Remove disparity in airfare Haji Kalyan Parishad urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Hajj Jatri Haji Kalyan Parishad yesterday urged the government to ensure equal rights of all hajj pilgrims by removing the disparity in airfare between the ballotee and the non- ballotee hajj pilgrims.

will have to pay extra Tk 11,000 for

Al Naser, president of the parishad at a press conference at the National Press Club.

He said the ballotee hajj pilgrims pay 870 dollars for airfare while the non-ballotee hajj pilgrims will have to pay 1,050 dollars for airfare.

Naser expressed the apprehen-"Non-ballotee hajj pilgrims sion that the number of hajj pilgrims might decrease next year as airfare although they will fly from only two airlines had been perthe same place and by the same mitted to carry them. He called for airlines" said Advocate Abdullah allowing every airline to carry the the press conference.

hajj pilgrims like previous years.

Naser also urged the government not to allow any hajj agents to carry more than 500 hajj pilgrims so that they can be looked after properly.

He also suggested selling of air tickets through the real hajj agents so that the hajj pilgrims can easily get the ticket.

Hafez Abdur Rab, Manik Mia, Mufti Abdul Gani, Al Reza and Ashiqur Rahman were present at

Modernisation of 22 dist court buildings in 2 yrs

BSS, Dhaka

years, Law Minister Moudud Ahmed said here yesterday.

Moudud told journalists at his crore project.

making the judicial system more the project. efficient and modern, not only emphasises on modern court address in courts.

"With the implementation of court administration. the project, the capacity of the will be easier and thus the process of ensuring justice would be strengthened," Moudud said.

Hospital in the city yesterday.

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh

Hasina visited ailing ex-MP Kamal Ahmed Majumdar at Sikdar Medical

The Dhaka City liaison committee of the four-party alliance held a

meeting at Nagar Bhaban in the city yesterday with its convenor and city

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been trying hard to offer a modern licitor's office here, he said. Expansion and modernisation of and most pro-people justice sys-22 district court buildings includ- tem to the nation. As part of it, he four computers having internet ing the ones over 40-year old said, the government has taken would be completed by next two sincere efforts to modernise the judiciary by implementing the Tk 228 crore project.

The World Bank will provide Tk secretariat office that the court 165 crore, Government of Banglabuildings would either be ex- desh Tk 42 crore, Canadian Interpanded or built a new replacing national Development Agency the age-old ones under a Tk 228 (CIDA) Tk 10 crore and Danish Development International He said the project aimed at Agency (DANIDA) 1k 10 crore for

Under the project, he said courtrooms for the judges would rooms, but also prioritises training be equipped with air conditioning for judges, computerisation and system and microphones. Besides, internet facilities in courts, air extensive training for the judges conditioning of court rooms and would be organised both at home modern microphone system to and abroad to improve their capacity in court management and

The Judicial and Administracourt will go up, disposing of cases tion Training Institute (JATI) would also be relocated from its present site and a new training complex having residential facili-

He said the government has ties would be built near the so-

Apart from this, he said, two to access would soon be set up at a separate room of the Supreme Court so that the judges can get opportunities to know developments and references from others

The district courts included in the project for expansion and modernisation are: Gazipur, Feni, Thakurgaon, Bagerhat, Madaripur, Brahmanbaria. Munshiganj, Khulna, Rangpur, Mymensingh. Noakhali, Comilla, Sylhet, Bogra, Pabna, Rajshahi, Bhola, Barisal, Dhaka, Cox's Bazar, Moulvibazar and Gopalganj.

Moudud said two US consulting companies -- one for the project and one for government -have already been appointed for the programme.

Int'l Peace Day observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Day of Peace was observed in the country as elsewhere across the globe yesterday with a vow to build a safe, peaceful and more just world.

On the occasion, the Gan-Sohagi Memorial Trust Fund organised the first Gan-Sohagi International Peace Day Lecture on by Waste Concern with the sup- production. the Dhaka University campus. Vice-Chancellor of the Univer-

sity of Development Alternative (UDA) Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed delivered a lecture on 'Concord | Through Dialogue: A South Asian View of the West' at the programme.

Acting VC of Dhaka University Prof. AFM Yusuf Haider was present as chief guest while Treasurer of DU Prof. Syed Rashidul Hasan presided.

Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed said that dialogue between civilisations is the way of getting out of the present crisis-ridden situation.

Acting DU VC Prof. AFM Yusuf | volvement in pilfering seized gar-Haider said every human being ments from the port's restricted want peace but that would not be ensured until and unless the society takes responsibility to ensure | recovered the pilfered goods dur-

Later, the Department of Peace | house at East Port Colony yesterand Conflict Studies of DU and day noon. None was arrested in UN International Centre (UNIC) this connection till filing of this took out a peace procession on the report in the evening.

The Life, an NGO, the Solidar- | department had seized some 105 ity Bangladesh and the National roll imported garments and Youth Council (NYC) also held a discussion in the city to mark the lity. The goods were kept at shed

Amanullah Khan, chairman of | department. UNB, addressed the programme as chief guest while chairman of out of the shed at midnight on Life Quamrul Islam Sony presided. President of Solidarity Bangla-

desh Sheikh Faruque Ahmad and tip-off, raided the East Colony at were going to Keranirhat by a public health expert Dr. Abul Hasnat Milton also took part in the discussion.

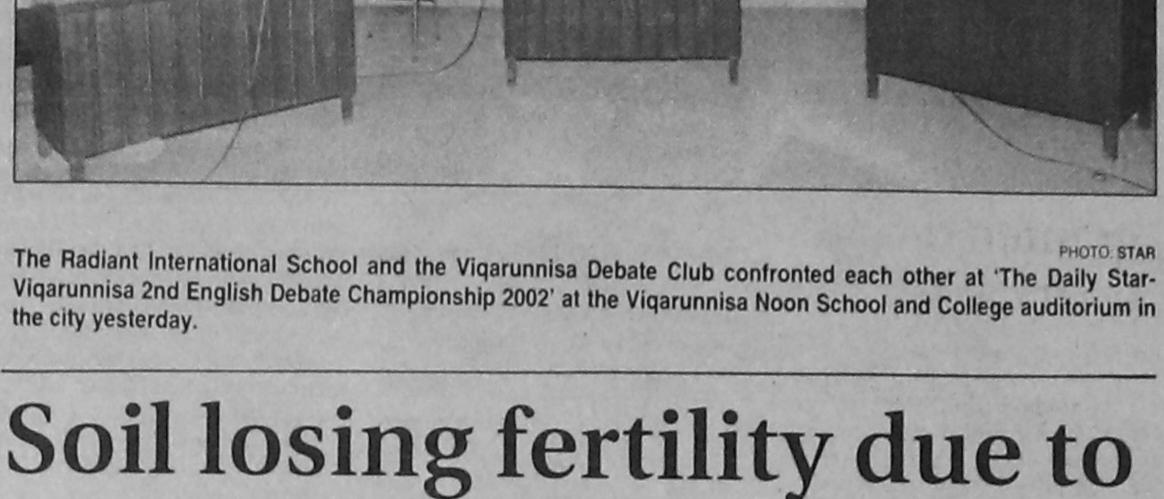
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Soil losing fertility due to use of chemical fertiliser

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh is rapidly losing its soil the country's food security, ex-

excessive dependence on chemical fertiliser has brought down the existence of organic matters to less ratio of production of potato on than 1.7 per cent compared to standard requirement of two in 62 using NEBC along with chemical per cent of the country's cultivable fertiliser while the ratio remained land in recent years.

stored only through the use of tiliser alone. nutrient enriched bio-fertiliser along with the chemical inputs in by the Bangladesh Agriculture a planned manner.

semination seminar on the "impact of use of compost and enport from the government's Susment Programme (SEMP) and post produced by Waste Concern

STAFF CORESPONDENT, Chittagong

Five staff of Chittagong Port

Authority (CPA) were suspended

yesterday for their alleged in-

Port security force, however,

Security sources said, customs

handed those to the port author-

no-14 under custody of security

Port security force, acting on a

an abandoned mini truck near the

of Rinku but found none in the

house, gave it to Rinku as sub-let.

Friday, sources said.

Islam Rinku.

ing unloading from in front of a

Five suspended

Programme (UNDP).

