

Blood donation camp today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A blood donation camp will be held at the Bank Asia Corporate office at Tejgaon in the city today to mark the fifth anniversary of Bank Asia.

The programme, beginning at 10.00am, has been arranged in collaboration with Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) at 113-116, Old Airport Road (outdoor premises of Rangs Bhaban).

BDRCS Chairman ZA Khan will inaugurate the camp while Bank Asia Chairman M. Syeduzzaman will preside over the function.



PHOTO: STAR

Women's rights activists shout slogans at a rally marking the International Day of Non-Violence Against Women at Manik Mian Avenue in the city yesterday.

'Establish women-friendly socio-legal system'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women's rights activists yesterday called for establishing a women-friendly social and legal system to stop violence against them.

Speaking at a discussion, they said neither the social attitude nor the legal system is helpful for establishing the rights of women.

The discussion on 'Monitoring strategies to prevent violence against women' was organised by Naripakko, an NGO, at the Cirdap auditorium in the city.

"Most of the police and people have a misconception that the women who go to police stations with allegations must be bad," said Advocate Habibun Nesa, coordinator of a pilot project titled 'State Activities Monitoring to Stop Violence Against Women'.

The project, undertaken by Naripakko, has been monitoring the

activities of some police stations and health complexes on their dealing with the women victims when they approach for help since 1998.

Habibun Nesa said many of the police officials are not skilled enough to record the first information report (FIR) on women victims properly hampering the legal procedure.

Advocate Kamrunnaha, project manager of Naripakko, said doctors are also not sensitised enough to provide medico-legal reports of rape victims.

On the other hand, the women are also not interested to have a check-up by the male doctors due to social reasons, she added.

Kamrunnaha demanded appointment of female doctors in all thana health complexes.

Many victims are also deprived of justice due to their age complexities as they don't have birth certificates, said Tahmina Rahman of Oxfam.



Poet Tridib Dastidar passes away

UNB, Dhaka

Poet and freedom fighter Tridib Dastidar died of a cardiac arrest at his Green Road residence in the city early yesterday.

His body was brought to the Central Shaheed Minar, Jatiya Press Club and Dhakeswari Temple for the people to pay their last respects to the freedom fighter.

He was cremated at Lalbagh crematory.

Special BRTC buses for Biswa Ijtema

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) has arranged special bus service from tomorrow for the devotees intending to attend the Biswa Ijtema beginning on December 3.

A total of 315 special buses will operate throughout the country till December 7, said BRTC Chairman Taimur Alam Khandaker at a press conference in the city yesterday.

These buses will carry the devotees to the Ijtema venue in Tongi from Aricha, Paturia Ghat, Maowa, Narayanganj, Mirpur, Meghna Ghat,

Narsingdi, Bhairab, Tangail, Mymensingh, Sayedabad, Gulistan, Gabtali, Sadarghat, Kamalapur and Joydevpur.

Of the 315 buses, 95 will operate from BRTC bus depot at Kalyanpur, 84 from Joarashara, 62 from Motijheel, 50 from Mirpur, and 24 from Narsingdi bus depot.

The BRTC chairman said that BRTC would operate more buses on the day of Akheri Munajat on December 5.

A BRTC medical team would also be stationed at the Ijtema venue for the treatment of devotees, he added.

13TH SAARC SUMMIT Morshed hands over invitation to Pak PM

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister M. Morshed Khan yesterday handed a letter from Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to her Pakistani counterpart Shaukat Aziz inviting him to attend the forthcoming 13th Saarc Summit in Dhaka.

The Pak PM accepted the invitation and said he was looking forward to participating in the January 9-11 summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation.

He recalled his recent visit to Dhaka and said that he looked forward to the assumption of leadership of the

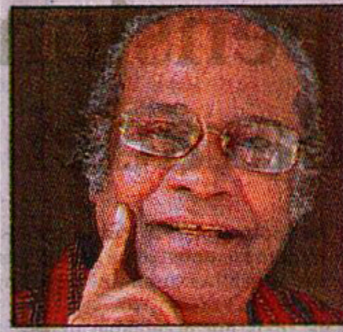
Saarc by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

Morshed Khan, now in Islamabad, briefed Shaukat Aziz about the positive response he received in the Saarc capitals to an agenda for the third decade focussing on implementation of commitments, agreements, conventions and plans of action adopted over the past 20 years.

