



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia addresses a huge public meeting at the Pangsha University College ground yesterday.

## Massive programme to make Dhaka city greener soon

BSS, Dhaka

The capital city is going to have a greener look soon with the government implementing a massive 'Green Dhaka' programme.

A high-level meeting at the Prime Minister's office yesterday took a number of decisions to implement the Dhaka greening programme, official sources said.

The decisions include measures to plant trees in all suitable places like office premises, staff quarters, fallow lands, roadsides, embankments and riverbanks.

The meeting held at the directive of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia under the 'Committee for Good Governance and Development in Dhaka City' was presided over by Prime Minister's Principal Secretary Dr Kamal Uddin Siddiqui.

Secretaries, other senior officials and representatives from different agencies and departments, including Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (Rajuk), Dhaka Transport

Coordination Board (DTCB), Roads and Highways Department, Public Works Department, Dhaka Wasa and BIWTA attended the meeting.

Meeting sources said, plantation of trees will begin in all important roads, including Dhaka bypass, city protection embankment, banks of the Buriganga and other rivers, and other suitable places from the upcoming tree plantation season.

The meeting decided to send letters to all secretaries to hold urgent meetings with the agencies and departments under their respective ministries to begin plantation of saplings in all possible places, including office premises, staff quarters and fallow lands.

Rajuk will take necessary measures to plant trees in those areas of the metropolis that fall outside the jurisdiction of City Corporation.

Since all types of trees are not suitable for all places, the DCC was entrusted with the responsibility of urgently preparing a tree plantation manual selecting species of trees for particular areas of zones of the metropolis.

## Three killed by lightning

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Three people were killed by lightning when a severe nor'wester lashed different areas in the district last night.

Quoting local people, police said the victims Abdus Samad, 22, son of Muhammad Ali of village Purba Nalta under Kaliganj upazila, Gour Chandra Das, 48, son of Charu Chandra Das of Town Sreepur under Debhata upazila and Montasar Rahman, 32, son of Abdus Sobhan of village Alipur under Sadar upazila died on the spot.

The nor'wester also damaged standing crops extensively.

## Chinese crew member killed

BSS, Chittagong

A crew member of a Chinese cargo ship was killed on Tuesday night after he met with an accident in the Chittagong port.

Wu Hai Jun, the crew of the Chinese flag carrier MV Fusin Shan, was hit from behind by a truck while he was walking on the jetty no. 5 inside the port in the evening injuring him seriously, police said.

## JU body to probe JCD factional clash

JU Correspondent

The Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities yesterday formed a six-member committee to investigate the Monday's clash between the two factions of Jatiyatabdai Chhatra Dal (JCD) that left at least 26 students injured.

The probe body, headed by Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Enamul Huq Khan, was asked to submit its report by April 27.

Meanwhile, the students of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Hall urged the university authorities to ensure security for their life.

At a press conference yesterday, they said they were confined to the hall since the clash. They could not go outside the hall even to collect

foods for fear of attacks, they said.

A sense of insecurity has gripped the students and teachers as the cadres loyal to president and general secretary of the JU JCD are still flexing their muscle on the campus.

The students also demanded an impartial probe into the incident and exemplary punishment to those responsible for the clash.

They also urged the central committee of JCD to take effective action against the JU JCD men for torturing the students of the hall.

The activists aligned with president and general secretary of JU JCD allegedly snapped the water supply to the hall at around 3:30pm and also threatened to cut off power supply.

## French journo gets bail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A foreign documentary film-maker, who was arrested by the BDR while entering Bangladesh from India crossing the border illegally at Bhomra on April 14, was granted bail by a magistrate here yesterday.

Court sources said the French national Manda Garan, 55, who was produced before the court of Magistrate M I Siddique, prayed bail for himself and the court granted it.

Manda Garan came to Bangladesh on February 26 on a six-month entry visa and went to India on February 28 after crossing the Benapole border illegally as Indian government denied him visa.

When contacted, he told the local journalists that he went to India for making a film on Babri Mosque demolition by the Hindu bigots in Ayodhya in 1992.



Winners of the essay competition on the life of Prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) organised by the Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) pose for photographs with State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon at the Spectra Convention Centre yesterday. The competition was organised for the school children with the aim to raise awareness on the life of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) and to mark the holy month of Rabiul Awwal. Chief Adviser to the Institute Lt General (Retd) Nooruddin Khan and President of the Institute Major General (Retd) Syed Muhammad Ibrahim were present.