

## Relief activities continue in flood-hit areas

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

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

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan distributed relief materials among the flood victims at Noorer Chala Mosque area at Badda in the city. State Minister for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Major (Retd) Quamrul Islam was present.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain distributed relief materials at Shahnuri Boys School and Madhubag field in the capital. Mosaddek Ali Falu MP and Chairman of Red Crescent Society Major General (Retd) ZA Khan were present.

State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon distributed money, medicine and relief materials among the 12 thousand flood-affected rickshaw pullers in Chandpur.

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) President Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury distributed relief materials at Nandipara under Khilgaon thana. He also treated sick people at Kachpur BSCIC Industrial Area.

BDB Secretary General Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan was present.

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) distributed cooked food among the flood victims at Kulkandi and Murabad areas under Islampur upazila in Jamalpur district. CPB President Comrade Manjurul Ahsan Khan inaugurated the programme which will continue throughout the month.

Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal distributed relief materials at different flood shelters at Haimchar upazila in Chandpur district.

Bangladesh Krishak League Keraniganj upazila unit also distributed relief among the flood victims.

Abdul Awal Chowdhury, secretary of Chittagong unit of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society handed over a cheque for 2,15,000 to its chairman.

Other organisations, which distributed relief materials, included Bangladesh Scouts and Bangladesh Frozen Foods Exporters Association.



Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil speaks at a discussion marking the 29th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the city yesterday. The Bangabandhu Jubo Parishad organised the event.

## 'Tolerance, edn major weapons to fight new forms of terrorism'

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Tolerance and knowledge are the major weapons to combat new forms of terrorism that thrives on fear, ignorance and misunderstanding, said speakers at a book launching ceremony yesterday.

To combat terrorist activities by fundamentalists, the world community must investigate into and analyse the nature of terrorism, said US Ambassador Harry K Thomas as special guest.

The publication ceremony of the book titled 'Strengthening Cooperation and Security in South Asia-Post 9/11' was held on the Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) premises, with Reaz Rahman, adviser to the foreign ministry, as chief guest.

The new face of terrorism is not

only a threat to a single country, but a crime against humanity and it shatters the fundamental bases of the human condition, said Reaz.

He added that checking arms smuggling and various illegal activities should be a priority while combating the new threats to South Asia.

Farooq Sobhan, editor of the book and former ambassador, hoped that the upcoming 13th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) summit would be a landmark in dealing with security threats that dog South Asia.

The book is the outcome of two regional conferences held in July and September in 2003 under the auspices of BEI. International relations experts and professionals from across South Asia attended the events.

## 'WB cable operators obstruct access'

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

High business ambition of the cable operators in West Bengal is the main obstacle to the access of Bangladeshi TV channels in India, said the speakers at a discussion yesterday.

They said the Indian government should take necessary measures to ensure the broadcast of Bangladeshi TV channels there.

The discussion on 'What are the obstacles to broadcast Bangladeshi TV programmes in neighbouring country' was held at the ongoing media confer-

ence in the city.

The three-day Media Conference 2004 was jointly organised by Centre for Development Communication, Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication and Mass Line Media Centre at the British Council.

Assistant Editor of the Protham Alo Mashru Alam presented a keynote paper at the discussion.

NTV Executive Director Hasnain Khurshid, Channel 1 Managing Director Faridur Reza Sagar and ATN Bangla Chief Advisor Saiful Bari also spoke.

## Cancel lease with Thai Airways on airport: Ctg mayor

**UNB, Chittagong**

Chittagong City Corporation Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury yesterday demanded cancellation of the agreement under which Shah Amanat International Airport in the port city was leased out to Thai Airways.

"This (lease) is a serious threat to the country's security... the establishments of Air Force are situated on one side and the Naval establishments on the other side of the airport. The security of the two forces will be threatened if the airport is leased out to any foreign organisation," he told a rally.

The rally at the Steel Mill Bazar was organised by Chittagong Sammilita Birodh Dal, a conglomeration of 14 opposition parties.

## Motorcycle stolen

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A motorcycle of a photojournalist was stolen from the National Press Club premises yesterday afternoon.

Abu Taher Khokon, senior staff photographer of The New Age, parked the CDI Honda on the club premises in the morning. But he found it missing after he came out of the club in the afternoon.

A case was filed with Ramna Police Station.