# Fund crisis makes seismic observatory project uncertain

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

Establishment of four seismic observatories including one in Sylhet has become uncertain as no fund has been allocated in the new equipment for them, sources said.

Construction of the building for the observatory in Sylhet was completed recently but those in Rangpur and Dhaka were completed long before.

seismic centres in Sylhet, Rangpur and Dhaka was undertaken in the year 2000 at a cost of Tk. 20 crore. It was being implemented by the Public Works Department (PWD).

Under the project styled 'Agrometeorological and Seismological Service Development', 3 observatories in Dhaka, Sylhet and Rangpur were to be constructed while the existing one in Chittagong was to be modernised with new equipment. Sources informed that, 4 seismographs were to be installed in the observatories under the project.

According to experts, Sylhet is considered is one of the 'high risk zone for earthquake' as it is very near to Assam and Meghalava

states of India. Chittagong and Rangpur are also considered as vulnerable areas.

Construction of the Sylhet observatory started on March 23, 22. 2001 at an revised estimated cost national budget for procuring of Tk 1.21 crore. But the work was suspended due to demand of toll went to the kitchen of the house of from extortionists in April. However, the work resumed after a month when a six-member committee was formed with the Defense Secretary as its convenor. The project for constructing The other members included joint secretary, disaster management ministry and joint secretary, pub lic works ministry.

The work was again suspended in June 3 when a labour died due mudslide caused by heavy downpour.

The Defence Secretary along with his commtitee members visited the project in August last.

While talking to the Daily Star, an official said the government of Japan had shown interest to provide financial assistance for sup plying seismograph machines fo the project.

But due to government's delaydallying attitude, the assistance might not be available, he appre

# 17000 political cases filed during AL rule

Moudud tells Swadinata Forum rally

BSS, Dhaka

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed yesterday said about 17,000 political cases were filed against opposition activists, mostly belonging to BNP, during the previous Awami League regime.

"The tenure of the Awami League government, from 1996 to 2001, was marked by misrule and the entire nation got rid of the bad governance on July 15, 2001," he said at a discussion in observance of 'Awami Misrule-Free Day', organised by the Swadhinata Forum, at the Jatiya Press Club.

The minister said the law order situation during the AL regime was the worst in the history of Bangladesh. Around 4.25 lakh opposition activists were harassed during the period, he added.

He pointed out that 154 cases

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elected Dhaka city mayor Sedeque Hossain Khoka and 114 cases against Amanullah Aman.

Also, a total of 16,990 people were killed, 5,905 kidnapped and 12,737 girls and women raped during the AL rule, Moudud said. "And there was no trial of such

However, the law minister said, the situation improved significantly with the takeover by th four-party alliance government.

He said the AL government had patronised criminals, but the government of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia was working towards rooting out crimes.

# Obituary

BSS, Ctg

Nasrin Sultana, an officer of the cancer at a city clinic yesterday at

the age of 38. Sultana is survived by her hus-

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#### 2 construction workers burnt to death

BSS, Dhaka

Two construction workers, who suffered critical burn injuries at a house in Banani area on July 9 died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). The workers were identified as

Selim, 20, and Mujibar Rahman, Police said the workers received burn injuries when they

light cigarette. The entire kitchen was filled with gas due to leakage in gas sup-

ply line and the fire engulfed them just when they lit their cigarette. They were immediately taken to DMCH where Selim succumbed

Mujbar yesterday. K M Aziz Sarkar, owner of the house, lodged an unnatural death (UD) case with Gulshan thana.

to his injuries on Monday and

### BJRI Bill passed

BSS, Dhaka

The third Jatiya Sangsad yesterday unanimously passed the Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI) Bill seeking to reorganise the management board of the Insti-

The Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (Amendment) Act 2002 introduced the provision of including a member of Bangladesh Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) in place of the Chairman of the BCSIR in the BJRI Board of Governors.

