



Sammilita Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad held a meeting on 'current situation in judiciary, deaths in Rab custody and deterioration of law and order' at the Supreme Court Lawyers' Association Hall in the city yesterday. Barrister Amir-ul Islam, fourth from left, presided. On his left is Supreme Court Bar Association President Barrister Rakanuddin Mahmud.

# 323-point recommendation to check floods submitted to PM

**UNB, Dhaka**

A package of expert recommendations for managing floods and water in the country was submitted to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday.

It would need around 2.2 billion US dollars for total implementation of the recommendations.

Receiving the recommendations, Khaleda said the curse of floods could be turned into blessings of national life through gradually implementing the recommendations prepared by a national workshop.

Addressing a function marking the release of recommendations of the National Workshop on "Options for Flood Risks and Damage Reduction in Bangladesh," she said it is a huge task to implement the recommendations rather than its formulation.

Under the personal initiative of Khaleda, the PMO organised the three-day broad-based workshop, first of its kind in the country, that began on September 7.

Managing director of Dhaka WASAANH Akhtar Hossain yesterday presented the recommendations in text form along with its implementation matrix at the International Conference Center at the PMO complex.

Total recommendations are 323 of which 14 are common in more than one of the six working groups. It would take around 2.2 billion US dollars for total implementation of the recommendations while 37 recommendations would not need any financial involvement.

The major recommendations include capacity building of vulnerable people in flood-prone areas, construction of 3-4-storied cluster residences with all necessary amenities on ground above high flood level, activation of disaster management committee at differ-

ent levels all over the country and improvement of the existing flood forecasting system to increase lead time.

Stress has been laid on improvement of drainage and sanitation in all major metropolises, especially of Dhaka city.

Some significant observations, including fostering regional cooperation among co-basin countries such as China, India, Nepal and Bhutan for collaboration in management of water and floods, came out of the workshop.

As part of the preparedness programme, promotion and strengthening indigenous coping mechanisms and survival techniques among the vulnerable people have been suggested.

There are 37 recommendations without any timeframe while 36 have been identified as immediate to be implemented in six months, 211 midterm with implementation period ranging from 6 to 24 months and finally 39 long-term recommendations.

Khaleda said coordinated decision would have to be taken by the ministries concerned for implementation of the recommendations.

An inter-ministerial implementation committee will be formed with the PM's principal secretary as its chief and concerned secretaries of the government and chiefs of organisation members.

It would need external assistance to take step in light of the recommendations and the PM called for sending those recommendations to the development partners to begin discussion for the funding.

Speaking on the occasion, Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman assured that there would be "no dearth of funds" for implementation of the recommen-

# Int'l convention on academic quality control in Dec

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

An international convention on academic quality control will be held in Dhaka in December to instill modern management skills to future generation professionals.

Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk will inaugurate the three-day convention titled 'Seventh International Convention on Students Quality Control Circles' at Dhaka Residential Model College on December 17.

Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (Rehab), Bangladesh Society for Total Quality Management (BSTQM), and Dhaka Residential Model College are jointly organising the event to be attended by 1,000 academics, quality experts, students, teachers and administrators from around the globe.

The convention will focus on quality and excellence in educational institutions through quality management to groom quality professionals capable of contributing to national development, said AMM Khairul Bashar, general secretary of BSTQM and convener of the event, at a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday.

Rehab President Toufiq M Seraj said skilled professionals could be groomed by incorporating quality management in academic curricula to boost productivity.

"What we see in business houses is that all sectors lack efficient managers. Many have become top executives of a company hereditarily. So, there is a crying need to fill the present vacuum with quality professionals," he added.

Seraj said Rehab has got involved in the convention as part of its social responsibility.

"Pursuit for grooming skilled manpower should start from primary education level. If we can produce quality manpower, it will help boost productivity in all spheres of life contributing to national growth," he said.

Experts from India, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mauritius, Sri



Awami League presidium member Tofail Ahmed speaks at a Jubo League rally at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday protesting the verdict in Jail Killing Case.

## PM inaugurates Nat'l Vitamin A Plus Campaign

**BSS, Dhaka**

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday inaugurated the post-flood National Vitamin A Plus Campaign-2004 by administering vitamin capsules to two children at a simple ceremony at her office.

Children aged between one and five years will be administered vitamin A plus capsules under the campaign all over the country.

