



Ambassador

SarjilHassan

passes away

Ambassador SK Sarjil Hassan died of

heart attack at a city hospital yesterday

He is survived by his wife, son,

daughter, four grandchildren and a

daugner, four grandconlaten and a data friends and relations, and admirers. He belonged to Dhaka's Nawab family.

Ambassador Hassan joined the

Foreign Service in the erstwhile

Pakistani in 1969 and served

Bangladesh for 35 years with distinc-

tion and great professionalism. He

served in various capacities in differ-

ent diplomatic missions in Cairo Baghdad, Stockholm, Kabul, Dubai

He was also ambassador to Taskent, Uzbekistan, Moscow,

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at

Russian Federation and Riyadh, Saudi

Nawabbari mosque in Islampur after Zohr prayers today. He will be buried

in Nawabbari family graveyard in

BegumBazarinthecity.
Foreign Minister M Morshed

Khan, Advisor Reaz Rahman and top officials of the Foreign Ministry rushed to Lab Aid hospital where he

Morshed Khan expressed deep shock at the sudden death of

recalled his "great contribution to

professionalism and to enhancing

Bangladesh 's image and interests

departed soul and conveyed sympa-thy to the members of the bereaved

victims demand

President of Bangladesh Knit-wear

Manufacturers and Exporters

Association Mohammad Fazlul

Haque yesterday announced a

compensation of Tk one lakh for

Besides, relatives of the victims

Meanwhile, Commerce Minister

Earlier, leaders of different organi-

sations expressed conceren over the

fire incident at a garment factory in Narayanganj on Thursday night

They in separate statements also

Bangladesh Society for the

demanded compensation for the

families of the victims and proper

Enforcement of Human Rights,

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Angikar

Bangladesh, and National Garment

Workers and Employees Federation

Death anniversary

dation will hold a doa mahfil at its

Oulkhwani of Md Suja-Ud-Daula,

former member of parliament, will

be held at his Uttara residence in the

city after Asr prayers today, says a

requested to attend the qulkhwani

and pray for the salvation of the

Friends and admirers have been

Today is the

fourth death

anniversary of

Prof Nurul Islam,

says a press

On the occa-

sion, Prof Nurul

Islam Foun-

release.

will be provided with jobs, he added.

Altaf Hossain Chowdhury visited the

Sun Kniting and Processing Limited

compensation

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each family of the victims.

leaving 23 workers dead.

treatment for the injured.

issued the statements.

foods at orphanage.

press release.

departed

Oulkhwani

yesterday.

He prayed for salvation of the

while serving as diplomat abroad".

In a message of condolence, he

breathedhislastat5:30pm.

Ambassador Sariil.

N'ganj fire

Jeddah and Los Angeles.

UNB, Dhaka

attheageof58.

A girl admires flower at the Flower Show Competition-2005 at the Central Public Library auditorium in the city yesterday. National Association of Unesco Clubs in Bangladesh organised the contest.

Glass exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of Russian Crystal Glass Exhibition will be held with Ambassador Oleg S Malginov as chie guest. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House- 510, Road-7, Dhanmondi Time: 5.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till January 19 from 11.00am to 7.00pm daily.

Seminar

The Forum for Non-formal Education Programme organises a seminar on 'Non-formal Education in PRSP' will be held with State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Hag Milon as chief guest. Venue: VIP Lounge of the National Press Club. Time: 9.00am.

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh organises a special talk on 'Armenian trade delivered by Professor Sushil Chowdhury of Calcutta University. Venue: Seminar room of the society, 5 Old Secretariat Road. Time: 10.00am.

Reception

Sylhet Bibhag Unnayan Parishad will accord a reception to all successful SSC and HSC examinees of the division who reside in Dhaka and appeared in the examinations this year. Law Minister Moudud Ahmed will be the chief guest. Venue: National Press Club Auditorium.

