

FAO support to agri dev will continue

Diouf tells MK Anwar

UNB, Dhaka Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) will continue to encourage all efforts to agriculture development in Bangladesh as it has a dominant role in the economy and employment of the country.

This was stated by the visiting Director General of FAO Jacques Diouf during a meeting with Agriculture Minister MK Anwar at the ministry yesterday.

Care observes World Aids Day

Care Bangladesh observed the World Aids Day in collaboration with government, more than 100 partner NGOs and media across the country, says a press release.

The day was observed with the slogan 'Have You Heard Me Today?' As a part of the national initiatives, Care attended the national rally led by Health Minister Dr Khondaker Mosharruf Hossain to express commitment, solidarity and support to fight against HIV/AIDS.

It organised special programmes on HIV/Aids in all TV channels on World Aids Day and discussion in 25 districts.

Nari Unnayan Shakti Nari Unnayan Shakti has arranged a week-long Aids prevention programmes in Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal and Pabna to mark the day.

2 outlaws held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Detective Branch of Police arrested two people, including a woman, from near the met office at Gallamari Road under Batighata thana and recovered a 9mm pistol loaded with four bullets from their possession.

The arrestees are Khalil Shaikh and Khodeja.



Rotary Club of Ramna celebrated its 1300th weekly meeting with the Rotary family and recognition of oldest member of the club at a city restaurant recently. From left are PDG Habibullah Khan, Rtn. AKM Shamsuddin, centennial governor 2004-05, Dr Shahida Rahman, club president, and Rtn. Mesbahur Rahman.

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বাংলাদেশ কৃষি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে বিভিন্ন অনুষদে ২০০৫ শিক্ষাবর্ষের স্নাতক কোর্সে লেভেল-১, সেমিস্টার-১ এ ভর্তির জন্য প্রচারিত বিজ্ঞপ্তির "ভর্তি ফরম সংগ্রহ ও আবেদনের নিয়ম" শিরোনামের ০৩ (ক) এর "যদি থাকে" কথাটি ভুলবশতঃ বাদ পড়ে যাওয়ায় উক্ত বাক্যের শেষে ব্রাকেটে "যদি থাকে" কথাটি সংযোজন করে পড়ার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হল।

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অত্র দরপত্র স্মারক নং-টি-৬/২৫০৫ তারিখঃ ২৮/১১/০৪ এর মাধ্যমে আবেদনকৃত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং ০২ (২০০৪-০৫) নিঃপ্রঃ/গোঃসংবিঃ যা অত্র দরপত্র স্মারক নং-টি-৬/২৫০৫ তারিখঃ ২৮/১১/০৪ দ্বারা বাতিল আদেশজারী করা হয় তা এতদ্বারা প্রত্যাহার পূর্বক মূল দরপত্র নং ০২ (২০০৪-০৫) নিঃপ্রঃ/গোঃসংবিঃ পুনর্বহাল করতঃ নিম্নে বর্ণিত সংশোধনীজারী করা হলো।



Winners of Pran-Prothom Alo National Pickle Competition-2004 pose with the guests at the prize giving ceremony.

QUALIFICATIONS@UK FAIR BEGINS 'Quality edn a must to face challenges of globalisation'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students must be equipped with world standard education and skills to face the challenges of globalisation and contribute to the development of the country, State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon said yesterday.

People are the most valuable resources of Bangladesh and quality education is a must to turn the huge population into human resources, he said at the inaugural ceremony of an education fair.

The British Council organised the 'Qualifications@UK Fair 2004' on its premises in the city. A number of British educational institutions and some local institutions affiliated with the British universities are taking part in the two-day fair.

Addressing the function as chief guest, Milon said the government has attached priority to education and information technology.

He urged the students to work hard to make the best use of their talents and enhance the image of the country abroad.

In today's world, the competitive edge of a country is not necessarily gained through manufacturing processes or technology but through education and development of its human resources, said British High Commissioner Anwar Choudhury.

He said there is no substitute for internationally recognised qualifications that are validated externally. That is why the partnership approach adopted by the British Council is of such value to the Bangladeshis, he added.

Referring to British government's 100 million dollar aid for education projects, he said, "You can rest assured that the United Kingdom as a friend of your country is equally committed to the development of Bangladesh."

Dr June Rollinson, director of British Council, also spoke.

Rina's pickle adjudged pickle of the year

Prize giving ceremony of Pran-Prothom Alo National Pickle Competition-2004 was held on November 30 at Osmani Memorial Hall in the city, says a press release.

Prominent singer Ferdousi Rahman distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest. Pran Group Chief Executive Maj Gen (Retd) Amjad Khan Chowdhury, Prothom Alo Editor Motiur Rahman, Channel-I Director Saikh Siraj, Pran Group Deputy Managing Director Ahsan Khan Chowdhury and Pran Group Director Sabiha Amjad were judges of the competition.

Pickle of Rina Chakrabarty was adjudged pickle of the year. She got the prize of champion. Nazma Huda of Dhaka became first, Architect Mominunnessa of Chittagong second and Nasima Alam Anjali of Dhaka third in Sweet Group.

Sajeda Rahman of Chandpur became first, Latifa Kabir of Jessore second and Maksudha Gazi of Dhaka third in Hot & Spicy Group.

Anjum Ara of Kishoreganj became first, Nasir of Dhaka second and Najnin Faruki of Dhaka third in Sour Group.

First Meri Dipti Haldat of Jessore became first, Nur Jahan Begum of Chittagong second and Morjina Begum of Khulna third in Others Group.

Two arrested

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested two outlaws with a West Germany-made revolver.

