



Different organisations and individuals pay their last respect to Dr Khandakar Mohammad Alamgir, a freedom fighter and Language Movement veteran, at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday. Dr Alamgir died in New York on January 21.

Siddhartha's accomplice held with pistol in Keraniganj

UNB, Keraniganj  
Police arrested a criminal along with a pistol at Nazirbag area of the upazila on Tuesday. The arrested was identified as Pintu Ranjan Sarker, 20, follower of infamous criminal Siddhartha Sarker, who was killed recently. Acting on a tip off, police raided the area and arrested him in the morning. Police said that Pintu was wanted in a number of murder and other criminal cases. A case was filed against him under Arms Act.

Both BNP, AL fail to run country: Ershad

UNB, Noakhali  
pourasava auditorium here. Referring to the reports of Berlin-based Transparency International, Ershad said, "The two political parties (AL and BNP) have been awarded the title of champions of corruption. But no corruption case was instituted against any of those corrupt rulers." "The country cannot go this way. Terrorism, corruption and anarchy have reached their peak; no state can function in such a situation," he added. Ershad said there is no security of life and property as 5,313 people were killed in the last one year and about 45,000 women were subjected to repression. He reiterated the demand for reforms in the Election Commission, saying it should be free from the administrative control to ensure free and fair polls. Ershad was also critical of the lawmakers. "There is hardly any good man in parliament. Those possessing illegal arms and black money have returned to parliament. That is why it has become ineffective." A 101-member district committee of the Jatiya Party was formed in the conference, with Abdul Wadud Chowdhury Manzu as its president and Mobarak Hossain Azad as general secretary.

RHD Tender Invitation Notice

- Employer : Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Ministry of Communication, Roads & Highways Department, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
- Tender Notice No : CRD-06/2004-2005.
- Name of work : Supplying 1st class/PJ bricks, bats and khoa at Chuadanga RHD stackyard for maintenance of different residence, workshop, office and inspection bungalow and road under Road Division, Chuadanga during the year 2004-2005.
- Tender security : Tk 16,000.00
- Eligibility of contractors : All tenderers regardless of whether enlisted or not enlisted with the RHD may submit tenders provided that they are otherwise qualified having:
  - VAT registration certificate.
  - TIN registration certificate.
  - Trade licence.
  - Nationality certificate.
  - Minimum required cash flow amount of Tk 1,80,000.00 (one lac eighty thousand only.)
  - Other criteria are mentioned in the tender schedule.
- Chargeable head : ৯৯৩৬-সড়ক, সেতু ও মহাসড়ক মেরামত ও সংরক্ষণ।
- Time for completion : 15 (fifteen) days.
- Name of offices where tenders will be sold : Deputy Commissioner, Chuadanga/Superintendent of Police, Chuadanga/Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Chuadanga/Kushtia/Jhenidah/Magura/Narail/Jessore/Khulna/Planning Division-1, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Chuadanga.
- Last date and time for selling tenders : Upto 4.00 PM on 12-02-05 Eng/30-10-1411 Bang.
- Date and time for submission of tenders : Upto 12.30 PM on 13-02-05 Eng/01-11-1411 Bang.
- Name of offices where tenders will be received : Deputy Commissioner, Chuadanga/Superintendent of Police, Chuadanga/Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Chuadanga/Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Chuadanga.
- Date & time of tender opening : At 3.15 PM on 13-02-05 Eng/01-11-1411 Bang.
- Price of tender documents : Tk 510.00.

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UNHCR lauds govt steps for welfare of Rohingyas

BSS, Dhaka  
Representative of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) here Christopher BC Lee has lauded the efforts of the government to ensure welfare of the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. The appreciation came when Lee called on Food and Disaster Management Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf at his Secretariat office here yesterday. Secretary of the ministry Siddiqur Rahman Chowdhury was present. They exchanged views on matters of mutual interests, said an official handout. The minister apprised the UNHCR representative of various pragmatic steps taken by the government for repatriation of the Myanmar refugees to their homeland. The UNHCR representative appreciated the government steps for ensuring law and order and discipline in the refugee camps as well as overall welfare of the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. Lee told the minister that UNHCR has been negotiating with the Myanmar government for the repatriation of the refugees. "If our negotiation yields positive results, the process of repatriation will start soon," Lee said.

