



President Iajuddin Ahmed speaks at the Rotary International Centennial Celebration as chief guest at a local hotel recently. Seated from left are former ambassador MM Rezaul Karim, Rotarian Barrister Omar Sadat and Rotarian Mahboob Chowdhury. Rotary Club of Gulshan organised the celebration.

Australian state to include Bangla as second language

UNB, Dhaka

The government of New South Wales of Australia will include Bangla as a second language for HSC-level examinations. Enrollment of students for this course will commence from the 1st term of 2006 for class VII to X and HSC examinations in Bangla curriculum start from 2008. Bob Carr, the premier of New South Wales, informed Bangladesh High Commissioner

to Australia Ashraf-ud-Doula about the decision when he called on the premier yesterday. Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, during her visit to Australia in 2002, upon request from the expatriate Bangladeshis living in Sydney, urged the Premier of New South Wales to incorporate Bangla as a second language for Bangladeshi students at the HSC curriculum.

Domestic help tortured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A domestic help was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on Sunday night with marks of severe injuries on different parts of her body. The victim was identified as Shumi, 12, who had been working at the house of singer Roushan Chowdhury at Swamibagh under Sutrapur Police Station for one year. Doctors at One Stop Crisis Centre of DMCH said marks of bruises on her body indicated that she was tortured. "Roushan used to beat me very often, and a few days ago she put a hot rod near my vagina when I requested her to allow me to go back to my village home in Lalmonirhat," Shumi told the Daily

Star.

"Roushan alos beat me severely on Sunday for being late in returning home from Shishu Kunja School with her son Imran," she added. Shumi said she was rescued by the neighbours who rushed her to the hospital. When contacted over cell phone, Roushan denied the allegation of torture and said some miscreants kidnapped her domestic help and demanded Tk20,000 in ransom.

BIAM DG gets extension

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday extended the contractual appointment of Shahidul Alam as director general of Bangladesh Institute of Administrative Management (BIAM). After the extension of the service as secretary for two times, the former education secretary was made the DG of BIAM for one-year on contract that expired about a month ago. The government has extended the contract of Shahidul Alam as DG of BIAM until further order said an official notification.

IUB launches M Sc in Telecom Engineering

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB) launched M Sc in Telecommunication Engineering from the current Spring semester, says a press release. The school of engineering and computer science of IUB is conducting the semester. A total number of 45 students are studying in the current semester. Classes of the telecommunication engineering programme began on February 16.

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