The workshop was told that the fertility due to over dependence use of Nutrient Enriched Blended on chemical fertiliser threatening Compost (NEBC) along with chemical fertiliser has proved to perts at a seminar said in the city have boosted cost benefit ratio of production through reducing the The seminar was told that the production cost and increasing the crop yields.

It was told that the cost benefit per hector land is 2.13 per cent at 1.3 per cent on the same size of The soil fertility could be re- land dependent on chemical fer-

In another research conducted Research Institute it was found This was observed at the dis- that the use of NEBC as well as compost produced from garbage along with chemical fertiliser inriched compost on different types creases organic matters, which are of soil to Bangladesh" organised most essential for sustainable crop

The participants of the worktainable Environmental Manage- shop agreed that both the com-

men and an electrician were sus-

pended in this connection,

two-member committee to probe

CU student

road accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cig

Two persons were killed in a road

mishap on Arakan road

(Chittagong- Cox's Bazar highway)

at Satkania in the district here on

University student and his nephew

They were killed when they

Following the incident local

The victims were identified as

killed in

Meanwhile, the CPA formed a

sources said.

the matter.

Friday night,

Anwar Hossain, 15.

The burglars took the goods Mostaq Ahmad, 28, a Chittagong

recovered the garments-rolls from direction hit their bicycle at

house, sources said. Port staff people put up barricade on Arakan

Shekhul Islam, allottee of the Sarak disrupting traffic movement

Shekhul, Rinku ,two security vehicles were also damaged.

The force also raided the house way to hospital.

United Nations Development and NEBC should be used for sustainable crop production as well as to improve the country's soil productivity.

> They, however, cautioned that the use of compost had to be applied under a mixed approach and with proper planning to avert reduction of yields of high vielding Bangladesh Agriculture Re-

search Institute Director General Shahidul Islam spoke on the occasion as the chief guest while Environment Health Adviser of World Health Organisation (WHO) Han A Heijnen participated in the discussion as special guest. Dr S M Imamul Huq, professor

of department of Soil Water and Environment of Dhaka University and executive director of Nature Farming Hasibur Rahman presented papers in the workshop.

Executive director of Waste Concern A H Md Magsood Sinha and director Iftekhar Enavetullah made a presentation on the background of the research.

Pilferage at Ctg port: Course on acid burn begins at Manikganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A six-day orientation course on 'Immediate Acid Burn Management' began in Manikganj yester-

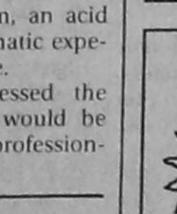
A total of 240 health professionals from across the country including doctors, nurses and paramedics are participating in the course organised by the Acid Survivors Foundation and the Civil Surgeon Office, Manikganj.

Presided over by Dr Masud Hossain, the course was attended by Shamsuddin Ahmed, additional deputy commissioner of Manikganj as chief guest and Dr Ronald William Hyles, consultant plastic surgeon, as special guest.

Speakers at the course noted that the health professionals at district level should be trained properly to deal with acid victims. They emphasised the necessity of using water for treating acid burn around 12.30pm yesterday and bicycle. A bus from opposite injuries at the initial stage.

"I was screaming for water, when acid was thrown on me but Chhadaha under Satkania at house of port staff Kazi Mominul around 8.30pm. Mostaq died on everyone said it would be harmful the spot and Anwar died on the for me," Ayesha Begum, an acid victim shared her traumatic experience with the audience.

The speakers expressed the hope that the course would be for around one hour. Several helpful for the health profession-



Kholamora launch mishap IO, 3 other PWs cross-examined

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Four more prosecution witnesses, including Investigation Officer (IO) in a case filed under the Law and Order Disruption Crimes (Speedy Trial) Act against seven workers and leaders of Awami League of Keraniganj upazila, were cross-examined in a Speedy Trial Court, Dhaka yesterday.

After the cross-examination for about four hours by the defence lawyers, Magistrate Abu Abdullah adjourned the hearing till September 23.

The accused are -- Haji Abu Siddiq, President of Taranagar

One murdered at Satkania

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

One youth was killed reportedly in a dispute over land at Satkania in the district yesterday morning.

Sources said the victim Lokman was killed allegedly by one Alamgir at Chowdhurypara of Sitakunda municipality area.

