

## 'New ideas, thoughts needed in politics'

Kristine invited to join SC Bar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bar Council accorded a reception to Kristine Overmire, daughter-in-law of Opposition Leader in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina, yesterday and invited her to join the membership of Supreme Court Bar Association and Bar Council.

Barrister Ruknuddin Mahmud, president of the association and Vice-Chairman of Bar Council, invited Kristine, a research counsel of Public Affairs Department under the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, to join the membership at the ceremony held at the association auditorium.

Ruknuddin said new ideas and thoughts are very much needed in Bangladesh's politics.

"I hope you (Kristine) would contribute to the Bangladesh's politics through your knowledge and creativity," he said.

Kristine also gave a lecture on 'Enforcement of constitutional rights through the court: USA perspective'.

She said the constitution of Bangladesh encompasses many of the same fundamental rights as the US.

**Obituary**

Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, a freedom fighter and acting director of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, died at his residence at Monipur in the city on Wednesday at the age of 72, says a press release.

He left behind his wife and 3 sons. UNB adds, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep sorrow at his death.

constitution.

"Lawyers are the guardians of the legal system. It is up to us to protect individuals from wrongs committed by large governments and big businesses," said Kristine.

"In America, legislation contrary to our constitution continues to be introduced and passed into law every day and I was shocked when I discovered this," she observed.

Barrister Amir-ul Islam, vice-president of Bangladesh Bar Council, said the lawyers of Bangladesh would like to create a strong bond with the US lawyers as the constitutions of both the countries share some basic fundamental rights.

Speaking at the ceremony, Sajib Wazed Joy, son of Hasina, said nobody, not even the government, has the right to deprive the people of the fundamental rights guaranteed by the constitution.

General Secretary of the association Bashir Ahmed, Yousuf Hossain Humayun and Sahara Khatun were also present at the reception ceremony.

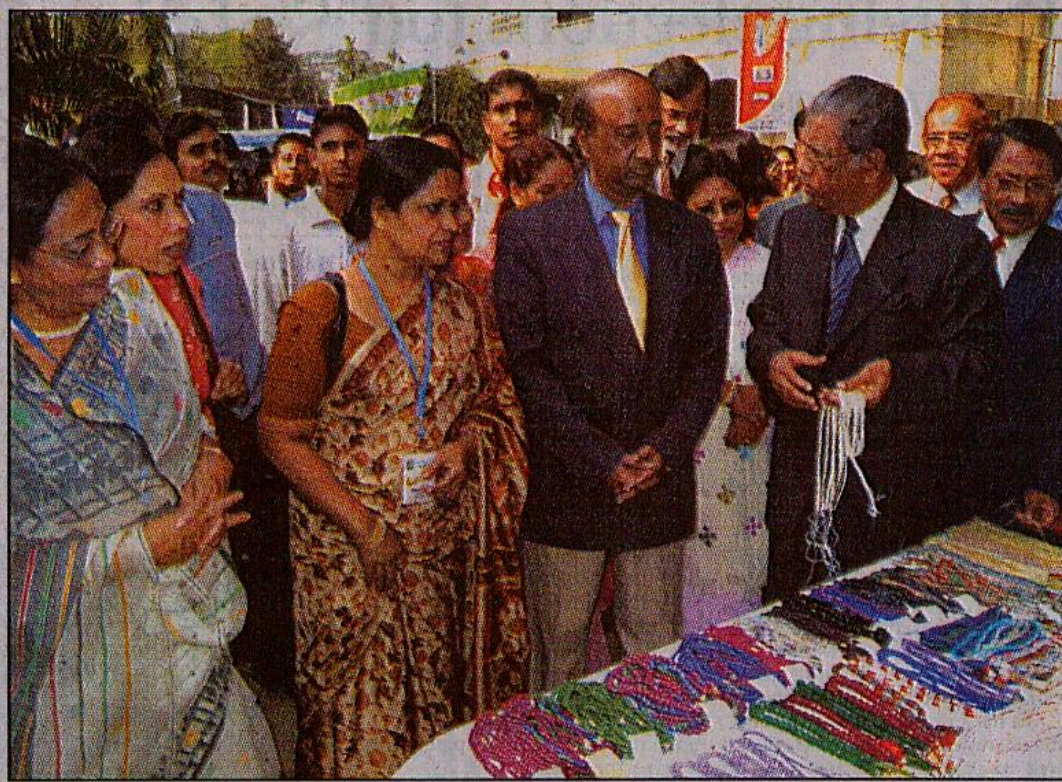
## Joy, Kristine leave for US today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sajib Wazed Joy and his wife Kristine Overmire will leave Dhaka for the USA today after a 16-day visit to Bangladesh.

