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Leaders of the 21 women's organisations called on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina at her Sudha Sadan residence yesterday.

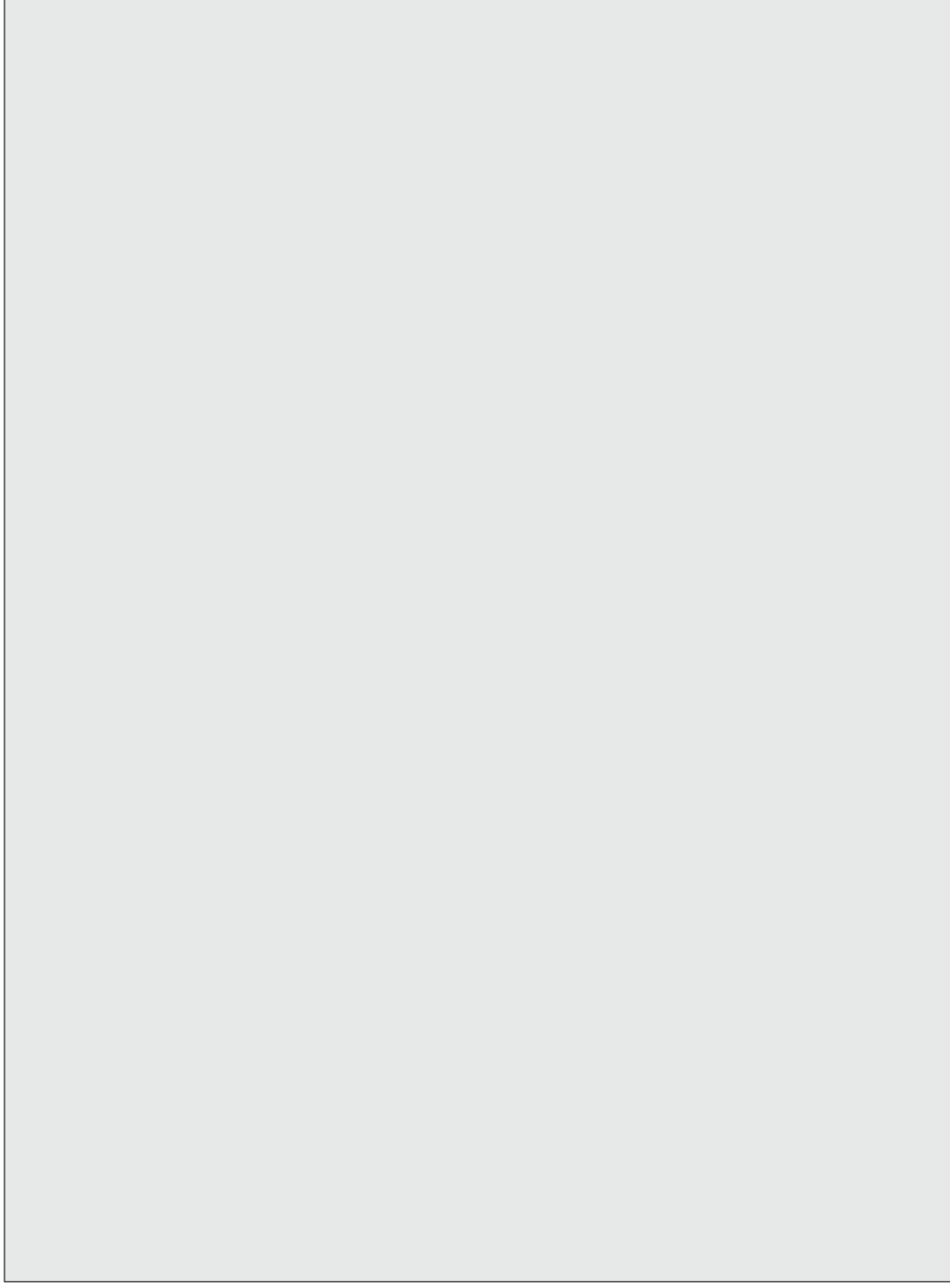
