

5th SAARC environment ministers' confce begins

BSS, Dhaka

The 5th Conference of SAARC Environment Ministers began in Thimphu on Saturday...

Prime Minister of Bhutan Lyonpo Khandu Wangchuk inaugurated the conference...

The inaugural ceremony over a two-day ministerial meeting began with Lyonpo Kingzang Dorji in the chair...

Ministers and state ministers of Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and a Special Secretary of India are attending...

the meeting. Minister of State for Forest and Environment Jafrul Islam Chowdhury is leading a three-member Bangladesh delegation in the conference.

While speaking at the meeting Jafrul Islam Chowdhury said this meeting would play an important role in fixing a joint agenda of the SAARC member-states to be placed in the forthcoming Sustainable Development conference in Johannesburg.

He said SAARC would play a very significant role in the Development Conference as one-fifth of the world population lives in this region.

Referring to various steps taken by Bangladesh for environmental development he said the production, marketing and use of poly-

thene shopping bags were banned in the country.

The use of catalytic converter and diesel particulate filter was made mandatory in petrol and diesel driven vehicles to check air pollution. Besides, the government has undertaken massive tree plantation programmes to bring at least 20 per cent of the total land of the country under forest coverage.

He stressed the need for strengthening relations among the SAARC countries to get "our demands heard by the world community."

SAIC launches redesigned web site

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The SAARC Agricultural Information Centre (SAIC) has redesigned and updated its web site.

Dr Nurul Alam, Executive Chairman of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), launched the newly designed web site yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Alam stressed the need for continuous updating of the site with information resources for the benefit of the scientists, planners, entrepreneurs and others engaged in the development of agriculture, horticulture, forestry and fishery.

Dr Abdur Razzaque, Managing Director (Crops), Dr MA Mazed, Managing Director (Soils), Mahub Ahmed, Director (Computer) and other senior officials of the BARC and SAIC were present on the occasion.

Dr M Zahangir Kabir, Director, SAIC, gave the background and need for redesign and updating of SAIC web site with a promise to take further initiative and more stress in order to fulfil the objectives of SAIC.

Ajit Kumar Roy, Computer Programmer, SAIC, made an on-line demonstration of the web site. The animated web site (http://www.saic-dhaka.org) developed with the aid of "Flash" will facilitate to navigate related sites of SAARC member countries.



The Muktijoddha Sanghati Parishad staged a demonstration at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday demanding execution of the verdict in Bangabandhu Murder Case.

Steps taken to stop pilferage of wood

BSS, Dhaka

The government has taken tough measures to stop pilferage of wood in Chittagong and Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT).

As part of the steps, trucks will not be allowed to carry timber at night carrying of wood in compartments of trains has been prohibited.

State Minister for Forest Zafrul Islam Chowdhury told BSS that tougher steps would be taken to prevent pilferage of wood, if needed.

According to sources, a powerful network has been engaged in illegal logging and trafficking in timber in Chittagong and CHT for a long time. This network pilfers wood worth Taka 10 to 12 crore every month. An armed group has also emerged along with this network.

The State Minister said that in the name of legal trading, wood worth crores of taka is being pilfered. An organised gang is active in Chittagong and CHT for pilferage of wood, he added.

Dhaka, N region direct train services shortly

UNB, Dhaka

Direct train services between Dhaka and northern region may resume within five days on completion of the rehabilitation work on railroads damaged by flood.

The services were snapped on July 27 when ferry movement between Bahadurabad ghat and Balasi ghat was suspended for inundation of Balasi ghat and rail tracks.

Hiroshima Day call to bring an end to armed conflicts

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a meeting on Saturday in observance of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day called for bringing an end to armed conflicts rocking different countries to establish durable global peace.

The Asian Buddhists Conference for Peace (ABCP), National Centre, also held prayers for world peace to mark the day. Shilabhadra Bhikkhu, High priest of Kanakchaity, Laksam, Comilla, presided over the function.