While amending the act in 1996, the inclusion of a representative of BCSIR was dropped inadvertently. The original act inhad been filed against newly | cluded the Chairman of BCSIR in | the Board of Governors of the

Jatiya Party (Ershad) members GM Kader and Golam Hibib Dulal moved several amendments on the clauses of the bill but those were rejected by the House.

#### Khaleda greets Czech PM

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yes terday greeted Vladimir Spidla on his assumption of the high office of prime minister of the Czech Republic after the victory of his Social Democratic Party (CSSD) in the recent parliamentary elec-

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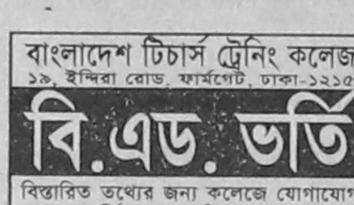
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অফিসার্স ক্লাবের সম্মানিত সদস্যগণের সদয় অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ক্লাবের ৩৪তম বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা আগামী ১৮ জুলাই ২০০২ বৃহস্পতিবার সন্ধ্যা ৭-০০টায় ক্লাব প্রাঙ্গনে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। সভাশেষে কন্ট্রিবিউটরী নৈশভোজের ব্যবস্থা আছে।

সাধারণ সম্পাদক

ব্যাক ডেইরি এন্ড ফুড প্রজেষ্ট দুধ ও দুগ্ধজাতীয় খাদ্য দ্রব্যাদি বিক্রয় ও বিতরণের জন্য সেলস্ অফিসার পদে পুরুষ প্রার্থীদের নিকট থেকে দরখান্ত আহ্বান করছে।

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চাকুরিতে স্থায়ী হওয়ার পর গ্রাচুইটি ও প্রভিডেন্ট ফাণ্ডের সুবিধা আছে। চাকুরিতে যোগদানের পর হতে ইন্সিওরেন্সের সুবিধা পাওয়া যাবে।

পূর্ণ জীবনবৃত্তান্ত ও দুই কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজ ছবিসহ আগামী ৩০ জুলাই ২০০২-এর মধ্যে ব্র্যাক-এইচআরডি, ব্যাক সেন্টার, ৭৫ মহাখালী, ঢাকা ১২১২ এই ঠিকানায় আবেদন করতে হবে। খামের উপর আবেদনকৃত পদের নাম উল্লেখ থাকতে হবে।



Amirul Islam Khan, producer of a Bangla film, 'Eri Naam Dosti' (This is called friendship), formally hands over a print of the film to Karl Fritz, director of the American Cultural Centre, in the city recently. For the first time, the US Congress Archive has collected the print of a Bangladeshi

### Bakhrabad gas field

# Body to probe fall in production soon

BSS, Dhaka

The government will form a committee soon to probe the causes of fall in the production of gas in Bakhrabad field, State Minister for Energy AKM Mosharraf Hossain said yesterday.

Speaking at a seminar as chief guest, the state minister said the committee would be formed to determine whether the level of production in the field went down due to sheer managerial negligence or any other technical rea-

The seminar on 'Reservoir evaluation and management in oil neers, Bangladesh (IEB), USAID nar.

and International Institute of Energy (IIE).

Earlier, the eight wells in Bakhrabad gas field produced 200 million CFT gas per day, according to Petrobangla, sources.

Four of the wells have already been closed down, and only 35 million CFT gas is being produced from the rest four wells per day due to intrusion of water. the Opposition to form an all party

The state minister said efforts were under way to further improve the reservoir management in the country's oil and gas sector.

