a petition submitted by the defence lawyers, on behalf of Haji Selim. The court also directed the in-

vestigation officer (IO) of the case to submit a report on investigation of the case within three days from the date of the receipt of the order. The defence lawyers -Advocate Syed Rezaur Rahman, Abul Kalam

discharged from the charges as he was shown arrested in a regular case, the lawyer added.

After hearing both sides, the

DHAKA

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 along with their families, friends and well-wishers to receive their respective prizes from the guests.

Roche Bangladesh Limited organises a

symposium on 'Management of Chronic Hepatitis C'. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 9.30am.

will be held. Venue: Hamdard Laboratories auditorium 291/1Sonargaon Road. Time: 5.00pm.

CEC

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 (BPRA) will be held. Venue: Ramna Chinese Restaurant. Time: 5.00pm.

Dewanbag Sharif

Annual Asheque-e-Rasul (SM) Mahfil of Dewanbag Sharif will be held. Venue: Babe Rahmat, 147 Arambag. Time: 10.00am.

YSDO

On the occasion of the world environment day, Youth and Social Development Organisation (YSDO) will arrange an art competition, painting exhibition and discussion meeting. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy Museum Art Gallery. Time: 4.00pm.

Workshop

A workshop on 'Development of Latent 3.00pm.

quittal of Haji Selim of charges under Section 54 of the CrPC. They stated that Haji Selim was arrested by DB police on June 12 on suspirejected the petition, seeking ac- cion in connection with patronisquittal of former Awami League ing all sorts of criminal activities in the country by supplying arms and

money to criminals.

Later, he was shown arrested in a regular case filed with Lalbagh thana in connection with the fire incident at the telephone exchange in the city's Chawkbazar area on April 30. So, he should be

The prosecution side opposed the petition.

Azad and Yusuf Mahmud Morshed submitted a petition seeking accourt rejected the petition.

Project, will be held. Venue: Ramna

The Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Personal Management (IPM)

The Centre for Ethnic Children (CEC)

Bangla Academy organises a

discussion. Venue: Seminar room of the Inaugural ceremony

Krishi Bank A One Stop Service of Bangladesh Krishi Bank will be inaugurated. Venue:

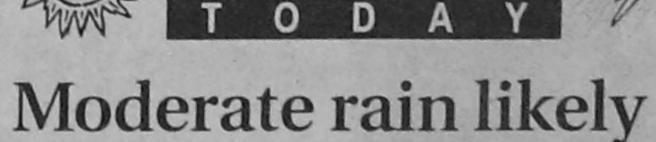
FPAB

The Annual General Meeting of Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) will be held. Venue: 2, Naya Paltan. Time: 10am.

National seminar

Aid and Environment in Bangladesh' organised jointly by the Society for Environment and Human Development and Nature Conservation Management, will be held. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, 17 Topkhana Road. Time:

Shilpakala Academy



UNB, Dhaka

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

period, Met office said.

at Mongla and the lowest of 23.8 degree Celsius at Sitakunda.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.7	25.8	79	66
Chittagong	31.5	25.2	80	68
Rajshahi	33.8	25.4	. 80	72
Khulna	32.5	25.4		69
Barisal	31.5	26.4	82	82
Sylhet	29.5	25.3	93	92
Cox's Bazar	33.0	25.5		85