They will leave Dhaka by an Emirates flight at 11:30am, said a personal aide to Sheikh Hasina, mother of Joy and president of Awami League.

During their stay here, Joy and Kristine visited Goplaganj, ancestral home of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and exchanged views with the leaders of several front organisations of Awami League.



Information Minister M Shamsul Islam visits different stalls after inaugurating a three-day 'Ananda Mela' at the Officers' Club in the city yesterday. The women committee of the club organised the event on the club premises.

## CROSS-BORDER GAS PIPELINE

# 'Explore benefits keeping nat'l interest in mind'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Keeping the national interest in mind, Bangladesh must explore the benefits of cross-border gas pipeline as a regional transmission network in energy sector, said the energy experts from home and abroad at a roundtable yesterday.

The roundtable on 'Regional Energy Co-operation in the Asia Pacific' was organised by Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA) in the city.

"The gas pipeline network will put Bangladesh in a better trading position," said President of the Institution

of Engineers, Bangladesh Quamrul Islam Siddiqui.

"But we must build our own capacity in extracting and utilising the available natural energy resources," he said, adding, "While dealing with energy resources, Bangladesh cannot but take the water resource into consideration."

As the Asia Pacific region is reaping benefits out of regional cooperation mechanism in the energy sector, the South Asian region too can derive similar advantage instituting a cross-border energy network, said FBCCI President Abdul Awal Minto.

He said Bangladesh has a proven reserve of two billion tons of coal but sufficient efforts have not been made to make the best use of it as a source of energy.

Energy resources are directly related to the national security and political strategies, said Buet Prof Nurul Islam, adding, "The issue of energy pricing can not be de-linked with politics in Bangladesh."

"Energy is too important to de-link it from politics," said a physicist and energy expert Dr Abdus Sattar.

Bangladesh's national interest

should be viewed as a paramount concern while negotiating the trans-boundary energy transmission network, he added.

Chairman of Summit Group Mohammad Aziz Khan said Bangladesh must look into how it can make the best use of its available natural energy resources.

The proposed gas pipeline from Myanmar to India can be a big opportunity for Bangladesh to take its advantage, said Deputy General Manager of Cairn Energy Bangladesh Mike Mackie.

While delivering the keynote speech on the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) in the Asia Pacific region, Prof AFM Maniruzzaman of Portsmouth University, UK said energy cooperation is an economic as well as a political strategy which should be tailored to meet the specific need of the region.

Former general manager of Grameen Bank Muzammel Huc said the Asia Pacific region has a proven reserve of world's 4 percent oil and 8 percent natural gas.

Former Petrobangla chairman SKM Abdullah and senior energy advisor of the USAID Bruce McMullen also took part in the dialogue chaired by BILIA Director Waliur Rahman.

## Mohammadia Housing estate officer shot dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One person was shot dead by a gang of unidentified miscreants at Basila Road in the city yesterday.

A gang of three armed youths sprayed bullets on Mohammad Majul Hossain, 38, indiscriminately in front of Rayerbazar mausoleum at about 9:15am when he was walking on Basila Road, said witnesses. Majul is an estate officer of Mohammadia Housing Limited.

He was rushed to Bangladesh Medical College. He was shifted to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) as his condition deteriorated. Doctors declared him dead at 10:30am.

Police sent the body to morgue for autopsy.

The body bore mark of bullet injuries in his chest, stomach, right leg and forehead, morgue sources said.

Victim's brothers, Bellal Hossain and Golam Hossain, suspect that he might have been killed following a dispute over land with their neighbours.

## Tribute to 8 Old Faujian martyrs

The Old Faujians Association (global organisation of former cadets of Faujderhat Cadet College), Dhaka Chapter, organised a function titled "Tribute to Eight Old Faujian Martyrs of Our Liberation War in 1971" at the Cadet College Club in the city recently, says a press release.

The eight Old Faujian martyrs are Maj. Md Abdul Khaleque, Capt. AKM Nurul Absar, Md Mosharraf Hossain, Capt. Md Shamsul Huda, Lt. Md Anwar Hossain, Bir Uttam, Badiul Alam, Bir Bikram, Mufti Muhammad Kased and 2/Lt. Rafique Ahmed Sarker.

Old Faujians Association Chairman Obaidur Rahman in his speech said that the aim of establishing cadet colleges in the then East Pakistan was to produce young men who would be able to provide leadership to the countrymen in various spheres of activities.