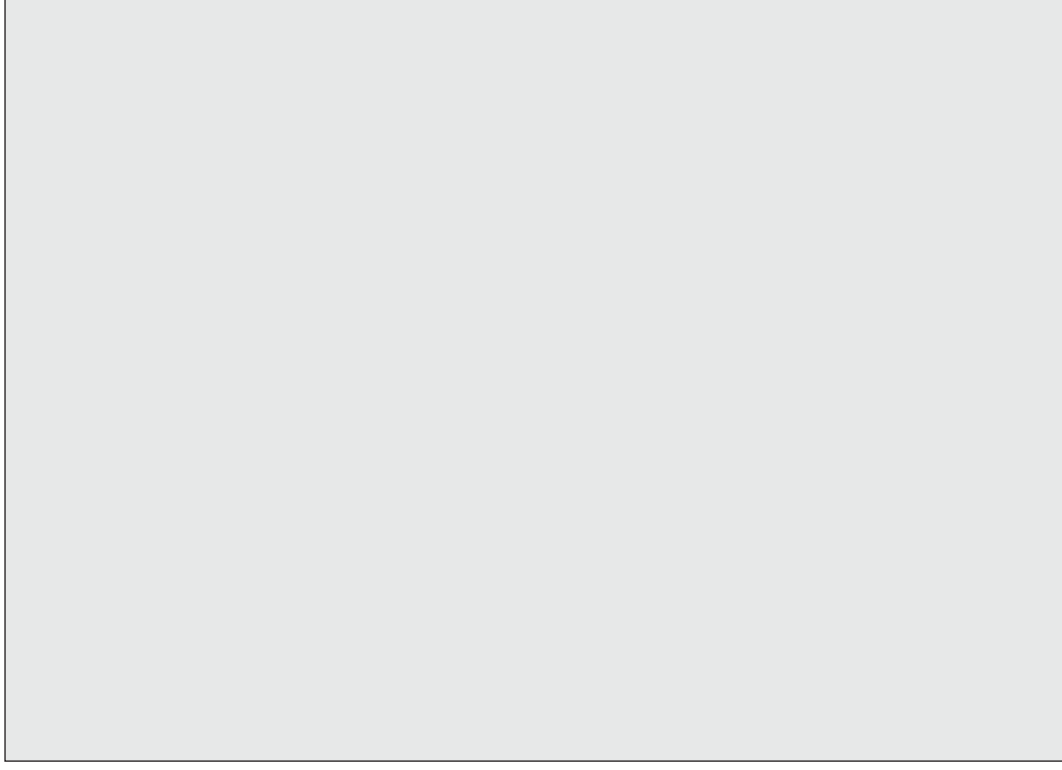
Pro-govt criminals plan to kill top leaders: AL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League (AL) yesterday alleged that a plan has been made by the pro-government criminals to kill top leaders of the main opposition.

