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Unite nations to face critical challenges

Hasina urges Asian lawmakers

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the Asian parliamentarians to launch joint efforts in uniting the nations to overcome the critical challenges like poverty, terrorism, human rights violations and environmental degradations in the continent.

"I believe that the Association of Parliamentarians will be in the enviable position to conduct activities that will not only be able to improve bilateral and multilateral relations among the Asian countries but will also help meet the challenges of poverty, diseases, terrorism, migration, human rights violations and fast upsetting environmental degradations in Asia," she

Proshika staff's

body retrieved

from hostel run

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

government organisation.

was murdered two days ago.

room in the early morning.

by Shibir cadres

Police retrieved a decomposed body

from a student hostel run by the cadres of Islami Chhatra Shibir in Ĺalmonirhat

He was identified as Samsul Islam,

Breaking the door open, police

Police suspected that the victim

Locals informed the police after

Police arrested Peyari Begum, 40,

maidservant of the hostel, and Karim

Hawlader, 45, deputy director of Rural

Development Board of Lalmonirhat in

Akhand takes over

as BIIB chairman

Engineer Abdul Maleque Akhand,

member of BCS (Telecom) Cadre,

took over as chairman of

Bangladesh Telegraph and

Telephone Board (BTTB) yesterday.

appointed him chairman of BTTB,

replacing Engineer Nurul Islam,

who has been made OSD in the

with dedication for its betterment by

increasing country's tele-density

and fulfilling the vast demand of the

of the submarine cable project and

the digitalisation of telecom

exchange across the country would

Govt to set up

Barisal, Sylhet

The government has decided to set up

Barisal and Sylhet City Corporation

Unnayan Kartipakkhas (development

The decision was taken at a meet-

Law Minister Moudud Ahmed, Post

ing at LGRD ministry with LGRD and

Co-operatives Minister Abdul Mannan

and Telecommunication Minister

Aminul Haque, Housing and Public

Works Minister Mirza Abbas, State

Minister for Land Ukil Abdus Sattar,

Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation

Mizanur Rahman Minu and secretary

to local government division AHM Abul

ing relations between the city corpora-

tions and the Unnayan Kartipakkha. It

also laid emphasis on strengthening

the city corporations and the Unnayan

Kartipakkhas and building them as the

complementary organisations for

concerned of all Unnavan Kartipakkha

Unnayan Kartipakkhas in Dhaka,

Chittagong, Rajshahi and Khulna City

to put emphasis on town planning.

Bhuiyan called upon the authorities

Currently, there are four separate

The meeting discussed the exist-

Kashem attended the meeting.

The immediate implementation

Akhand said that he would work

establishment ministry.

customers as well as users.

be his major priority areas.

Unnayan

Bhuiyan in the chair.

Bss, Dhaka

Kartipakkha

Earlier, the government

BDNEWS, Dhaka

They are also hunting for Shibin

smelling bad odour coming from the

entered the room and recovered the

body which bore several injury marks.

40, an assistant manager of Aditbari

upazila unit of Proshika, a non-

Hasina, also president of the Awami League (AL) made the remarks while exchanging views with the delegations of Asian parliamentarians during her visit to European Parliament at Strasbourg

Prominent among the members the delegations were Ji Peiding, vice-chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, National People's Congress of China; Samdech Krom Preah Norodom Ranaridh, president, National Assembly of Cambodia; Jose De Venecia, speaker. House of Representatives of Philippines; Chaudhury Amir Hossain, speaker, National Assembly of Pakistan and Bhokin Bhalakula, speaker, National

Assembly of the Kingdom of Thailand.

Awami League presidium members Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim MP. International Affairs Secretary Syed Abul Hossain MP, Forest and Environment Secretary Mahmud Hassan and former ambassador Mohammad Ziauddin were also

The delegation attended a series of programmes organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), according to a message received in Dhaka

Hasina, the founder president of the Association of Asian Parliaments for Peace (AAPP), said the intention and purpose of the

AAPP is to strive and attain peace all over the Asia.

"I think Asian parliamentarians can play a pivotal role in achieving the objectives of the AAPP," she said, adding that the parliamentarians of Asia should come up with coordinated approach to work for establishing peace in Asia as well as overcoming the malaise affecting the Asian continent.