Secretary general of ABCP, National Centre and former Managing Director of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) D P Barua, Prof Sumangal Barua of Pali and Sanskrit Department of Dhaka University, Deputy Secretary of ABCP Harilal Barua, Suman Kanti Barua, Roymohan Barua, Punyavardhan Barua, Seema Barua and Karuna Barua addressed the meeting.

Recalling the horrors of atomic devastation in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 and sufferings caused to Japanese victims through the successive generations, the participants emphasised the need for upholding the Buddhist messages of peace and non-violence.

Bikkhu Shilabhadra said people are not safe from threats of war, conflicts and hatred in the twenty-first century. He called for practicing Buddha's timeless teachings of non-violence and Panchashil.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka



Alhaj Ayub Hossain Mridha, father of Alhaj M M Enamul Haque, chairman and managing director of Amin Mohammad Group, died of old-age complications at Subhrawanti Hospital in the city on Saturday at the age of 95.

Ayub Hossain, an eminent social worker of Medinimandal village of Louhaganj upazila under Munshiganj district, is survived by five sons and four daughters.

He was buried at the Azimpur Graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque yesterday.

His qulhwani will be held at 90/3, Green House, Baro Moghbaraz, after Asr prayers on Tuesday. Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulhwani.

Australian film festival begins Aug 15

UNB, Dhaka

The Australian High Commission will host its first-ever film festival in the city on August 15 and 16 to mark the 30th anniversary of Bangladesh-Australia diplomatic ties.

The festival, being organised as part of the Embassy Roadshow project, an initiative of the Australia International Council, will be opened at British Council auditorium on August 14.

3 arrested on charge of throwing acid

UNB, Gazipur

Police arrested three people for their alleged involvement in an acid-throwing case on Saturday.

Police said the arrested three acid on Abul Kalam, 27, following a previous enmity at Kashimpur Jail Road on Thursday. The arrested were labourers of a local spinning mill.

Abul Kalam of Konabari in Sadar upazila is fighting for life at the local hospital.

Summons for Disposal of Suit Order 1(5)

Joint District Judge (Artho Rin) Court Jessore

Title Suit No. 61 of 1998

- To 1. Janab Mohammad Monowar Hossain S/o L. Ahmed Hossain 2. M/s Monowar Bricks Mfg. Represented by Monowar Hossain 3. Mrs. Shahida Begum wife of Md. Monowar Hossain 4. Mr. Firoz Alam son of Late Ahmed Hossain 5. Most. Foyjunessa Begum wife of Ahmed Hossain All of village -- Piari Mohan Road, Bejpara, Jessore at present Dhanmondi, West - 4th floor, Road No. 4/A, Dhaka.

Whereas Janata Bank, Noapara Branch P.S. Abhoynagar District Jessore has instituted mortgage suit against you for Tk. 23,67,348/- (Taka twenty-three lac sixty-seven thousand three hundred forty-eight) only you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all such questions on the 21st day of August 2002 at 10.00 O'clock in the Artharin Adalat and Joint Dist. Judge, Jessore to answer the claim, and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit. You must be prepared to produce on that day all the witnesses upon whose evidence all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this 29th day of July 2002.

Schedule of Property

Table with columns for SA Kh., Jarip Kh., SA Plot, Jarip Plot, Area, and Decimals. It details property schedules for District - Jessore, P.S. Kotwali, Mouza Kodalia, J.L. No. 168, and Same District - Mouza Shankarpur, J.L. 82, Kotwali, Mouza. It also includes a summary for Same District & P.S. Mouza Bejpara, J.L. No. 81.

A large advertisement for 'DHAKA TODAY' featuring various events: Sculpture exhibition, Rotary meeting, Film show, Exhibition, Death anniversary, Cleanliness drive, Protest rally, Workshop, Procession, and BJP meeting. Each event includes details about the venue, time, and organizers.