press conference at the party central office in the city. Referring to the recovery of four powerful bombs from a building adjacent to the venue of AL's rally in Khulna which was addressed by its general secretary, Obaidul Kader said the bombs were planted in bid to foil the rally and to kill the leaders.

houses and shops of AL men in Natore creating a reign of terror there. The attackers looted everything and set the houses and shops afire spraying gunpowder, Kader added. AL leaders Mukul Bose, Abdul Mannan, Abdur Rahman, Dr Mustafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Nazma Rahman and Dr Abdur Razzak were present at the press conference.



UNDP launches website

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The local office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) yesterday launched a web-site that will act as a contact guide for the foreign development partners working in Bangladesh as well as researchers and journalists.

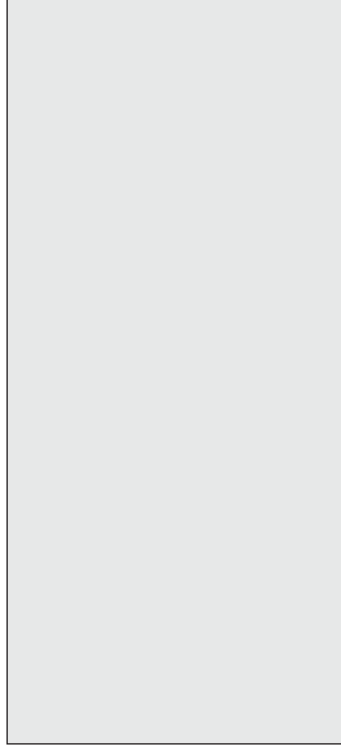
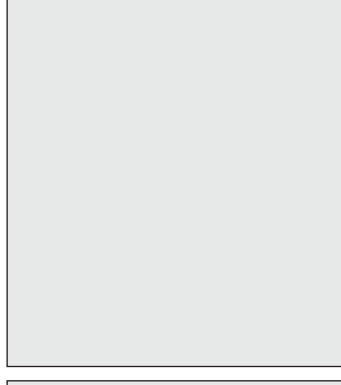
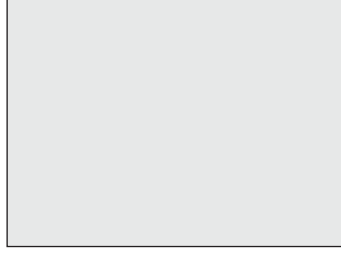
The web site -- www.lgbangladesh.org -- contains contact addresses and information about donor agencies, local consultant groups, government portals and NGOs. Besides, credible reports on contemporary issues and information about different events will also be posted on the site.

"We have developed the web site to make relevant information available for the development partners. The web site will also be very useful for newsmen," said Jorgen Lissner, resident representative of UNDP, at a press briefing in the city.

The UNDP has developed the web site for the LCG Bangladesh, a local consultant group that act as a mechanism for aid coordination between the government and the donors at the country level.

Shawn Murphy, information manager of the web site, said they would update the site regularly.

He also sought recommendations from the users to develop the site and make it user-friendly.



'Train security men to improve service'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Metropolitan Security Service Owners Association (MSSOA) held a meeting yesterday to discuss how to improve security services in the city.

Presided over by Lt Col Zillur Rahman, managing director of the Jamuna Security Service Ltd, the meeting stressed the need for training of the security men to upgrade their skill, said a press release.

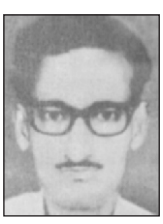
Obituary

Abu Faruk Chowdhury, former deputy general manager of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, died on February 10, says a press release.

He was also the general manager of Mohammadi Petrotrade Pvt. Ltd. and a former reporter of The Bangladesh Observer.

He is survived by his wife, one son, two daughters and a grandchild.

Krishna Kamal



Krishna Kamal Chakrabarty, a retired officer of BIWTC, died of cancer at his Narayanganj residence on February 5 at the age of 80, says a press release.

He actively took part in the anti-British movement.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, three daughters, and nine grandchildren.

His Shradha will be held on February 15.

Hasina Matin



Hasina Matin, wife of late MA Matin, former additional director general of Bangladesh Railway, died at Birdem Hospital on February 9 at the age of 55, says a press release.

She is survived by two daughters and one son. Eminent chest specialist Prof. AKM Shamsul Huq is her elder brother.

She was buried at Banani graveyard.

