

Minister for integrated water management plan

Six-day global workshop begins in city

BSS, Dhaka
Water Resources Minister Engineer L K Siddiqi yesterday emphasised the need for an integrated water resources management plan to get adapted to additional uncertainty from climate change.
He said adapting to the current climate is one of the best ways to improve resilience to a changing climate.
The minister was addressing the opening session of a six-day global workshop on 'Water, Climate Change and Poverty: Role of Media' organised by World Water Forum of Journalists (WWFJ) in collaboration with the Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (FEJB).

held in Japan in March 2003.
Engineer L K Siddiqi said there is an urgent need to initiate a dialogue between the water managers and the scientists on the climate variability. The purpose of such a dialogue is to catalyse efforts to interlink climate change considerations with water resource management.
Faisal Ahmed Chowdhury said Bangladesh is a country of more than 200 rivers and tributaries criss-crossing the landmass. The availability of water in Bangladesh is not uniform throughout the year. We have excessive water during the monsoon and shortage of water in dry season.
"Demand for water by the burgeoning population of 130 million is gradually increasing. It's a daunting task to ensure safe water for all. Bangladesh has a National Water Policy which has made pro-

vision for access of safe water by all. We have many common rivers with the neighbouring countries. Keeping these issues in mind we felt a great need to develop a pragmatic Water Master Plan," he added.
Dutch Ambassador Sief Ijzermans urged the journalists to raise awareness about climate and water related crisis and said journalists can play a vital role in translating advance ideas to the stakeholders and help them to find ways to solve the problems.
WWFJ Secretary General and FEJB Chairman Quamrul Islam Chowdhury chaired the session while Syed Marghub Mursheed, Chairman, Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, Faisal Ahmed Chowdhury, Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Sabihuddin Ahmed, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Dutch Ambassador Sief Ijzermans, Henk Van Schaik of Dialogue on Water and Climate, Marcel Van Den Heuvel from the Netherlands, Sean K O'Neill of US Embassy, Ivan Lim Sin Chin from Singapore, Elizabeth Roxas from Philippines also spoke on the occasion.
The dialogue would seek to encourage regional and local partnerships intended to facilitate the sharing of information between the decision-makers, water managers, user groups, NGOs and community based organisations.



Police scuffled with Awami Mohila Jubo League activists when they tried to form a human chain in front of the High Court in the city yesterday protesting arrest of AL leaders.

Tk 1.8 cr Packard Foundation grant for Partners

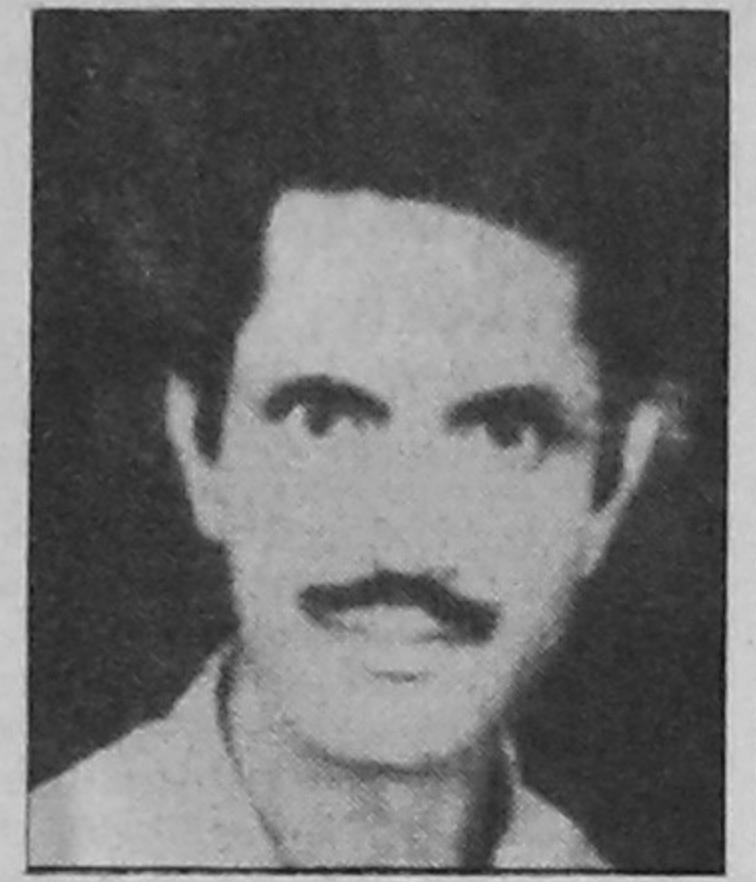
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Partners in Population and Development (Partners), a South-South initiative, has received a grant of 300,000 US dollars, equivalent to approximately Tk 1.8 crore, from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation to help strengthen its institutional capacity to undertake visibility activities, policy dialogue and constancy programmes.

