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Bill Clinton grabs another Grammy

AFP, Los Angeles

Former US president Bill Clinton kept up his unlikely 100 percent Grammys record by winning his second trophy in as many years at the music industry's annual awards show here on Sunday.

Clinton won in the Spoken Word Album category for his recording of his best-selling autobiography, "My Life," beating out, among others, comedi-ans Steve Martin and David Sedaris. The award made it two-for-two for

the 42nd president of the United States who walked away with his first Grammy last year for lending his voice to the Russian folk tale of "Peter and the Wolf.'

He had shared that award -- Best Spoken Word Album for Children with another former world leader, ex-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, and actress Sophia Loren.



Members of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Byabsayee Dal chant slogans during a demonstration against hartal at Muktangon in the city yesterday.

Selection of medical college teachers finalised

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Public Service Commission (PSC) yesterday published the list of the finally selected candidates for the posts of associate professors and assistant professors in the medical college and hospitals under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The finally selected candidates are: associate professor (cardiology) -- Registration No. 03; associate professor (hematology) Registration No. 06; associate professor (oral surgery) Registration No. 01; associate professor (anatomy and histology) Registration No 01; associate professor (gastrohipatobiliary surgery) Registration No-10;

associate professor (community medicine) Registration No-11 and

04; associate professor (orthodontia) Registration No.-02; associate professor (conservative dentistry) Registration No. 06; and associate professor (general surgery) Registration No. - 18.

Other selected candidates are: assistant professor (general pathology and microbiology) Registration No.- 01; assistant professor (neuro surgery) Registration No-04, 01, 05, 02, and 03; assistant professor (chemistry of dental material) Registration No-13; assistant professor (pathology and microbiology) Registration No- 01; assistant professor (blood transfusion) Registration No 04; and assistant professor (anesthesia) Registration No.-02

US envoy predicts Taliban amnesty breakthrough

advantage of it already and are living in

their areas," Khalilzad added. He added that "some senior members have also come in and have agreed to join in the reconciliation program," and abandoned their three-year insurgency against the Afghan government.

He said it would be up to the Afghan government to release names and details about the talks.

this regard and I think that you will all Khaleeq Ahmad, a spokesman for coming days," Khalilzad told reporters President Karzai, told AFP, "progress is being made," but declined to give further details.

The US envoy, who is widely seen as wielding enormous influence within the Karzai administration, said the Afghan government was considering setting up a body to deal with the issue of exactly who would be eligible for an amnesty for war crimes.



Drama

Alliance Francaise will stage a drama titled 'L'Ecole des Femmes' of Molier. The comedy has been translated and directed by Ashish Khondker. Venue: Alliance Francaise, Dhanmondi. Time: 7.00pm.

Medal giving ceremony

Bangladesh Academy of Agriculture will award Dr S D Chowdhury Gold Medal to five renowned agricultural scientists for their outstanding contributions to agricultural research and development. Agriculture Minister M K Anwar will attend the function as chief guest. Venue: BARC Auditorium, Farmgate Time: 11.00am.

Human chain

Kamol, a social movement, will form a human chain to protest the explosion of bombs and grenades, and attacks on journalists across the country. Venue: In front of the National Press Club. Time



An exhibition of paintings by Fahamida

TOMORROW Painting exhibition

Akter Kakoli will be inaugurated. Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts. Time: 6.00pm. The exhibition will

remain open till February 22 from 11.00am to 8.00pm daily. Unesco exhibition On the occasion of the International

Mother Language Day, a two-day Unesco Book and Publication central Beirut Exhibition-2005 will be inaugurated by Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Assad condemned the assassina-Moudud Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: tion as a "terrible criminal act" and Central Public Library Premises, voiced concern about the reper-Shahbagh. Time: 11.00am to 6.00pm cussions for the neighbouring country in which Damascus retains 14,000 troops from a

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Publication ceremony

The publication ceremony of a book titled 'Papi Nakkhatrer Galpo' by Rita Chowdhury will be held. This is a translation work by the author herself from Asomia language. Venue: Lekhok Kunja, Ekushey Book Fair, Bangla Academy.Time: 5.00pm.