Obituary

Mohiuddin Khandaker, a freedom fighter, died of throat cancer on January 18 at his residence at Bashail, Narsingdi, says a press release. He was buried with state honour at his family graveyard at his village home at Balapur, Narsingdi. He left behind his wife, 5 sons and 3 daughters to mourn his death.

Italian film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen three films titled 'Two Women', 'Sunflower' and 'The Gold of Naples' directed by celebrated Italian neo-realist filmmaker Vittorio de Sica and starring famous Italian actress Sophia Loren. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.00pm, 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

Drama

Sushama Natya Sampraday, a theatre group, will stage a drama titled 'Shahare Nuhur'. Venue: Experimental Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, Segun Bagicha. Time: 6.30pm.

Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of a book titled 'Jibon Nadir Bake Bake' authored by Sufia Khatun will be held. Venue: BETS Centre, House-55, Road-4/A, Satmosjid. Time: 4.00pm.

Exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of an exhibition on Rousseau, the famous French philosopher, organised jointly by the Alliance Francaise and Swiss Embassy, will be held. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till February 10 from 5.00pm to 8.00pm daily.

Poetry evening

Muldhara, a forum of writers, journalists and artists, organises an evening of poetry. Venue: House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm.

Founding anniversary

A discussion and cultural function will be held to mark the 37th founding anniversary of Pallima Sangsad with Agricultural Minister M K Anwar as chief guest. Venue: Pallima Sangsad premises. Time: 6.00pm.

Mahila Sramik League meeting

An opinion sharing meeting between the leaders of Mahila Sramik League and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina

will be held. Venue: House-51/A, Road-3/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm.

Discussion

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association will hold a discussion on 'Post-MFA and Banking Issues' with Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 1.00pm.

Taste Australia

The opening ceremony of a food promotional programme titled 'Taste Australia', organised by Agora, a chain supermarket, will be held. Venue: 101, Gulshan Avenue. Time: 11.00am.

Rotary meeting

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka will be held. Venue: Hotel Eastern Residence, Banani. Time: 6.00pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

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Seminar

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organises a seminar on 'Presentation of women in drama and film'. Venue: Cirdap Auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 9.30am.

Symposium

The opening ceremony of a four-day symposium on 'Advanced networking technologies', organised jointly by the Asia-Pacific Advanced Network and Sustainable Development Networking Programme, will be held. Venue: BIDS Conference Room, Agargaon. Time: 10.00am.



Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited Managing Director (In-charge) Abul Hashem Khan gives away certificates among the participants of the training programme on Therapeutic Community. The training programme, organised by the Ashoki Punorbashon Nilbash (APON) and sponsored by Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) in collaboration with Daytop International, USA, was held on January 18 at the APON training room. Director General of Department of Narcotics Control Kamaluddin Ahmed, APON Director Bro Ronald Drahozal and Medical Consultant of Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited Dr Mozammel Hossain Khan were present.

WEATHER TODAY

Light to moderate fog likely

UNB, Dhaka  
Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country till 6.00pm today. Light to moderate fog may occur over the country during the morning. Met office said. Highest temperature 26.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and lowest 09.1 degree Celsius at Srirangol. The sun sets in the capital at 5:42pm today and rises at 6:41am tomorrow. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	24.0	14.6	69	52
Chittagong	26.2	13.6	60	53
Rajshahi	24.0	10.2	85	66
Khulna	25.0	13.2	81	68
Barisal	25.2	12.3	93	80
Sylhet	25.2	11.7	94	71
Cox's Bazar	26.0	16.0	68	68



Australian High Commissioner Lorraine Barker hands over a cheque to Socio-Economic Development Society (SEDS) Director Md Sirajul Islam for the purchase of equipment to improve the quality of SEDS's hand-made paper production unit. The High Commission has provided the funds to SEDS under its Direct Aid Programme (DAP) 2004-05. The SEDS provides training to underprivileged women to produce hand-made paper and paper products such as greeting cards, lamp-sheds, photo frames, note books, jewellery boxes and photo albums.