Lauding the European Assembly for inviting her to visit Strasbourg, Hasina said the visit has provided her with the scope to learn first hand about the functions and the achievements of this assembly of parliamentarians from all over the

accident in Khulna yesterday in the

Sources said the accident took

place in front of the Afil Jute Mill

under Fultala Upazila when a

Kushtia bound bus plunged into a

roadside ditch while giving side to

another bus which was trying to

and 10 were admitted to the Khulna

scene and Fultala Thana police

allocation, use

frequency soon

A draft of frequency allocation plan

(NFAP) and spectrum policy has

been prepared aiming at ensuring

proper allocation and use of coun-

This was disclosed yesterday at

workshop organised by

More than 100 representatives

from concerned spectrum stake-

holders and top frequency users.

including mobile and land phone

operators; radio, armed forces

division and national security divi-

sions participated in the workshop.

Post and Telecommunications

Minister Barrister Aminul Huque in

his speech at the inaugural session

as chief guest said with the

advancement of information tech-

nology in the digitalisation era, the

number of frequency users is also

would be difficult to meet the

requirement of frequency space of

use of frequency with the plan like

other countries, who facilitate the

largest number of users with the

same range of resource, he added.

from Interconnect Communication

BTRC vice chairman AM Reza-

He said that without a plan, it

The country will ensure the best

growing fast in the country.

the new users.

e-Rabbi presided.

the six months

Bangladesh Telecommunication

Regularity Commission (BTRC)

prior to finalise the plan at the Cirdap

Medical college Hospital.

seized the bus.

Policy to

of network

ry's network frequency.

ensure

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auditorium.

Local people rescued the victims

The driver of the bus fled the

Ruling four-party alliance candidate Khairul Kabir Khokon along with supporters and activists visits different polling centres at Madhabdi during the Narsingdi-1 by-elections yesterday.

9 killed, 113 injured in road accidents

At least nine people were killed and 113 injured in separate road accidents in Chittagong, Comilla, Gazipure and Khulna yesterday.

CORRESPONDENT from Chittagong adds, two people were killed and 13 others injured in three separate road accidents in the district and city.

A truck rammed a grocery shop as driver Mukhtar lost his control over steering at Sitakunda Sadar Bazar at around 5.30am yesterday killing him on the scene and injuring the shop owner Abul Kalam, who

In another accident yesterday, at least 12 passengers were injured when two city service buses collided in front of Chittagong Port's jetty no-5. Local people rushed five seriously injured to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH).

Police said one Shankar Saha, 50, of village Jafrabad, was run over by a speeding bus at 11.30pm on Tuesday at Boro Darogarhat in Sitakunda upazila. He died on the

UNB from Comilla reports that four people were killed and 50 others injured in separate road accidents on Dhaka-Chittagong

highway yesterday. Police said three passengers

when a Feni-bound bus fell into a roadside ditch as the driver tried to overtake a pickup van at Kotbari in

Sadar upazila at about 2:45pm. The victims identified as Shvamol Bihari Sen. 35. of Noakhali, Amanullah, 35, of Feni, Abu Taher, 38, of Comilla were travelling in the bus.

Another accident occurred near Suaganj Bazar in Sadar South upazila at about 3:00pm when two passenger buses collided, leaving one passenger dead and 20 others injured. Identity of the victims could not be known immediately.

The injured of both the accidents vere rushed to Comilla Medical College Hospital.

BDNEWS from Gazipur says, at least three people were killed and 25 others injured when a bus skidded off Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Gazipur Sadar upazila yesterday.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred at Hotapara as the driver of a Mukti Paribahan bus lost control over the steering at noon, killing the three unidentified

passengers on the spot. Of the injured 12 were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and the remaining were treated at

Gazipur Sadar Hospital. UNB from Khulna adds, 25

people were injured in a road



No change in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country,

Highest temperature 37.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Sayedpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:49pm today and rises at 5:12am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Temperature Humidity in Morning Evening Dhaka 32.2 28.4 82 84 75 76 Chittagong 32.5 27.2 35.5 27.5 Rajshahi 35.0 28.4 Khulna 33.8 28.0 Barisal 30.2 Cox's Bazai 33.4

Names of 10 living greatest Bangalees announced

BDNEWS, Dhaka

New York branch of 'Muktadhara'. a renowned publisher, announced the names of the greatest ten living Bangalees selected through a worldwide e-survey on Tuesday.

All of them are well established in their respective fields and have become living legends.

Dr Anisuzzaman and poet Samarendra Sengupta of West Bengal announced the names of the ten greatest Bangalees at a ceremony at Hotel Dhaka Sheraton in the city.