War Museum

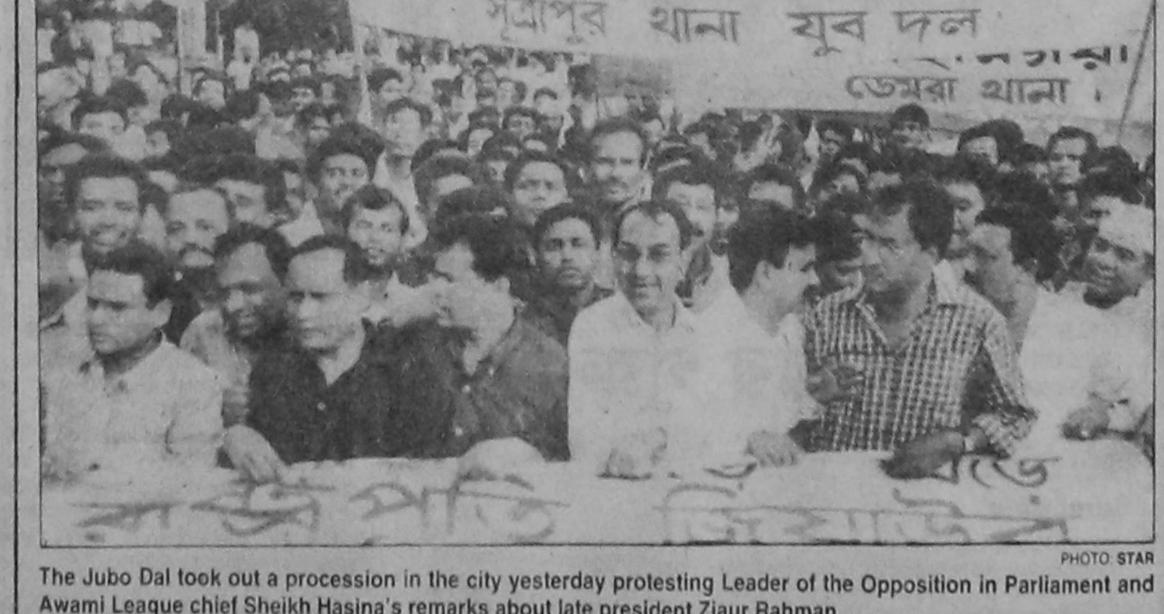
The Liberation War Museum has ervation, says a USIS release.

vide new shelving and storage

housed here."

Established by the US Congress The goal of the Fund is to assist

After completing investigation APP Mosarraf Hossain Bulbul political, and non-military. By ted of the charge for lack of evi- conducted the case on behalf of taking a leading role in efforts to the state while Advocates Murad | preserve cultural heritage, we The prosecution story in brief Hossain Khan and Shamsul Haque show our respect for other culis that Altaf Hossain mercilessly appeared for the accused persons, tures."



beat his first wife Zalema Begum

following a family feud on De-

cember 10, 1999. She succumbed

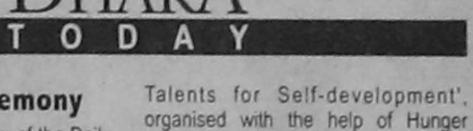
police submitted charge sheet in

the court against them. Judge AKM

amining the witnesses and evi-

to her injuries the following day.

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina's remarks about late president Ziaur Rahman.



Park. Time: 9.00am. Medal Award Ceremony The distribution ceremony of Abul Quashem Dulal Memorial Medal. organised by Dhaka Padatik, will be held. Venue: Mahila Samity auditorium. Symposium

Art Competition

Time: 5.30pm.

Nibir, a cultural organisation of Dhaka College, will organise an art competition. Venue: College auditorium. Time: 9.00am.

TOMORROW

On the occasion of International Drug

Awareness Day, a civil society

organisation, Alo will stage a drama

titled 'Mayar Jal'. Venue: National

Drama

Museum auditorium. Time: 7.30pm. Bangla Academy In observance of the death anniversary of poet Michael Modhusudan Dutta,

academy. Time: 11.00am.

The inaugural ceremony of the Mercedes-Benz Showroom will be held. Venue: 215, Tejgaon Industrial Area. Time: 4.00pm.

Principal Office of the Bank. Time: 11.00am.

A national seminar on 'Foreign Loans,

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy organises a discussion meeting in memory of Kabial Ramesh Sheel with noted folklore scientist Dr Ashraf Siddiqui as chief guest. Venue: Art Gallery Bhaban of the academy. Time:





divisions during the next 12 hours till 6pm today. Day temperature may rise slightly over the country during the

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35 degree Celsius was recorded The sun sets in the capital at 6.50 pm today and rises at 5:14 am