Khaleda urged all concerned to make the campaign a success.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandakar Mosharrar Hossain, Prime Minister's Political Secretary Harris Chowdhury, Health Secretary A F M Sarwar Kamal, Chief of Health and Nutrition, Unicef, Dr Uhaa and Unicef acting Country Director Mrs Roselli were present.

## Sarbahara man killed in shootout with Rab

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal**

A regional leader of outlawed Sarbahara Party (Zia group) was killed in shootout with Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) at village Datteshwar village under Uzirpur upazila of Barisal district yesterday.

The dead was identified as Rezaul Karim Faku, 26.

Faku's two associates --Liton, 25, and Nasir, 23, -- managed to flee and Mansur, 22, was arrested.

Three firearms, including two guns, one cut-rifle and 15 ammunition were recovered from their possessions.

Md. Shamim , an assistant sub-inspector of Gournadi Police Station, said Faku, a resident of Bankura-Chandrarah village of Batajore union of Gournadi, was accused in several

murder, rape and extortion cases, including murder of Jubo Dal and Sarbahara cadre Khokon.

The local people said Faku was a notorious criminal and they were under constant threat of Faku's atrocities. They brought out a procession hailing the Rab's anti-crime operation and killing of Faku.

Rab and police sources said Rab started anti-Sarbahara operation in the Sarbahara-prone Uzirpur-Gournadi-Babuganj upazilas on Sunday.

Acting on a tip-off, Rab cordoned off a group of outlawed Sarbahara at Datteshwar village under Sholak union of Uzirpur upazila.

Faku was killed when the outlaws tried to break the Rab cordon firing on them. Faku died on the spot.

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He expressed his willingness as finance minister to pay compensation for removal of infrastructures that block natural flow of water and drainage.

Water Resources Minister Hafizuddin Ahmed and Food and Disaster Minister Kamal-Ibne Yusuf also spoke.

## CFJ courses on journalism for 2005

Two certificate courses and 15 graduate courses on new and emerging fields in journalism will be offered by the Konrad Adenauer Center for Journalism at the Ateneo de Manila University (CFJ) in 2005, says a press release.

CFJ's programme for 2005 was finalised at a meeting of its executive board last week.

Two of the three members of the advisory board Atmakusumah Astraatmadja, 2000 Ramon Magsaysay journalism awardee from Indonesia, and Dato' Ng Poh Tip, group editorial and education advisor of the Star Publications in Malaysia met to review CFJ's performance and deliberate on its programmes and directions.

The third member of the advisory board is Isagani Yambot, Philippine Daily Inquirer publisher.

A five-month certificate programme in broadcast journalism and another in online journalism will be the new offerings in CFJ's 2005 programme.

Two online and one on-campus courses comprise the curriculum of the Certificate in Broadcast Journalism.

The courses are Writing for Broadcast (Feb 7 to Mar 21), Radio and TV Production (on-campus May 23-28), and Issues in Broadcast Journalism (Jul 4 to Aug 15).

For the Certificate in Online Journalism, the courses are Computer-Assisted Reporting (Feb 7 to Mar 21), Reporting about Information Technology (May 16 to Jun 27), and Online Journalism (Sept 12 to Oct 24).

The courses are designed primarily for working journalists. Other media professionals are accepted on a case-to-case basis.

CFJ, a joint project of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) and the Ateneo, was founded in June 2000 to promote good journalism in Asia and the Pacific Islands.

It carries out its mandate by providing training opportunities to journalists, teachers of journalism and other media professionals.

CFJ training programmes include certificate courses and a degree programme leading to the Master of Arts in Journalism.

## Passing-out ceremony of 291 new SIs held

**BSS, Rajshahi**

The passing-out ceremony of 291 outside cadet sub-inspectors (male) under the 2003 batch was held at the central parade ground of Sarda Police Academy here yesterday.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Shohudul Haque was the chief guest at the colourful function and also inspected a march-past and took salute presented by the smartly turned out new recruits.

Principal of the Academy Chowdhury Quamrul Ahsan, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police of Rajshahi range Nur Muhammad and senior police officials were present.

Addressing the occasion, IGP Shohudul Haque reminded the new recruits about their sacred duty to the nation and urged them to discharge their responsibility with utmost sincerity.

