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Rokia Afzal Rahman, former advisor to caretaker government, speaks at the inaugural ceremony of Arunima, a women's hostel, at Shyamoli in the city yesterday.

New women's hostel opens

Boarders will be provided training in market-oriented skills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Proshanti Foundation, a nongovernmental organisation, has tary of the foundation. opened a women's hostel-cumemployment generating project for help women overcome their probwidows, divorcees and unmarried lems in the society and play a role in women of over 30 years in Dhaka. development activities

Rokia Afzal Rahman, former advisor to the caretaker government and also an advisor to the foundation, formally inaugurated the hostel, Arunima, at Shyamoli yesterday. She appreciated the initiative of

living costs. the foundation and called for launching such projects for women member of the foundation, said they across the country. also have a plan to set up a hostel Apart from accommodation and for old women in future.

food, the 25-bed hostel offers various facilities to the boarders such as medical, group insurance, library, television, computer, games, gardening, gymnasium and travelling facilities

In addition, the boarders will be provided training in market-oriented December.

Academy film show Rotary Dhaka

Diarrhoea claims 11 in Jessore STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Eleven people have so far died of diarrohea at five upazilas in Jessore

PHOTO: STAR

alleged

district Upazila Health Officer Paritosh Kumar Kundu said diarrohea broke skills so they can establish themout in an alarming form at Masna, selves as successful entrepreneurs, Bahadurpur, Madhupur and said Selina Akther, general secre-Bharatpur villages towards the end of last month.

She hoped that the project will The disease has now broken out n an epidemic form at Monirampur upazila, he added.

Total number of diarrhoeal She also said the foundation has patients, admitted to upazila health a plan to raise the number of beds in complex till noon yesterday, stood at the hostel to 150. The monthly rent 305. Those who have died so far are ranges between Tk 3000 and Tk Ridoy, 4, Firoza, 35, Ayub, 40, and 5000, which includes both food and

Mohammad Ali of Bharatpur, Ershad Gul Nahar Zaman, executive Ali, 35, and Shamonti, 30, of Madhupur, Rabiul, 20, Sonia, 10, and Rikta,10, of Masul, Sattar,50, and Ayesha,58, of Bahadurpur villages.

Dr Paritosh attributed the swelter-Monowara Islam, chairperson, ing heat and the use of unhygienic Roushanara Rahman, advisor, and latrines to the outbreak of the dis-Gul Nahar Zaman, executive memease. ber of the foundation, also spoke at

"We are failing to provide necessary medicare facilities to the patients due to acute scarcity of IV saline and other essential medicines." he added.

Environmentalists protest move to set up CNG stations on water bodies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environmentalists yesterday protested the government move to set up CNG refuelling stations by occupying water bodies in Dhaka and evelling Batali Hill in Chittagong.

The communications ministry has approved six CNG (compressed natural gas) refuelling stations and approval of seven others are pending all of which will be sited on Batali Hill, said a press release of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan (Bapa) yesterday.

the city if the rest are filled up," the The ministry has approved the speakers observed. They warned that reducing plan without obtaining clearance surface water sources by occupying from the Department of

bodies in Teigaon.

groups, destroying landscape of Chittagong, speakers said at a

Batali Hill is shown as a 'special

The speakers alleged the gov-

"Most of the water bodies in

open area' in the master plan of

ernment has taken measures to

build CNG stations in the water

Dhaka have already been occupied.

It will create serious water logging in

ened him to kill if he could not pay the

when they were asked by the adminis-

notice on them to vacate the land shown

as site for government and private

housing in the master plan of the town.

tration began to demolish the colony on

As they did not leave, the adminis-

The administration then served

citizens' rally in the city yesterday.

Chittagong city, they said.

water bodies that will create drinking Environment and approval of railwater crisis in Dhaka way authorities, the press release The Bapa urged the government

The implementation of the plan to cancel all programmes that may will only facilitate some interest cause damage to the environment.

Extortionists kill timber trader at Rajbari

7.000.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A timber trader was gunned down by extortionists at Rajbari on nursday night as he failed to pay the toll as demanded by them.

The victim was identified as Nishikanta, 29, son of Anil Kanta of Gheekamal village under Baliakandi upazila.

extortionists, allegedly belonging to

Colony demolished in Noakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Noakhali district administration yesterday demolished a colony near the circuit house and the residence of the deputy commissioner in the town.

Earlier, the colony styled as 'Freedom fighters and journalists colony' was demolished partially on May 10, 2003. Sources said vested quarters

illegally encroached some five acres of land in the name of freedom fighters and

journalists and built houses during the previous government. The residents of the colony, how-

The residents then filed a case with the High Court and started living there adain

As the High Court rejected the case on May 17, the administration demolished the rest of the structures vesterever, could not show any documents dav

May 10.

tration in 2003.



The One and Only Star Search The extortionists were not satis-2004, a competitive musical events. fied over the amount. They threat-

yesterday

began at Sheraton Hotel with live performance by previous years' award winning vocalists Nigar Sultana Shumi and Komol and band groups

Sponsored by the British American Tobacco (BAT), the event marks a special focus on bringing talented young stars to limelight.

"We are looking for new stars and like everyone else the media also has a role to play to promote the stars," said Mahmudur Rahman, head of BAT, Bangladesh at the inaugural ceremony.

An artiste performs at the inaugural ceremony of One and Only Star Search 2004 competition at Sheraton Hote

Star Search contest launched

ONE & ONLY

ar Search

in Pirojpur fire UNB, Pirojpur The first Star Search was held in A 12-year-old girl was burnt alive 1999. It opened a magical pathway for the musical group 'Vikings'. Star

and two other girls sustained burns in a fire sparked off by a gas cylinder blast at a house near Jame Mosque in Nazirpur Upazila headquarters on Thursday night.

