

Run for kids

Under the 'Run for Kids' programme of Terre des hommes, Serge and Nicole Roetheli arrived in Dhaka on June 23, says a press release.

The aim of the run is to raise awareness on children rights as well as to raise funds in Switzerland for the child-focused projects of Terre des hommes and local partners.

Serge and Nicole Roetheli entered into Bangladesh through Kurigram where they ran with over 100 children who are currently learning vocational training skills thanks to local NGO Chhinnamukul Bangladesh. The aim of the training is to broaden their socio-economic opportunities.

In Dhaka, they have visited the street children programme of Aparajeyo Bangladesh. They ran with over 40 street children in the city.

After the run, Masha, an 11 year-old girl said "Let God fulfil your mission; let God fulfil your run for kids."

Both in Dhaka and Kurigram, kids were obviously enjoying very much the experience of running to promote their rights along with Serge and Nicole.

BDR, BSF confce today

BSS, Rajshahi

A Sector Commander level border conference between Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) will be held at Charghat Dak Banglow here today, BDR Rajshahi sector officials said.

Col Kazi Anwarul Islam, Sector Commander, Rajshahi will lead a five-member BDR team while AK Ghosh, DIG, BSF will lead an eight-member Indian delegation.

Various issues including killing of innocent Bangladeshis by BSF, border tension, smuggling and illegal movement across the border, cattle lifting, trafficking of drugs and arms and some other bilateral matters are expected to be discussed at the conference, the sources said.

From Dhaka, they will fly to Singapore to start running again from there throughout Eastern Asia, Australia and Latin America. Serge is to run 40,000 km within 5 years.

Since early 2000, Serge has run across nearly 30 countries accompanied by his wife on a motorbike. He has run for over 17,000 km so far.

Former Swiss boxing champion Serge Roetheli was born on May 8, 1955. Since 1984, he has been working as a mountain guide. He adores sporting challenges and, above all, direct contact with human beings and nature.

At the beginning of 2000, just before Terre des hommes' 40th anniversary, the Foundation met Serge and Nicole Roetheli. They offered to put their sporting abilities at the service of children in the context of their planned round-the-world run. This twofold, sporting and humanitarian partnership took the form of the "Run for Kids - Terre des hommes challenge."

For 40 years, Terre des hommes has been playing an active role in providing aid for children. As a humanitarian foundation, it undertakes medical, social and legal action on behalf of deprived children in 42 countries throughout the world, both through service delivery and advocacy.

BNP demands renaming of Bangabandhu Agri University

UNB, Gazipur

Local BNP brought out a procession and held a meeting here on Tuesday demanding renaming of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University and investigation into various irregularities in the institution.

The meeting held on the university campus was addressed by local leaders of BNP and Jubo Dal.



Villagers wade through floodwaters as they move their belongings to safer ground at Odlabari in Jalpaiguri district, West Bengal, on Tuesday. Thousands have been affected by the floods and forced to take shelter at relief camps.

Sierra Leone praises Bangladesh troops

BSS, Freetown

President of Sierra Leone Ahmad Tejan Kabbah has lauded the role of Bangladesh troops serving in the United Nation's Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) and said that apart from peacekeeping, they are rendering social services to integrate themselves with the local communities.

The Sierra Leone president made this observation when foreign Minister M Morshed Khan called on him at his office on Monday last, a foreign ministry press release said yesterday.

President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah said that with a very successful integration with local communities, Bangladesh troops had created the right ground for furthering co-operation in the areas of development.

Morshed Khan expressed his satisfaction as the Bangladeshi peacekeepers succeeded in winning the "minds and hearts" of the people of Sierra Leone.

Referring to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's personal interest in this country, he said Bangladesh is ready to cooperate in every areas if

we receive any such request from Sierra Leone.

He said agriculture, micro-credit, non-formal education, local government and training at various institutions could be some of the areas where Bangladesh could provide assistance. Training in Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) and other military and civil institutions could be worked out, he told the Sierra Leone president.

Morshed Khan said model agricultural farms could be established in each district replicating Bangladesh-Sierra Leone Agricultural Project which was established at Magburaka with the help of the Bangladesh contingent.

The Foreign Minister welcomed any delegation from Sierra Leone that could visit Bangladesh to explore possible areas of co-operation.

President Tejan concurred that such visits would be extremely useful. They agreed that the UNAMSIL should not be hurriedly wound up before putting in place necessary frameworks.

Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General

(SRSG) and senior officials of Sierra Leone were present during the meeting.

Morshed Khan also called on the Interior Minister designate and presently Deputy Minister for Defence of Sierra Leone.

The Sierra Leone minister elaborated the risks associated with the fragility of peace that might lead to insecurity and instability in his country and the whole sub-region.

Morshed Khan said the whole sub-region should be treated as one canvas for attaining lasting peace. They discussed the possibility of training of Sierra Leone officials at civil and military institutions in Bangladesh.

He invited the Sierra Leone interior minister designate to visit Bangladesh, which he gladly accepted.