Memorial discussion

A discussion will be held in observance of 21st death anniversary of Bangabir General MAG Osmani. Venue: Osmani Memorial Auditorium. Time: 4.00pm

stability after Hariri killing AFP, Damascus

SANA said

The Syrian president called for Middle East leaders expressed the Lebanese people to stand concern for Lebanon's stability united following the attack, in after a massive explosion killed which another nine people, includfive-times premier Rafiq Hariri ing at least one of Hariri's bodyand brought scenes reminiscent guards, also lost their lives. of the 1975-1990 civil war back to Assad urged them "to reinforce

their national unity and reject all Syrian President Bashar althose who aim to cause trouble and sow division among the people," SANA said. Syria's main regional ally Iran also expressed concern about the fallout of what it condemned as a "terrorist act".

deployment first launched in "We urge the people and government of Lebanon to be vigilant "The Syrian government and in the face of the plots of their people stand alongside brotherly enemies and to maintain the ebanon in this dangerous situasecurity and stability of their countion and convey our sincerest try," foreign ministry spokesman condolences to the family of Mr Hamid Reza Asefi told the student Hariri and the families of the other news agency ISNA. victims," the official news agency



UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 24 hours till 6.00pm today.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the country, Met Office said. Yesterday's highest temperature of 32.5 degree Celsius was

- recorded at Rangamati and the lowest of 14.2 degree at Sayedpur. The sun sets in the capital at 5:52pm today and rises at 6:31am
- tomorrow The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in

Arab League Secretary General Amr Mussa said he was deeply concerned about the implications for Lebanon, whose emergence from the devastation of 15 years of civil war was largely led by Hariri.

"The probabilities are serious and we beseech God to save Lebanon from this dangerous terrorist act and its repercussions," Mussa said.

"I hope that we will all contribute to maintaining peace and security in Lebanon," he said. 'The evidence is very serious and will have a significant fallout . Those who killed Hariri have done a very grave wrong to us all."

The Palestinian Authority also voiced concern for the stability of Lebanon, a country which hosts some 300,000 refugees.

"It is a crime against the Lebanese people and a blow to the stability of Lebanon, a country for whom we have a lot of time and respect," Palestinian Authority spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeina told AFP.

The former Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was based in Beirut in the 1970s and early 1980s, and the Palestinians played a prominent role in the country's civil war.

Ebadi accuses Iranian court of obstruction

AFP, Tehran

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Shirin



AFP, Kabul

society

US ambassador to Afghanistan

Zalmay Khalilzad yesterday predicted

a breakthrough in ongoing talks with

Taliban militants aimed at bringing

members of the ousted fundamental-

ist regime back into mainstream

have some good news, big news in the

at a press conference in Kabul.

welcome to return to normal life.

"I am pleased about the progress in

Afghan President Hamid Karzai

and Khalilzad have both previously

indicated that ordinary Taliban who are

not linked to al-Qaeda or wanted for

crimes against humanity would be

response and a number of people

associated with the Taliban have taken

"There has been a positive

some major cities	and towns yes	sterday wer	re:	
City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Dhaka	30.1	20.1	37
Chittagong	31.5	21.2	75	59
Rajshahi	31.2	15.6	41	29
Khulna	31.5	17.8	48	38
Barisal	31.5	18.0	65	44
Sylhet	29.1	18.0	57	40
Cox's Bazar	31.4	21.0	77	66
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The executives of Lions Club of Dhaka Green Bengal and Lions Club of Dhaka Uttara pose with Chief Guest Lion Rukhsana Nazir at the installation ceremony held at Uttara club in the city on Friday.

ciary on Monday of doing all it could to prevent human rights lawyers from defending political prisoners.

At a news conference in Tehran. Ebadi said: "Judge and lawver are each one wing of the angel of justice, but one of them has been amputated."

Ebadi, who heads a group of Iranian human rights lawyers, said: "Lawyers have been in and out of jail. I have also been in prison. They keep summonsing me here and there.

"I have been subject to threats for 10 years," she said, adding that she had again received a summons and "the judge himself did not know why". Ebadi said those detained by the legal authorities faced an impossible task in choosing a human rights lawyer to defend them.

"How can they decide which lawyer can appear you in a case and which cannot?" she asked, giving the example of Roozbeh Mir-Ebrahimi, arrested last autumn in a crackdown on journalists and freed at the end of 2004

Standing next to her, Mir-Ebrahimi told the press conference: "My family asked Ebadi and Mohammad Seifzadeh to defend me but I was told in prison that with the charge against me I risked 15 years in prison, and that with these (lawyers) I would receive 25 years.

"My interrogator forced me to reject them and said that they were only serving their own interests."



Elate Friends Association and Nescafe jointly organised a talent hunt competition under the banner, "EFA-NESCAFE Jump Starters 2005", on Saturday. The campaign had its final day at Sonargaon Hotel, attended by Deputy Speaker Akhtar Hamid Siddqui as chief guest and BTRC Chairman Syed Marghub Murshed and FBCCI President Abdul Awal Mintoo as special guests.