DHAKA

Discussion

Weekly meeting of Muldhara, a forum of writers, journalists and artists, will be held. Venue: House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi, Time: 6.00pm

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Narail Phone+Fax No-0481-62508

Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No
- Name of work
- Tender security Time allowed

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Name of officers by

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- for completion of work Eligibility of tenderer
- : 34 (thirty-four) of 2004-2005, Narail Road Division.
- : Supplying stone chips, pea-gravels & local sand for maintenance work at different km of different roads under Narail Road Division during the year 2004-2005. Tk. 20,000/-
- 15 (fifteen) days.
- All tenderers regardless of whether enlisted or not enlisted with the RHD may submit tenders provided that they are otherwise qualified having: (a) VAT registration
- certificate. TIN registration certificate.
- Trade licence.
- Nationality certificate. Minimum required cash
- flow amount of Tk. 2,10,000.00 (Two lac ten thousand) only on the day preceding the date of submission of the tender.
- Other criteria mentioned in the tender schedule
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- Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Jessore/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division,

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At 3-00 PM on 18-01-2005

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Date and time for preparing the list of sealed tender

for receiving tender

- Date, time & place for of sealed opening tender tender
- of Cost documents
- DFP-31372-28/12/04

Md Jafar Ullah Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division, Narail

MINISTRY DIRECTIVE

Clean solid waste, blood immediately after slaughtering

The authorities vesterday directed all to take measures to halt environmental degradation after slaughtering sacrificial animals on the occasion of holy Eid-ul-Azha.

The directive was given at a meet-ing of the Ministry of Environment and Forest with minister Tariqul Islam in the chair.

The meeting urged all concerned bodies to disseminate messages through different medium of mass communications and inter-personal communication networks to create massive public awareness about negative environmental impacts of improper management of solid waste and blood of sacrificial animals. It requested the people not to use polythene bags for removal of solid waste and blood after slaugh-

Concern over gas field fire

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Different political, social and cultural organisations yesterday expressed concern over the fire at Tengratila gas field in Doarabazar upazila of Sunamganj district and demanded effective compensation.

The leaders of the organisations blamed the government for not taking effective steps to extinguish They also demanded immediate

action against those responsible for the fire at the company. Sylhet Division Development

Action Council will stage sit-in at 3.30pm at Muktangan in the city today protesting the fire at Sunamganj gas field.

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) and Bangladesh Jubo Moitri also demanded the compensation.

and municipal bodies to take steps to clean all solid waste and blood immediately after the slaughtering. The meeting also directed the Bangladesh Betar and BTV to broadcast special messages to halt environ-

also urged the national dailies to Bangladesh Islamic Foundation has been directed to raise awareness among the Imams so that they can advise the musallis about cleanliness and its impact on environment after Juma prayers. It also decided to

launch leaflet campaign to boost the

level of public awareness on this

mental degradation in the country. It

Shibir leader expelled from DMC

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Dhaka Medical College (DMC) authorities yesterday expelled a student, also a Shibir leader, from Fazle Rabbi Hall for violation of dormitory rules.

A three-member committee headed by Prof. Amzad Hossain, chairman of Orthopedic Department, recommended the DMC authorities to expel Arifur Rahman, a leader of Islami Chhatra Shibir, student wing of the Jamaat-e-Islami, when Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists complained against him.

The JCD demanded ban on Shibir politics on DMC campus. The Shibir activists swooped on the JCD men leaving at least 10 injured on January 5.

The JCD men blamed Arif for violating the dormitory rules as he took his girlfriend to his room at Fazle Rabbi Hall on January 1.

Strengthen SA security by combating terrorism

Int'l Political Science Assoc confce ends

The two-day conference of International Political Science Association ended in the city on Saturday with a call for strengthening the security of South Asia by combating terrorism in the region.

Speakers at the concluding session urged the leaders of all South Asian countries to ensure peaceful use of nuclear power.

Two keynote papers were presented at the concluding session.

Dr Zillur Rahman Khan, professor emeritus of Wisconsin University, USA and Dr Arup Chowdhury of Gouhati University, India presented the papers.

Chaired by Prof Dr M Ataur

Rahman, president of Bangladesh Political Science Association, the discussion was participated by Biss Director Dr Abdur Rab Khan, Journalist Jaglul Ahmed Chowdhury, JSD President Hasanul Haq Inu, Chairman of Peace and Conflict Department of Dhaka University Dr Dalim Chandra Barman, Principal of Delhi College Prof Asha Gupta and Editor of the Indian Journal of



Dr Zillur Rahman Khan, professor emeritus of Wisconsin University addresses the concluding session of the International Political Science Association in the city on Saturday. On his right are Prof Dr M Ataur Rahman and journalist Jaglul Ahmed Chowdhury.

Political Science Sanjib Kumar Sarma took part in the discussion.

The two-day conference was organised by Bangladesh Political Science Association (BPSA) in collaboration with International Political Science Association and American Institute of Bangladesh Studies (AIBS) at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies auditorium in the city.

