



PHOTO: STAR  
Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad forms a human chain at Muktangan in the city yesterday protesting repeated bomb attacks in Sylhet.

## Bakery employee murdered

Five injured in separate attacks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An employee of a bakery was slaughtered in Lalbagh in the early hours of yesterday and five men were injured in as many incidents in the capital.

Unknown assailants slaughtered Mainuddin Sikdar, 35, manager of Mister Food Products, when he was asleep in his room at the bakery at Nawabganj Lane around 1:00am.

"Hearing his scream, we rushed to his room only to find him groaning with cuts in his throat," said one of his

## IFA students' programme

DU CORRESPONDENT

General students of the Institute of Fine Arts (IFA) of Dhaka University will organise an art competition for the children and an art exhibition marking the 29th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Rahman.

The art competition will be held at 3:00pm on August 15 while the art exhibition will be inaugurated at 3:00pm on August 20, said the organisers at a press conference yesterday.

They will also hold a discussion on 'Bangabandhu's murder, history of Bangalee and subsequent events' at the institute on August 20.

The students have formed a committee in this connection under the banner 'Jatiya Shok Dibas Udjapan Parishad-2004' with Siddhanta Dey and Sheikh Moniruzzaman Liton as convenor and member-secretary respectively.



A five-day photography exhibition titled 'Banbashi Shishu-2004' (flood-affected children) began at the National Institute of Mass Communication in the city on Sunday. About 50 photographs by the participants of a training course on 'Photojournalism: method and technique' have been put on display. The exhibition will remain open from 10.00am to 8.00pm daily till August 12.



## Light to moderate rain

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowsers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions and at few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy falls at places till 6.00pm today.

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

Highest temperature 34.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and the lowest 24.5 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:35pm today and rises at 5:32am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in percentage		
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.4	25.2	80	75
Chittagong	30.6	25.0	70	75
Rajshahi	32.5	26.3	84	79
Khulna	30.5	26.2	96	80
Barisal	29.6	26.0	92	87
Sylhet	34.7	25.6	71	63
Cox's Bazar	31.0	25.5	90	--

CTG AIRPORT  
CCC mayor threatens legal action against govt move

CU CORRESPONDENT

Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury yesterday vowed to take legal action against the government's move to hand over the operational charge of Shah Amanat International Airport to a foreign company.

He also threatened to launch a tough movement if the government does not cancel the move within the next one month.

National security would be threatened if a foreign company takes the operational charge of the airport as it is surrounded by naval base and other defence establishments, the mayor said at a press conference.

He also called on all to come forward to protect the airport.

"Earlier, we have won the legal battle against SSA over a proposed private port and we hope to win again this time," he said.

The mayor also alleged that Biman Bangladesh Airlines has been incurring a huge loss because of widespread corruption in the ministry concerned.

South District Awami League General Secretary Moslem Uddin read out a written statement on behalf of the mayor at the press conference held at the local press club.

Advocate Abul Kalam, engineer Sultan Ahmed, Dr Nurul Islam, Professor Motazuddin Ahmed and AL leader Khorshed Alam Sujan were also present.

## Kranti executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mahbubul Haider Mohon and Mujtaba Ahmed Moshred were elected president and general secretary of Kranti, a cultural organisation, for 2004-2006, says a press release.

The election was held at the Bangladesh Shishu Parishad auditorium in the city yesterday.

Other office-bearers are Vice-Presidents K M Khurshid Alam and Jashimuddin and Treasurer Khorshed Alam.

Executive Committee members are Bulbul Moholabish, Shamima Rahman Munni, Rezaul Karim, Fazlul Haque Ripon, Sheikh Milon, Arif Rahman, Amit Kumar Dey, Afzura Parveen, Mukta, Firdousi and Moshred Alam Roni.

Anwarul Azim conducted the election as chief election commissioner.

## 1,366 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested some 1,366 people, including three listed criminals, on various charges during their countrywide drive in last 24 hours ending at 6.00am yesterday.

During the period, the law enforcers recovered 12 firearms, 11 other weapons and 121 bullets and filed nine cases against 16 people under the Arms Act, says a police headquarters press release.

## 3 child traffickers get life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A Narayanganj court yesterday sentenced three people to life imprisonment for smuggling a child into Dubai in 1998.

Of the three, only one convict Shaheda was present at the court but two others, Fatema and Phul Miah, are still at large in Dubai.

Judge Md Afizul Islam of Special Tribunal for Prevention of Women and

Children Repression gave the verdict.

According to the prosecution, Fatema brought her nephew Rabiu to Dhaka from Ramnagar, Bandar, with a lure of job but she trafficked him to Dubai on February 25, 1998 with the connivance of Shaheda and Phul Miah.

