the country would continue to

suffer unless the civil society of the

daily Prothom Alo, said the media is

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media is trying to consolidate

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Mahmud, the session was also

addressed by Aroma Dutt of PRIP

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Rural Advancement Committee

(Brac) to support the reconstruction

of schools under Brac's 2004 flood

rehabilitation programme in

extensive damage to educational

infrastructures and educational

materials disrupting the education

of hundreds of thousands of stu-

1,799 Kishori Kendras got severely

officer of Citibank Bangladesh,

presented the grant to Fazle Hasan

Muyeed Chowdhury was present.

A court in Dhaka yesterday sen-

tenced two muggers to 30 years'

rigorous imprisonment (RI) for

killing an autorickshaw driver on

January 30 last year.
Judge Golam Mortuza Majumder
of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 handed

down the verdict in presence of the convicts Mohammad Mizanur

Rahman alias Mizan and Shahin

According to the prosecution, two

muggers in the guise of passengers

hired the autorickshaw of one

Bachchu Miah from in front of Notre

Dame College at Motijheel to go to

Gulshan. But the muggers attacked

the driver with sharp weapons to snatch away the autorickshaw when it reached Road No. 113 of Gulshan.

The locals caught the two red-handed and handed them over to

Alam alias Shahin.

affected in this catastrophe.

Abed, chairperson of Brac.

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A total of 9,855 Brac schools and

Mamun Rashid, chief executive

Brac Executive Director Abdul

The flood in 2004 had caused

Bangladesh, says a press release.

grant for Brac

schools

He blamed the political parties

Motiur Rahman also criticised

Chaired by Prof Wahiduddin

Motiur Rahman, editor of the

Despite some limitations, the

country is not united.

ing good governance.

The closing session of a three-day conference on 'Human Rights and Governance: Local and Global Perspective' was held at Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (Biam) auditorium in the city yesterday. From left are Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain, Team Leader of Manusher Jonno Shaheen Anam, former chief advisor of a caretaker government Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman and President of Women Entrepreneurs Association and former advisor of a caretaker government Rokia A Rahman.

Homegrown policy for good governance underscored

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a conference yesterday underscored the need for a specific time-bound plan of action to ensure good governance.

They also observed that the donor-driven policy cannot ensure good governance; there should be a homegrown visionary policy reflecting the genuine aspirations of the

They were speaking at a working session of a conference on human rights and good governance, organised by Manusher Jonno and Partners at the Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (Biam) auditorium in the city.

Eminent economist Dr Atiur Rahman presented a keynote paper at the session on 'Role of international institutions in promoting good governance: Bangladesh perspective', moderated by Mahfuz Anam, editor of The Daily Star.

Economist MM Akash and Dr Rashidan Islam took part in the discussion on the keynote paper.

In his keynote paper, Dr Atiur Rahman was critical of the role of international institutions like the WorldBank, IMF and UNDP.

They are playing a significant role in addressing the challenges to governance stemming from various socio-economic crisis, but their

Belta executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Arifa Rahman and Dr Rubina Khan have been elected president and general secretary of Bangladesh English Language Teachers Association (Belta) for 2005-06.

The election was held at the annual general meeting of Belta at the Sidheswari campus auditorium

of Stamford University on January 15. Other office-bearers are Dr Md Shahidullah and Abdus Selim -- vice presidents, Dr Dil Afroze Quader -treasurer, Najma Shams -- joint treasurer, and Dr Deena P Forkan --

publication secretary.

initiatives are not always adequate to reap long-term benefits for the

"The international institutions are welcome to participate in our development effort, but we have to

design our own agenda," he added.

MM Akash observed that the World Bank (WB) often made suggestions on various sectors but it itself did not follow those. He also questioned the transpar-

ency in the activities of the bank and criticised it for seeking immunity for all its activities in Bangladesh.

Mahfuz Anam stressed the need for a check and balance on the executive to ensure good gover-

The donors got the chance to make suggestions because of the failure in governance, he observed. Rashidan Islam said good governance is a prerequisite for economic

development in the country. She called for framing a specific time-bound plan of action for important sectors on an urgent basis.