Morshed Khan called on Finance Minister J B Dauda. Recalling the enormous social investments in Bangladesh and the remarkable progress already achieved in various sectors, the foreign minister reiterated Bangladesh's readiness and firm com-

Sylhet-London direct flight from next week

BSS, Dhaka

Biman Bangladesh Airlines is to launch a direct flight service between Sylhet and London next week.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin took the initiative during his London visit in February.

A BSS report on Monday inadvertently said that the flight would run between Dhaka and London.

Indian medicine seized

BSS, Rajshahi

BDR men seized Indian smuggled medicines worth about Tk 10 lakh from a house at Bishwanathpur village under Shibganj upazila of Chapainwabganj district on Tuesday night.

The seized medicines were deposited to the local customs authorities.

WEATHER TODAY Thundershowers likely

Table with 4 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max/Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning/Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.



Pakistani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Inam-ul-Haq (R) greets visiting British Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon at Foreign office in Islamabad yesterday. Hoon's visit is connected with efforts to defuse tension between India and Pakistan.

Karatoa threatens Telipara project

BSS, Panchagarh

Unabated erosion by Karatoa river has threatened the existence of Telipara Irrigation Project (TIP) at Debiganj upazila of the district.

Although, the Water Development Board (WDB) has started building a dam to protect the endangered project, thousands of panic-stricken people living there apprehend whether the dam could be completed before the next monsoon.

The project, Telipara Low Lift Pump Station, was set up as a small flood protection drainage and irrigation project in 1967 in a bid to boost farm output.

The project was kicked off with 16 low lift pumps to irrigate some 25,000 hectares of land. But only four pumps are presently in operation irrigating only 90 hectares

of land.

The 17,000-foot long irrigation channel of the project has three sub-channels, comprising the adjoining Sundardighi union.

WDB engineers said if the irrigation project could be implemented fully along with completion of the flood protection dam, farmers of the region would be able to produce huge additional grains meeting the food shortage of the district.

They said thousands of acres of farmland covering Telipara, Daktepara and Dararhat villages have also been threatened by river erosion.

Officials said a 138-meter embankment would be constructed initially at a cost of Tk 38 lakh while completion of the rest of the work depends on the availability of fund.

Meanwhile, local people demanded immediate construction of the embankment to protect the project and villages from the river erosion.

A section of local people alleged that construction of the dam was being delayed due to irregularities in the construction of RCC blocks.

3 commit suicide in Rajshahi

BSS, Rajshahi

Three persons, including two housewives, committed suicide in Rajshahi district Tuesday night, police sources said.

Nipa, 20, wife of Mukter Hossain of Kathalbaria village under Puthiya upazila, committed suicide by taking poison at her house. She died at the local health complex Tuesday night.

Rina, 22, wife of Abdur Rasul of Sadhanpur village under Puthiya upazila, committed suicide by taking poison and died at the same health complex.

Dulal Hossain, 35, son of Rabiul Hossain of Dorapur village under Baghmara upazila, committed suicide by taking poison.

The motives behind the suicides could not be known immediately.

The bodies were sent to Rajshahi Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Separate UD cases were recorded with respective thanas.

Attack on UP chairman in Feni

UNB, Feni

Two people, including an acting union parishad chairman, were injured in an attack near Chhonua Bazar in Sadar upazila on Monday.



Indian police arrest pro-independence activists in Srinagar yesterday during a demonstration by the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) against a division of Jammu and Kashmir into three parts. The demand for trifurcation of the disputed state was recently made by right-wing Hindu groups.

Table with 2 columns: তারিখ ও দিন (Date and Day), ৪র্থ সিমেন্টার (৯৯১ টার্ম) (4th Semester (991 Term)). Rows list exam dates and subjects like Producing Materials, Teaching Pronunciation, etc.

Table with 3 columns: তারিখ ও বার (Date and Day), জুলাই-ডিসেম্বর/২০০১ টার্ম ১ম সিমেন্টার (জুলাই-ডিসেম্বর/২০০১ টার্ম ১ম সিমেন্টার) (July-December/2001 Term 1st Semester (July-December/2001 Term 1st Semester)), জানুয়ারি-জুন/২০০১ টার্ম ২য় সিমেন্টার (জানুয়ারি-জুন/২০০১ টার্ম ২য় সিমেন্টার) (January-June/2001 Term 2nd Semester (January-June/2001 Term 2nd Semester)). Rows list exam dates and subjects like শিখা মূল্যায়ন, শিক্ষা মূল্যায়ন, etc.

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নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি (Recruitment Notice) for পুলিশ বাহিনীতে এসআই(নিঃ) পদে নিয়োগের নিমিত্তে (Recruitment for the post of Sub-Inspector (N) in the Police Force). Includes details about the exam and application process.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় (Government of Bangladesh Ministry of Education). Notice regarding the ৩য় সিমেন্টার (৩য় সিমেন্টার) (3rd Semester (3rd Semester)) exam. Includes details about the exam and application process.