

# 'Dhallywood' deadlock ends

## STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The three-day deadlock at the Film Development Corporation (FDC) ended yesterday following the talks between the information minister and the agitating Bangladesh Film Federation (BFF) and Bangladesh Film Producers' and Distributors' Association (BFPDA).

The federation called off its indefinite work abstention and the association withdrew its action programme.

The federation had been pressing for action against vulgar films while the association, a rival group, demanding cancellation of the membership of director Chashi Nazrul Islam and actor Ahmed Sharif from the Censor Board.

Information Minister Tariqul Islam and Information Secretary Mazmul Alam Siddiqi sat with leaders of both the organisations at the FDC at about 2.00pm. FDC Managing Director Washimul Barri Rajib was also present.

At the meeting, the federation and association leaders vowed to fight the vulgar films and video piracy from their respective positions, sources said.

"From now on, all of us will monitor the films from our respective positions. If any film has vulgar scenes, we will report to the information ministry for legal action," said BFF Joint Convenor Chashi Nazrul Islam after the meeting.

The government would also enact laws against video piracy to save the film industry, he added.

BFPDA General Secretary Ashraf Uddin Ahmed Ujjal said, "We have reached a consensus

on restoring congenial atmosphere in the film industry."

The government has also assured them that it would take steps to modernise the FDC, he said.

The minister gave the responsibility to Monwar Hossain Dipal, member secretary of BFF, to settle the dispute between actress Sadeka Pervin Popy and a producer, BFF sources said.

The BFF had launched the movement after the BFPDA 'boycotted' Popy.

## Injured PDB staff dies

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

One of the four Power Development Board (PDB) staff, burnt critically in an accident on Friday morning, succumbed to his injuries at a clinic in Dhaka on Sunday night.

Body of lineman Abdul Monnaif, 50, was laid to rest at the station road graveyard in Chittagong following his namaj-e-janaza after Jumrah prayers yesterday.

His body was brought to Chittagong in the morning.

Monnaif, his brother and PDB driver Abdul Wahab, work assistant Md. Wajidullah and electrician Mohammad Idris sustained serious burn injuries while mending defects in a power transformer at the 33/11 KV stadium sub-station on Friday morning.

They were rushed to a city clinic. Senior Medical Officer of PDB Dr Sadru Haq said last night that the condition of Wahab was critical.



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Police escort Hafizur Rahman after a speedy trial tribunal yesterday sentenced him to death for killing his wife and two sons.

## Contraceptive requirements to double in 15 years

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Speakers at a discussion yesterday called for developing a strategy for contraceptive security as the contraceptive requirements would double in the next 15 years.

The contraceptive users in the country has increased to 53.8 per cent in 2000 from 7.7 per cent in 1975.

"It will indeed be a great challenge to supply contraceptives to the growing number of users," said State minister for Health and Family Welfare Mizanur Rahman Sinha.

The JSI/Deliver Bangladesh organised the discussion on 'Contraceptive Security in Bangladesh' at a city hotel.

The state minister called on the authorities, including the health ministry, the Social Marketing Company and NGOs, to play a crucial role in meeting the population's contraceptive needs.

## 50,000 to perform Hajj next year

### UNB, Dhaka

Some 50,000 Bangladeshi pilgrims will perform Hajj next year.

The Hajj will take place on January 31 subject to moon sighting.

Of them, 10,000 will go for the pilgrimage under government management while 40,000 under private management, said an official announcement here yesterday.

The government, through the Hajj office in Dhaka, will complete all formalities for accommodation at Makkah and Medina and procuring pass and visa for the pilgrims going under government arrangement. It will also take steps to carry them by Biman flights.

But those who will perform Hajj under private management will have to collect visa from the Saudi authorities and pilgrim pass from the Dhaka Hajj office through the Hajj agencies authorised only by the ministry of religious affairs.

"The Hajj agencies under a package programme will accomplish all formalities like housing and transport for the pilgrims and take steps to bring all the pilgrims back home," said the handout.

Under the government management, the pilgrims would be sent in two housing categories: 'A' and 'B'. The government has fixed at Tk 127,217, including airfare, for 'A' and Tk 110,732 for category 'B'.

The intending pilgrims under the government management will have to deposit their money with any branch of Sonali, Agrani, Janata, Rupali, Pubali, Islami, Krishi, Al Arafah, Oriental and City Bank or Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank by October 30.

But the pilgrims under the private management will have to deposit their money by November 15 with the banks approved by the concerned agencies.

## None arrested yet in UNB correspondent Amin abduction case

### UNB, Dhaka

The police are yet to arrest the criminals who had abducted UNB correspondent H M Amin.

