Obituary

FAO support to agri dev will continue

Diouf tells MK Anwar

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.

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 Mosharraf 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 STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Crg 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 Batiaghata thana and recovered a 9mm pistol loaded with four bullets from their

The arrestees are Khalil Shaikh and Khodeja

Mesbahur Rahman.

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न्यात्रकं नए-णि-७/२৫०৫

করতঃ নিম্নে বর্ণিত সংশোধনীজারী করা হলো।

Date: 12-12-04

up to 11-30 AM

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে উল্লেখিত বিষয়

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হতে সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।

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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, cen-

tennial governor 2004-05, Dr Shahida Rahman, club president, and Rtn.

ভর্তি সংক্রান্ত সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

वाश्नारमम कृषि विश्वविদ्यानस्यत विजिन्न अनुषरम २००৫

শিক্ষাবর্ষের স্নাতক কোর্স লেডেল-১, সেমিস্টার-১ এ ভর্তির জন্য

প্রচারিত বিজ্ঞপ্তির "ভর্তি ফরম সংগ্রহ ও আবেদনের নিয়ম"

শিরোনামের ০৩ (ক) এর "যদি থাকে" কথাটি ভূলবশতঃ বাদ পড়ে

যাওয়ায় উক্ত বাক্যের শেষে ব্রাকেটে "যদি থাকে" কথাটি সংযোজন

সম্পূর্ণ বাক্যটি হবে ঃ "বোর্ড হতে প্রাপ্ত এসএসসি ও এইচএসসি

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

निर्वाही श्रात्मेशनी, अख्ज এর কার্যালয়

সড়ক বিভাগ, গোপালগঞ্জ

'সওজ' দরপত্র সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

অত্র দপ্তর স্মারক নং-টি-৬/২৩৮৭ তাং-০৮/১১/০৪ এর মাধ্যমে আহ্বানকৃত

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞান্তি নং ০২ (২০০৪-০৫) নিঃপ্রঃ/গোঃসঃবিঃ যা অত্র দন্তর স্মারক নং-

টি-৬/২৪৮২ তাং-২৩/১১/০৪ দারা বাতিল আদেশজারী করা হয় তা এতদারা

প্রত্যাহার পূর্বক মূল দরপত্র নং ০২ (২০০৪-০৫) নিঃপ্রঃ/গোঃসঃবিঃ পুনর্বহাল

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উল্লেখ ইতিপূর্বে যারা দরপত্র সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞপ্তি জারীর পূর্বে বর্ণিত দরপত্র

ক্রয় করেছেন উক্ত ক্রয়কৃত দরপত্র বৈধ বলে গণা হবে। দরপত্র সংশোধনী বিজ্ঞান্তি

মূল দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করে দাখিল করতে হবে যা বিনামূল্যে সংশ্রিষ্ট অফিস

অত্র সংশোধনী বর্ণিত দরপত্রের অবিচেছদ্য অংশ হিসেবে গণ্য হবে।

রেজিস্ট্রার

তারিখঃ ২৮/১১/০৪

সংশোধনী विख्नि

Date: 19-12-04 up

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Closing

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11-30 AM

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12-30 PM

এজেডএম মনোয়ারুজ্জামান খান

निर्वाशै थरको भनी, मधक

সড়ক বিভাগ, গোপালগঞ

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অথবা সমমানের পরীক্ষার মূল/সাময়িক সার্টিফিকেটের ফটোকপি

করে পড়ার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হল।

বাংলাদেশ কৃষি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

ময়মনসিংহ

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

Diouf said they are ready to continue support to the efforts leading to agriculture development of Bangladesh.

FAO has so far provided techni-cal assistance totalling 4.8 million US dollar to the crop sub-sector in addition to significant support under its regional assistance sup

port.

The agriculture minister thanked the FAO for its generous cooperation to explore the oppor-tunities and challenges to develop the agriculture sector of

Bangladesh sought FAO's sup-port to set up a bio-technological

search centre.
Diouf said FAO would enhance its technical level involvement in all the issues. A meeting of the consultative group of donors on the action plan would be helpful to address the issues thoroughly.

Fire at garment office in Ctg

Garment accessories, computers and furniture were gutted in a fire at an office at Agrabad Commercial Area yesterday morning.

An electrical short circuit sparked off the fire that broke out at the office of Lucky Group, a leading garment manufacturer in the port. city, on the second floor of Badamtali Shopping Complex at around 7.45am, sources said.

Fire fighters from nearby Fire Brigade Headquarters managed to extinguish the blaze within half an



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. Anumber of British educational institutions and some local institutions affiliated with the British universities are taking part in the

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

Photography exhibition

The opening ceremony of a solo photography exhibition titled 'Amar

Dekha Bangladesh' by Md Shahidullah

Kaiser will be held. Venue: M A Beg

National Gallery, 63/2 Science

Laboratory Road. Time: 10.00am. The

exhibition will remain open till January 6

from 3.00pm to 8.00pm daily except

A slide show on Everest base camp

trekking and basic training, organised

by BANDHU, will be held. Venue: 15/10

Bishwasahitya Kendra will screen a film

titled 'The Colour of Paradise' directed

by Majid Majidi. Venue: Bishwasahitya Kendra Auditorium, Bangla Motor.

Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Gosthi

organises a cultural function. Venue:

Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4.00pm.

Prokash Sahitya Sangskritik Sangathan

organises an evening of recitation of selected poems by Sheikh Nazrul Islam.