The Rab nabbed Abdus Sattar and Asraf Islam while they were gossiping at Sattar's house at Durgapur under Putiia thana of Rajshahi on Wednesday night.

Obituary

Lt. Col. (Retd.) Syed Amjad Hussain died of a cardiac arrest at the Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka on Wednesday at the age of 78.

He was buried at Dhaka Cantonment Graveyard. A doa mahfil will be held at his residence after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Death anniversary

Today is the fifth death anniversary of Rokonzaman Khan, a noted child litterateur and founder-director of Kendriya Kachi Kanchar Mela, says a press release.

Popularly known as Dada Bhai, he was a feature editor of the Ittefaq. A quarkhwani, milad mahfil and distribution of food among the destitute have been arranged at his residence at 38 Sharat Gupta Road, Narinda. The milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayers.

Ashraf Uddin Ahmed

Today is the fifth death anniversary of Ashraf Uddin Ahmed, legal guardian of the family of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, says a press release.

He was the founder of BIWTC Officers' Association and a founder-member of Narayanjanj Sudhijon Library.

Special prayers will be offered at his Pallabi residence today.

Prof Mohammad Yusuf

The sixth death anniversary of Prof Mohammad Yusuf, an organiser of the Liberation War and former education minister, will be observed today, says a press release.

Doa mahfil and other programmes have been arranged at his home in Dinajpur town and at his village home.

Mohammad Ferdous

The seventh death anniversary of Mohammad Ferdous, younger brother of MA Karim, organising secretary of Bangladesh Krishak League, will be observed today, says a press release.

A quarkhwani, milad mahfil and doa will be held at his home at Baranagar in Nasirnagar, Brahmanbaria.

'Form nat'l commission for women'

Workshop on 'gender equality' ends

A three-day workshop ended in the city on Wednesday with a call for forming a National Commission for Women, says a press release.

Khan Foundation and British High Commission co-organised the workshop titled 'Gender equality: A global challenge' at a city hotel.

Khurshid Jahan Haque, minister for Women and Children Affairs, attended the concluding function as chief guest.

Speaking at the workshop, Millie Sengupta, a representative of British High Commission, said her organisation has been carrying out many development activities in Bangladesh specially for the development of women.

Advocate Rokhsana Khondker,

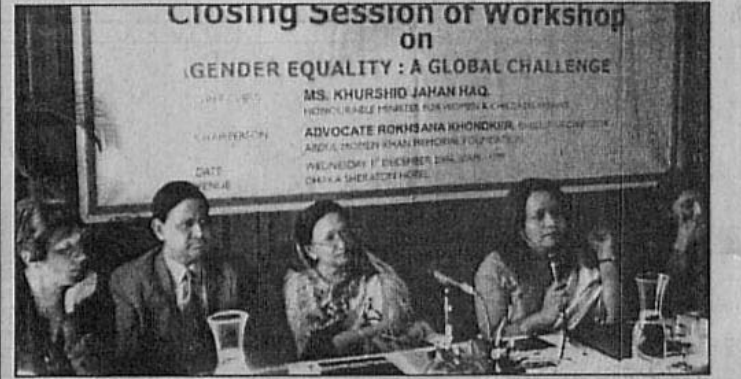
executive director of Khan Foundation, said women should participate in policy-making process for their political empowerment.

She urged the political parties to give nomination to women so that they could take part in direct election.

Md Mortuza Hossain Munshi said this kind of workshop would contribute greatly to the advancement of women.

He however said the women are yet to go a long way for their political empowerment.

Government officials, teachers from different universities, women leaders, journalists, lawyers, NGO and civil society members, and elected representatives from the grassroots level attended the workshop.



Advocate Rokhsana Khondker speaks at a workshop on 'Gender Equality: A Global Challenge' at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel in the city on Wednesday. On her right are Women and Children Affairs Minister Khurshid Jahan Haque, Secretary Md Mortuza Hossain and British consultant Mandana Hendessi and on her left is Millie Sengupta, director of Press and Publications of the British High Commission.

'Rab crossfire a tool to resist opposition movement'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) Joint Secretary Obaidul Kader yesterday said the BNP-Jamaat coalition has resorted to crossfire of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) as a tool to resist the opposition movement including the December 11 No-confidence Human Wall against the government.

He was addressing a press briefing organised by the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student front of AL, at its central office in the city.

BCL President Liaqat Sikder and General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babu also spoke.

The BCL has formed 24 committees to make the no-confidence human wall a success.

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Local Government Engineering Department
LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh
Memo No. LGED/PD/EBRIDP/C-01/2004/139 Date: 25 November 2004
Eastern Bangladesh Rural Infrastructure Development Project (EBRIDP)
Request for Expressions of Interest for Design and Supervision Consultants
1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has requested an ODA Loan from the Government of Japan, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for carrying out Design and Supervision Consultants under Eastern Bangladesh Rural Infrastructure Development Project (EBRIDP).

DHAKA TODAY
Photography exhibition
Founding ceremony
Publication ceremony
Conference
Human chain
Recital evening
VCD launch
Nabanna festival

WEATHER TODAY
No change in night temperature
UNB, Dhaka
Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with light to moderate fog over the country during early morning today.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
Munshiganj Road Division, Munshiganj
RHD Notice Inviting Quotation
1. Quotation Notice No : 05/RD Munshiganj of 2003-2004 (2nd call)
2. Name of work : Leasing out of Bangladesh-China-Friendship Bridge for collection of toll from vehicular traffic for 1 (one) year under Munshiganj Road Division during the year of 2003-2004.