

Kushtia outlaw killed in 'crossfire'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A top cadre of the outlawed Gono Mukti Fouz (GMF) was killed in a "crossfire" between police and his accomplices at Bot Toila village of Mirpur upazila in the district early yesterday.

Pipe gun in parcel!

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday seized a pipe gun and one round of ammunition from a parcel sent to a person in Sylhet.

Religious ethics key to HIV/Aids prevention in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar have said religious ethics is the key to HIV/Aids prevention in Bangladesh.

Headmaster confined to office over his reinstatement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Hundreds of students, guardians and locals staged a demonstration on the Tanore Bohroil High School premises after confining the headmaster at his office for three hours in the morning.



Winners of The Daily Star 3rd Inter Hall English Debate Championship-2005 and 1st Inter University Public Speaking Competition-2005 pose with the guests at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) auditorium yesterday.

DAILY STAR 3RD INTER HALL ENGLISH DEBATE

Rokeya Hall becomes champion

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Rokeya Hall emerged as champion in 'The Daily Star 3rd Inter Hall English Debate Championship-2005' that ended yesterday.

tion, Tasnoova Zahin Zaki of Rokeya Hall was adjudged the best speaker.

Emphasising the need for practising the English language everyday, he said learning English as a second language is vital to achieve development in the fields of science and technology as well as in other arenas.

Barbed-wire fences by India to figure in talks

BDR, BSF meet in city April 13

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Rifles and Indian Border Security Force will hold a top-level meeting here on April 13 to discuss crucial border issues against the backdrop of frequent flare-up of tensions along the common frontier.

As per understanding, two DG-level meetings will be held a year-one in Dhaka and another in New Delhi. This will be the first meeting between the two border forces in Dhaka this year.

The sources said Bangladesh side has been pressing for compliance with the border guidelines envisaged in the Mujib-Indira agreement in dealing with border issues or framing fresh guidelines.

'909 children in jails despite HC order for release'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 909 children were detained in different jails of the country as of February last despite a High Court ruling requiring their release two years ago.

judgment of the High Court that called for the release of all children from jails, but the expected result has not come yet," said Advocate Habibunnesa, head of the Justice and Violence Programme of Save the Children.



Advocate Habibunnesa, head of the Justice and Violence Programme of Save the Children UK, speaks at a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday.

Sohana Shabnam, programme manager of Save the Children, said the taskforces for speedy release of children in some districts are really performing well, she said, adding, "Only two children are detained in Barisal jail because of active role of the taskforce there."

Five killed, 7 injured as trucks collide in Savar

UNB, Savar

Five people were killed and seven others injured as two trucks collided on the Nabinagar-Kaliakoir road in Kabirpur area early yesterday.

Gender equality a must for social progress

Speakers say at seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Discrimination against women keeps half of the country's total population deprived undermining its development efforts, said the speakers at a seminar yesterday.

entitlements and equal participation in decision making, she said. Citing the UNDP report, Salma Khan said Bangladesh has the highest participation of women in the development activities in the South Asian region.

"Still women suffer from high level of malnutrition, violence and deprivation," she said, adding, "Gender is both human rights and development issues."

Baishakhi Mela begins Apr 11

The Women Entrepreneurs' Association (WEA) and the Mini Mart Group have organised a three-day Baishakhi Mela beginning on April 11, says a press release.



Dhanmondi Paribesh Unnayan Jote forms a human chain at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday with a slogan 'We will keep our Dhanmondi clean'.

WEATHER TODAY logo with sun and cloud icons.

No change in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions till 6.00pm today.

Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening).

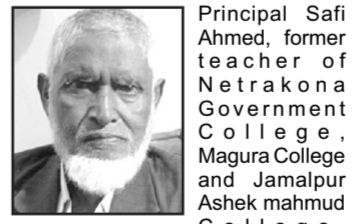
Country's first garbage treatment plant starts operation in Ctg city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A garbage treatment plant, the first of its kind in the country, went into operation in the port city yesterday.

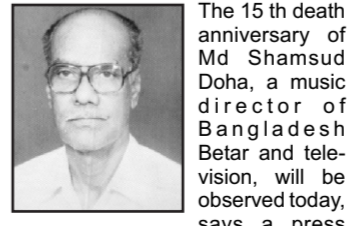
adding that some 60 employees would work in three shifts to produce around 10 tons of charcoal everyday.

Obituary



Principal Safi Ahmed, former teacher of Netrakona Government College, Magura College and Jamalpur Ashke mahmud College, passed away at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in Dhaka on April 3, says a press release.

Death anniversary



The 15th death anniversary of Md Shamsud Doha, a music director of Bangladesh Betar and television, will be observed today, says a press release.

DHAKA TODAY and TOMORROW event listings including Puppet show, Public meeting, Meeting, Film show, Musical evening, Roundtable, and JICA seminar.