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Law Minister Moudud Ahmed speaks at the inaugural session of the ninth annual conference of Lions Clubs of International District 315A-2 in the city yesterday.

BSF returns three Bangladeshi boys

BSS, Lalmonirhat

Three Bangladeshi boys, who were abducted by Indian Border Security Force (BSF), returned home on Thursday night following a flag meeting between the BDR and the BSF at the Patgram border.

BDR sources said the BSF troops of Bagdohra Camp intruded into bordering Rahmanpur village under Patgram at about 5:00pm and abducted the boys -- Babu

Hossain, 9, Shaheen Alam, 12, and Motaleb Hossain, 14, while they were playing near the zero line.

BDR Patgram Company Commander lodged a strong protest with the BSF and demanded immediate release of the boys.

As a follow-up of the complaint, a company commander-level flag meeting between the BDR and the BSF was held on the zero line on Thursday night and the BSF handed over the boys to the BDR officials, sources said.

Donors urged to increase development assistance

UNB, Dhaka

Water Resources Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmed has urged the donor community to increase their contribution to the core resources of UN agencies so that they might engage in development activities on a greater scale at the country level.

He was addressing the Ministerial Meeting of the 12th Session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development in New York on Thursday.

The minister said collaboration should take place in the areas identified by the national governments.

He said the UN agencies need to get more involved in the implementation of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation for sustainable development.

He urged the donor community to fulfil their commitments regarding overseas development assistance.

Death anniversary

Today is the 19th death anniversary of Seraj Uddin Ahmed, founder chairman of Elite Paint Group of Industries, says a press release.

He was a former president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

A milad mahfil will be held at his house at noon in Gulshan. Friends, relatives and well-wishers have been requested to attend the milad.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Alhaj AZM Anwarul Hafiz, son of late Mohammad Ibrahim, former assistant registrar of Labour Directorate, will be held today, says a press release.

Hafiz died of a brain stroke at a hospital in the United States.

A milad mahfil will be held at his house at Ibrahimpur in Dhaka after Asr prayers. Qurankhwani and distribution of food among the destitute have also been arranged.

Obituary

Advocate Abdur Rashid, a member of the Supreme Court Bar Association and Dhaka District Bar Association, died on Thursday at the age of 68, says a press release.

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

His qukhwani will be held at the mosque in front of Monipur High School, Mirpur, after asr prayers on Sunday.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the qukhwani.

Rashiduzzaman Tarafdar

UNB, Dhaka

Rashiduzzaman Tarafdar, retired mechanical engineer of Latif Bawani Jute Mills, died of a cardiac arrest in the city yesterday at the age of 73.

He is survived by his wife former MP Anwara Jahan, one daughter and one son.

He was buried at Martyred Intellectuals' graveyard.

His qukhwani will be held at his son's house at Dhanmondi after Asr prayers on Monday.