Dr Abdus Sattar, a Bangladeshborn energy consultant working in and gas sector' was jointly organ- the USA, presented the keynote ised by the Institution of Engi- paper on the theme of the semi-

# Build movement against anarchy: Dr Kamal

**CU CORRESPONDENT** 

Gano Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain has called upon the peo- life. ple to build up a movement and other crimes in the society. He was addressing as chief the country guest a citizens' rally at the Muslim Institute Hall auditorium in Tum leader Mohammad Kafiludthe port city yesterday afternoon.

country is increasing day by day. not secured nowadays", he added. The Gano Forum President Amin.

said this is not the time to remain silent. The people will have to be united as there is no security of The English Club, 9th Floor, Star He said people are the source

against the violence, killings, rape of all powers and they must resist | Dhaka. The entries can also be the unhealthy politics prevailing in Presided over by the Ganofoticipants should include their full

din, the rally was addressed by | number in the entries. Dr Kamal said anarchy in the Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Pankoj Bhattacharya, Mohammad Idris, "No one in the country-from uni- journalist, Abul Momen, resident | poets will be invited to attend a versity student to baby in lap are editor of Prothom Alo, Shamsuddhoha and Advocate Mostafa | competition to be held at the uni-

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Journalists' unions have long

been demanding that warrant

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on water for a long time, the water

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the Prime Minister and Leader of

National Parliament Building

Protection Committee for its

maintenance, said a press release.

Poetry competition

The English Club, North South

University, has organised a poetry

competition for the poets aged

between 16 and 25, says a press

asked to send their entries in Eng-

lish, within the word limit of 100-

July 20 to the following address:

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ing them in criminal cases.

Council proposed amendment to one sues a newspaper for libel. sections 501 and 502 of the Criminal Procedure Code so that jour- law hangs like Damocles' sword Conference nalists are not harassed implicatover the newsmen, over press Committee. freedom," said a senior journalist.

editor or reporter whenever any-

council of the Press Council in Kazi Siraj Uddin Ahmed. Moinudtheir first meeting yesterday pro- din Kaderi Shawkat, Dr Rezuan posed that "court should take Siddiqui, Abul Azad, Munshi Abpermission of the BPC before tak- dul Mannan, Advocate Harun or ing any defamation case against Rashid MP, Prof Abul Monsur journalists in cognizance".

that to make such legal provision. Mahmud were present. the members proposed to amend the impugned sections 501 and 502 of CrPc.

A number of other proposals Adhunik Jote: Coalition Against were placed for making the Press Tobacco (CAT), an anti-smoking Council stronger and effective as a organisation, called upon the press-watchdog body.

Held with Press Council chairman Justice Mozammel Haq The government has decided to MP in the chair, the meeting pro- bring motor vessels above 16 yesterday said in absence of

The meeting approved 11 subthe parliament building is losing committees of the Twelfth Council. The committees are Judicial found plying without registration. Committee, Finance Committee, Recruitment Committee, Law evaluation Committee, Publica- added.

transformed into summons proc- tion Committee, discipline Comess so that police can't arrest an mittee, Rules Committee, Newspaper Standing Committee, Seminar Committee, Conduct Rule "This provision of the criminal Committee and International implementation

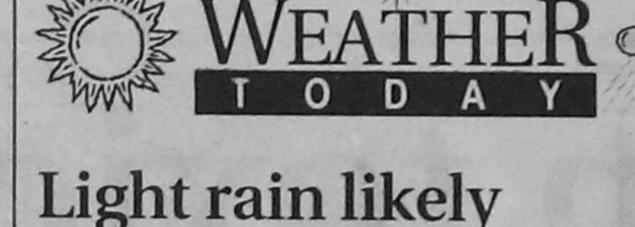
Among others, Gias Kamal The members of the 12th Chowdhury, AMM Bahauddin, Mohammad Abu Musa, Adv Syed A meeting source told UNB Ahmed and Dr Monzur Morshed

#### Motor vessels to be brought under survey

BSS, Dhaka

posed to incorporate a new sec- horsepower under survey in the tion, 11 (3), and amend section interest of revenue collection and 12(2) of the Press Council Act safe journey, said an official release yesterday.

It said vessels above 16 horsepower will be seized if they are Such vessels must report to the surveyors concerned, the release



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 during the next 24 hours till 6pm today.

No appreciable change in temperature is expected over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 23.1 degree Celsius at Sylhet. The sun sets in the capital at 6.49 pm today and rises at 5:22 am

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