# Tk 44 cr more UK aid for flood victims

**UNB, Dhaka**

The United Kingdom will provide additional 4 million pound equivalent to Tk 44 crore to the UN World Food Programme so the poorest people in Bangladesh can have access to food supplies into the new year.

Gareth Thomas, UK Minister for International Development, recently announced the assistance, raising the UK government's support to Bangladesh up to 29 million pounds equivalent to Tk 319 crore since the floods began in July.

Thomas said, 'the recent floods in Bangladesh have destroyed the homes, crops and livestock of more than 33 million people. Many still

don't have enough food to feed themselves or their families and it is likely that the number of malnourished children in Bangladesh will rise by one million by the end of this year.'

This extra 4 million pounds would provide the poorest flood victims with rice during the extreme hunger period following the floods, he hoped.

Earlier in July, DFID provided 10 million pounds (Tk 110 crore) relief assistance to about 5 million flood affected people. DFID also announced another 15 million pound (Tk 165 crore) in August for recovery and rehabilitation in Bangladesh.

DHAKA  
TODAY

**Film show**  
Jahangirnagar Film Society will screen two European films titled 'Open Your Eyes' by Alejandro Amenabar of Spain, and 'Amarcord' by Federico Fellini of Italy. Venue: German Cultural Centre, House-10, Road-9, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm and 5.45pm.

**Academy film show**  
Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Primary Colors' (1998). Venue: Academy Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 7.00pm.

**Jewelry show**  
The opening ceremony of Abrar's Creative Jewelry Show and Sale will be held. Venue: WVA Auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm.

**ETC meeting**  
A meeting of the executive committee of Education, Technology and Cultural Foundation will be held. Venue: 6/11, Block-E, Lalmatia. Time: 4.00pm.

**Krishibid meeting**  
A general meeting of Krishibid Institution, Bangladesh will be held. Venue: Agriculture Extension Directorate, Dhaka Zone. Time: 3.00pm.

**Discussion**  
Eastern University will hold a discussion on 'Teaching Method'. Venue: University Campus, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.30pm.

**Workshop**  
A workshop of Democracywatch will be held to share opinion with the field-level workers. Venue: 7, Circuit House Road. Time: 10.00am.

DHAKA  
TOMORROW

**Eid Festival**  
The inaugural ceremony of first South Asian Women Entrepreneur Eid Festival will be held with Commerce Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre, House-19, Road-7, Gulshan-1. The exhibition will remain open till November 7 from 11.00am to 10.00pm daily.

**Eid Mela**  
The opening ceremony of a weeklong Eid Mela to mark the ensuing holy Eid-ul-Fitr will be held with Women and Children Affairs Minister Khurshid Jahan Haque as chief guest. Venue: Jatiya Mahila Sangstha Complex, 145 New Bailey Road. Time: 10.00am.

**Film show**  
Jahangirnagar Film Society will screen two European films titled 'House of Fools' by Konchalovsky of Russia, and 'Cinema Paradiso' by Giuseppe Tornatore of Italy. Venue: German Cultural Centre, House-10, Road-9, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm and 5.45pm.

**Academy film show**  
Academy Film Society will screen an American documentary titled 'Fahrenheit 9/11' (2004). Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 7.00pm.

**Art exhibition**  
The opening ceremony of an art exhibition titled 'Golden Tapestry Exhibition' organised by British Council and GlaxoSmithKline, will be held. Venue: British Council Auditorium, Fuller Road. Time: 11.00am. The exhibition will remain open till November 4 from 10.00am to 4.00pm daily.

WEATHER  
TODAY

**Dry weather likely**

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country till 6.00pm today.  
Night temperature may fall slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, during the period, Met Office said.  
Highest temperature 32.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and lowest 18.2 degree Celsius at Dinajpur, Sayedpur and Srimongal.  
**The sun sets in the capital at 5:19pm today and rises at 6.05am 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	Evenin
Dhaka	29.8	21.9	73	59
Chittagong	29.6	23.0	73	65
Rajshahi	29.8	19.5	77	74
Khulna	30.6	20.5	73	75
Barisal	30.0	22.2	86	87
Sylhet	30.8	19.0	58	74
Cox's Bazar	31.5	24.0	84	70



Advocate Ruhul Quddus Talukder Dulu, Deputy Minister for Land, distributes relief among the flood victims at Mugda in the city yesterday. Samaj Kalyan O Unnayan Shangstha arranged the relief activities.