The motto of the college established by the first principal Lt Col William Maurice Brown is valid till today - "Deeds not words." The Faujians have proven by their participation and sacrificing their lives in the War of Liberation that they lived up to the motto. The younger generation of the Old Faujians can proudly say they had worthy elder brothers.

Ofn. SM Moslehuddin Ahmed presented the war history of the eight martyrs.

Fazul Alam, younger brother of Ofn. Shaheed Baidul Alam, and Mufti Latif Hossain, brother of Ofn. Shaheed Mufti Kased, also spoke. They praised the Old Faujians Association for organising such function.

Ofn. Sufee Mushtaque Ahmed, president of Old Faujians Association, Dhaka Chapter, gave vote of thanks.

Other than family members of Old Faujian martyrs, Old Faujians politicians, civil and military bureaucrats, corporate chiefs, bankers, academics, lawyers, intellectuals and university students were present at the function.



## Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kulsum Akter, an honours student of Titumir College, has long been suffering from acute renal failure.

Both of her kidneys have been damaged and she is now undergoing hemodialysis treatment. Kulsum hails from Arichpur village of Tongi upazila in Gazipur district.

Doctors have recommended immediate kidney transplantation to save her life. But her father Abdul Kader, a night guard, could not afford such expensive treatment.

He appeals to the generous people to extend a helping hand to save her daughter's life.

Contributions can be sent to the following account: Md Abdul Kader, Savings Account No. 69858, Islami Bank Bangladesh, Tongi Bazar Branch, Gazipur.

## Domestic violence prevention act a must to protect women

MAHBUBA ZANNAT

The absence of a domestic violence prevention act made women more vulnerable to repression in the society.

Only raising awareness would not be much effective in curbing domestic violence unless the women get legal support properly, said the women's rights activists.

Women are not receiving enough support from the family as well as society. Proper legal system and enforcement of existing laws are a must to protect women from domestic violence, said Sultana Kamal, president of Ain O Shalish Kendra (ASK).

The government also feels that such a law will help check violence against women.

Women face repression in their homes since childhood and the intensity of torture increases after she gets married.

A report of Bangladesh National Women's Lawyers Association (BNWLA) revealed that as many as 155 women were murdered by their husbands, 40 killed by their in-laws and 42 died from torture by their own relatives in 2003.

Also, 35 women were severely tortured by their husbands and 38 others by in-laws while 21 women were subjected to torture by her own relatives during the period.

The report also showed that dowry is to blame for most of the incidents. At least 129 incidents of dowry-related violence took place in 2003.

But it is disappointing that two-thirds of cases were not recorded with police because there is no specific law on domestic violence although there are several special laws to deal with the issue. Only 115 cases were filed in 2003 while at least 331 incidents of violence took place.

Many countries, including Malaysia and Turkey, have enacted the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, also called DVA, to check such crimes.

"It is true that there is no such act in Bangladesh, but there are Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, Acid Crime Prevention Act and Acid Control Act. If the women's rights groups put forward their proposals, we will examine it and try to implement them, recommendations," said Women and Children Affairs Minister Khurshid Jahan Haque.

The women's rights organisations underscored the need for raising awareness about the menace and called on women to be more

courageous to initiate legal action against the offenders.

Women are now filing cases which was not seen even a few years ago, said Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid. Different ministries are also working to stamp out violence against women, he added.

Kathryn B Ward, project director of Nari Jiban and a visiting professor at Millennium University, said that to reduce the vulnerability of women to repression, the most important thing is to inform them

## Citigroup gives \$ 30,000 to book reading programme

Citigroup Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Citigroup, contributed 30,000 US dollars to the Biswa Sahitya Kendra (World Literature Centre) yesterday to support their programme titled "Encourage the new generation to read books," says a press release.

Biswa Sahitya Kendra, an educational and cultural organisation, is working to build up an enlightened, enriched and committed generation of future citizens.

Mamun Rashid, chief executive officer of Citibank NA, presented the grant to Abdullah Abu Sayeed, chairman of Biswa Sahitya Kendra, in the city.

Md Shahjahan Bhuiyan, managing director of Prime Bank, Syed Javed Iqbal, chief operating officer of Khulna Power Company Limited, and Matir Rahman, editor of the Prothom Alo, were also present.

Citibank has recently completed a six-month business campaign along with the Prothom Alo on raising funds for the Biswa Sahitya Kendra. Abdullah Abu Sayeed said, "We need to enrich the young generation through reading more and more books to adhere to high moral values and give a meaningful leadership in taking the country along the path of progress and prosperity. The generous contribution from Citigroup Foundation and Citibank's clients has been a very rewarding one and a great encouragement for Biswa Sahitya Kendra."