An inter-governmental alliance of 19 developing countries, Partners was created for the purpose of improving and accelerating the transfer of knowledge, expertise and skills in the fields of population and development through South-South collaboration.
The alliance comprises the following developing countries: Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Egypt, the Gambia, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Uganda, Yemen and Zimbabwe. These countries represent 54 per cent of the world's population and represent the willingness and commitment through their regular inter-ministerial consultative programmes.
Developing countries in the world today are faced with enormous challenges of exposure to numerous diseases of poverty

such as tuberculosis, STD/HIV/AIDS and malaria. As individual countries, they lack adequate capacity to address the issues of access, equity and quality of healthcare and in particular, reproductive healthcare. Collectively, however, they have the potential to pool their human, technical, political, commodity and financial resources and exert sufficient effort to overcome these challenges.
The grant to the Partners in Population and Development will go a long way towards ensuring a robust institution to maximise the technical expertise existing within the secretariat and member countries for further improvements.
The grant that is awarded to Partners for a two-year period will enable the organisation to intensify resource mobilisation efforts from the member countries and the international community. It is expected that these efforts will result in a regular and sustained membership contribution, increased funds raised from constancy services, an increase in domestic resources going towards policy dialogue meetings and a corresponding response from the international community in financing south-south activities.

No labour unrest in country: Lutfor

BSS, Dhaka
State Minister for Labour and Employment Lutfor Rahman Khan yesterday said at tripartite consultative council comprising members of government and employers and workers associations is working to ensure good worker-management relation.
So, "There is no labour unrest in the country," Lutfor said while he was exchanging views with a visiting delegation of 'Council for International Cooperation, Denmark' at Bangladesh Secretariat in the city yesterday.
Members of the delegation were Sten Clurintensen, Mads Bugge Madsen and Jesper Christensen, Secretary of Ministry of Labour and Employment Md Helal Uddin Khan and Secretary General of Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) Nazrul Islam Khan were also present at the meeting.



The State Minister said the government is implementing several projects to build skilled manpower and provide training to the retrenched workers. Stressing the need for providing training to different trade union bodies and retrenched workers, he said, organisations like the BILS in association with different foreign agencies could play an effective role in this regard.
Lutfor said formulation of a new 'labour code' is under way to meet the need of present time.
The District Bar Association has expelled an assistant public prosecutor (APP) for marrying for the second time without his first wife's permission.
The APP's first wife, Mahmuda Begum in a written complaint to the association said her husband Fazley Rabbi Sohel drove her out of the house and got married again.
The association formed an inquiry committee to investigate the matter and following the committee report, the association expelled the APP on Wednesday.

DSCSC to celebrate silver jubilee

BSS, Dhaka
Delance Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) will celebrate the silver jubilee on the occasion of its foundation of 25 years in a befitting manner, says an ISPR press release.
An elaborate programme has been taken on December 29 and December 30 to celebrate the occasion.
All Mirpurians (Mirpur Graduates) and permanent staff who have served the college in any capacity, have been requested to attend the silver jubilee celebration and to grace the occasion.
Retired officers having recent change of address are requested to intimate the undersigned at the earliest.
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6th BBA, 34th MBA graduation ceremony today

