



Street children try to pull a car after it got stuck in a pothole near the Notre Dame College in the city yesterday, as monsoon flooding damaged the asphalt of the road.

## ONE YEAR OF GRAMEEN SHIKHA PROJECT

# Affluent people urged to help poor rural students

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Muhammad Yunus, chairman of Grameen Shikha Board, yesterday called on the affluent people to come forward to help the poor and meritorious students in rural areas.

Prof Yunus, also managing director of Grameen Bank, made the call at a ceremony marking the first anniversary of 'Student Scholarship Management Project of Grameen Shikha' in the city.

Grameen Shikha, a non-government voluntary organisation, provides scholarships for the poor and meritorious students in rural areas to continue their education.

It has awarded scholarships to 171 students in 20 districts with the help of affluent people and well-known organi-

sations in the last one year.

Under the project, any person or organisation can deposit Tk 50 thousands or more to sponsor scholarships, said Nurjahan Begum, managing director of Grameen Shikha.

So far, 37 individuals and 14 organisations have provided about Tk one crore for the scholarship project of Grameen Shikha, she added.

"I expect that the amount will stand at Tk 50 crore in the next five years as more sponsors will join the programme and over one lakh students will be benefited from this project," said Prof Yunus.

"We also want to expand our activities to all 64 districts to provide talented students at the grassroots level with an opportunity to continue their education," he added.

The sponsors included National Professor and former foreign minister Shamsul Haq, economist Prof Nurul Islam, Shahed Kamal Majumder and Hasin Ahmed.

Grameen phone, Nokia and

Grameen Telecom, Grameen Shakti Foundation, Exposure and Dialogue Programme of Germany and Small Planet Fund have also sponsored scholarships.

### Mob gouges out eyes of criminal

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A mob gouged out eyes of a criminal after he was caught trying to extort money from a tea stall at Dalimpur road in Sonadanga on Sunday noon.

The criminal, Tutul Sarder, 28, is now undergoing treatment at the prison cell of Khulna Medical College Hospital.

Police said the mob caught him at a roadside tea stall when he demanded money from its owner. The mob also beat him up.

Tutul is a suspect of the killing of Sonadanga thana AL leader Manzoor Moshed Labu.

### Dipta Sen dead

### BSB, New Delhi

Dipta Sen, former Dhaka correspondent of the Hindustan Times, died of heart failure at his Delhi residence yesterday at the age of 70.

Sen had been working freelance since he retired from the daily in 1996 as an assistant editor.

He was posted in Dhaka as the daily's special correspondent from December 1972 to December 1976.

### Syed Kamrul Islam



Syed Kamrul Islam died on July 31 at the age of 50, says a press release.

Son late Syed Abdul Bari, he hailed from Moihsedi in Chandpur.

His qulakhwani will be held at his home at Uttara after Asr prayers on August 6.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend the programme.

### Death anniversary



Today is the fifth death anniversary of Prof Md Amzad Hossain Faruque, former chairman of the Bengali departments of Jahangirnagar University and Karachi University, says a press release.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani, and milad mahfil will be held and special prayers will be offered at mosque.

Cooked foods will be distributed at orphanages.

## SCAS signs deal with Australian university

School and College for Advanced Studies (SCAS) International has signed an agreement on education facility with the University of Notre Dame, Australia, in the city recently, says a press release.

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Prof Md Amzad Hossain of the University of Notre Dame, Australia, and SCAS International Principal Kamrul Islam and SCAS Chief Coordinator Md Qamrul Islam at the signing ceremony held in the city recently.

# Abducted shrimp trader still missing in Khulna

## Wife receives death threat

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A shrimp trader has remained missing after his abduction on July 19.

Hafizur Rahman alias Dipu Kazi was abducted at gunpoint from near Khulna Judges' Court, said his mother Rahela Khatoon in a FIR lodged with Khulna police on Sunday night.

According to the FIR, the abductors left the place in a white microbus identifying themselves as detectives of Khulna Metropolitan Police.

In the FIR, Rahela also accused eight people, including Managing Director of Lockpur Fish Processing Company Amjad Nikari and Chairman of Piljangee Union Parishad Siraj Morol.

