

Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad took out a procession in the city yesterday demanding reopening of closed mills

Arrest of

Balu's killers

demanded

Humayun Kabir Balu

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Different socio-political organisa-

tions yesterday condemned the killing of Dainik Janmabhumi Editor

and Khulna Press Club President

Gono Forum President Dr. Kamal

Hossain expressed his deep concern

at the killing of journalist Balu and

demanded exemplary punishment

Dr. Kamal said that the killing of

Balu proved that the law and order

situation is yet to be improved as the criminals get political shelter.

Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association President Barrister

Rokanuddin Mahmud and Secretary

Bashir Ahmed also condemned the killing of Bulu and demanded imme-

Dhaka University Teachers Association (Duta) President Dr

AAMS Arefin Siddique and General

Secretary Akhteruzzaman

demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the killers

Teachers of Mass Communication and Journalism Department of Dhaka University, Coalition of Local NGO's

Bangladesh, Sommilita Nagorik Samaj, Bangladesh Manobadhikar

Sangbadik Forum, South Asian

People's Union against Fundamentalism and

Communalism, Bangladesh Rural Journalists' Forum, Jatiyatabadi Peshajibee Parishad and Jatiya Chatra Dhara also condemned the

Media Awards

Media Awards will be presented at

a three-day conference beginning in the capital on July 27, says a press

Awards will be given in three categories: reports on media in daily or weekly, original book on media, and research book on media published in 2002

Those interested are requested to send five copies of their write-ups to media conference office at the Centre

for Develeopment Communication, 66 Outer Circular Road, Maghbazar,

Dhaka, (Telephone: 933 4656) by June

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# Bangladesh a model for developing states

## Speakers tell dialogue

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Speakers at a dialogue yesterday said Bangladesh's accomplishments in transforming its devastated agricultural sector into one of the most productive farm economies in South Asia is a major suc-

They said Bangladesh now stands as a model for many developing countries for its economic development in such a short time.

The speakers pointed out that tion and mismanagement, the survival tactics of the commoners is exceptionally challenging.

They attributed the failures of the successive governments to misuse of power, corruption and

### Standard Chartered marks Aids Day

The Standard Chartered Bank has marked its own Aids Day in 56 countries across the globe on June 24, says a press release.

The bank employees shared information and relevant facts on HIV to shatter myths and help break down the social stigma of Aids.

The Standard Chartered Aids Day is part of the bank's committo ongoing dialogue on HIV/Aids in the workplace.

Last year, the bank launched a Living with HIV campaign, an programme aimed at informing employees about the facts of HIV/Aids, how it spreads, how it can be prevented and how to care for the coefficient with HIV/Aids. those afflicted with HIV/Aids.

The dialogue on 'Bangladesh: Dysfunctional state versus real perspective' was organised by the Centre for National and Regional Studies (CNRS) at the IDB Bhavan

The speakers said there is no such particular issue for which Bangladesh could be described as a dysfunctional state

In fact, they said, the failures are not of the state but of the institutional mechanism that works to execute power by the politicians.

Referring to the positive changes that took place in last 30 years in Bangladesh, Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive director of Power and Participation Research Centre, said, "If we consider failures, it is primarily the failures of the elite society.

He said, " We generally tend to give no attention to the rural elite who make up more than two-thirds of the population. They make up a crucial part of the economy."

"We have established a strong economic pillar and it is the effort of millions of individuals who are the driving forces behind bringing about the changes," he added.

Moazzem Hossain, editor of the Financial Express, said, "Despite natural disasters like flood and cyclone we have been able to make substantial progress in economic

Barrister Mainul Husein, Golam Quader MP, Di Mahbubullah, Motiur Rahman Chowdhury, Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul and Dr Aftab Ahmed also

Enayetullah Khan, editor of the New Age moderated the dialogue while journalist Afsan Chowdhury presented a keynote paper.

# Credible election a must for **HR protection: Dr Kamal**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Credible parliamentary election is a prerequisite for protection of human rights, said eminent lawyer Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday.

"No peace or prosperity can exist in the society unless human rights are recognised and respected," he said at the inaugural ceremony of a training programme on 'Human Rights Awareness

Bangladesh Bar Council organsed the training programme on the Supreme Court premises.

Raising awareness among the

citizens and self-criticism are also imperative for the protection of human rights, Dr Kamal said.

Supreme Court Bar Association President Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud said human rights are disregarded in everyday life.

"It is violated frequently not only by the government agencies but also by individuals and other quarters," he added.

Acting Australian High Commissioner Dr Michele Forster said good governance and human rights are complimentary to each

She said there are good laws in

Bangladesh but those alone do not guarantee the rule of law.

"Human rights are best guaranteed when the government is accountable to the people and the rule of law," Forster said.

Chief Justice Sayed JR Mudassir Husain laid emphasis on separation and independence of the

judiciary to promote human rights. A free and independent judiciary can check the human rights violation by the executive, he said

Bar Council Vice-President Barrister Amir-ul Islam presided over the ceremony.