Venue: Natmondol Auditorium of Dhaka

The launching ceremony of a VCD

drama titled 'Kokhono Dujon' acted by

Monir Khan Shimul and Bipasha Hayat

will be held. Venue: Basundhara City

The inaugural ceremony of a daylong

Nabanna festival, organised by Jatiya

Nabannoutsav Udjapon Parshad, will

the country during early morning today.

major cities and towns yesterday were:

Max

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City/Town

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

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during the period, Met Office said.

Shopping Mall. Time: 5.00pm.

Nabanna festival

idhubagh, Moghbazar, Time:

Slide show

Film show

Time: 5.00pm.

Cultural function

Recital evening

University. Time: 6.30pm.

VCD launch

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

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 CommissionerAnwarChoudhury.

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

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.

be held with poet Shamsur Rahman as

chief guest. Venue: Institute of Fine Arts. Time: 7.00am.

Bangla Academy organises a solo

lecture in observance of its 49th

founding anniversary with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum

Selima Rahman as chief guest. Venue:

Seminar room of the academy. Time:

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of a book

Rajniti' by Advocate Syed Sirajul Huda will be held. Venue: Baitul Iqra, House-

55, Road-4A, Dhanmondi. Time:

Bangladesh National Council of Textile

Garments and Leather Workers

organises an international conference

of MFA phase out. Venue: Sonargaon

Centre for Women and Children Studies

will form a human chain on women's

ights. Venue: In front of National Press

Blind Education and Rehabilitation

Development Organisation will hold a

discussion on the occasion of

International Disabled Day, Venue: Rupnagar, Mirpur-5. Time: 10.00am, It will be followed by a cultural function.

National Forum of Organisations

Working with the Disabled will hold a

ally to be led by Social Welfare Minister

Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid as chief

guest. Venue: Manik Mian Avenue.

Humidityin

percentage

Morning Evening

44

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73

70

81

Conference

Hotel. Time: 10.00am.

Human chain

Club. Time: 9.30am.

Discussion

Rally

Time: 3.00pm.

No change in night temperature

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with light to moderate fog over

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country

Highest temperature 30.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at

The sun sets in the capital at 5:11pm today and rises at 6.27am

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

17.3

16.2

15.3

17.5

Temperature

in Celsius

Founding ceremony

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 Ferdoushi 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

dges of the competition.

Pickle of Rina Chakarbarty was adjudged pickle of the year. She got

the prize of champion.

Nazma Huda of Dhaka became first, Architect Momnunnessa 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 Maksuda Gazi of Dhaka third in Hot & Spicy Group. Anjum Ara of Kishoreganj became

first, Nasir of Dhaka second and Najnin Faruki Ava 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

Two arrested

RU CORRESPONDENT

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

The Rab nabbed Abdus Sattar and Asraful Islamwhile they were gossiping at Sattar's house at Durgapur under Putiya thana of Rajshahi on Wednesday night.

Death anniversary

of Rokonuzzaman Khan, a noted child litterateur and founderdirector of Kendriya Kachi Kanchar Mela, says a press release.

Lt. Col. (Retd.) Syed Amjad Hussain

died of a cardiac arrest at the

Hospital in Dhaka

on Wednesday at

loday is the fifth

death anniversary

theage of 78.

He was buried at Dhaka

A doa mahfil will be held at his

residence after Asr prayers tomor-

Cantonment Graveyard.

Popularly known as Dada Bhai, he was a feature editor of the Ittefaq. A qurankhwani, 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 foundermember of Narayanganj 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 qurankhwani, milad mahfil and doa will be held at his home at Baranagar in Nasirnagar,

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Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Munshiganj Road Division, Munshiganj

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Last date & time for _receiving quotation schedule

Date & time for : 15-12-2004 at 1.30pm.

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Mridha Nazrul Islam

Munshiganj Road Division Munshiganj

'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

executive director of Khan Foundation, said women should participate in policy-making process or 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 contrib-

ute greatly to the advancement of

Hehoweversaid 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 Liagat 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).

The services include survey, design, preparation of tender documents and evaluation of tenders, supervision, monitoring and certification of payments for the upgrading of approximately 1235 km of Upazila/Union roads; 6523 linear meters of bridges/culverts on Upazila/Union roads; flood damaged rehabilitation of 556 km Upazila roads including 737 linear meters of bridges/culverts; 67 number growth centre/markets; 20 number boat landing stage/ghats; 73 unit Union Parishad Complex buildings; and providing other specialised support necessary in order to implement the project over a period of 33 (thirty three) months, in 9 (nine) administrative districts of Sylhet and Chittagong Division, located in the northeast and southeast part of Bangladesh.

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures; experience of the firm, description of similar assignments in past 5 (five) years; financial resources; availability of relevant staff; annual turnover, audit report, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications, but should mention whether the association is in the form of a "Joint-Venture" or of "Sub-Consultancy". In the case of an association, all members of such "association" should have real and well-defined inputs to the assignment and it is preferable to limit the total number of firms including the associates to a maximum of four.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Japan Bank for International Cooperation's (JBIC's) "Guidelines for the Employment of Consultants under JBIC ODA Loans."

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (9.00 am to 4:00 pm excepting Friday and public holiday). A shortlist of firms will be prepared, from the expressions of interest, for requesting proposals for this assignment.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below in sealed envelop on or before 16 January 2005 up to 4:00 pm

Md. Roushan Kabir Project Director

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