At the open discussion, the participants called for a united movement to realise various demands. They also opposed the project-based development by donor agencies and multinational companies.

At another session on 'Civil society activism, media and role of state for good governance', the speakers stressed the need for a concerted pressure on the government to ensure good governance.

They said a strong bond between media and civil society is vital to monitor different social and eco-

Speaking at the discussion, Prof. Abdullah Abu Sayeed regretted that

the civil society is sharply divided on political lines, which sometimes create problems in mobilising "At present, the state stands

beside those who are plundering the nation's wealth. So, the civil society and the media will have to take a stand against those activities," he

Prof Sayeed also mentioned that



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ঢাকা ইলেকট্রিক সাপ্লাই কোম্পানী লিঃ (ডেসকো)

वाड़ी न१-७, রোড न१- २८, व्रक-त्क, वनानी मर्डन ठाउँन, ঢाका-১২১७।

পবিত্র ঈদুল আয়্হা উপলক্ষ্যে বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ঢাকা ইলেকট্রিক সাপ্লাই কোম্পানী লিঃ (ডেসকো) এর সকল সম্মানিত গ্রাহকগণের সদয় অবগতির জন্য জানানো

যাচেছ যে, আসন্ন পবিত্র ঈদুল আয্হা উপলক্ষ্যে ডেসকো'র আওতাধীন এলাকায় নিরবচ্ছিন্ন বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহ

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পবিত্র ঈদুল আয্হা উপলক্ষ্যে সরকারী ছুটিকালীন সময়ে বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহ জনিত যে কোন অভিযোগ/সমস্যা স্ব স্থ এলাকার নিমুবর্ণিত টেলিফোন নম্বর সমূহে অবহিত করার জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা হলো।

Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk gives away a trophy to a student as chief guest at the annual prize giving ceremony of Vigarunnisa Noon School and College in the city yesterday.

Free election from influence of black money

Bhuiyan tells Democracy Fair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Local government has to be strengthened to establish democracy at the grassroots level, said LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at a democ-

racy fair yesterday. He said a democratic society is a prerequisite for the institutionalisation of democracy in the

The Democracy Fair 2005 was organised by Khan Foundation in the city to highlight democracy and relation between the people and local government.

The LGRD minister said election must be free from the influence of black money and muscles-power to elect honest representatives in Speaking as guest speaker, US Ambassador to Bangladesh Harry K Thomas laid emphasis on human rights and good governance for sustainable democracy.

"As a possessor of a new democracy, Bangladesh has a challenge to strengthen the institution," he said, adding that the fair would help increase people's participation in democratic institutions.

Dutch Ambassador Kees Beemsterboer and German Ambassador Dictrich Andreas were

Executive Director of Khan Foundation Advocate Rokhsana Khondker presided. Funded by USAID and ARD, the

fair was marked by discussions, cultural programmes and display of



Citibank NA Chief Executive Officer Mamun Rashid presents a grant of 25,000 US dollar to Brac Chairperson Fazle Hasan Abed while Brac Executive Director Abdul Muyeed Chowdhury, right, looks on.

Launching ceremony

Bangladesh Freedom Foundation organises a launching session of the book on 'Philanthropy and Law in South Asia' published by the Manila-based Asia-Pacific Philanthropy Consortium (APPC) with Law Minister Moudud Ahmd as chief guest. Venue: Brac Centre Inn, Mohakhali. Time: 10.00am.

Poster exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of a poster exhibition titled 'Discover Japan through contemporary posters', organised by Japan embassy in cooperation with National Museum, will be held. Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium. Time: 4.00pm. The exhibition will remain open

Prize giving ceremony

The concluding function and prize giving ceremony of the science fair and handicrafts exhibition of Siddheshwari Girls College will be held. Venue: College premises, 148 New Bailey Road. Time: 3:00pm.