WEATHER TODAY logo with a sun and cloud icon.

Moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over the country with moderately heavy falls at places during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

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

Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Khulna and the lowest of 25.0 degree Celsius at Chittagong.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:34 pm today and rises at 5:33 am tomorrow.

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

Table showing weather data for Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, and Cox's Bazar. Columns include City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max/Min), and Humidity in percentage (Morning/Evening).

National Book Centre

Grantha Bhaban 5/C, Bangabandhu Avenue, Dhaka

প্রিয়জনকে বই উপহার দিন

Tender Notice

Tenders under sealed cover are invited from bonafide supplier firms for supply of stationery, electrical & hardware goods to National Book Centre for 2002-2003 financial year. Tender schedule can be collected from Accounts Section of National Book Centre at Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) from 17-8-2002 to 22-8-2002 within office hours. Tender should be submitted in tender box kept at National Book Centre by 12:00 Noon of 24-8-2002. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers. Attested photocopy of up-to-date (1) trade licence, (2) bank solvency certificate & (3) income tax certificate should be submitted with the tender. The authority reserves full right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

DFP-19694-7/8 G-2012 Director

3rd Auction Notice

Learned 1st Joint Judge's Court, Gazipur DD 11/98

Source Money Debt Mortgage Case No. 20/97 Janata Bank, Gazipur Branch, Gazipur ... Decree holder

- 1. Messrs Rahman Bricks Industries Vill: Bahuriarchala, PO Mirzapur Bazar PS. Joydebpur, Dist: Gazipur. 2. Md. Abdur Rahman, S/o Late A. Majid Proprietor Litigant No. 1 Vill: Bahuriarchala, PO. Mirzapur Bazar PS. Joydebpur, Dist: Gazipur. Presently-Abdur Rahman, Translator, News Department Bangladesh Television, Television Bhaban, 2nd Floor Rampura, Dhaka. 3. Md. Sultan Uddin Palowan, S/o Late Azim Uddin Palowan Vill: Bhanua, PO.-BOF, PS-Joydebpur, Dist: Gazipur. Presently-Joydebpur (Palowan Boarding) Bus Stand PO & PS-Joydebpur, Dist: Gazipur

It is hereby notified for general information that, to realise Tk. 8,61,790/20 (Taka eight lakh sixty-one thousand seven hundred ninety and twenty paise) only accrued in principal and interest till 15-10-97 in favour of the decree-holder in the above decree issue case in learned 1st Sub Judge's & Money Debt Court of Gazipur district, the undermentioned immovable property and constructions thereon of the debtors will be sold in public auction on 20-8-2002 at 12-00 Noon at the Nezarat premises of learned District Judge's Court, Gazipur. Interested buyers are requested to participate in the said auction on the said date & time. The successful auction bidder will be given possession by the court and the highest bidder shall have to pay 25% of the amount on the spot at the court.

- Mortgaged property schedule-1 Dist: Gazipur, PS & Sub-Registry Office-Joydebpur, Mouza-Kawaltia, J.L. No. 10, SA Khatian No. 419, CS & SA. Dag Nos. 132, 140, 151, quantity of land 75.5 (seventy-five and half) decimals property. Schedule-2 Dist: Gazipur, PS & Sub-Registry Office Joydebpur, Mouza-Neelerpara, J.L. No. 54, Khatian No. 80, Dag No. 647, quantity of land 12.25 (twelve and quarter) decimals property. Schedule-3 Dist: Gazipur, PS. Joydebpur, Mouza-Angutia, J.L. No. 9, SA Khatian No. 132, Mutation Khatian No. 132, Kat Dag No. 44, quantity of land 20 (twenty) decimals property. In 3 (three) schedules together total (75.5+12.25+20) 107.75 decimals property.

By Order of Court Md. Farid Uddin Molla Serestadar 1st Joint District Judge's Court Gazipur. DFP-19701-7/8 G-2013