Mamun Rashid said, "We hope to create more enthusiasm in the community to increase book reading in the society and facilitate Kendra's current Mobile Library programme. We are also proud to be associated with the Prothom Alo, the leading Bengali daily, which has taken a noble initiative to raise awareness in all aspects in this regard."

about the resources like shelter homes, treatment facilities and legal aids for the abused.

"It is hopeful that different non-government organisations are helping the victims of domestic violence through counselling, legal support, shelter home and treatment," she added.

Although women's rights organisations are working to stop domestic violence, it would take time to enact laws as it is a long procedure, said Sultana Kamal.

"We, the women's rights organisations, are now working on raising awareness. We are also trying to press the government to enact such law through submitting memorandum and writing to the members of parliament," she added.



## EPAB executives

Mirza Tarekul Qader, executive director of Bangladesh Institute of Communication Studies and Public Relations (BICSPR), and Manoranjan Mondol, head of Publications and Public Relations Division, Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI), have been elected president and general secretary of Bangladesh EPAB for 2005-2006, says a press release.

The election was held on December 31 at the Annual General Meeting of the association at the BICSPR Conference Room.

Other office bearers are - Vice-presidents: AK Jalal Uddin, Golam Kibria Pinu and KM Abdul Awal, Associate General Secretaries: Gitaly Hasan and Mahmud Abu Sayeed, Treasurer: Siddique Mahmudur Rahman, Organising Secretary: Rehan Uddin Ahmed Raju, Publicity Secretary: Tapan Bagchi and Associate Publicity Secretary: Naznin Ara Afsar.

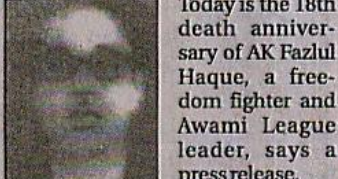
Kh Fazlur Rahman, librarian in-charge, Planning and Development, University of Dhaka, conducted the election as election commissioner.

## Death anniversary

The second death anniversary of the late Lt. Cdr. (Retd) MS Haq, former director of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), will be observed today, says a press release.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil and Qurandhwani will be held at his residence at Apartment A4, Western View, House No 79, Road No-8A, Dhanmondi R/A, in the city.

## AK Fazlul Haque



Today is the 18th death anniversary of AK Fazlul Haque, a freedom fighter and Awami League leader, says a press release.

He was a chairman of West Gujra Union in Roazan.

AK Fazlul Haque Memorial Parishad has taken up elaborate programmes to mark the day.



Old Faujians Association Chairman Obaidur Rahman presents OFA memento to the daughter of Old Faujian martyr Major MA Khaleque.

**যমুনা অয়েল কোম্পানী লিমিটেড**  
(বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম কর্পোরেশনের একটি অংশ প্রতিষ্ঠান)  
যমুনা ভবন, আশ্রাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম

**পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তিঃ ০২/২০০৫**

অত্র প্রতিষ্ঠানের ভৈরববাজার রিপোর্স অভ্যন্তরীণ রাস্তা নির্মাণ কাজের জন্য উপযুক্ত অভিজ্ঞ সরকারী/আধাসরকারী/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠান অথবা তৈল কোম্পানীর তালিকাভুক্ত ১ম শ্রেণীর দিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের নিকট হইতে নিম্নোক্ত শর্ত ও নিয়মাবলীর অধীনে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইবে।

আগামী ০২-০১-২০০৫ইং তারিখ হইতে বিস্তারিত শর্তসহ দরপত্র তফসিল হিসাব বিভাগের কাশা শাখা, যমুনা ভবন, আশ্রাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম এবং আবাসিক ব্যবস্থাপকের অফিস, ১০২, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, বিএসইসি ভবন, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা হইতে নাদ ৩০০/০০ (তিনশত টাকা) প্রদানপূর্বক (অফেরতব্যতী) আগামী ১০-০১-২০০৫ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত প্রতি সেট দরপত্র তফসিল অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে। দরপত্রসমূহ ১৬-০১-২০০৫ইং তারিখে অপারেশন বিভাগের সিনিয়র অপারেশন ইঞ্জিনিয়ারের কাছে (যমুনা ভবন) ও আবাসিক ব্যবস্থাপকের অফিস, বিএসইসি ভবন (২য় তলা), কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা রক্তিত দরপত্র ব্যকে বেলা ১১-৩০ মিনিটের পূর্বে ফেরিত হইবে। দরপত্র বাজা একই দিন বেলা ১১-৪৫ মিনিটে উপস্থিত ঠিকাদারগণের অথবা তাদের প্রতিনিধিগণের (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) সম্মুখে খোলা হইবে। দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয় হইবে না।

