AMMONIA FROM INDUSTRIES POLLUTES BEGUNBARI, NORAI CANALS

Shift Sayedabad intake unit from Sarulia to Meghna for safe water

Technical committee suggests

A technical committee comprising local and foreign environment to shift Sayedabad Water Intake unit from Sarulia to Meghna river to ensure safe and ammonia-free water for city people.

The committee was formed about two years ago at the directive of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

The committee in its strategic plan for improvement of Dhaka city environment observed that the mistake that was done during selection of intake point at Sarulia would repeat if the proposed two other phases of Sayedabad Treatment Plant were implemented without solving the ammonia problem.

It said that in the absence of any land use and zoning regulation, the increased trend of urbanisation and industrialisation across the Sitalakhya, Balu and Turag basins

Arrest of Bangla

Bhai demanded

Six opposition-backed student

organisations, including Bangladesh

Chhatra League (BCL), staged a dem

onstration on the Dhaka University

(DU) campus yesterday demanding

immediate arrest of infamous militant

tough movement if the government fails to arrest the self-styled leader of

Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh

banner of Anti-communalism & Anti-

terrorism Alliance took out a proces-

sion and held a rally in front of the

Aparajeyo Bangla. They also burned an effigy of Bangla Bhai.

leaders said the inaction of the gov-

ernment has encouraged the rise of extremist groups like JMJB.

of fanning communal tension in the

to launch a mass campaign against the government to safeguard the

people and the country from the

clutches of the fanatics.

Addressing the rally, the student

They also accused the government

The leaders called on the students

The six student bodies under the

ed to launch a

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will further contaminate the Sitalakhya a water and aggravate the ammonia problem in near future.

John A Carter, technical advisor of Bangladesh Environment Management Programme (BEMP) and a key person in preparing the plan, said, excessive ammonia level and algae in Sitalakhya river reducing the effectiveness of treatment at Sayedabad plant particularly during the period from October to April.

The ammonia released from adjacent industries has severely polluted Begunbari and Norai canals affecting the water intake at Sarulia and posing serious health hazards for the people of Dhaka, he

The strategic plan prepared with the support of government and Canada International Development Agency (CIDA) also suggested the government for constructing a wetland near Trimohoni for treatment of wastewater of Tejgaon

opposition-backed student organisations burn an effigy of Bangla Bhai on the Dhaka University campus yester-

BNP Senior Joint Secretary General

Tarique Rahman has urged the

grassroots level leaders of the party to

be vigilant against any conspiracy

introduced the multiparty democ-

racy. You will have to be alert so that no

evil force can destroy it by hatching

conspiracy," he told a conference of

the grassroots level leaders here

leaders from five districts --

Gopalgani, Madaripur, Shariatpur,

Rajbari and Faridpur -- attended the

conference and expressed their views

focussing on the expectations of the

people and successes, failures, and

limitations of the present BNP gov-

to ensure BNP's return to power again

They also pledged to work together

Around 3,800 union and ward level

"President Ziaur Rahman had

against multiparty democracy.

industrial and Gulshan areas.

The technical committee in a short term vision proposed the government to move the Sarulia intake unit to further north from the existing point, hopefully beyond the limit of high ammonia levels, DoE sources said.

"But there is a risk that this is a short-term patch; water quality will continue to deteriorate in the Sitalakhya river over the next few years, needing an effective longterm solution," it said.

The shifting cost of the water intake unit at 17 km away in Meghna river from the existing point will be around 96.85 lakh US dollar as estimated by the technical committee, which is almost equal to the budget for Sayedabad Water Treatment Plant Phase II and III, said Syed M Iqbal Ali, Environment Management Specialist of BEMP and member of the technical com-

The operational expenses of the intake unit, capable to accommodate 900,000 m3 water a day will not be more than the existing operational budget of Dhaka Wasa for Sarulia intake unit, he said. Apparently the total investment for its transfer, may be assumed as "very expensive," he added. But in longterm vision, the cost will be only 20 US dollar per capita, he noted.

The committee in its report proposed the government for complete shifting of the water supply system from ground water to surface water by next 20 years taking into account the rapid depletion of ground water and its effect on the ecological system of the growing Dhaka city, projected as the second largest city in the world by 2015 in the population growth report of the United Nations, Igbal added.



The finance ministry has formed a nine-member governing board of the Bangladesh NGO Foundation through a gazette notification on January 25.

The Foundation was set up last month to promote NGO activities in the country with a view to facilitating achievement of the Millennium

Development Goals (MDGs),
The National NGO Coordination
Committee (NNCC), the predecessor of Federation of NGOs in Bangladesh (FNB), under the leadership of Fazle Hasan Abed of Brac first floated this idea and lobbied with the government, says a FNB press

900 members, congratulated the authorities for making the concept a reality and for commitment of funds for the foundation.