Bangladesh Academy of Sciences organises a talk on 'NMR and its noble glory' to be delivered by Prof Dr Richard R Ernst, Nobel Laureate. Venue: Atomic Energy Centre Auditorium, 4 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 10.00am.

Workshop

Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights organises a workshop on 'Rape -a dreadful human disaster: Role of the government and people in preventing it' with Law Minister Moudud Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Biam auditorium, New Eskaton Time: 2.30pm.

DHAKA

Memorial meeting

National Awami Party will hold a meeting in memory of Shaheed Asad Day, Venue: Muktangon, Ramna. Time:





Thundershowers likely

Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and regions of Jessore, Kushtia and Comilla till 6.00pm today. Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country with light to moderate fog during morning, met office

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. Highest temperature 29.1 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at

Sitakundu and lowest 9.3 degree Celsius at Srimangal The sun sets in the capital at 5:36pm today and rises at 6:43am

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Dhaka .	24.6	14.5	73
Chittagong	29.0	13.4	67	32
Rajshahi	19.6	14.0	97	92
Khulna	25.5	14:0	82	70
Barisal	26.2	12.0	95	87
Sylhet	21.8	13.4	82	77
Cox's Bazar	28.5	15.0	67	78



Bangladesh Debate Federation (BDF) President Bulbul Hasan speaks at a roundtable on 'contemporary thoughts about debate' at the TSC auditorium at Dhaka University yesterday. Debaters from different universities and colleges took part in the roundtable organised by the BDF.



Noor's mother passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amina Begum, mother of Asaduzzaman Noor MP, a cultural personality and publicity secretary of Awami League, died at Metropolitan Medical Centre in the city yesterday at the age of 85.

Amina, wife of late Abu Nazem Mohammad Ali, was the headmistress of Nilphamari Government Girls' School. She was involved in teaching for 33 years and in social welfare activities.

She left behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

Her youngest son Dr Ahaduzzman Mohammad Ali is a professor of the department of mass communication and journalism of Dhaka University.

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held on the Nilphamari Rest House Mosque premises at 11:00am today.

AL chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina expressed deep shock at the death of Amina Begum. In a condolence message, Hasina

prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil

and Joint Secretary Obaidul Quader also condoled the death of Amina

BUSINESSMAN HARUN MURDER CASE

One to die, 5 others get life

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal, Chittagong yesterday sentenced one person to death and five others to life imprisonment in shipping businessman Harun mur-

Judge M Hasan Imam handed down the death penalty to Md Shafiul Azam alias Shafi at a jampacked court room. The other convicts are Saiful Islam alias Babu, Ujjal Barua, Md Nurul Alam, brother of Shafi, Md Nurul Absar and Md Golam Moula, general secretary of Momenbagh Housing Society. Of them, Ujjal and Nurul Absar were tried in absentia.

The court also fined Saiful and Ujjal Tk 10,000 each. If they fail to pay, they will have to suffer another one year's imprisonment. Nurul Alam, Nurul Absar and Golam Moula were also fined Tk 1,000 each, in default to suffer an additional one month's imprisonment.

Another accused Md Nurul Islam died during the trial.

According to the prosecution, Shafiul Azam and other accused equipped with firearms started erecting a wall around a piece of land owned by SM Iqbal Hossain, plaintiff of the case, at Hamzarbug Colony in the city on February 15,

Iqbal along with his brother-inlaw SU Ahmad Harun, a shipping businessman, and other relatives tried to resist the gang, but Shafi shot Harun in his chest when he was rushing to call the police on the

Harun was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where he died the same day.

Local people caught Shafi and two other accused with firearms and anded them over to police.

Iqbal filed a case with Panchlaish Police Station in this connection. And the investigating officer of the case submitted a charge sheet accusing Shafi and four others on

August 10, 2000. The case was transferred to Criminal Investigation Department (CID) police. It was sent to divisional speedy trial tribunal on July 31 last

Advocate Quamrul Islam Chowdhury and Advocate Ahsanul Haq Hena appeared on behalf of the state and the plaintiff while Advocate Salauddin Haider Siddiqui, Advocate Najim Uddin and Advocate Monzurul Alam Ansari defended the

French envoy meets Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

French Ambassador Jacques Andre Costilhes made a courtesy call on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi house.