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Raise voice against India's river-linking project

Tariqul urges members of civil society

BSS, Chittagong  
Environment and Forest Minister Tariqul Islam yesterday urged members of the civil society to raise their voice against India's river-linking project that would adversely affect Bangladesh's environment and biodiversity. The workshop was inaugurated a regional workshop on climate change here yesterday as the chief guest. Tariqul was inaugurating a regional workshop on climate change here yesterday as the chief guest. The workshop was organised by the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MOEF) under its 'Formulation

of the Bangladesh Programme of Action for Adaptation to Climate Change' programme at the PATC auditorium. State Minister for Environment and Forest Jafrul Islam Chowdhury spoke at the inaugural session as the special guest. With Secretary of the Ministry Dr Shueb Ahmed in the chair, the function was also addressed by Joint Secretary Dr Mahfuzul Haq and Divisional Commissioner of Chittagong Mohammad Ashraful Makhul. The workshop was part of a series of such programmes aiming to include the views and opinions of filed level stakeholders in finalising a national action plan on how to adapt the climate change properly and continue the development process without harming the environment and bio-diversity.

Organisers said about 150 government officials, teachers, journalists, public representatives, farmers, physicians and development activists participated in the workshop. Tariqul said highly industrialised and developed nations have contributed to making endangered the global environment through their reckless practice in the name of development but poor and developing nations are to bear the brunt and mostly affected due to man-made disasters. He said at least 27 districts in Bangladesh would turn into a desert, crop production would decrease considerably, salinity at coastal region increase manifold, water crisis would be acute in dry season and the country would witness untimely flood due to India's proposed river linking project. He said countries vulnerable to natural disasters like tidal surge, earthquake and tsunamis should find out common and effective strategies by protecting environment and bio-diversity to lessen the attack of natural fury in a bid to reduce loss of lives and properties. He said the nation, which earned independence and rights of its language through continuous struggle and blood-bath, was born to live keeping its head high in the world and will not backtrack from its efforts to realise legitimate rights. State Minister Jafrul Islam Chowdhury said unilateral changes in the climate due to human intervention caused an adverse impact on global environment that made the world more vulnerable to natural disasters. He said natural disasters due to unusual changes in the climate impede greatly the overall development of the developing and poor countries for their poor infrastructure, fragile economy and extreme poverty. "So it is the proper time for the poor and developing nations to respond fast to the global efforts in mitigating the losses and formulate an effective action plan for adaptation to climate change," Jafrul said.

28 rescued while being trafficked to India

UNB, Benapole  
BDR yesterday rescued 28 people, including 14 women, when they were being trafficked to India through the Sadipur border. The poor chaps who hail from Barisal region told BDR that an organised group of traffickers brought them with promise of lucrative jobs across the border. They said each of them had paid Tk 700 to the traffickers.

BDR handed them over to the police to ensure their safe return home. None of the traffickers could be arrested. ISD gets American accreditation International School Dhaka (ISD) has been awarded accreditation by the prestigious New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), says a press release. The school received the award at a ceremony in Boston in December. CEO of the school John Sperandio attended the ceremony. ISD is the first Bangladeshi school to be awarded American accreditation and now takes its place with the American International School of Dhaka as the second school in the country to have achieved this recognition.

FM shocked at Indian temple deaths

BSS, Dhaka  
Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan yesterday expressed deep condolences at the loss of lives caused by fire and stampede at the Mandhadevi temple in Maharashtra in India. "I am deeply saddened to learn about the loss of lives caused by the fire and stampede at the Mandhadevi temple," he said in a message to his Indian counterpart Natwar Singh. The foreign minister conveyed sympathies to the members of the bereaved families 'who have lost their near and dear ones in the tragedy.'