Political scientists from the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia and India

Sustta polls today

Election to the Shahjalal University of Science & Technology Teachers Association (Sustta) will be held

Professor Dr. M Habibul Ahsan and Dr. Abdul Hai Chowdhury are contesting for the posts of president and general secretary from the pro-government panel while the pro-Awami League and leftleaning panel nominated vesterday. Professor Dr Akhtarul Islam and AKM Hasan Bakht Chowdhury for

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Nat'l debate

festival begins

in Rangamati

A three-day national level debate

festival will be held in Rangamati from

(NDF), in cooperation with Global

Village Rangamati, will organise the

with an excellent opportunity to

better understand the novelty and

uniqueness of the indigenous people

and their culture," said NDF President

press conference yesterday.

The occasion will also help narrow

will take part in the festival.

instrument for a better society.

opportunity to experience a distinct lifestyle of the hilly inhabitants," said

General Secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum Sanjib Drong, "The disturbance in the hill tracts is

a political as well as national prob-

lem," said Moni Swapan Dewan,

deputy minister for Chittagong Hill

sus at the national level for political

stability and poverty alleviation activi-

The festival will include various

events including debates in various formats, cultural functions, public

speaking competition, river cruise,

The federation will bear the

expenses for participants. They have to

ties in the region," he added.

video showand campfire.

pay Tk350 only for registration.

"There must be minimum consen-

Tracts Affairs.

National Debate Federation

"It will provide the participants

on Feb 17

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Islamicelements The group under the banner Iman-Akida Sangrokhhon

group of bigots yesterday demanded of the government to ban all publications of Dewanbagis, as these, what they said, contain anti-

M Jamal Naser Chowdhury, secretary general of the committee, said they will observe a protest week

Bigots demand ban on Dewanbagi publications

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Committee, Bangladesh made the call at a press conference in the city

Leaders of the group said they will hold a mass rally at Muktangan on January 14 and move in a procession towards the Dewanbagi office.

from January 10 to 14 against the

Jamal, a key leader of Amra Dhakabasi organisation which launched agitation against the Ahmadiyas, said they will stage a

January 12 to protest the 'anti-Islamic' activities of Dewanbagis. Jamal alleged "The pir (spiritual leader) of Dewanbagis made a number of speeches and statements that are insolent and have gone against the actual teachings of

demonstration at the eastern gate of

Baitul Mokarram Mosque on

Shamsul Haq, vice-president of the committee, said if the government does not meet their demand immediately, they will announce their further agitation programmes from the rally on January 14.

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Novartis will provide over 2 million The support, which began imme-

diately in the wake of the tragedy, includes direct financial aid to relief agencies and donations of essential medicines. Novartis companies provided

local authorities, hospitals and other institutions with aid and support immediately after the

No change in temperature likely

National Debate Federation (NDF) President Hasan Ahmed Chowdhury

Kiron speaks at a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday.

১ম জাতীয় পাৰ্বত্য বিত্ৰক উৎসৰ ২০০৫

আর্মজন : ন্যাশনাল ডিবেট ফেডারেশন ও শ্লোবাল ভিলেজ রাশ্যমাটি

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country with light to moderate

fog during morning till 6.00pm today. Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Teknaf and lowest 9.0 degree Celsius at Jessore, Chuadanga and The sun sets in the capital at 5:29pm today and rises at 6:44am

Highest temperature 26.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at

tomorrow. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	24.0	15.0	76	52
Chittagong	26.2	12.5	69	64
Rajshahi	24.2	10.0	74	69
Khulna	24.6	10.8	82	67
Barisal	25.4	10.0	85	
Sylhet	25.0	13.2	87	78
Cox's Bazar	26.0	15.0	63	65

Dhanmondi office and distribute

Two IUB debating teams, who participated in the World Debating Championship 2005 in Malaysia, pose for photograph with Vice Chancellor Prof Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury. The Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) teams scored individually the highest points so far achieved by any Bangladeshi university in the competition. Six leading public and private universities from Bangladesh took part in the debate. Universities from 55 countries, including US, UK, Canada, Australia, South Africa, India, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Japan and China, took part in

\$2m Novartis aid for disaster victims in S Asia

US dollar in immediate emergency aid for victims of the recent natural disaster in Southeast Asia, says a

tsunami struck. Novartis made donated drug to local hospitals, the Red Cross and the Red Crescent organisations in Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia. It also donated funds for the flood victims in Sri Lanka