দরপত্রের সহিত উক্ত মূল্যের শতকরা ৩ (তিন) ভাগ টাকা জামানত হিসাবে যমুনা অয়েল কোম্পানী লিমিটেড চট্টগ্রামের অনুকূলে যে কোন তফসিল ব্যাকের পে-অর্ডার অথবা ডিডি আকারে জমা দিতে হইবে। দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার সাথে যে কাজের জন্য দরপত্র জমা দেওয়া হইবে তাহা স্পষ্ট করিয়া লিখিত হইবে। সঠিক পরিমাণের জামানত ছাড়া কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে না। দরপত্রের সহিত ১ম শ্রেণীর পেট্রোটেড অফিসার অথবা তৈল বিপণন কোম্পানীর নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত নিম্নলিখিত দলিলাদি সংযুক্ত করিতে হইবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

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- ২। ঠিকাদারের হাল সনের তালিকাভুক্ত সনদপত্র।
- ৩। হাল সনের ট্রেড লাইসেন্স
- ৪। টিআইএন নম্বর।
- ৫। অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র।
- ৬। হালনাগাদ ব্যাক সলভেন্সী সনদপত্র।

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**মোঃ ফেরদাউসুল করিম**  
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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Directorate of Food Procurement Division  
16 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka

Memo No-সং/Procurement/Tender(Rice Purchase)-03/2004-05/853  
Dated: 27-12-2004

### Amendment to Tender Notice

The undermentioned amendment is brought to Para 4 of Memo No-সং/Procurement/Tender (Rice Purchase)-03/2004-05/849 dated 23-12-2004 under Directorate of Food.

4. Tender should be submitted centrewise for minimum 1000 (one thousand) M ton rice. Tender should be submitted depositing earnest money (tender security) according to the amount (prescribed) stated in tender schedule in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of Director (Procurement), Directorate of Food.

**Md. Aminul Huq**  
Director (Procurement)  
Directorate of Food, Dhaka  
Phone: 9550261

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**দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির সংশোধনী**

প্রকল্প-২, পাওয়ার গ্রীড কোম্পানী অব বাংলাদেশ লিঃ হইতে আমিনবাজার উপকেন্দ্রে Approach Road নির্মাণ এবং উক্ত রাস্তার দুইপাশে Slope Protection কাজ ও Approach Road এ Box Culvert নির্মাণের নিমিত্ত আবাককৃত দরপত্র সূত্র নং- ১.১০/পিজিসিবি/ডিএম/প্রকল্প-২/২০০৫/০০৬ তারিখঃ ০১/০১/২০০৫ নিম্নোক্ত সংশোধনী করা হইল।

"দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়ঃ ২৯/০১/২০০৫ইং, অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।" উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক  
অন্যান্য সকল শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকিবে। প্রকল্প-২, পিজিসিবি, ঢাকা।

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all the concerned that Phoenix Leasing Company Ltd. has lease-financed to its lessee M/S. Carlton Fair, 80/3 Uttar Jatrabari, Dhaka for acquisition of capital machinery (Capital Machinery for Carlton Factory, Y.O.M: 2001, Country of Origin: India and China) and covered van (HINDUSTAN BEDFORD COVERED VAN, Y.O.M: 2001, Model: T-480, Country of Origin: India, Registration No. Dhaka Metro-U-11-0803). In this connection, it may be noted here that the proprietor of M/S. Carlton Fair is Khondaker Md. Shameem-ul-Islam, S/O: Late Yousuf Ali Khondaker, having present address: House No. 15, Road No. 4/A, Sector No. 5, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka. Further be noted that the mentioned capital machinery and covered van are under the ownership of Phoenix Leasing Company Ltd. Subsequently, the lessee, M/S. Carlton Fair has failed to repay the liabilities of them which were due to Phoenix Leasing Company Ltd. and therefore, Phoenix Leasing Company Ltd has terminated the lease agreement which was signed between M/S. Carlton Fair and Phoenix Leasing Company through the Notice of Termination as on December 15, 2004. In the said Notice of Termination, Phoenix leasing Company has instructed M/S. Carlton Fair to handover their leased capital machinery and covered van to Phoenix Leasing Company Ltd.

In the circumstances, we are requesting all the concerned not to involve in any transaction regarding the said leased capital machinery and covered van- which are now under the possession of M/S. Carlton Fair.

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