German donor agrees to fund HIV programme

NURUL ALAM, Chittagong

A German donor agency is ready to provide 20 million US dollars to Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) for HIV programmes in the port city, official sources said.

"The funds are in the pipeline as the German donor agency, GTZ, took interest in the project and the process is underway to launch the HIV programmes," said Selim Akter Chowdhury, a health official

"We have also planned to set up an Aids monitoring centre in Chittagong port area for screening the foreign sailors arriving here. Besides, other programmes will be launched with that funds as part of preventive measures," he said. The work will start as soon as we receive the funds.

"We are in contact with the officials of the donor agency, which agreed to provide the funds after fruitful talks with the CCC authorities three months ago," the health

According to experts, Chittagong is vulnerable to crossborder invasion of the epidemic as it borders Myanmar and India, the two regional countries with high prevalence of HIV/Aids.

College and Hospital.

ing abroad, he added.

Graphics

exhibition

will be put on display.

begins today

An exhibition titled 'Signes' based on graphics begins at the Alliance Francaise auditorium today, says a

The works of eight young artists

The exhibition provides signifi-

cant testimony to the advances of

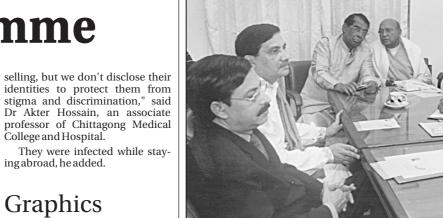
graphic design in various fields. It

Around 1,500 vessels call at the Chittagong port a year and the crew members move freely in the city without any health check-up, a reason for concern over the spread of the deadly disease, port sources

Although the CCC planned to set up an Aids monitoring cell about three years ago, it could not be implemented due to lack of funds, they added.

So far, a number of HIV positives were detected in Chittagong and two of them died, according to medical sources.

"About ten people carrying HIV are receiving treatment and coun-



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina speaks at the party's presidium

meeting at the party's Dhanmondi office yesterday.

AL accuses govt of imposing 'undeclared censorship' on newspapers

UNB, Dhaka

Leader of the opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday accused the BNP-Jamaat alliance government of imposing 'unde-clared censorship' on newspapers.

She said that after the killing of iournalist Manik Saha in Khulna. death threats were issued to seven more newsmen of the southwest-

"Creating panic and imposing undeclared censorship, the government wants to stifle the newspapers so that its misdeeds remain unreported," Hasina said. The Awami League president

was speaking at the party's Dhanmondi office when teachers under the banner of Gonotantrik Shikkhak Forum from Bangladesh Agricultural University came to

She said her 15-point demand

came in the wake of 'intolerable situation', but none of the ministers are yet to speak about these

"These are the demands of people. These are the demands of the present time. But none of the ministers are talking about them, rather they are trying to increasing seats in parliament to divert public attention," she said. Hasina said many mills and

factories have been closed to cut

expenditures, but on the other hand, the government was plan-

ning to increase seats in parlia-ment, which involves increased public expenditures. Referring to reserved seats for women, she said women must be

elected through direct votes. Referring to the killing of a DB police officer in the capital, she said even the law enforcers are not

The AL president sought the

Youth arrested after gunfight with police

Three wounded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An alleged criminal was arrested after a gunfight with police at South Badda in the early hours of yester-

Tipped off, a police team went to Akhi Villa at South Badda to nab Maidul Islam alias Biplab, 30, at

The youth and two policemen were wounded in the gunfight that erupted after he opened fired at

Biplab received two bullets in his knees. The wounded policemen are Sub-inspector Saiful Alam and constable Ratan Chandra. The youth, however, claimed that he is a cultural activist and he

ing a cultural programme when police shot and caught him. Police said that a pistol and a

was returning home after attend-

restaurant at Sattala slum and demanded toll from its manager after having their breakfast at around 8:30am.

revolver with seven rounds of

Police rushed him to Dhaka

Meanwhile, police arrested two

Police said Khaliur Rahman, 28,

and his brother-in-law

Mohammad Khalil, 26, went to a

Medical College Hospital. Later, he was shifted to orthopedic hospital.

extortionists after a mob beat up them at Mahakhali Sattala slum

bullets was seized from his posses-

As the manager raised an alarm,

locals and restaurant workers caught the two and beat them.

Later, Gulshan police rescued them and sent them to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Police also recovered a pistol with four

4 fake examinees held at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

teachers' cooperation in realising

the demands announced at a grand

Prof. Noor M Talukder, Dr M Shahjalal, A Sattar Mandal, Syed

Obaidul Kader, Abdul Mannan AFM Bahauddin Nasim, Nurul Islam Nahid and BM Mozammel

rally on January 15.

Hug were present

Four fake examinees including one university student were arrested while they were appearing at the Ga unit admission test of Dhaka University yesterday.

They were identified as Khalequzzaman, Mamunur Rashid, Shahadat and Sakhawat Sakhawat Hossain, Dr MA Awal and handed over to Ramna police and Dr M Manjurul Alam also who arrested them for interroga-

> Dean of Business Studies Faculty Prof Sirajul Islam caught them from the examination hall.

He noticed that some examinees had submitted more than one mark sheet and certificate of their SSC and HSC examinations using the photographs of others.

Khaleguzzaman submitted six sets of mark sheet and certificates, Mamunur Rashid two sets, Shahadat three sets and Sakhawat two sets with their application

While examining the mark sheets, certificates and photographs of the examinees of Ga unit, Prof Islam found that a total of 161 faked students had submitted the

