

Women police search visitors at the Ekushey Book Fair at Bangla Academy in the city yesterday as the security has been tightened at the fair venue to avoid any untoward incident.

Mainstream education needs modification: Prof Yunus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mainstream education needs modification with the objective to meet the needs of modern age, said noted economist and Managing Director of Grameen Bank Prof Muhammad

The integration of practical training into the education system will contribute in building up a skilled workforce in the country, he said at a seminar in the city yesterday.

The Centre for Mass Education in Science (CMES), an NGO working for the underprivileged adolescents, organised the seminar on 'Effective education for the disadvantaged adolescents, adolescent girls' power and technology for their life and livelihood' as part of its silver jubilee cele-

achieve successful integration between education and work for the underprivileged children, it would be a good example for the mainstream

He said such an education system, introduced by the CMES, will help the students compete with the world by

Muhammad Ibrahim said this education system has provided many underprivileged adolescents with life-skill training and education.

In another seminar organised by the CMES, the speakers called for better coordination among the NGOs, government and civil society to make development programmes a

The injured have been admitted

Police said the Dhaka-bound bus

to Singair Upazila Health Complex

from Singair skidded off the road

when the driver lost control of the

Foundation to

be launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Arannayk Foundation, a USA-

Bangladesh bilateral initiative, is

being launched today with a goal for preservation and development of

tropical forest resources in the

Conservation Foundation, aims at

improving management, conservation

and restoration of natural forests and

bio-diversity, said Dr Mahfuzul Haque,

joint secretary of the of environment

and forest ministry and the executive

director of the foundation, at a press

conference at the National Press Club

plishing such activities that support

tropical forest conservation as well

as ensure the community participa-

Chowdhury and Khusi Kabir were

who chaired the meet.

Presentation

The presentation ceremony of DW

internet-portal for South Asia will be

held. Venue: Goethe Institut, House-10, Road-9 Dhanmondi. Time: 7.00pm.

The orientation of the first batch

students of Master of Science in

Telecommunications of the University of

Information Technology and Sciences

will be held. Venue: University

auditorium, 17 North Gulshan. Time:

Darul Ihsan University organises a reception for its Ph.D. and M. Phil

degree holders. Venue: Sonargaon

ceremony

Orientation

Reception

Hotel. Time: 3.30pm

present at the press meet.

"Arannyak will ensure accom-

Arannayk, the Tropical Forest

steering at about 9:30am.

Arannayk

today

country.

2 killed in road accident in Manikganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people were killed and 10 others injured when a bus plunged into a roadside ditch at Basta bus stand on Singair-Dhaka Road

The dead are Lutfor Rahman, 50, of Kanainagar village and Nurul Islam, 55 of Begun Geori village under Singair upazila in Manikganj

One to die for killing wife for dowry

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a man to death for killing his wife Moni for dowry seven years back.

Judge Mohammad Rezaul Islam of the First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court gave the verdict in presence of the convict Mizanur Rahman at a jam-packed courtroom.

The court acquitted Mizan's brothers Mohammad Faruq and Mohammad Sayeed as the charges brought against them were not proved.

Earlier, the prosecution and the defence completed their arguments and the court recorded statements of 14 prosecution witnesses.

The convict can appeal to the High Court against the verdict within seven days from the date of receipt of the judgement, the court said.

Painting exhibition

An exhibition of paintings titled 'Cosmic

Journey' by Ali Imam will be

inaugurated. Venue: Bengal Shilpalay,

House-275/F, Road-27, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm. The exhibition will

remain open till February 22 from

The convocation of Bangladesh

Institute of Management will be held. Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium.

Bangladesh Nezam-e-Islam Party will

hold a discussion to mark the Kashmir

Solidarity Day. Venue: 41/4-A Purana

12.00noon to 8.00pm daily

Convocation

Time: 4.00pm.

Discussion

Paltan. Time: 11.00am.

Conference

Prof Yunus said if the CEMS can

their intelligence, not money.

CMES Executive Director Dr

Safiqul Islam of Brac also spoke in the The CMES also organised a twoday exhibition that began at the Engineers' Institute on Monday, with the adolescent boys and girls showcasing

their products and services. Mushroom cultivation, apiculture, a beauty parlour, a photography studio, as well as food processing and solar electricity systems were put on display.