Following the abduction a general diary (GD) was filed with Khulna police on July 22.

His mother now fears that Dipu might have been killed.

Meanwhile, an unknown caller has issued death threats to Dipu's wife

Nahid Parveen as she sought the help of police.

Nahid said she received death threats on July 30 and 31. The caller also told her that Dipu has been killed.

Officer-in-charge of Khulna Police Station said Dipu is one of the FIR-named accused in Farhad Hossain murder case. Farhad, an industrialist and younger brother of Amjad Nikari, was killed in 2001.

Amjad was not available for comments.

## More donations to PM's relief fund

### UNB, Dhaka

A number of ministries, educational institutions, business associations and private organisations donated one Tk 1.79 crore to the Prime Minister's relief fund yesterday.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, while receiving the cheques at her office, thanked the organisations for their gestures.

She also appreciated the activities of some organisations including ICDDR,B at the time of natural calamities.

She hoped that they would continue to stand beside the distressed people for their post flood rehabilitation.

Business associations, including Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MCCI), Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) and Bangladesh Corrugated Carton and Accessories Manufacturers and Exporters Association handed over cheques for the PM's relief fund.

Officers and employees of the ministries of LGRD and Cooperatives, Shipping and Communications, Barisal City Corporation and Khulna City Corporation donated their one-day salary to the PM's relief fund yesterday.

Educational institutions including Islamic University of Technology, RAJUK Uttara Model School and College and Government Titumir College came up with similar gestures.

Banks and financial institutions that handed over cheques, include Investment Corporation of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Commerce Bank Limited, Employment Bank, Basic Bank Limited and Rajshahi Krishi Bank.

Other organisations that came with their donation for the flood-hit people are Bangladesh Administrative Service Association, Lever Brothers Bangladesh Ltd and charitable organisation Anjuman Moifuddul Islam.

The prime minister assured the contributors that the fund would reach the needy people as soon as possible.

## Ershad urges govt to take post-flood rehabilitations

### UNB, Dhaka

Former President and Jatiya Party chairman HM Ershad has urged the government to take all possible preparations for post-flood rehabilitation works across the country.

"The flood-hit people are suffering much, as they are not getting adequate relief materials", Ershad said this yesterday while he was distributing relief among the flood-affected people at Barua in city's Badda thana.

He said the life of the affected people would not be saved if massive rehabilitation programmes were not taken with the recession of floodwaters.

Party Secretary General ABM Ruhul Amin Hawlader, presidium member GM Qader MP and Khandaker Abu Taher Muku accompanied him, says a press release.

## Relief work continues

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different political, social and cultural organisations continued their relief operations in various flood affected areas in and outside the capital yesterday.

Prof AQM Badruddozia Chowdhury, president of Bikalpa Dhar, Bangladesh, distributed relief materials at Tongibari upazila in Munshiganj.

Left-leaning five party distributed relief at Badda in the city.

Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka distributed relief materials among the flood-hit people at different areas in the capital.

Harunur Rashid Khan Monno, a former minister, distributed relief in Manikganj.

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote distributed food items at city's Taltala super market.

Pran Group distributed fifty sand liters of mineral water and other food items among the destitute people.

Dewanbagh Sharif has distributed flattened rice, molasses and water purifying tablets among the flood victims of different districts.

Bangladesh Scouts started distributing oral saline, high protein biscuits, rice, puffed rice, bread, lentil, water purifying tablets and some other necessary items among the flood victims.

Rahak University and Presidency University are collecting cash, dry food, oral saline, water purifying tablets and clothes for flood-hit people while North South University staffs have donated their one-day salary for them.

## Idul placed on 10-day remand

### COURT CORRESPONDENT

Shahidul Islam Idul, a dreaded criminal, was placed on a 10-day remand in connection with Tofazzal murder case yesterday.

He was shown arrested in the murder case following a petition by the investigating officer who prayed for the remand.