## Hasina goes to Turkey on July 1 for D8 meet

Leader of the Opposition in parliament and President of Awami League Sheikh Hasina leaves for Istanbul on July 1 to attend a meeting of the founder members of the Developing 8 (D8) bloc.

The two-day assembly begins on July 2 to mark the forum's seventh founding anniversary.

Hasina, ex-Bangladeshi premier and one of the founders of the platform, will deliver a speech on the occasion. She is expected to return home on July 6.

Former Malaysian prime minister Mahathir Mohammad is also

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Cox's Bazar.

Police yesterday arrested Ekramul

Habib Áhsan alias Liton, the prime

suspect in the Shampa murder

case, in a raid on a house at Ramu in

Ismat Ara Chowdhury alias

Shampa, 24, a student of Haji Mohammad Mohsin College, was

killed at Baraipara in Chittagong on

May 27 only days before her wed-

The victim's family accused

Liton, reportedly a JCD cadre, of

murder. Earlier, the family turned down his proposal to marry

University (JU) for 2004-05 fiscal

year will be placed at the senate

meeting today, official sources

Treasurer Prof A B M Enavet

Hossain will place the budget while

Vice-Chancellor Prof Khandaker

Mustahidur Rahman will be in the

ATk 31.01 crore revenue budget

Of the total amount, the

University Grants Commission

(UGC) will provide Tk 27.50 crore

while the university expects to earn

budget will be spent for the salary of teachers, officers and employees.

Only 4.54 percent of the budget

has been allocated for scholarship

and fellowship, research and publi-

Tk 2.27 crore from its own sources. About 73 percent of the total

has been proposed with a deficit of

JU budget

**JU CORRESPONDENT** 

today

chair.

Tk 2.38 crore.

cation and library.

and 7.00pm.

SHAMPA MURDER CASE

Prime suspect held

likely to attend the programme in the Ťurkish city.

The D8, which includes Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey, is an arrangement for development cooperation among member countries. The platform also adds a new dimension to socio-economic spectrum of the partners in development.

The forum's objectives are to improve the economy of member countries, diversify and create new opportunities in trade relations and enhance participation in decision making at international

Liton had been at large since the

Tipped off, police raided the house of Bedarul Alam, brother-in-

law of Liton, at Mondalpara village

Police said Liton had been staying there for the last one week.

from Cox's Bazar yesterday noon

local people and students of

Hazeratun Nessa Degree College

and Haji Mohammad Mohsin

College gathered in front of the

Chandgaon Police Station and

demanded exemplary punishment

tion in accounting this year.

and interrogated them.

Shampa sat master's examina-

Following the murder, police

arrested Liton's father Nesai

Ahmed, two brothers, Rumi and Jewel, and domestic help Khadiza

The Investigating Officer of the

case Sub-Inspector Sirajul Islam

said that they would produce Liton

before the court today with

begins June 30

A three-day annual science fair organised by the St. Joseph High School and College begins on the school premises in the city on June

Ten renowned schools of Dhaka

city will take part in the fair, with

230 projects on display. Scrapbook display, art competition and inter-

school quiz competition will also

Society is going to organise a show on astronomy on the first day.

The Bangladesh Astronomical

The fair is open to all from the

prayer for a 10-day remand.

Science fair

30, says a press release.

be held during the fair.

June 30 to July 2.

to the accused.

As police brought him to the city

in the early hours of yesterday.

Prof Mahmudul Ameen, former teacher of Geology Department of

Prof Ameen, also former vicechancellor of the State University of Bangladesh, is survived by his wife Prof. Jubaida Gulshan Ara, Chairman of Bangladesh Shishu

death of Prof Ameen.

Affairs Minister Begum Kurshid Jahan Haque, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman and former Education Advisor of the caretaker government A S M Shahjahan, visited his residence to pay their last respect.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at Dhaka University central mosque after Zohr prayers. He was buried

residence at 46, Eastern Flower, Siddeshwari Road on July 2 after Juma prayers.

### Death anniversary



On the occasion, a memorial meeting will be held at his residence at 14, East Bashabo in the city

Council, adviser to anti-smoking organisation Adhunik and controller of Pubali Bank.

Relatives and admirers are requested to attend the meeting.

### Haji Md Abdul Wajed Babul



Today is the fourth death anniversary of Haji Md Abdul Wajed Babul director of the Anand Confectionary, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be arranged at his residence after Maghrib prayers.

### Jalalabad Assoc Dhaka election on July 30

Election to the executive committee of Jalalabad Association Dhaka will be held on July 30 instead of July 23, says a press release.

Date of the election for the year 2004-2005 was rescheduled due to unavoidable circumstances.

Members and voters of the Association are requested to contact the office. Phone: 9140431 for

## Prof Ameen dead

Dhaka University, died of cardiac arrest at his Siddeshwari Road residence in the early hours of yesterday at the age of 68.

Academy and two daughters.

President Iajuddin Ahmed expressed his deep shock at the

Earlier, Women and Children

at Banani graveyard.

His qulkhwani will be held at his



Today is the sixth death anniversary of eminent social worker, freedom fighter and organiser Abdul Latif of Debidar. Comilla, says a press release.