The title of the seminar was 'How to

Shaheen Anam, team leader of Manusher Jonno, stressed the need for

The NGOs should also help each

Former Joint Director of BRDB

Taherunnesa Abdullah, Director of

CAMPE Rasheda K Chowdhury,

ITDG Country Director Veena

Khaleque, Prof Abu Hamid Latif,

Shireen Haque of Nari Pokkho, Dr

take the NGO achievements into the

community responsibility and the

ensuring transparency and accountabil-

ity of the NGOs to increase acceptability

other, follow the best practices and

work in collaboration with the local

mainstream?

to the local people

institutions, she said.

Death anniversary



Today is the fifth death anniversary of Md Abdur Rashid, a mem-ber of the Bangladesh Constitution Formulation Committee and former Awami

release

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at the residence of his youngest son at Subastu Kaberi, 2/1 Block-C, Lalmatia in the city after Maghrib prayers.

Dr M Amirul Islam

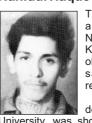


Today is the fourth death anniversary of Dr M Amirul Islam, a noted scientist and former vicechancellor of the Bangladesh

Agricultural University, Mymensingh and the founder Director of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI), says a press release. On the occasion, a Quran khwani

tion in the forest management. It is basically a monitoring body," said Gene V George, director of USAID and millad mahfil will be held at his ancestral home at Senbag upazila under Noakhali district on February 18. Civil society members Atiq A

Nahidul Haque Khan Titu



The 9th death anniversary of Nahidul Haque Khan Titu will be observed today, says a press release.

Titu. a student of Rajshahi University, was shot dead by the miscreants on this day in 1996 during the non-cooperation move-

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at his residence at 574 Uttar Shahjahanpur in the city after Asr prayers.

Begum Hamida Huq



Today is the eighth death anniversary of Begum Hamida Huq, a freedom fighter, says a press release.

She died on February 9 in 1997 at a hospital in New York.

Begum Huq was the daughter of the late Dr Badir Uddin Ahmed of Jaldhaka in Nilphamari and wife of Rafigul Hug Dadubhai, chief subeditor of the daily Jugantor.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani. milad and doa mahfil will be held at her residence at Shantinagar in the city and in Rangpur town.

Political leaders, journos slate bomb attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Political leaders and journalists at a protest rally here yesterday deeply condemned Saturday's bomb attack in which four Khulna journalists were injured

They called for a greater unity among journalists of the country to build up strong resistance against continuing bomb attacks launched by criminals

Khulna Press Club (KPC), Khulna Union of Journalists (KÚJ) and Metropolitan Union of Journalists (MUJ), Khulna jointly organised the rally on the press club premises.

Speaking at the rally, Matiur Rahman, editor of the Prothom Alo. said Bangladesh has become the most dangerous country in Asia, especially for journalists. Thirteen newsmen were killed in

the southwestern region in the last few

years but the killers could not be brought to book due to flawed investigation of the cases, he said. He alleged that the criminals cannot be punished due to their connection with a section of corrupt police-

SATKANIA MURDER

Two Jamaat leaders sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two persons held in connection with Friday's union parishad chairman murder in Satkania were sent to jail vesterday

A Chittagong court ordered to send Shamsul Islam Hakimi and Afser Uddin to jail when police produced them before it yesterday.

Shamsul is the Ameer of Khagaria union unit Jamaat-e-Islami while Afser is a local union parishad member. With the two, so far three Jamaat men had been sent to jail for suspected links with the killing of Khagaria union chairman Engineer Aminul Islam

Police yesterday did not petition to take the two on remand as Helal the other accused, made a confessional statement under section 164 on Monday

Referring to Helal's confessions. the Officer-in-Charge of Satkania Police Station Moveen Uddin said they could now be able to identify the killers as well as unearth the motive for the killing.

Meanwhile, police were carrying out a manhunt for the rest of the killing-squad that allegedly killed Amirul, said Moyeen Uddin, also the

investigating officer (IO) of the case. UP Chairman Engineer Aminul Islam was shot dead at Amirkhil of Khagaria on Friday night.

birthday today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 82nd birthday of noted educationist and writer Professor Kabii Chowdhury will be celebrated toady. Born in 1923 at Brahmanbaria

Professor Kabir Chowdhury served as principal of different government colleges, director of Bangla Academy secretary to the government and

professor of Dhaka University. He was made a national professor

political parties should forge unity to Prof Kabir Chowdhury has 167 books, both original works and transla-District Awami League President tions, to his credit Shaikh Harun-ar-Rashid called upon

The birthday, however, will be celebrated in a simple ceremony at his home at Gazi Bhaban, 41 Naya Paltan, in view of the present situation in the country, said a press release. Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee wished him a happy and

Prof Kabir Chy's | KILLING OF KIBRIA

Daughter seeks British help to ensure trial

UNB, London

Dr Nazli Kibria, daughter of slain Awami League (AL) leader SAMS Kibria, met British State Minister Douglas Alexander MP at the House of Commons on Monday and sought cooperation from the British government in ensuring a trial for the killers of her father.