Rafiqul Haider's anniversary of death today

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The 31st death anniversary of martyred intellectual Rafiqul Haider Chowdhury will be observed today.
On this day in 1971, the Razakars (local collaborators of Pakistan Army) picked him up from his Shahidbag residence and brutally killed him.
Shaheed Rafiqul Haider Chowdhury was a litterateur.
On the occasion of his death anniversary, a milad mahfil will be held today at Aminbagh Mosque in the city after Asr prayers.
Relatives, admirers, and friends have been requested to attend the milad mahfil to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Obituary

ABM Abdus Salam, former commercial manager of The Independent died of heart attack last Friday (December 6) at his village home at Tangail on the evening of Eid-ul-Fitr, says a press release. He was 53.
He left behind his wife, one son, one daughter and many friends and well-wishers to mourn his death.
Late Abdus Salam worked at The Dainik Bangla (now defunct) as advertisement manager and at The Daily Star as commercial manager.
His namaz-e-janaza was held at his village at Somadia, Karotia (Tangail). He was later buried at his family graveyard.

Khaja Hafizur Rahman

UNB, Dhaka
Chairman of Khaja Engineer's and Editor of the weekly 'Aparat', Khaja Hafizur Rahman died of cardiac arrest in the city yesterday at the age of 55.
He left behind his one son, two daughters, wife, friends and admirers to mourn his death. His body was sent to his village home at Philip Nagar in Kushtia after Namaj-e-Janaza at the Mali-bagh Jame Mosque after Asr prayers.

Qulkhwani

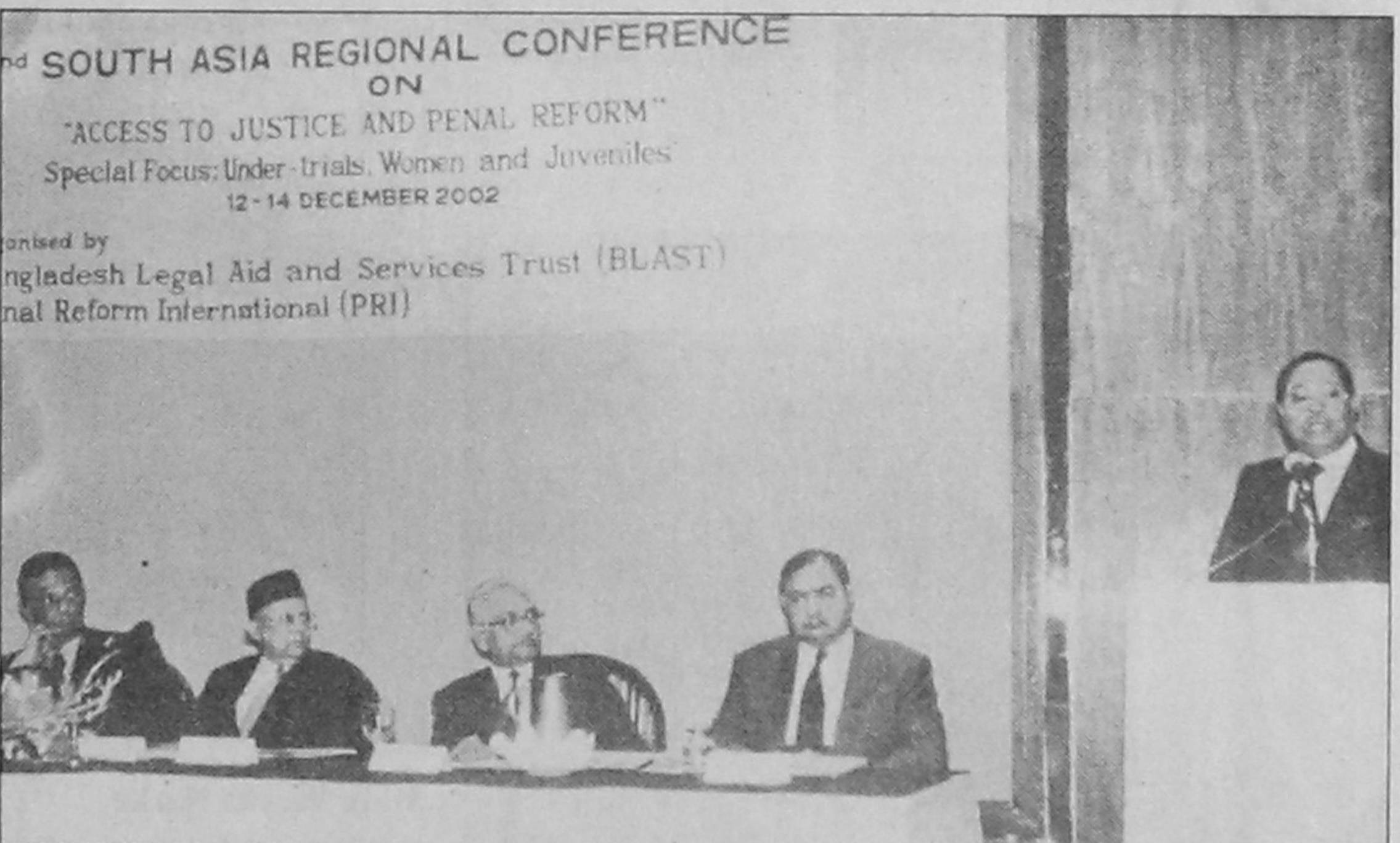
BSS, Dhaka
Qulkhwani of AKM Bazlur Rahim, first vice president of IFIC Bank, will be held today after Asr prayers at House No 379, Road No 6, Baitul Aman Housing, Adabar, in the city.
Rahim died in a road accident on December 9 at the age of 58. Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani.