Latif was the vice-president of Bangladesh Human Rights





# 102 cadets pass out of BMA

**ISPR,** Bhatiary

A total of 102 cadets passed out of the Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) at a glittering ceremony at Bhatiary, Chittagong yesterday.

all forms of violence against women.

Among them 98 cadets including 13 lady cadets were from 50th BMA Long Course and 4 cadets belong to the 21st Special Course.

To mark the occasion the President's Parade was held at the parade ground of the Academy esterday morning.

Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Fakhrul Azam reviewed the parade and took salute at the march past as chief guest. He also distributed prizes among the cadets who demonstrated excellent performance during the training.

Battalion Senior Under Officer (BSUO) Md Aktaruzzaman Faisal was adjudged the best all round cadet in the 50th BMA Long Course and awarded the coveted 'Sword of Honour'.

Besides, Company Sergeant Major (CSM) Mirza Md Lutful Habib received the 'Osmani Gold Medal' for his feat in academic subjects and Company Senior Under Officer (CSUO) Md Mamunur Rahman Siddiqui received 'Chief of Army Staff's (CAS) Gold Medal' for his outstanding performance in military

Meanwhile, Jahangir Company

Summer Term on the basis of different inter-company competitions. The cadets took oath and were adorned with the rank badges by their respective parents and guardians. Adjutant of the BMA Major Md

received the BMA Colour for the

Shahédul Islam commandéd the spectacular parade. In his address to the officerdesignates, the air chief said, "You

will always have to be ready and vigilant to shoulder the sacred responsibility of safeguarding the independence, sovereignty and security of the country even at the cost of the last drop of your blood."

He called upon the young officers to uphold the glorious image of the Bangladesh Army by dint of honesty, professional competence, patriotism and selfless service to the

Fakhrul Azam congratulated the women officers of the fourth batch and urged them "To prove by hard work, competence and performance in professional life that the contribu-tions of the women officers in Bangladesh Army are no less impor-

Foreign diplomats, including Sri Lankan High Commissioner Gamini Sarath Muna Singhe and Ambassador of Bhutan Dasho Jigme Tshultim, high civil and military officials and guardians of the cadets witnessed the ceremony.



Air Chief Air Vice Marshal Fakhrul Azam gives away the 'Sword of Honour' to Battalion Senior Under Officer Md Aktaruzzaman Faisal for the best all-round performance at the President's Parade at the Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) parade ground at Bhatiary yesterday.

## Shahjahan, Chaitanya CRA president, secy

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Shahjahan Khan of The Daily Ittefaq and Chaitanya Chandra Halder of The Daily Star were elected president and general secretary of Court Reporters' Association(CRA) yesterday for

Shahjahan got 21 votes while his rival Shahidullah Khan of UNB five votes. Chaitanya Chandra Halder bagged 17 votes and his rival Mahbubul Haq of Sangbad nine Other office-bearers are Prakash Ranjan Biswas of News Today (Vice-President), Shahidullah Mian of The Daily Sangram (Assistant General Secretary), Abul Kamal Azad of The Daily Ajkaler Khabar (Treasurer), Azad Rahman of The Daily

Secretary). Members are Munzur Alam of The Independent, Samiul Karim Alamgir of The Daily Bhorer Kagoj and Khandaker Newazul Bari of the BSS. All 26 members cast their vote in the election held at the association

Khabarpatra (Office and Publicity

Divisional Special Judge Rezaul Karim Khan conducted the election as the chief election commissioner assisted by District PP Mohsin Mian and Advocates Khalequazzaman Montu and Rezaul Karim Heron.

Abdul Haq Bhuiyan of The Manabjamin was nominated chief advisor of the association.

### French film show Lions meeting

Zahir Raihan Film Society, in association with the Alliance Francaise, will Regular meeting of the board of direcscreen two films directed by famous tors and members of Lions Club of French filmmakers Etienne Chatiliez Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Niloy and Mathieu Kassovitz. These are 'The Apartment, 224 Bara Maghbazar. Time: Crimson Rivers' (2000) and 'Gothika' (2003). Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Mirpur Road. Time: 5.00pm Seminar

### Academy Film Society will screen a French film titled 'Tatie Danielle' (1995). Venue: Society Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Academy film show

**Documentary film show** The opening ceremony of a two-day documentary film show on road accident organised by the Work for a Better Bangladesh, will be held. Venue: House-Road-4/A, Dhanmondi. Time 11.00am. The exhibition will remain open

### Muldhara meeting

from 11.00am to 6.00pm daily.

The weekly meeting of Muldhara International Centre will be held. Venue: House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time:

### Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS), will be

Roundtable A roundtable on 'Poverty alleviation, National budget and Local initiative', organised by The Hunger Project, Bangladesh will be held. Venue:

A seminar on 'UN Charter and the

Security of Small States', organised by

held. Venue: BIISS Auditorium, Old

Elephant Road. Time: 10.30am.

### Meeting

An emergency meeting of the executive committee of Carmaichael College Old Students Association will be held. Venue: 96, Aziz Cooperative Super Market, Shahbagh. Time: 4.30pm.

National Press Club. Time: 9.30am.