The government has already promised through budgetary grant to give Tk 100 crore to this foundation to create its endowment fund with which it can provide grants to small NGOs for poverty alleviation

The grants will promote social and capacity development activities in the rural areas.

The foundation will also provide the much needed financial support to NGOs who face great difficulties in accessing the local and foreign funds for their poverty alleviation programmes in the fields of education, health, sanitation, nutrition and capacity building of the poor and the underprivileged.

The FNB hoped that bilateral and multilateral donors will also use this foundation for funding NGO activities in the country in implementing the poverty alleviation targets set by the MDGs and IPRSP/PRSP and the government will make further grants to the foundation's endowment

It also hoped that the first govern-ing board of the NGO foundation BNP standing committee member Khandker Mahbub Uddin will put in all necessary efforts to Ahmed MP also spoke at the confershape the foundation into a strong

Duta threatens agitation

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Dhaka University Teachers Association (Duta) yesterday threatened to go for tougher agitation if the policeman who assaulted a DU

The decision came at an emergency meeting of the Duta at its office where the members expressed concern over the incident. A policeman assaulted Sheikh Morshed Jahan, assistant professor of business administration department, in front of the New Market on January 12. Duta President Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique

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levels of 4 percent, as well as 450 to 1472 PPM (parts per million) of Hydrocarbon against approved levels of 180 PPM. Though there is no device for measuring the level of ultra-fine particles emitted from CNG driven vehicles, the high level of Carbon

emissions contained 7 to 12 percent

Carbon Monoxide against tolerable

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia addresses a huge public meeting at Muktarpur in Munshiganj yesterday.

tive of high levels of ultra-fine particle emission, Babu said. Ultra-fine particles generated from CNG at high combustion temperatures, as well as fine particles from diesel combustion cause lung cancer, he said, adding that Carbon Monoxide is poisonous to human health, while Hydrocarbon

increases cancer risk and causes eye Citing information from the Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, the Suep genera secretary said that motor vehicles soil and road dusts contribute considerably to the composition of

Motor vehicles are responsible

The house owners said their

families were living in the houses

for about 50 to 100 years but they

have received notices from land

settlement office recently after

Rafigullah filed a complaint

claiming the ownership of the

ing the illegal attempt for over last

15 days. They also formed a 'Com-

how he (Rafiqullah) can claim

ownership of 516 houses with

different holding numbers

through a single document No.

2937," said journalist Mataz Bilkis

Banu, convenor of the committee.

to have been taking care of the

'Debottor' property (land

donated for temple) of one Gour

Advocate Aminul Islam, a

house owners, said that when

they approached to the land

settlement office asking how they

served such unlawful notice, they

replied they have done everything

Siraji, Sheikh Abdur Rashid,

Awlad Hossain Chakladar and

present at the conference held at

Rafiqullah was not available for

his comments despite repeated

Farhad Hossain Jhontu were

SK Ezharul Haque, Rustam Ali

on order from the ministry.

the National Press Club.

Hari Karmaker since 1907.

She also questioned his claim

mittee to Resist Land Grabber'.

The victims have been protest-

"It is not understandable to us

vehicles have integrally designed with their engines a Regenerating Catalytic Tran (CRT), a mechanical Monoxide (CO) and Hydrocarbon device that filters and absorbs emit-(HC) in vehicular emission is indicated particles. The government must also ensure that engine conversion

fine particles.

CNG emits cancerous particles?

percent of course particles and 10.2

dust and metal smelter contribute

19.4 and 9.96 percent respectively of

must ensure that imported CNG

Babu said that the government

ercent of fine particles, while road

compliance with approved standards, he said

He urged immediate government steps to measure the level of nanoparticles emission from CNG vehicles, as well as stringent measures against unscrupulous CNG converters.

Suep president advocate Mollah Mohammad Mokbul Hossain and vice-president Golam Kibria Chowdhury were also present at the

Bangladesh economy gaining strength

Prof Yunus tells reception in Japan

Eminent economist and the Managing Director of Grameen Bank Prof Mohammad Yunus yesterday said the economy of Bangladesh was gaining strength but he underscored the need for increased efficiency at political and financial management levels to further boost the growth rate.

In this respect, he underscored the need for taking the information technology to the doorstep of all villagers to ensure rapid development in the rural economy.

Addressing a reception accorded to him at the Bangladesh Chancery here, he said the spontaneous entrepreneurship of poor people, specially the women, opened a new horizon in the development field.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Japan M Serajul Islam, Managing Director of Pallikarma-Shahayak Foundation (PKSF) Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, members of the Bangladesh community in Tokyo and officials of the embassy were present.