1293 more held

UNB, Dhaka
Police, during the countrywide drive in last 24 hours till 6 am yesterday, arrested 1,293 people, including four identified criminals.
Police also recovered six firearms and 218 rounds of bullet and filed three cases under the arms act, said a press release.

For taking second wife

UNB, Jhalakati
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Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed speaks at the South Asia Regional Conference on 'Access to justice and Penal reform' in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust and Penal Reform International jointly organise the conference.

BBC to broadcast new series 'Bangladesh 1971'

A news series titled "Bangladesh 1971" will be broadcast by the BBC Bengali service from tomorrow, says a press release.
It will be first played in the morning and repeated in the late edition.
The 20 episode series will focus on the 1971 Bangladesh war from a wide perspective. The series includes versions and statements from Indian and Pakistani as well as Bangladeshi people.
The objective is to present the wide nature of the events and how it changed the history of the region as a whole and not just Bangladesh.
It will also hear about how the war was fought in various theatres -- military, diplomatic and political -- as well as geographical zones. International diplomacy was as significant as the mass trek of refugees to India. It was a complex war where global superpowers had a role to play as well.
It was also a time for humanity of unbelievable proportions as well as cruelty and suffering. Of leaders and heroes as well as ordinary people caught in an extraordinary war.
I will present voices like that of Dr Kamal Hussain, Gen Jagjeeet Singh Aurora, Journalist Ataus Samad, H T Imam, Air Vice Marshal AK Khandaker, politicians Abul Bashar, Haider Akbar Khan Rono, Zillur Rahman and many other eye witnesses and participants.
Apart from known faces and names, the series is constructed with inputs from Kolkata, Agartala and Delhi as well as Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad. BBC journalists from these places were involved in making this series possible. They were all put together in the Dhaka studio.
I think this series is important not just because it may be one of the most comprehensive radio broadcasts on Bangladesh 1971 but because it assembles so many voices of so many levels, kinds and histories. It is also raw materials for research because these 20 episodes of 10 minutes each have been edited from nearly 50 hours of recordings," said Asan Chowdhury who produced the series on behalf of the BBC.

