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# New services at British HC office in Sylhet

UNB, Dhaka

The British High Commission office in Sylhet has introduced new improved services for the visa seekers on the occasion of its first anniversary.

The Visa Express Facility is

## Saudi envoy calls on Khaleda

BSS, Dhaka

Saudi Ambassador in Bangladesh Abdullah M Obaid Al Namla made a courtesy call on Prime Minister

Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday. The Saudi envoy handed over a letter from Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz to the Prime Minister.

During the meeting, matters relating to the Prime Minister's visit to Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah came up for discussion. Khaleda Zia leaves here for Saudi Arabia today to perform Umrah.

#### 1474 more held

UNB, Dhaka

including four listed terrorists topics. during the last 24 hours ending 6 am yesterday.

arms, two other arms and 27 rounds of bullets during the period, said a press release.

available to the applicants who have travelled to the UK, European Union, Switzerland, USA, Canada or Australia in last five

The applicants can drop their completed application forms along with a passport and banker's draft covering the visa fee at the Sylhet office, and collect the ready passport and visa within five working days from the same office.

Settlement Applications can now be lodged at Sylhet. All necessary supporting documentation along with a banker's draft can be submitted to the office for forwarding to Dhaka for a decision. In many cases, the visa can be issued without the need for an interview.

Interviews in Sylhet are carried out on two days in each month when visa officers based in Dhaka visit the office.

During the one-year service. 12,500 people have visited the British High Commission office in Sylhet to seek information and advice about visas for the United Kingdom.

Visitors also have access to a wide range of literature covering British culture, education com-Police rounded up 1,474 criminals mercial and development-related

Further information can be obtained by telephone on 724694-Besides, police seized 14 fire- 5. by e-mail: bhcsyl@sol-bd.com or from the High Commission website:

www.ukinbangladesh.org.

# Photo projects social issues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Press photography is a medium that reflects the real world as well as the ideal world the human beings crave for. Its credibility and relationship with time and space tempted some of the fine artists around the world to work behind the lens.

Each year, the World Press Photo Contest, the premier competition for the photojournalists, explores the potentiality of those who have taken the medium with full gusto.

The exhibition of the winning entries from 2002 contest was launched at the Drik Gallery in the city on November 22.

As part of the festival of photography, 'Chobi Mela II', the exhibition displays the works by photojournalists from across the world. Their photographs capture the moments they stand beside the oppressed and reveal the social issues. The political instability and

consequences of drought in Pakistan is vividly expressed by the photograph of a one-year-old Afghan boy who died in a refugee camp in Pakistan. Clicked by Erik Refner of Denmark, it was awarded the 2nd prize in 'People in the News Stories' category. "The hands wrapping the body

of the child in a white funeral shroud looks like a sinister force to me," noted Farhana Saveed, a schoolteacher in Dhanmondi. "It shows the ultimate reach of the worldwide instability," she added. The contest was held under



different categories like 'portraits'. 'daily life stories', 'spot news stories', 'general news stories', 'science and technology stories', 'nature and environment stories' that focussed on almost every aspect of

The photographs left immense effect on the stream of visitors who wrote down their thoughtful comments on the comment book. The award winning photographs are available in print in the form of World Press Photo-Year Book 2002 for Tk 1400.

As a souvenir, other photographs are also available in the form of eards with prices ranging between Tk 10 to 20.

The exhibition will remain open from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm daily until December 12.

#### Haroon new envoy to Finland

BSS, Dhaka

Mohammad-al-Haroon, Ambassador of Bangladesh in Sweden concurrently accredited to Finland, presented his credentials to the President of Finland Mrs Rarja Kaarina Halonen at her official residence in Helsinki recently.

BSS, Dhaka

the 1973 Order.

The present election system to

different administrative offices of

universities requires change to

tee of education ministry recom-

larly in the practices of electing the

vice-chancellor, syndicate mem-

bers and deans. Appropriate deci-

sions should be taken through

consultations between authorities

the way teachers are indulging in

universities provides for teachers

direct participation in electing the

senate, syndicate, vice-chancellor,

affairs in various ways.

uphold the desired educational While presenting the credentials, he conveyed to the President atmosphere, and expert committhe warmest greetings of the President and Prime Minister of Bangladesh, press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said here yesterday. demands consideration, particu-

Reciprocating the sentiment, the President of Finland enquired about the problem of arsenic in drinking water in Bangladesh. She wished him success in his assignment in strengthening the bilateral ties between the two coun-

### City AL meeting today

UNB, Dhaka

An emergency extended meeting institutional and national politics of Dhaka city Awami League will is adversely affecting academic be held at the party office today.