ProfYunus is now here leading an eight-member delegation to negotiate a Japanese investment of US dollar 75 million for the health sector in Bangladesh.

He'delivered a lecture titled "We can Create a Poverty Free World" at University of Tokyo on Wednesday.

Speaking abut the activities of Grameen Bank including its microcredit programme selfemployment, he said the Bank with its own deposits became a selfreliant institution to finance the enterprises of its own members.

He, however, ruled out the alle gation of taking high interest rate on the bank's lending and said, "the Grameen Bank is charging 13 percent as interest on an average which is less than or same to the interest rates of other commercial banks on lending.

He called upon the expatriate Bangladeshis to help enhance the country's image abroad through their sincerity and devotion in the

respective workplace. Referring to the achievements in different fields including poverty alleviation and disaster management, Prof. Yunus said the people particularly the women, had proved their worth tremendously in income generating activities by borrowing loan from different micro-credit

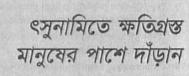
lenders including the Grameen Bank. The Bank has four million borrowers who are not only getting loan but also other supports to meet their immediate requirements when they are affected by natural calamities,

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ছায়ানট আয়োজিত

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সময়: সন্ধ্যা ৬:৩০ স্থান: জাতীয় নাট্যশালা, শিপ্তকলা একাডেমী প্রবেশপত্র প্রাতির স্থান: আছুং (ধানমতি/ভশশান/উন্ডনা), সাগর পাবলিশার (বেইণী রোড), প্যাপিরার (আজিত্র সুগার মার্কেট, শাহবাণ)।

৯৬/৯৭, নিউ ইস্কাটন, ঢাকা-১০০০, ফোন : ৯৩৪৯৪৫৯, ৯৩৫০৯৫১-৩ अनुक्रारम क्षां अभूमरा अर्थ «मुनाभिटः क्षांत्रिश्वास्त्र क्षमा क्षमाम कता इस्त ।

addressed the conference in line Presided over by BCL President Liakat Sikder, the rally was overcoming all limitations. with a set 18-point agenda, said a Tarique Zia, who presided over conspiracy was on against the BNP. the conference, said such conferaddressed Shariful Kabir Swapan, but the people were very much with Ali Hasan Tarun, Khan Mainul Islam ences are important, as the government wants to run the country in line শিক্ষা ও গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট (আই.ই.আর)

Be alert against plot to

with the expectations of the grass-

roots level leaders, who are the life-

many cases, their views and expecta-

tions were ignored by the central

leaders when the party came to

9:00am and continued until the

evening with the participation of the

chief guest, standing committee

member KM Obaidur Rahman MP

said the BNP gained the confidence

of the people who voted for the party

again and again entrusting it with the

responsibility of running the country.

union representatives.

ence as special guest.

The daylong conference started at

Addressing the conference as

Many discussants alleged that in

line of the party.

destroy democracy

Tarique Rahman urges partymen

ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

প্রথম বর্ষ ব্যাচেলর অব এডুকেশন (সম্মান) শ্রেণীতে ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

াকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের শিক্ষা ও গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউটে ২০০৪-২০০৫ শিক্ষাবর্ষে ৪ বছর মেয়াদি ব্যাচেলর অব এডকেশন (সম্মান) কার্যক্রমের প্রথম বর্ষে ভর্তির জন্য আরেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা যাছে। ২০০৩ বা ২০০৪ সনে উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক বা তার সমতুল্য পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণদের মধ্যে যারা নির্মালিখিত শর্তাবলী পুরণ করে, কেবল তারাই ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের সুযোগ পাবে।

বিজ্ঞান ও কৃষি বিজ্ঞান শাখায় উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক বা বিজ্ঞান শাখায় আলীম পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পরীক্ষায় (৪র্থ বিষয় বাদে) একত্রে জিপিএ ৭.০০ থাকতে হবে।

মানবিক, ব্যবসায় শিক্ষা বা গাইস্থা অর্থনীতি শাখায় উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক বা মানবিক ও অন্য শাখায় আলীম বা ডিপ্লোমা-ইন-কুমার্স পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক পর্যায়ের পরীক্ষায় (৪র্থ বিষয় বাদে) একত্রে জিপিএ ৬.০০ থাকতে