In his petition, the investigation officer said a gang of armed men led by Idul and his brother Millat attacked the sweepers' colony in Gopibagh area on April 15 as the residents protested their activities. Tofazzal, 30, was killed in the attack.

## 'Waive renewal fees for pay channels for July'

### UNB, Dhaka

Cable TV Equipment Importers, Dealers and Cable Operators Association of Bangladesh (CIDACAB) requested the authorities concerned to waive the renewal fees for pay channels for the month of July on account of the revenue loss they suffered for floods.

The CIDACAB at a meeting at its office in the city on Sunday also made a strong plea for the exemption of renewal fees until the flood havoc would be over as "the operators could not realise even a tenth of their service charge from the subscribers".

CIDACAB president SM Fazlul Karim Abu presided.



Former president and Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad distributes foods among flood-hit people at Badda in the city yesterday.

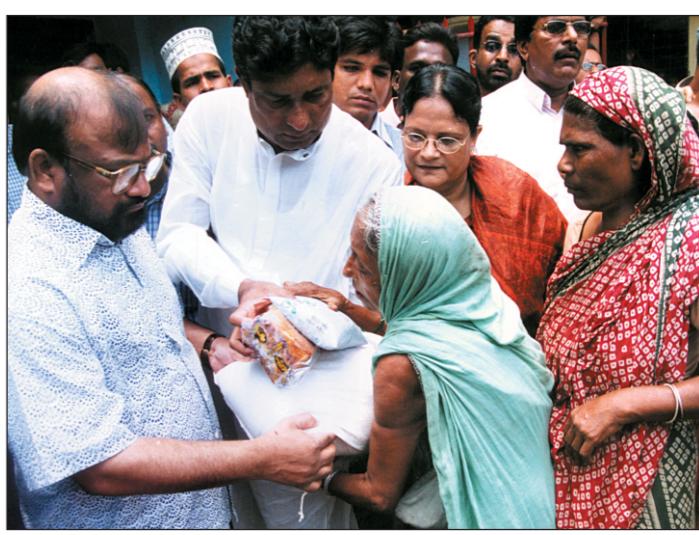


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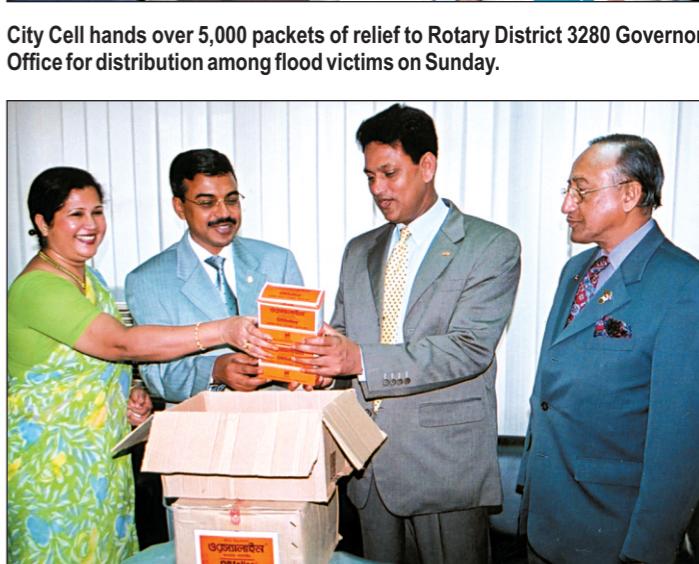
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Ramkrishna Mission, Dhaka, distributes relief among flood-affected people at Demra in the city on Sunday.



City Cell hands over 5,000 packets of relief to Rotary District 3280 Governor Office for distribution among flood victims on Sunday.



State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon receives relief materials from Lions Club of Dhaka South and Lions District 315-B1 Bangladesh for the flood victims of Chandpur.

## WEATHER TODAY

### Thundershowers likely

### UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over the country till 6.00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 35.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessor and the lowest 24.8 degree Celsius at Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:40pm today and rises at 5:30am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Humidity in Celsius				percentage
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening	
Dhaka	33.7	27.4	80	67	
Chittagong	34.0	26.0	74	75	
Rajshahi	34.0	27.			