Art exhibition by autistic child opens today

UNB, Dhaka
A weeklong solo art exhibition of a 12-year-old autistic child will be inaugurated at the Ariel Centre here in Dhamondi today.
The exhibition of Aadi Hoque will be the first of its kind in Bangladesh.
Aadi couldn't utter any word until the age of six but the paintings of ancient Egyptian Civilisation gradually attracted him.
His passion for the Egyptian Civilisation and relentless efforts of his group teacher of Oxfordshire Services for Autism in England helped him gradually to start speaking, reading, writing and painting.
Aadi, who spent six years in Oxford with his mother Dr Leedy Hoque and other family members, has already had two exhibitions in England.
Renowned artist Prof Samarjit Roy Chowdhury will be present at the inaugural programme as chief guest while Consultant of Dhaka Autism Centre Dr Raunak Hafiz as special guest, says a press release.



A conference of Dhaka City Unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal was held at Mahanagar Nityamancha in the city yesterday. BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan was the chief guest at the conference.

DHAKA TODAY

Film show
The High Commission of India will screen a Bengali film titled 'Sampradan' directed by Bappaditya Bandopadhyaya. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00pm.

Film show
As part of its three-day programme to celebrate the Victory Day, the Liberation War Museum will screen a film titled 'Shilpi' directed by Shamim Akhter. Venue: 5, Segun Bagicha. Time: 6:00pm.

Movie show
Alliance Francaise will screen a movie titled 'Ce soir ou jamais' directed by Michel Deville. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 6:00pm.

JUAB meeting
The annual general meeting and the election of the second Executive Committee of Japanese Universities Alumni Association in Bangladesh (JUAB) will be held. Venue: Hotel Purani International. Time: 3:00pm.

Youth conference
The inaugural ceremony of the National Youth Conference, organised by the Working for Better Life, will be held. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 2:00pm.

Roundtable
As part of its countrywide protest day programme, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal organises a roundtable. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10:00am.

Regional workshop
The inaugural function of the Commonwealth-CIRDAP regional workshop on 'Governance, Partnership and Poverty' will be held with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 9:00am.

National workshop
The World Conservation Union organises a national workshop on 'Water and Climate in Bangladesh'. Venue: IDB Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 9:30am.

IIFC workshop
The Infrastructure Investment Facilitation Centre (IIFC) organises a workshop on 'Review of Alternatives for Introduction of VOIP in Bangladesh'. Venue: BRAC Centre INN, Mohakhali. Time: 9:30am.

Closing ceremony
The closing ceremony of a three-day international conference on 'Access to Justice and Penal Reform in South Asia', organised by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) and Penal Reform International (PRI), will be held with Shriram Bandaranaike, Supreme Court Judge of Sri Lanka, in the chair. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 4:00pm.

IAMAAT discussion
On the occasion of the Martyred Intellectuals Day, Dhaka City Jamaat-e-Islami organises a discussion with Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid as chief guest.

WEATHER TODAY

Light to moderate fog likely

UNB, Dhaka
Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country today.
Light to moderate fog may occur over the river basins of the country during early morning. Met office said predicting nearly unchanged night temperature.
Country's highest temperature 29.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Hatiya and lowest 12.0 degree at Srirangal yesterday.
The sun sets in the capital at 5:13 pm today and rises at 6:32 am tomorrow.
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	27.0	15.2	62	62
Chittagong	28.0	15.5	67	62
Bajshahi	28.0	13.8	75	75
Khulna	28.5	17.0	89	79
Barisal	27.4	14.2	90	76
Sylhet	27.5	15.4	67	59
Cox's Bazar	28.4	16.2	74	82

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A well reputed group of 100% export oriented garments industries is looking for the following personnel for immediate appointment.

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A very attractive remuneration package (negotiable) will be offered for the deserving candidate. Interested candidates are requested to send their C.V. with contact telephone number (if any), one copy of recent passport size photograph and copy of all Educational & Experience certificates to the following address before 23rd December, 2002 C/O. The Daily Star, Box # A-5453, 19 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka- 1215.

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Corrigendum to Tender Notice

No. 67/2002 Dated 12-11-2002

The referred Tender Notice No. 67/2002 dated 12-12-2002 for supply of Soyabean Oil was published in The Daily Star on 16-11-2002 vide GD-969 and in The News Today on 15-12-2002 vide D-132/02 due to unavoidable circumstances the date of dropping and opening the tender has been amended to read on 21-12-2002 instead of 15-12-2002.
All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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