জিসিই/ও-লেভেল পরীক্ষায় অন্তত ৫টি বিষয়ে এবং ২০০৩ অথবা ২০০৪ সনের এ-লেভেল পরীক্ষায় অন্তত ২টি বিষয়ে উত্তীর্ণ ছাত্র/ছাত্রীগণও ভর্তির জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবে। তাদেরকে ও-লেন্ডেল এবং এ-লেন্ডেলের মোট ৭টি বিষয়ে মধ্যে কমপক্ষে ৩টি বিষয়ে বি-শ্রেড, ৩টি বিষয়ে সি-শ্রেড এবং ১টি বিষয়ে ডি-শ্রেড প্রাপ্ত হতে হবে।

আবেদনকারীদের উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক ও সমপর্যায়ের পরীক্ষায় বাংলা ও ইরেজিতে পৃথকভাবে জিপিএ ২.০০ থাকতে হবে।

খ) ভর্তির আবেদনপত্র

ভর্তি পরীক্ষার ফি বাবদ নগদ ২৫০/- টাকা ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ছাত্র-শিক্ষক কেন্দ্রে (টিএসসি) অবস্থিত জনতা ব্যাংকে জমা দিয়ে ভর্তির আবেদনপত্র ও নির্দেশিকা সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

২৯ জানুয়ারি '০৫ শনিবার থেকে ২৮ ফেব্রুয়ারি '০৫ সোমবার এর মধ্যে উল্লিখিত ব্যাংক থেকে আবেদনপত্র সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। প্রণকৃত আবেদনপত্র ২৯ জানুয়ারি '০৫ শনিবার থেকে ০২ মার্চ '০৫ বুধবার পর্যন্ত প্রতি কর্মদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে শিক্ষা ও গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউটের ২য় তলার ১১১/১ নম্বর কক্ষে জমা দিতে হবে। নির্ধারিত সময়ের পর কোন আবেদনপত্র

গ) ভর্তি পরীক্ষা

১১ মার্চ ২০০৫ জ্ঞানার সকাল ১০ টায় ভর্তি পরীক্ষা অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। ১০ মার্চ ২০০৫ বৃহস্পতিবার বিকালে ইনস্টিডিউটের নিচতলায় আসন বন্টন তালিকা প্রকাশ করা হবে।

ভর্তি সংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত তথ্য ভর্তি নির্দেশিকায় উল্লেখ আছে।

পরিচালক

but NGO-friendly organisation. All the local leaders, who

teacher is not fired within 48 hours.

Citing a recent survey conducted in the UK, Babu said that CNG buses pollutants in Dhaka's air. emit marginally higher ultra-fine particles than the diesel buses. A 2003 Suep study of 10 CNG for 40.2 percent of course particles and 38.2 percent of fine particles in FNB, on behalf of its more than 100 house owners demand arrest of land grabber

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Emissions of ultra-fine particles

from Compressed Natural Gas

(CNG) vehicles are more likely to

cause lung cancer than particles

emitted by diesel fuel, officials of the

Society for Urban Environmental

Protection (Suep) said yesterday at a

press conference at the National

Though perceived as an environ-

mentally friendly fuel, CNG actually

emits particles at higher rates and smaller sizes than diesel fuel, mak-

ing it many times more harmful for

the environment and human health,

said the Suep general secretary Akhtar Hossain Babu, citing a study

of the Harvard-based Centre for Risk

explained, the easier they enter the

human lungs, where they can cause

cancer. While the fineness of diesel-

emitted fine particles is 2.5 to 1

microns, CNG emits ultra-fine

particles, meaning matter smaller

than 0.056 microns, he said.

The finer the particles, Babu

Analysis.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT part of the Dhaka yesterday demanded arrest of and punishment to a land grabber who allegedly prepared forged documents in a bid to grab their paternal

property.

A total of 516 house owners in Ward No. 74 and 77 of Wari Mouza fell victim to such harassment by one Rafigullah, who is reportedly a manpower agent, they said at a press conference.

They also sought the prime minister's intervention to expose the organised network involved in

Obituary

Moinul Ahsan, former deputy general manager of Bangladesh Biman, died at a hospital in Kolkata on January 19 at the age of 65, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

He was laid to rest at his family graveyard at Presstuli village in Rajshahi district on January 22.

His qulkhwani was held at his village home on January 25.

Dr Nazrul Alam Chowdhury Dr Nazrul Alam Chowdhury, a freedom fighter and ex-student of Sylhet Medical College, died at his Banani residence in the city on Wednesday night at the age of 57, says a press

He was suffering from diabetes and other diseases He left behind his wife, three sons

and a host of relatives to mourn his

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ভ্যালেন্টাইন সংখ্যায়। সেরা গল্পটি নিয়ে তৈরি হবে নাটক। প্রচার হবে ১৪

His body was sent to Sylhet for burial yesterday morning.