

British High Commissioner in Bangladesh Anwar Choudhury speaks at a view exchange meeting with the diplomatic correspondents at Sheraton Hotel in the city yesterday.

US won't relax visa process for Bangladeshi students: Envoy

US Ambassador Harry K Thomas ye terday categorically rejected any nossibility of relaxing the proceles of issuing visas for the angladeshi students.

However, he pointed out that the ssuance of student visa is not that complex saying, "If someone applies properly and we believe that he or she ould come back after studies in the

USA, we usually issue the visa." Thomas was speaking at a meet-ing with students, parents and goardians on education in the United States at the American

we'lf a student, intending to study in the USA, meets these criteria, he tion over the growing tendency among the girls to enroll in the

Center in the city

Since the 9/11 tragedy, the US Embassy in Dhaka has issued some 2,400 visas to Bangladeshi students, he said. Besides, 18 Bangladeshi students will attend high schools in the USA next autumn, he added.

The envoy informed his government has a plan to help modernise the course curricula of Madrasa education in Bangladesh.

Representatives of the Bangladesh government, different embassies and NGOs are likely to sit for a meeting soon to design a programme for upgrading the quality and modernising the Madrasa education, Thomas informed.

Thomas expressed his satisfac-

But he thought that "eve teasing" could be a main barrier for promot-ing female education in Bangladesh.

Police, teachers and the local leaders must stand against such harassment as such behavior is not cultural, it is merely criminal, the

He also called upon the Bangladeshi students to enrich themselves by acquiring knowledge and utilising the facilities offered the American Centre, which contains a large collection of books.

The library, including its Children's Corner, is open to all. Students can also visit the Centre's Student Advising section. Besides, the Centre sponsors madrasa students interested in learning English, he said.

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70-yr-old dies in acid attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A 70-year old man was killed while his wife and son were critically wounded as criminals threw acid on them in the early hours yesterday in Balaganj upazila of Sylhet.

Family sources said a gang of eight slipped into Gaus Miah's house at village Babrokpur at about 2:00am. They threw acid on him and his wife Gulnehar Begum, 55, while the two were asleep. Gaus' face and head were badly burnt while Gulnehar suffered burns to her face

and left part of the body. As they cried out in pain, their son Sohel, who was sleeping in another room, came to their rescue. But he too was thrown acid. Before neighbours could reach, the attackers set fire to the house and fled, added the sources.

The neighbours doused the

Nari Morcha protests police attack on Asma Jahangir

Bikkhubdo Nari Morcha, a women's network, has protested the police attack on a peaceful procession, led by Asma Jahangir, a well-known lawyer and international human rights activist, in Lahore on May 15, says a press release.

Asma Jahangir is also the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief.

In a protest letter to the Pakistani high commissioner in Dhaka yesterday, the members of the Nari Morcha said, "We have seen the pictures of the incident on BBC and other TV channels in Bangladesh and were amazed at the physical brutality of the police action, which also amounted to sexual harassment. Although the women were released, the police action has been a violation of citizens' rights."

They also urged the government of Pakistan to inquire into the incident and take action against those. responsible.

The signatories to the letter are Khushi Kabir, Shamim Akhter, Supriya Bari, Meghna Guhathakurta, Hameeda Hossain, Sara Hossain, Mahmuda Islam, Sultana Kamal, Khaleda Khatoon, Dil Monoare Monu, Faustina Pereira, Maleka Begum, Rounaq lahan, Khursheed Erfan Ahmed, Shirin Akhter, Rokeya Rafique, Sharmin Kabir and Mahmuda

flames and rushed the victims to Balaganj Upazila Health Complex. From there, the three were shifted to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College and Hospital at about 6:30am. But on arrival, doctors

declared Gaus dead. Sources said a long-standing land dispute between Gaus and Mujibur Rahman, a businessman of the same village, has resulted in the

Sohel accused Mujibur of hiring goons to make the attack. He said he recognised two of the attackers.

Police arrested Mujibur yesterday afternoon while filing of a case was in progress, police said.

Superintendent of Sylhet Police Mostafa Kamal yesterday visited the injured in the hospital. He said they [police] would go all out to arrest the persons responsible for

Helpline to protect journalists

Bangladesh Centre for Development, Journalism and Communication (BCDJC) with the assistance of the Embassy of Denmark in Dhaka has established a Helpline for the harassed journalists in Bangladesh, says a press release.

Under this programme, BCDJC will extend emergency services, medical treatment, rehabilitation and legal assistance to the journalists in need.

To qualify for any kind of help under this initiative, the applicant or candidate must be a journalist working for local, regional, national or foreign media.

The applicant has to be under real threats or actual harassment, trouble or danger caused by government or private entity, political cadre, underworld don, mafia or any other perpetrator.

The above situation must be the result of a published report, article, editorial, column or picture to qualify for assistance. Journalistic works like investigation, case-study as well as activities for press freedom and in protecting security of any source of information or news wi also fall under this category.