The ten greatest Bengalees are Amartya Šen, Jafar İqbal, Dr Muhammad Yunus, Ravi Shankar, Saurav Ganguly, Sunil Ganguly, Sheikh Hasina, Khaleda Zia, Dr Kamal Hossain and Humayun

The survey was conducted from December 1 last year to May 31. Expatriate Bangalees from 38 countries took part in the survey by logging on to www.greatestbangali.com. Those who could not participate over the Internet cast their votes through survey cards or survey forms in

The selected greates Bangalees will be given a reception at Manhattan Centre of New York on

College student shot in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unknown hoodlums shot and injured a college student in the city yesterday. Reaz Uddin Shahin, 18, an HSC

examinee of Tejgaon College, went out of his Rampura residence at 11:30am when a gang of four sprayed bullets on him in front of a slum at Ulan. said his elder brother Faisal Uddin. The armed group then fled the

scene, he added. Reaz, with two bullet-wounds in the eft leg, was rushed to Dhaka Medical

College and Hospital (DMCH), and later shifted to Orthopaedic Hospital.

Khilgaon police admitted the incident, but could not give any

Obituary



director of Universal Traders Ltd., passed away due to a massive cardiac arrest on June 21 at the age of 55, says a

AM Ashraf,

managing

He is survived by his father, mother, wife, one daughter and A milad mahfil will be held at

House # 330/E, Road # 28, Dhanmondi after Asr prayers on

Engineer Md Mosharraf Ali



Engineer Md Mosharraf Ali. a retired commissioner of Water Development Board, passed away on Tuesday at the age of 90, says a press release.

daughters and grandchildren. Renowned cardiologist Prof Dr Mahabub Ali is his eldest son. Mosharraf Ali was buried at his

He is survived by his wife, sons,

family graveyard at Manpasha in

His qulkhwani will be held at his residence at House # 13, Road # 103, Gulshan-2, in the city after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Relatives, friends, and wellwishers are requested to attend the

Md Sirajul Islam

Md Sirajul Islam, a retired divisional signal and telecommunication engineer of Bangladesh Railway, passed away due to old-age complications on Tuesday at the age of 85, says a press release.

He is survived by two sons, one daughter and grandchildren. His qulkhwani will be held at

Eskaton Garden government colony Jame Mosque after Asr prayers

Death anniversary



Today is the first death anniversary of Madhu Sengupta. proprietor of Newspaper Agency in Chittagong, says a press

A social worker, Madhu died at a With the assistance of the World hospital in Kolkata last year at the Bank, the BTRC along with experts age of 42.

On the occasion, different relia UK-based IT consultant firm. has gious programmes will be held on been working in this connection for Kaibalyadham premises at Pahartali, Chittagong, on July 11.

BTRC Commissioner Justice Relatives, friends and well-Abdus Salam spoke at the working wishers have been requested to attend the programme.



Sammilita Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad forms a human chain on the High Court premises in the city yesterday to realise its three-point demand.

Govt firm to improve condition of child workers: PM

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday said the government is committed to improve the condition of child workers and protect their rights by withdrawing them from hazardous Various steps have been taken

of the working children," she said replying Manzur Qader (BNP-Pabna) during the guestion-answer session in the Jativa Sangsad.

Khaleda said the government in 2001 ratified the ILO Convention-182 on ending the hazardous jobs. Under a project, process is on to the risky jobs. Under the project, she said non-

withdraw 10 000 child workers from

formal education and training were given for their rehabilitation. Moreover, training programme

continues to rehabilitate 50.000 child workers under two projects of the ILO, the prime minister said.

Infrastructural facilities a must for sustainable tourism

Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Adequate infrastructural facilities are a must to develop a sustainable tourism industry which in turn can help alleviate poverty, said the speakers at the inaugural session of a seminar yesterday.

They said tourism has not developed in the country due to lack of basic facilities like accommodation, communication and safety.

The two-day national seminar on 'Sustainable Tourism Development' began at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in the capital. It has been organised jointly by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and the World Tourism Organisation (WTO) in collaboration with the Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation

tourism industry would not develop until measures are taken to create necessary infrastructural facilities.

They said despite picturesque natural beauty and rich cultural heritage, an image crisis and various local disadvantages discourage foreign tourists to visit Bangladesh.

The government along with the participation of the private sector should come forward to promote tourism and make people aware of its social, economic and environmental importance, they said, adding that foreign investors should also be welcomed. "Preservation and conservation

of natural resources is a must for sustainable development of tourism which could reduce poverty signifi-cantly," said Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin, state minister for civil aviation and tourism, while speaking as chief guest at the inaugural session.

"The tourism sector has been identified as a thrust sector as the government wants to develop it on priority basis," he said, adding that it would help boost scopes for increased investment.