All party leaders, including presidents and general secretaries of all thana, ward and union units. have been asked to join the meeting, said a press release.

university bodies suggested committee and so forth. Moreover, teachers are now actively involved in national politics, a situation which is not desirable. The division and polarisation among teachers is being sharpened by their participation in the internal election process and external

Change in election system to

politics. However, the report said there It said as experience shows that is no gainsaying that teachers after 30 years of independence the should be politically aware and system of election in some cases guide the nation in the right politi-

#### Iraqi envoy meets Speaker

and the teacher community to UNB, Dhaka amend the relevant provisions of

Bangladesh always believes in removed as far as possible. The report prepared by the religious coexistence and is playcommittee constituted with the leading academicians to suggest peace and friendly relations with reforms that requires immediate all countries, said Speaker Barrisimplementation pointed out that ter Jamiruddin Sircar.

the Muslim Ummah will try to maintain world peace by extending cooperation," Sircar said when It said the 1973 Order for the Iraqi Ambassador to Bangladesh Adnan Mahmoud Hatab Sultan met him at his Sangsad Bhaban office yesterday, said a Parliament deans, academic council, finance Secretariat press release.

cal direction but their direct involvement and participation in party politics is undesirable.

The committee observed that at present, in some of the universities the 1961 Ordinance introduced way back in the Pakistan period is in force. Some universities are run by the 1973 Order, and there are still some others, which follow laws promulgated after 1975. There are significant differences between the universities in some fundamental issues like the appointment of the vicechancellor, formation of syndicate, senate, academic council,

finance committee and so forth. The committee recommended that these differences have to be

The experts report added that ing a leading role in maintaining when the University Grants Commission Act was introduced, the number of the universities in the country was just six, and all of "Bangladesh also believes that them were public universities. Though a new law was enacted later for the private universities, it did not cover all relevant issues.

The committee observed that it was important that the University Grants Commission Act and the Private University Act are revised and updated soon.

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# 4 die in city incidents

BSS, Dhaka

Four persons including a minor boy were killed in separate incidents here on Sunday, police and hospital sources said.

Mohammad Rafiq, a battle leaf shop owner, was chopped to death by a group of miscreants at Teigaon Station Road on Sunday Victim's brother Dulal alleged

that the miscreants chopped him to death as he refused to pay them toll. They also looted Tk 8,000 after killing him on the spot.

sent it to Dhaka Medical College injured. Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy. committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling of bathroom at his 125, Green Road resi-

dence here in the afternoon the

The victim was identified as the son of Mohammad Yasin of the area. Police said family feud might be the cause of suicide. Police recovered the body and sent it to DMCH for autopsy.

In another incident, Mohsin, a minor boy was killed in a gas cylinder explosion at a place adjacent to the West Agargaon Water Tank under Kafrul Police station here on

The incident took place while the owner of cylinder was trying to sell balloons to the children. Bal-Police recovered the body and . loon seller Aline was also seriously The boy was identified as

Jalal Uddin, a mid-aged man Mohsin, 8. And the body was sent to DMCH for autopsy. The balloon seller was also admitted to DMCH in a critical condition. A young man Farhad, who was

seriously injured in an accident at the Nakhalpara rail gate on Saturday night, succumbed to his injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on Sunday. He was injured seriously when

a running train knocked him down Saturday night while crossing the road. He was taken to DMCH where he died Sunday morning.

Four separate cases were lodged with respective police stations in these connections.

## Prof Nawabali Trust Fund formed at DU

Dhaka University (DU) authorities have constituted a new trust fund after the name of late Prof Nawabali Ahmed.

According to a DU press release, a cheque for Tk one lakh was handed over vesterday to DU Vice-chancellor Prof S M A Faiz to establish "Prof Nawabali Ahmed TRCS Memorial Trust Fund"

Dr Nasima Ferdus, professor of the Department of Physics of the DU and daughter of the late physician handed over the cheque. From the income of the trust

fund, a student securing the highest marks in surgery in the MBBS final examination from Dhaka Medical College will be awarded gold medal every year.





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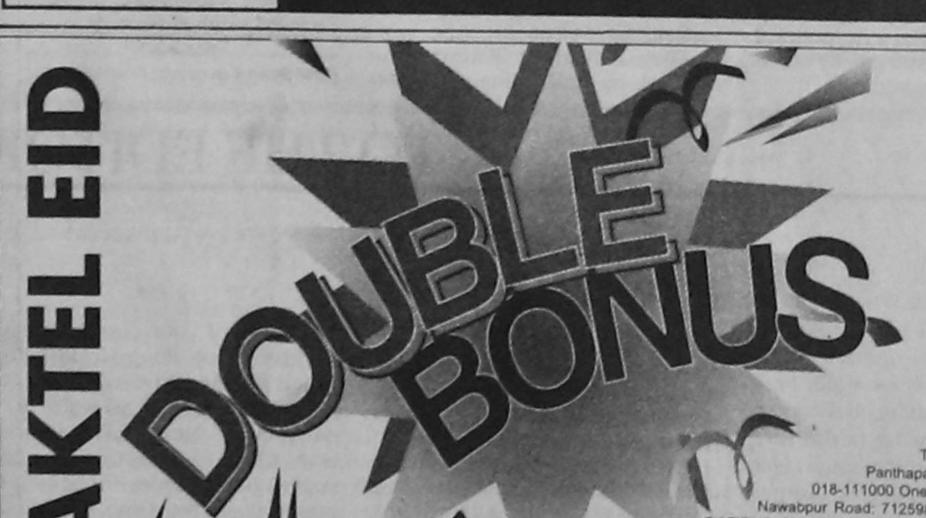
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