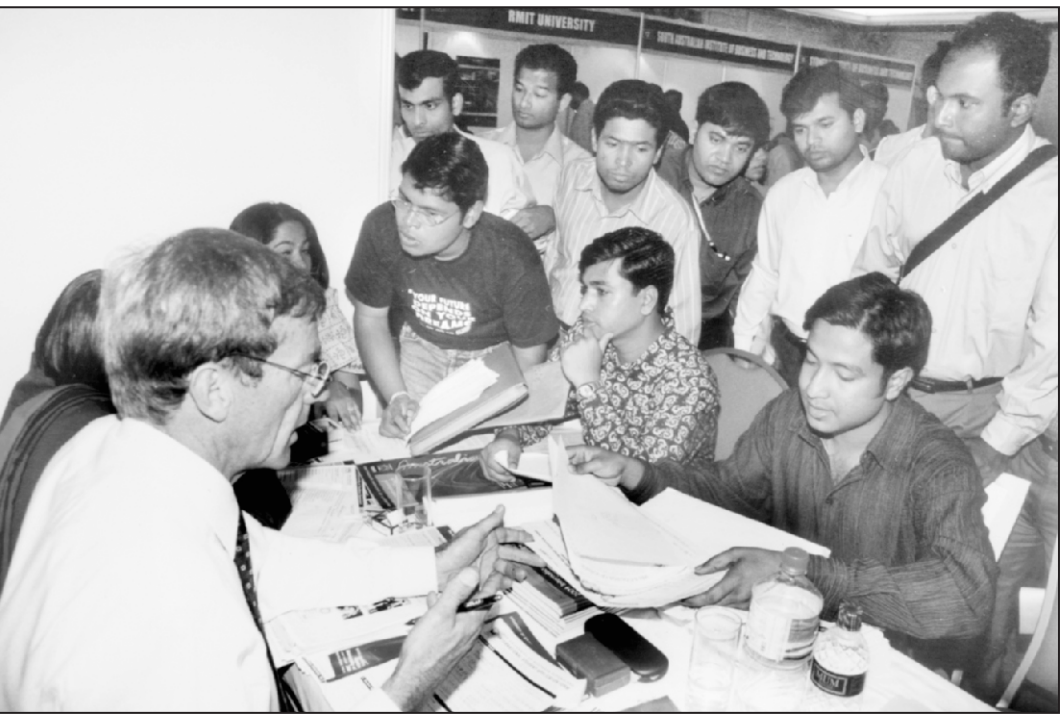


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Visitors at the Australian Education Exhibition at the Hotel Sheraton yesterday.

Mehendiganj connected with national grid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mehendiganj upazila of Barisal district has been connected with the national grid by laying a six-kilometre sub-marine cable and installing about 20 kilometre KV line.

Besides, a 33/11 KV sub-station and about 45 kilometre cable line have been installed to provide elec-

tricity to different parts of the upazila. Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB) has implemented the project at cost of about Tk 12 core financed jointly by the World Bank and the government.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the electrification of the upazila at Mehendiganj today.

Mehendiganj, which is under Barisal Palli Biddut Samity-1, had no connection with the national grid due to Dharmaganj river.

Previously, electricity was supplied to Mehendiganj for three hours daily through a local generator.

Since its inception in 1980, the BREB has so far provided electricity to about 40 thousand villages.

Australian edn exhibition begins

A two-day Australian Education Exhibition began at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday, says a press release.

Australian High Commissioner Lorraine Barker inaugurated the exhibition jointly organised by the Australian High Commission, the Australian Trade Commission and IDP Education Australia.

Twenty-one major Australian universities and vocational institutions are taking part in the Exhibition.

The high commissioner said, "Australian universities enjoy an international reputation for excellence in teaching and research, with international linkages, including the operation of high quality institutions in Bangladesh."

The exhibition will remain open from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Two criminals arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two criminals were arrested in the city in last two days.

One of them was a member of an inter-district gang of robbers and the other was an accused in 10 cases including seven for murder.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Kotwali police raided Zindabazar Lane yesterday and arrested Rafiq, an accused in 30 criminal cases.

Following his confession, police recovered a revolver from a house at Shyambazar in Sutrapur.

Earlier, members of the Rapid Action Team (RAT) caught Alamgir Mallik alias Humayun Kabir red handed from Fuller Road when he was snatching money from a passerby on Tuesday night.