Terming Bangladesh as one of the best tourist spot in the world, Nasiruddin said the government has already declared the first-ever National Tourism Policy in line with its open market economy in addition to taking steps to create an investment-friendly climate for flourishing the tourism industry. He said the government is imple-

menting various plans and

programmes for the development of sustainable tourism that include awareness building, involvement of local community and participation of private sector. "Exchange of knowledge, share

of experience and formation of regional cooperation as well as joint promotional efforts are needed for a sustainable tourism," said Iqbal Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, secretary of the ministry.

"Our green meadows, lush forests, scenic valleys and sandy coasts have charmed a large number of local and foreign tourists," he

According to WTO statistics, the total number of international tourist n 2004 was 760 million, and out of them more than 50 million were ecotourists," said Ryuji Yamakawa, chief of tourism unit of UNESCAP.

"For the development of tourism, a secure environment is essential, said Xu Jing, WTO regional representative for Asia and the Pacific.

BPC Chairman Mahfuzul Haque also spoke on the occasion

Death threat to 2 DU teachers

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) gave death threat to two teachers of his department on Monday. The student gave the threat to Prof

Shamsuddin Ahmed and Prof Farid

A student of economics department of

Uddin Ahmed who did not allow him to sit for the master's exam as he did not take admission Last year, he also gave death threat to a teacher who did not meet his

demand for an improvement test after getting third class in honours exam. He sent a letter to Pro-Vicechancellor Prof Yusuf Haider on June

20 where he wrote 'Man born for death. am ready to die. But before killing myself, I will kill them.' Ageneral diary (GD) was registered

with Ramna Police Station yesterday. Earlier another GD was lodged with the Ramna police on August 14, 2004.

Prof Haider told The Daily Star that they had asked the proctor to take necessary action against the student.



Imdadul Haque Milon, Siddika Kabir and Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal launch a book titled 'Tommy Miah's Kitchen' at the Heritage restaurant at Gulshan in the city yesterday. Tommy Miah, extreme right, is also seen.

KALURGHAT BRIDGE OPENS Third Karnaphuli

bridge work to begin by Jan: Huda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The work on much desired third bridge over the Karnaphuli will begin by January next with the financia assistance from Kuwaiti Fund and it will be a cable-stayed bridge.

Communication Minister Nazmul Huda said this while inaugurating the renovated Kalurghat rail-road bridge in the port city yesterday.

The minister said the primary design of the third bridge has already been completed. Construction of the bridge will not pose any threat of siltation in the river

he said, adding that the construction involves over Tk 500 crore. The government has also a plan to built another bridge beside the

Kalurghat bridge at a cost of Tk 150 crore involving the private sector, the minister said. Nazmul Huda said that heavy vehicles such as trucks and large

buses will not be allowed to use the Kalurghat bridge The ferry service which was earlier introduced as an alternative to

heavy vehicles, he added. Bangladesh Railway Director General AFH Mostafizur Rahman. Acting General Manager (Railwayeast) Mokhlesar Rahman and Chief Engineer Habib Ahmed attended the

the bridge would continue for the

inaugural ceremony. Tommy Miah's Kitchen

launched STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Master chef Tommy Miah is one of those great talents the Bangladeshis can be proud of, said Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal at a book launching ceremony in the city yesterday.

'Tommy Miah's Kitchen', the

first Bangla cookbook by the Bangladeshi-born chef and UKbased entrepreneur, was launched at his restaurant Heritage at Gulshan. Dr Zafar Iqbal, a popular novelist, said Tommy enhanced

the image of the country abroad with his extraordinary cooking Highly appreciating Tommy's commitment to the country, he

hoped that many will follow his example. 'Tommy Miah's Kitchen' is the sixth book of recipes by the master chef. His other books are

written in English and endorsed by the British Airways, Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York and Queen Elizabeth II. "Cooking is an art and Tommy has again proved it. He also proveď thať Bangladesh has

many great talents to be proud of," said novelist Imdadul Haque Speaking on the occasion, Tommy Miah said he aspires to

introduce Bangladeshi foods across the world. Farid Ahmed of Somoy Prakashan, publisher of the book, said the writer's share of

the earning from the book will be donated to Shishupalli Plus, an orphanage and rehabilitation centre for destitute children at Sripur, Gazipur. Siddika Kabir, a cooking

expert, Anisul Huq, joint editor of the Prothom Alo, Golam Murtoza, executive editor of Saptahik 2000, and Pat Kerr, founder of