Those who fulfil the above crite ria will be covered as the target group and the immediate members of their families or their dependents would also qualify for BCDJC assis

Heart Foundation lottery draw results

The National Heart Foundation Hospital lottery draw was held on the hospital premises at Mirpur in the city yesterday, says a press release. Education Minister M Osman Farruq inaugurated the lottery draw as

Following are the winning ticket numbers:

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Executives of Zonta International Club IV (Bangladesh), a US based organisation, attend its 11th Annual General Meeting at the Samarkhand Restaurant at Gulshan in the city recently.



Several thousand vehicles got stranded for almost five hours in Bogra yesterday as the truck owners and workers

Bogra transport workers block highway

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Thousands of vehicles got stranded for almost five hours in Bogra yesterday as the truck owners and workers blocked the Bogra-Dhaka highway. The incident occurred following

burning of a truck and torture on its driver in the district. The truck owners and workers alleged that angry mob burnt a truck and tortured its driver after the truck

had run over and killed Tanvir Hasan Raqib, a student of Bogra District School, on May 15 on the Bogra-Dhaka highway. Truck drivers and workers

declared a strike starting from 6:00am to 6:00pm on Wednesday to protest the incident and blocked the embassy press release yesterday.

Bogra-Dhaka higway for few hours

yesterday morning. Meanwhile, the six-day protest programmes by the people of Bogra was over yesterday.

US embassy closed May 22

The American Embassy offices, including the American Centre, the student counseling service, will be closed on May 22 on the occasion of Buddha Purnima, says a US

Bapa press confce

tomorrow

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa), a leading environmentalists' organisation, will hold a press conference titled "Budget 2005-2006: Environment Perspective" at the VIP Lounge of the National Press Club in the city at 11:00am tomorrow.

The primary objective of the conference is to press the government to prepare the upcoming budget as conducive to the environment as possible, says a press release signed by Bapa General Secretary Mahidul Haque Khan.

The conference will be presided over by Bapa President Professor Muzaffar Ahmed while noted economist Dr Atiur Rahman will address it as the main speaker.

Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (BISE) Dhaka, Rajshahi, Comilla, Jessore, Chittagong, Barisal & Sylhet

EOI No. ASHIBO/IIB/2005(1)/192

Sub: Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Local Consulting Firms for the Preparation of Short-list for the Services to Evaluate Educational Institutions for Establishment, Recognition and Eligibility for Receiving MPO by the Non-Government Schools and Colleges (VI-XII class) under all Boards of Intermediate & Secondary Education (BISE) All BISEs of Bangladesh have intended to appoint potential local consulting firms for inspecting

Secondary Schools and Colleges under its jurisdiction. The necessary funds for the services will be provided by the relevant institutions at a rate not exceeding the rate as determined by the Ministry of Education (MoE).

The services include evaluating the readiness of schools and colleges (class VI-XII) for evaluating (i) establishment or awarding recognition based on criteria as determined by Ministry of Education (MoE) from time to time, and (ii) assessing eligibility of the relevant institutions for receiving MPO subvention.

The experience, resources and delivery capacities required are:

the consulting firm(s) must have at least 5 years experience in the field of inspection/investigation or audit to any kind of educational institutions,

ii. the consulting firm(s) must have necessary skilled manpower, sufficient financial and other relevant resources to handle the services smoothly (annual turnover/bid capacity must be produced with the EOI),

iii. the consulting firm(s) must have office accommodation not less the 750 sqft & along with office equipment and transport facilities,

iv. the consulting firm(s) must have the capacity to produce and submit the reports of inspection in accordance with reporting schedule as in Section: 6 of RFP.

The Chairman of Inter-Education Board Co-ordination Sub-Committee on behalf of the Chairmen of all Education Boards now invites eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consulting firms are requested to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The evaluation will be made on the basis of the following criteria:

experience of the firms in similar assignment (like audit & inspection/monitoring of educational institutions and others relevant institutions.

Key Technical Personnel of the firms (FCA/Monitoring & Evaluation Experts/Inspection Experts/Institutional Mapping/Educational Program and Project Management Experts) and other staff (field supervisors, data/information collectors/inspectors/auditors) with their experience in relevant field,

Financial Capacity: annual turnover/bid capacity (balance sheet for last five years, must be submitted with EOI),

Logistics: office space, office equipment and transport.

A firm may associate with other firm/firms to enhance their qualifications. Association with foreign firms is not encouraged.

The consulting firm(s) will be selected using selection sub-method: Quality Cost Based Selection Method (QCBS) in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulation 2003 and Public Procurement Procedure issued by GoB. It is expected that the services will be commenced on 10 August 2005 and shall be completed on 9 August 2006.

Interested applicants may obtain further information by applying to the address below during normal office hours before submission of EOIs.

At least three copies of Expression of Interest (EOI) for each Education Board are required to be submitted on or before 2 PM 05 June 2005 in a sealed envelope delivered to the respective Chairman, Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE), Dhaka/Rajshahi/Comilla/ Jessore/Chittagong/Barisal/Sylhet and be clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Consulting Firm to Evaluate Educational Institutions for Establishment, Recognition etc."

Principal Md Anwarul Hoque

Chairman

Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education, Barisal

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Inter-Education Board Co-ordination Sub-Committee

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