Serving as a jockey in Dubai, Rabiu, son of Habibur Rahman, was critically injured after falling off a camel on July 6 in 2001. Later, he died in a hospital there.



PHOTO: STAR  
Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina speaks at the Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCW) meeting at the party's Dhammendi office in the city yesterday.



Relief work continues

DU CORRESPONDENT

Different political parties and socio-cultural organisations continued their relief activities in flood-affected areas yesterday.

Jatiya Party (JP) and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) distributed relief among the flood victims in Manikganj. JP Secretary General Sheikh Shahidul Islam and JSD President Hasanul Haque Inu were present on the occasion.

Bikalpo Dhara Bangladesh President Prof AQM Badruddozza Chowdhury distributed relief among the flood-affected people at Tejgaon and Mohakhali areas in the city.

Eastern Housing Ltd (EHL) started relief works in flood hit areas.

Suryasen Lal Food Mess handed over 600 packets of relief materials worth Tk 20,000. Eastern Tower Flat Owner Cooperative Association Limited handed over a cheque for Tk 50,000 and Dhaka City Corporation Contractor Haji Mohammad Lutfur Rahman Badal handed over a ton of rice to Dhaka University Central Relief Operation Committee.

DU Help Centre for Flood Victims, Jatiya Oikya Mancha, Bangladesh Chhatra League, Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree, Naba Rabu Juba Sangha, Islami Insurance Bangladesh Limited, Hamard Laboratories Bangladesh, Al-Muntada Al-Islami, Sylhet Division Development Action Council, DOPR, Rajshahi University Former Students' Association, and Human Rights Review Society also distributed relief.

## ENCROACHMENT ON WATERBODIES Bela serves legal notice on 4 secys

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) yesterday served a legal notice upon four secretaries and other concern authorities demanding immediate initiatives to clearly demarcate the wet-lands/waterbodies and protect those from encroachers.

The notice was served upon the secretaries of Ministry of Land, Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Housing and Public Works and Ministry of Environment and Forests, chairman of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Ruk), director general of Department of Environment, deputy commissioner of Dhaka, chairman of Dhaka Wasa and mayor of Dhaka City Corporation.

The Bela in the notice mentioned that the Master Plan of the city (otherwise known as the Dhaka Metropolitan Development Plan) has identified certain rivers, flood plains, flood flow zones, khals and lakes within the city that are required for proper drainage of the city and of course providing the dwellers of this extremely congested city with some relief.

The waterbodies identified by the Master Plan include nineteen khals, four flood flow zones, five major lakes

that are needed to meet local requirements for open spaces and for retention and drainage function.

The khals as identified in the Master Plan include Dholai Khal, Gandaria Khal, Zirani Khal, Khilgoan-Basaboo Khal, Surain Khal, Begunbari Khal, Paribagh Khal, Kathal Bagan Khal, Raza Bazar Khal, Hazaribag Khal, Mahakhal Khal, Mahakhal Banani Khal, Kalyanpur Khal, Gabtali Khal, Baania Khal, Diguan Khal and Abdullaupur Khal.

The Master Plan also mentions the Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara, Dhammendi and Uttara lake and four flood flow zones for maintaining the ecological balance of the Dhaka city.

The said plan has clearly prohibited development for residential, commercial and industrial purposes encroaching upon such wetlands. Despite such prohibition, all these flood flow zones, lakes and khals are under constant pressure of being filled up by unscrupulous developers, illegal encroachers sometimes even with sanction from the Rajuk that violates its own Master Plan.

Legal action would be taken in case if the authorities do not respond within 30 days from the receipt of the notice.



German Ambassador Dietrich Andreas hands out foodgrains to flood-affected people at Rashunia in Manikganj recently. This food distribution programme is a part of the German government's support for flood victims.



GrameenPhone Limited donated some mobile phones to Friendship Hospital. The floating hospital will use these sets to coordinate its relief programme for flood-affected people in four districts along river Jamuna. Ola Ree, managing director of GrameenPhone, hands over the cell phones to Runa Khan, executive director of the hospital, in the city recently.



Sakhar, an organisation working to eliminate illiteracy, has started a relief operation for the flood victims at Nunerket in Sonargaon, Narayanganj.



Teachers, students and guardians of Heed International School distribute relief among the flood-affected people at Sutrapur in the city yesterday.



Managing Director of Global Insurance Limited ABM Nurul Haq distributes relief materials among the flood-affected people at Badia in the city recently.



The Alumni Association of Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan gave away food and used clothes to flood-affected people in the Piar Sattar Latif High School premises in Bandar, Narayanganj recently.