Amin was abducted on Friday morning. The villagers rescued him from Chunkuta Bangalbari after three hours of his abduction.

He filed a case identifying the criminals but police could not arrest any of them.

Amin is also general secretary of the Dhaka Zila Sangbadik Union and member of the District Law and Order Committee.

He said the total fertility rate had not declined in the last eight years and it remained stagnant at 3.3 (per woman).

To achieve the replacement level of fertility, contraceptive prevalence rate has to be raised to at least 70 per cent, Sinha said.

"And for this, we must ensure contraceptive supply to a growing number of users that will increase to over 27 million in 2015."

Md. Nurul Hossain, chief of JSI/Deliver Bangladesh, presented the keynote paper.

He noted that all concerned should work together in achieving

contraceptive security.

He also emphasised the need for an accurate forecast of contraceptive requirements and coordination of financial resources.

Md. Fazlur Rahman, director general of Family Planning Department, called for mass awareness campaign to achieve contraceptive security.

SM Wahiduzzaman, joint secretary of the health ministry, suggested reinvigorating long-term methods, improving market segmentation and strengthening the national supply chain management to ensure contraceptive security.

Following are the roll numbers of the successful candidates:

11003	11037	11039	11067	11075	11080	11084
11102	11125	11133	11170	11175	11207	11218
11237	11240	11264	11287	11337	11343	11348
11397	11422	11448	11449	11499	11517	11578
11585	11627	12018	12047	12067	12070	12110
12127	12144	12158	12172	12226	12230	12239
12240	12249	12252	12289	12336	12339	12403
12404	12437	12543	12560	12613	13004	13016
13019	13022	13036	13066	13135	13151	13200
13213	13244	13250	13252	13267	13269	13316
13335	13393	13413	13418	13427	13432	13437
13468	13469	13478	13480	13484	13485	13604
13614	14013	14016	14071	14076	14121	14126
14136	14170	14176	14183	14211	14232	14238
14239	14254	14309	14316	14329	14335	14349
14355	14378	14393	14428	14444	14454	14487
14488	14506	14513	14514	14521	14532	14533
14540	14561	14574	14579	14580	14582	14586
14592	14597	14598	15019	15038	15052	15077
15097	15144	15158	15209	15256	15288	15292
15295	15375	15425	15456	15460	15538	15575
16028	16048	16104	16111	16126	16135	16150
16201	16249	16259	16260	16264	16266	16270
16307	16331	16378	16412	16451	16471	16547
16565	16581	17030	17061	17133	17350	18057
18073	19286	19398	20011	20030	20111	20200
20173	20200	20210	20239	20278	21028	22058
22143	22147	22175	22176	22179	22240	22244
22261	22263	22400	23110	23128	23189	23199
23272	23354	23372	24002	24013	24084	24086
24101	24111	24122	24145	24148	24176	24180
24197	24203	24204	24229	24250	24260	24283
24305	24366	24368	24400	25004	26042	26055
26077	26087	26106	26115	26131	26151	26161
26193	26228	26275	26344	26379	27064	27087
27104	27106	27117	27147	27151	27160	27161
27201	27218	28012	28015	29004	30055	30066
30090	30098	30112	30130	31073	31081	31083
31098	31109	31120	31166	32043	32049	33005
33006	33007	33013	33016	33019	33077	33185
33283	33296	33316	33329	34004	34023	34239
34265	34268	34282	34307	34319	34360	35103
35110	35140	35161	35167	35245	35348	



Barrister Shafique Ahmed, president of Dushta Swasthya Kendra (DSK), speaks at its annual general meeting held at the YWCA auditorium in the city recently.



Dr Ferdousi Begum, executive director of DEBTEC, has been awarded for her contribution to promotion of medicinal plants at a reception organised by the Mohanagar Sangskritik Forum recently.

## Khadija takes oath as MP

BSS, Dhaka

Mosmatmat Khadija Amin took oath as a member of parliament at a simple ceremony at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban here yesterday.

Speaker Muhammad Jamir Uddin Sircar administered the oath to the newly-elected MP from Netrakona-3 at his chamber.

The Netrakona-3 seat of the Jatiya Sangsad fell vacant following the death of Nurul Amin Talukder on June 4 last. Khadija, wife of late Nurul Amin, won the election with the four-party alliance ticket.

Secretary, Parliament Secretariat Kazi Raquibuddin Ahmed conducted the oath-taking ceremony.

Deputy Speaker Akther Hamid Siddiqui, Chief Whip Khondoker Md. Wajid Hossain, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs Salauddin Qader Chowdhury, Whips Mohammad Ashraf Hossain, Alhaj Sy