2 muggers held in port city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg  
Two muggers were caught red-handed while mugging an army personnel in Chittagong yesterday. They were identified as Kamal, son of Abdul Malek of Kutumpur under Chandina upazila in Comilla, and Mizan, son of Majnu of Quazir Dewri in the port city. The muggers were handed over to Kotwali Police Station where a case was lodged against them in this connection. Police said four muggers attacked Army Sergeant Quadir while he was going to office at Special Works Organisation (SWO) at Dampara in the morning. After getting down from the bus, the sergeant in plain clothes was walking to his office when the muggers snatched away money and mobile phone from him at dagger's point. Quadir with the help of his colleagues at SWO chased the muggers and caught two of them from nearby Battery Golli (lane).

Trader killed in road accident in Manikganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj  
A vegetable trader was killed in a road accident at Tepra bus stand on Dhaka-Paturia highway yesterday. The victim was identified as Moksed Ali, 48, of Maniknagar village under Shivalaya upazila. Police and eyewitnesses said he was knocked down by a speeding coach belonging to Druti Paribahan while crossing the road at 11.30am. He died on the spot. As the news spread, local people got angry and put barricade on the road for about half an hour. Traffic however resumed after Assistant Police Superintendent Nazmul Hasan reached a compromise with the local people.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Public Works E/M Division-5  
2nd 12-Storey Govt Office Building  
Segunbagicha, Dhaka

Memo No. R-R/2149 Dated: 5-1-2005  
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**Tender Invitation Notice**  
No. 115 (2004-2005)

Item rate-based tenders through Bangladesh Form No. 2911 in sealed cover are invited as per PPR 2003 from Public Works Department-enlisted special class/1st class (combined) 1st/2nd/3rd class contractor's firm/bonafide firm for electrical/mechanical works who have valid ABC/BC class and supervisory licence issued by Government Electrical Licensing Board, Value Added Tax Registration, TIN and bank solvency certificate (up-to-date renewed) for the work mentioned below.

- Name of work : Repairing and replacing of burnt out/condemned security/compound light and Feeder Box of the Residential Building (Sonall/ Rupal/ Kajali) Complex at Eskaton Garden Road in Dhaka.
- Amount of security : Tk 7,000/- (seven thousand) only.
- Time for completion of work : 30 (thirty) days.
- Last date and time of selling tender : 07/02/2005, time: during office hours.
- Last date and time of receiving tender : 08/02/2005, time: 12.00 hours.
- Date and time of opening tender : 08/02/2005, time: 3.30 PM.
- Price of tender : Tk 425/- (four hundred twenty-five) only (non-refundable).
- Offices where tender will be sold from : Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/ Public Works E/M Workshop Division/Public Works Wood Workshop Division, Dhaka.
- Offices where tender will be received at : Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/ Public Works E/M Workshop Division/Public Works Wood Workshop Division, Dhaka.
- Office where tender will be opened at : Office of the undersigned (Public Works E/M Division-5) 2nd 12-Storey Govt Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.

Tenders received conditions at this office and from other offices in sealed will be opened on the specified date and time in presence of member officials of Tender Opening Committee and in front/presence (if any) of the participants in tender or their chosen representatives. The amount of security money as specified should be submitted with each tender in the form of BD/PO from any scheduled bank approved by the Bangladesh Bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division-5, Dhaka and the original receipt of purchasing tender and the attested photocopies of TIN, bank solvency certificate, VAT registration, trade licence certificate must be submitted with the tender. The contractor himself or authorised representative of the firm can purchase tender document on producing original registration book and requisite papers. In case of representative, prior permission should be taken from the undersigned. This office reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason. If the office remains closed on the date of receiving and opening tender under any unavoidable circumstances, then tender will be received and opened on the next office working day.

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