Girl burnt alive

The dead was identified as Dolon. They introduced best band, best a student of class five and daughter solo performer and eight other of Awal Akhand Since its official launch, Benson

The gas cylinder exploded when her mother was lighting the gas burner at about 10.00pm. Seeing the house in flames, the

Benson & Hedges have invited girl went under a cot but the fire musicians to apply for the competiengulfed her. Her mother was unhurt tion. Application forms will be availas she ran out of the house immediable in selected outlets after May ately. Her two other relatives Munni

Search 2000 was even better. After

the first success, they realised that it

was unfair to select only one star.

& Hedges has been committed to

categories in Star Search 2000.

the cause of music

tion

and Mala sustained burn injuries. A web site (www.starsearch-Television set, fridge and other bd.com) has also been launched to valuables worth about Tk one lakh provide information on the competiwere also damaged.



Four women have already been staving in the hostel since last Over 1.600 held, 14 DHÂKA firearms

recovered UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,669 people on various charges during their ongoing countrywide drive in the last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday. They also recovered 14 firearms,

weapons and

Nazera Begum, wife of engineer ARM Inamul Haq, died of a cardiac

arrest at his home yesterday at the

ters, two sons and a number of

at a Dhanmondi mosque at Road #7

She is survived by three daugh-

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held

age of 77, says a press release.

grandchildren

after Zohr prayers today.

Rajbari police said a gang of 10 extortionists stormed into the house of Victim's family sources said the Nishikanta at about 11:00pm and shot him at point blank. He died on the spot.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT outlawed operatives demanded Tk

Benson & Hedges kicked off a five-50,000 from Nishikanta several days month programme vesterday to find out talented voung musicians. ago, but he managed to pay Tk

Concluding function

Time: 6.30pm.

The concluding function of Third National Debate Festival, organised by Dhaka University Debating Society, will be held with Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar as chief guest. Venue: Teachers Students Centre. Time: 5.00am.

Academy Film Society will screen a

British film titled 'Octopus' (1983).

Venue: Society auditorium, Jigatola.

Workshop

Women for Women organises a workshop on 'Domestic violence against women of Bangladesh in and outside the country.' Venue: WVA auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 9.30am.

Internet workshop

The opening ceremony of a workshop on 'Nationwide Internet Access and Online Applications' will be held with Posts and Telecommunications Minister M Aminul Haque as chief guest. Venue: LGED Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 4.00pm.

Moitree discussion

Bangladesh Jubo Moitree organises a discussion on 'Ensuing budget and expectations of the youth community.' Venue: Shaheed Asad Auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 4.30pm

BAPA seminar

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (BPA) organises a seminar on 'Bio-diversity: Food, water and health for all.' Venue: 9/12, Block-D, Lalmatia. Time: 3.00pm.

Prize giving

ceremony

Manikganj Shishu Forum, in association with Desh Sangskritik Parishad, organises a prize giving ceremony and cultural function. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy Auditorium. Time: 5.00pm.



Dhaka Club, Time: 1.30pm.

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of

Dhaka Central will be held. Venue:

Central

the inaugural function.

Ten cases were filed against 31 people under the Arms Act, said a police headquarters press release Obituary

German film show

In the weeklong session of German HEIMAT-film of 1950's, Zahir Raihan Film Society, in collaboration with Goethe Institut, will screen two films titled 'Black Forest Girl (1950) by Hans Deppe, and 'Roses Bloom on the Grave in the Meadow' (1952) by Hans H. Konig. Venue: Goethe Institut,

Academy film show

Conference

The Japan Study Centre of Dhaka

Morshed Khan as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton, Time: 10.00am.

Bangladesh-UK Friendship Bridge project: Lessons learned. Venue: Seminar room of Sarak Bhaban, Ramna. Time: 9.30am.

Discussion

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will hold a discussion titled 'Bangabandhu, the

Academy Film Society will screen an

Time: 6.30pm

University in co-operation with Japan Embassy organises a conference on 'Thirty years of Japan-Bangladesh relations: Performance, impact and direction' with Foreign Minister M

Seminar

A seminar on 'Social action plan in

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna and Barisal divisions in the next 12 hours till 6.00pm today.

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country, Met Office said

Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Chuadanga and the lowest of 20 degrees at Comilla.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:38pm today and rises at 5:13am tomorrow

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in	
	in Celsius		percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.5	21.2	73	62
Chittagong	31.0	25.5	80	67
Rajshahi	33.0	22.8	72	66
Khulna	32.8	26.2	72	80
Barisal	30.4	23.0	98	79
Sylhet	26.7	22.2	95	86



The Association of Regulatory Affairs of Bangladesh took out a procession in the city yesterday to raise awareness about Aids.



PHOTO: STAF

Children take part in a drawing competition on the Fine Arts Institute premises in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Cancer Society organised the event to mark the World Tobacco-free Day.

Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

American film titled 'Secretary' (2002). Venue: Society auditorium, Jigatola.



Prof. Md Asgar Ali Today is the first death anniver-

Jamalpur Samity, Sarishabari Samity, Pallima Sangsad and Khilgaon Samajik Sangstha have organised a memorial meeting and doa mahfil on Pallima Sangsad premises after Maghrib prayers today.

Principal Azmatullah

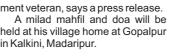
Today is the fifth death anniversary of Principal Azmatullah, a writer, social worker and religious personality, says a press release. He was also a syndicate member

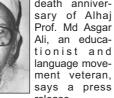
of Chittagong University.

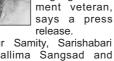
wishers have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed

Her gulkhwani will be held at her home at House # 50, Road # 2/A, Dhanmondi after Asr prayers on Monday. Death anniversary









Students, relatives and well-