They said, an enmity began between Lokman and Alamgir over demarcation of a piece of land. The dispute was resolved in a village arbitration last night in favour of Lokman.

Alamgir attacked Lokman in the morning and managed to flee. A case was filed in this connection.

receiving information, police of the thana led by officer-in-charge (OC) went there and found that another launch, Zakia, was burning. Later, they tried to douse the fire, but more than 150 people led by Hafizur Rahman, another accused in the case, prevented them.

Union Awami League, Kamal Hos-

sain, President of BCL Shakta Un-

ion unit and AL workers Hamid,

Shah Alam, Parvez Abdullah and

Shahid. They were produced be-

In the case filed with Kerani-

ganj thana, it has been alleged that

a launch, Lucky, sank in the Kho-

lamora launchghat under Kerani-

ganj thana on July 31, this year. On

fore the court yesterday.

spot and filed a case against him and 300 others with Keraniganj thana the same day. Advocate Haji Nazrul Islam, Abul Kashem, Abdur Rahman

Police arrested Hafiz from the

Hawlader, Arshadul Haque, Md Anwar Hossain and Chaitanya Chandra Halder appeared in the court on behalf of the accused.

1096 bottles of phensidyl seized

BSS, Kushtia

A total of 1,096 bottles of phensidyl was seized by Daulatpur thana police from Allar Darga market in the district on Friday night.

Consultation workshop

The inaugural ceremony of the Asia-Pacific Regional Consultation Workshop on Water and Poverty, sponsored by the Ministry of Water Resources and the Asian Development Bank, will be held with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre. Time: 11.00am.

CEDAW workshop

Under the auspices of the Women and Children Affairs Ministry, a workshop on the '5th Periodic Report on Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)' will be held. Venue: Jatiya Mahila Sangstha auditonum.

Training

The inaugural ceremony of the training of 'Occupational Safety and Health for Transport Workers', organised by the Development of Traffic-sense and Road Awareness, will be held with Communications Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: DCCI auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.

Reception Muldhara, an organisation of writers, journalists and cultural activists, will hold a reception for renowned poets of the seventies from West Bengal. Venue: Gazi Bhaban, 41 Naya Paltan. Time:

Launching ceremony

Transparency International Bangladesh will launch a revised working paper on the structure of the proposed Bangladesh Anti-corruption Commission (BACC). Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 9.00am.

Symposium The inaugural ceremony of a two-day

Development Challenges in some Asian Countries: A knowledge sharing exercise' will be held with Health and Population Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton, Time: 9.00am.

symposium on 'Population and

Training workshop

A five-day long training workshop, jointly organised by Tradegraft Exchange, UK and Business Advisory Services Centre, will begin. Venue: BRAC Centre, Mohakhali.

Founding anniversary A reception and cultural function on the

occasion of the 9th founding anniversary of Katha Lalitkala Academy will be held with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman as chief quest. Venue: Central Kachi Kanchar Mela auditorium, Segunbagicha. Time:

Discussion

In observance of the 26th death anniversary of comrade Mao Zedong, Gonosangskritik Parishad will hold a discussion meeting. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 5.30pm.

Public meeting

Mohammadpur Thana Unit of Dhaka City BNP will hold a public meeting. Venue: By the side of Shyamoli Cinema Hall. Time: 4,00pm.



Meeting

An opinion sharing meeting of old students of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) will be held. Venue: Institution of Engineers' auditorium. Time: 4.00pm.



A seminar on the experiences gained at the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in

Johannesburg was held at the seminar room of State University of Bangladesh in the city yesterday. Photo shows newly elected president of Bangladesh Economic Association Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmed, who had attended the Johannesburg Summit, speaking at the seminar.

Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over the country with moderately heavy fall at places during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today. Slight fall in day temperature is expected over the country, Met

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.0 degree Celsius was

recorded at Sylhet and the lowest of 23.5 degree Celsius at Bhola, The sun sets in the capital at 5:55 pm today and rises at 5:48 am

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.1	26.3	73	85
Chittagong	32.2	24.2	76	73
Rajshahi	33.2	24.0	85	82
Khulna	34.7	25.5	78	76
Barisal	33.5	24.5	88	92
Sylhet	36.0	26.4	80	73
Cox's Bazar	33.5	26.0	78	83