In response to Nazli's appeal, the British minister reiterated his government's commitment to work together with the Bangladesh government for the trial of the gruesome murder.

"We are with you and are deeply shocked at the killing. Democracy and the rule of law have been threatened by the killing," said Douglas. He also expressed his deep concern over the attack on British High Commissioner Anwar Choudhury in Sylhet.

British MP Oona King, Arney Roch MP, AL UK unit President Shamsuddin Khan, AL leader Sultan Mahmud Sharif and Jubo League leader Anwaruzzaman Chowdhury were

Nazli Kibria also met officials of Amnesty International on Monday and sought help of the human rights watch dog in ensuring punishment to the killers of her father.

Addressing a meeting of expatriate Bangladeshis the same day in London, Nazli urged them to create pressure on the government for punishing the assailants.

Ctg newspapers keep space vacant

Khulna City BNP President M

Nurul Islam, MP, said the killers of

journalists cannot go unpunished. All

the people to launch a movement

nst the bomb and gun attacks on

BFUJ President Iqbal Sobhan

Chowdhury and Secretary General of

its another faction Ruhul Amin Gazi

called upon the journalists to fight all

police to track down the killers of

journalists in the southwestern region.

Sheikh Abu Hasan, the rally was also

addressed by Nayeb-e-Amir of city

Jamaat Shafiqul Alam, Alhaj Abul

Hossain of Jatiya Party, Dainik

Purbanchal Editor Liaquat Ali and

leaders of various professional organi-

They criticised the failure of the

Presided over by KPC President

evils unitedly, sinking all differences.

face the situation, he suggested.

journalists and political leaders.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctq

Chittagong newspapers started their protest programme against police atrocities on working journalists keeping a space of six inches vacant on the front page from yesterday for next six days.

Four local dailies Azadi Purbokone, Karnaphuli and Bir Chattagram Moncha had kept the space vacant on their front page.

Four journalists, Didarul Alam of Jugantar, Komol Dey of Bhorer Kagoj, Shantanu Chowdhury of Suprabhat Bangladesh and Mohammad Faruk of Azadi, came under police assault during hartal hours on Saturday morning while they were trying to take photographs of police actions on an Awami League procession in front of Darul Fazal Market area.

Obituary

Md Altaf Hasan Nilu, a businessman and son of late Abdus Samad, died of a cardiac arrest at the National Heart Institute in the city yesterday morning at the age of 50. Hasan left behind his wife and

was buried at the Banani graveyard in the city after Asr prayers His qulkhwani will be held at his residence at Igbal Road at Mohammadpur in the city after Asr

only daughter to mourn his death. He

prayers on February 11. Relatives and admirers have en requested qulkhwani and pray for the departed



Khagaria Union Jamaat Ameer Shamsul Islam Hakimi and pro-Jamaat UP member Afsaruddin, the alleged members of the Engineer Aminul Islam chairman killing squad, were being taken to court in Chittagong yesterday.



No change in temperature likely

Dhaka

Chittagong

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country having chances of light rain or drizzle at one or two places over Rajshahi division and the regions of Jessore and Kushtia till 6.00pm

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the coun-

Highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and Teknaf and lowest 10.7 degree Celsius at

The sun sets in the capital at 5:50pm today and rises at 6:35am tomorrow. City/Town Temperature in Humidity in Celsius percentage Max Morning Evening

17.6

17.5

59

66

53

29.5

33.0

A conference of Dhaka city unit of Jatiya Lecture Swechhasebok Party will be held. Venue: Kendrio Kachi Kanchar Mela An introductory lecture on quantum method meditation will be held. Venue: Auditorium, Segun Bagicha. Time: Quantum Meditation Hall, Pioneer Road, Kakrail, Time: 4,10pm.