They discussed matters of bilateral interest. Trade and economic cooperation between Dhaka and Paris as well as domestic political issues came up for discussion during the meeting,

Awami League sources said. Party leaders Saber Hossain Chowdhury and Momtaz Hossain



Noted painter Qaiyyum Chowdhury and Standard Chartered Bank Chief Executive Officer Osman Morad pose for photograph with the winners of a children's painting competition. Standard Chartered Bank organised the painting

Home loan product Mortgage launched

Standard Chartered Bank has launched its home loan product Mortgage in Bangladesh, says a press

Noted painter Qaiyyum Chow-dhury and Standard Chartered Bank Chief Executive Officer Osman Morad launched the product at a ceremony at the Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium on January 14.

M Sajidur Rahman, head of Consumer Banking and M Masihul Hug, head of Secured Loans, were

Qaiyyum Chowdhury also inaugurated a three-day children's painting exhibition organised by the bank at were selected during a children's painting contest organised by Standard Chartered Bank in Novemberlastyear.

The "Paint Your Dream House" contest was marked to celebrate the launching of Mortgage, which is a home loan product with unique features. Around 5,000 children from different city schools participated in

A total of 2,000 entries were selected for the exhibition. The paintings were on display at Shishu Academy from January 14 to 17. The best 57 child painters received awards from Qaiyyum Chowdhury.

"This is great timing for us, to start with the children, to talk about dreams and colours as we celebrate 100 years of Standard Chartered Bank in Bangladesh," said Osman Morad.

Qaiyyum Chowdhury said, "It is a great event involving the children, giving them an opportunity to express their minds. Children have great imaginations and their thoughts are pure and colourful, he added. The sheer number of entries show that they are eager to share their drams with others and their dreams are beautiful and attractive, he said.

Qulkhwani

UNB, Dhaka

Qulkhwani of AK Mohiuddin, father of Bangladesh High Commissioner in New Delhi Hemayetuddin, will be held at his Dhanmondi residence after Magrib prayers tomorrow. AK Mohiuddin, also father-in-

law of Home Secretary Muhammad Omar Farooq, died of old age complications on Sunday.

চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশন

টার্নকি পদ্ধতিতে বহুবিধ ব্যবহার উপযোগী ভবন নির্মাণ প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়নের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

চট্টগ্রাম সিটি কর্পোরেশনের মালিকানাধীন লালখান বাজার ওয়ার্ডস্থ হাই লেভেল রোড সংলগ্ন জায়গার উপর একটি বহুবিধ ব্যবহার উপযোগী ভবন নির্মাণের জন্য অনুরূপ কাজের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন খ্যাতনামা ডেভলপার প্রতিষ্ঠান হইতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। অফার দুই খাম বিশিষ্ট হইবে। একটি টেকনিক্যাল ও অপরটি ফাইন্যান্সিয়াল কাজের বিশদ বিবরণ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সংশ্লিষ্ট ক্ষেত্রে যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ প্রদর্শন সাপেক্ষে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস হইতে ২৭-০১-০৫ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত দরপত্র ও প্রয়োজনীয় শর্তাবলী সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে এবং আগামী ১৪-০২-০৫ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০টার মধ্যে দাখিল করিতে হইবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন প্রকার কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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Purchase of three new ATR72-500

Attention is drawn to Biman's Tender Notice No DACPM/96/2004 dated 02 January 2005 published in national dailies from 3 to 4 January 2005. Opening date of offer/tender was scheduled at 1400 hours BST on 24 January 2005. Now the last date of submission of tender has been extended up to 1400 hours BST (0800 hours UTC) on 07 February 2005. Tender will be opened immediately after the closing time in presence of bidders, if any. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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