The Pakistan prime minister expressed optimism about moving the Saarc process forward in view of the positive environment that has emerged over the past one year, a message from Bangladesh High Commission in Islamabad said.



Rezauddin Ahmed (R), president of the South Asian Free Media Association, presents a book to Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf during the fourth SAFMA conference in Lahore recently while Punjab Chief Minister Pervez Elahi looks on.



Abdus Shakur



Shahin Akhter

PROTHOM ALO BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR Golap Sangraha, Talash win awards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Golap Sangraha, a collection of essays by Abdus Shakur, and Talash, a novel by Shahin Akhter, have won the 'Prothom Alo Best Book of the Year' award among the books published in Bagla Year 1410.

Each awardee will be given Tk 50,000, a crest and a certificate through a function.

A jury board, comprising Zillur Rahman Siddiqui as chairman and Shaukat Ali, Hayat Mamud, Abdul Mannan Syed and Firdaus Azim as members, selected them as 'Prothom Alo Best Book of the Year'.

With these awards, the Prothom

also implemented its declaration that it would reward two best books—one for essay and the other for creative writings in every Bagla year.

Born at Noakhali in 1941, Abdus Shakur is the author of three novels, five storybooks and seven essay books. He also edited seven books on different subjects.

Abdus Shakur also won Bangla Academy Award and Amiobhushon Award from West Bengal for his contribution to Bangla literature.

Shahin Akhter was born at Comilla in 1962. He wrote three novels and two storybooks apart from editing two books. He also made some documentaries.

ROMIZA MURDER

Cook arrested from BDR outpost

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police arrested a cook of Sultanganj outpost of paramilitary BDR in connection with Romiza rape and murder case in Godagri upazila yesterday.

Romiza, ten-year-old daughter of Sadikul Islam, was allegedly kidnapped, raped and murdered when she went out of her home for selling cakes in the early hours on November 22.

A portion of her dress was found from a makeshift house of the BDR outpost after her slain body was recovered seven yards off the sentry post.

Romiza's father Sadikul Islam, a day labourer, told police of his suspicion about the involvement of BDR members in the incident.

Investigating Officer Ataur Rahman said police would interrogate three BDR members who were on duty at that night.

Forensic experts of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital primarily confirmed Romiza's rape and murder after autopsy.

Contacted over phone, commanding officer of 10 battalion BDR Lt. Col. Wahed, however, denied the allegation.

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VACANCY NOTICE: BAN/IVD/003/15/1
DATE OF ISSUE: 25 November 2004

TITLE : Divisional Coordinator
GRADE : Special Services Agreement
OFFICIAL STATION : Divisional Headquarter
ORGANIZATIONAL LOCATION/UNIT : WHO Representative, Bangladesh

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME:

DUTIES:
Under the supervision of WHO Representative, and the direct supervision of WHO Medical Officer (EPI), the overall role of the incumbent will be to assist and provide technical support to national authorities in achieving the target of eradication of polio from Bangladesh. Specific duties include:

- to work at the Division level with Division counterparts, advocate, and facilitate inter-sectoral collaboration;
- to supervise SMOs by reviewing and authorizing travel plans, cashbook statements, monthly activity reports, and conducting supervisory field visits;
- to provide technical and operational guidance to SMOs regarding AFP and EPI disease surveillance, NIDs planning & implementation, mopping-up and routing EPI;
- to collaborate with representatives from other partners working in the Divisions, e.g., and UNICEF-UPCs (UNICEF Project Coordinators);
- to actively participate in planning and implementation of National Immunization Days/Sub-National Immunization Days/Wop-up activities through development of briefing and training materials and organization of training sessions and assist with social mobilization and communication activities;
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- to monitor vaccine supply, cold chain and logistics;
- to evaluate polio eradication activities;
- to be accountable to the WHO Medical Officer-EPI on behalf of the WHO Representative, Bangladesh;
- monthly activity reports will be submitted to the WHO-EPI Medical Officer, EPI on behalf of the WHO Representative, Bangladesh
- do perform any other activities as assigned as per requirement of the programme

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