



The winners of Natyasava Awards 2005 pose with the guests at the award giving ceremony at Sufia Kamal Auditorium at National Museum in the city yesterday. Natyasava awarded seven persons to mark its 30th founding anniversary.

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Wasa, Daffodil sign agreement

Daffodil Computers Ltd, a leading IT solution provider, will provide solution services for preparation of Water and Sewer Bills and Reconciliation of Paid Bills with the banks to Wasa, says a press release.

The service will be provided on Build Own Depurate and Transfer (BOOT) basis.

An agreement has been signed on June 26 in this regard.

Md Sabur Khan, Managing Director of Daffodil Computers Ltd and ANH Akhter Hossain, managing director of Wasa signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides at Wasa boardroom. Abdus Salam, Chief Operating Officer (Enterprise Solution Division) of Daffodil Computers Ltd and Dr Engg Kazi Ali Azam, Deputy Managing Director of Wasa and Nurul Huda Mia, Commercial Manager of Wasa were present at the signing ceremony.

With its implementation, system loss will reduce and ease the payment systems of the customers, Wasa hopes. The agreement has been made initially for three years.

Eight to die for killing Sherpur businessman

BDNEWS, Sherpur

A court here yesterday awarded death penalty to eight people for killing a businessman at Dashkhania under Sadar upazila in 1996.

The convicts are Moina, Abdul Khaleque, Muslemuddin, Rup Chand alias Osman, Fazal, Farid, Abdul Karim and Magar Ali alias Bakar.

District and sessions Judge Ashish Ranjan Das pronounced the verdict. The court also fined the

convicts Tk 10,000 each.

According to the prosecution, the convicts, on September 11, 1996, swooped on businessman Hazrat Ali and his three business partners--Hasmat Ali, Muslem Ali and Hafez Habibullah--when they were returning home Bagrar Char Bazar under Sreebardi upazila.

As the businessmen tried to resist the gang, they hacked the three with sharp weapons, leaving Hazrat Ali dead and two others injured. The gang also snatched Tk 35,000 from the businessmen.

The court acquitted five other accused as the charges brought against them were not proved.

Two convicts--Moina and Abdul Khaleque--are now in jail, while the remaining six have been absconding since the incident.

Monwara Haq donates Tk one crore to DU

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Monwara Huq Sikder, a prominent social worker and educationist, donated Tk 1 crore to Dhaka University yesterday for construction of an extension building of Bangladesh-Kuwait Moitree Hall.

Monwara Huq handed over a cheque of the amount to Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz at a simple ceremony at his office.

Pro-VC Prof AFM Yusuf Haider, Treasurer Prof Syed Rashidul Hasan, provost of Bangladesh-Kuwait Maitree Hall Ms Tahmina Begum and Ms Parveen Huq Sikder, daughter of Monwara Huq were present.

Four floors of a 10-storied extension building of Moitree Hall, a female dormitory, will be constructed with this amount. If needed, the donor promised to support more.

The new building to be named "Sikder Monwara Bhaban" will have capacity to accommodate 300 students. Its construction work is expected to start in August.

At the ceremony, Prof Fayed thanked Monwara Huq Sikder for her donation, which is considered the highest ever in the history of Dhaka University.



Iftekhar elected NSU Foundation chairman

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Iftekharul Alam, an industrialist, was elected chairman of North South University (NSU) Foundation for 2005-06 at its 13th annual general meeting on Sunday.

Iftekhar, also a founder life member of the NSU Foundation, said that he would work to make best possible efforts to enable NSU to continue as a centre of excellence for higher education.

Benajir Ahmed, former president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was elected vice chairman of the Foundation.



Participants of different workshops pose with the key resource person and the chairperson of Scholastica at the Certificate Award Ceremony of its Management Development Programmes in the city recently.

2 rice mill staffs killed in boiler blast

BDNEWS, Kurigram

Two employees of a rice mill were killed and five others injured in a boiler explosion at Pateshawri in Sadar upazila on Sunday night.

The dead are Rakib, 15, and Chand, 20. Rakib died on the spot and Chand on the way to Rangpur Medical College and Hospital

(RMCH).

Two of the injured--Hamid and Majida Begum--were admitted to the RMCH in a critical condition, while the remaining three given first aid.

Police and locals said the boiler exploded at around 8:00pm with a big bang when the workers were boiling rice.



Freshers' reception of Summer-2005 of IBAIS University was held recently. Sitting from left are IBAIS University Board of Governors President Dr Zakaria Lincoln, State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon MP, Anti-Corruption Commission Commissioner Prof M Maniruzzaman Miah, University Grants Commission Chairman Prof Dr M Asaduzzaman and IBAIS University Vice-Chancellor Prof Haripada Bhattacharjee.

DAWN Forum executives

Annual general meeting and biennial election of Disadvantaged Adolescent Working NGOs Forum (DAWN Forum) were held at Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum's Conference Room at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday, says press release.

DAWN Forum is a national network of 24-member NGOs. It works on the problem of marginalised adolescent groups in Bangladesh.

The office-bearers are Chairperson: Gulshan Ara Chowdhury, Vice Chairperson: Mahbubur Rahman and Treasurer: Afroja Parvin.

Executive committee members are: Shahin Ara Dolly, Moslema Bari and Moklesur Rahman.

1,629 more held

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Police arrested 1,629 people on various charges during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours as of 6:00am yesterday.

During the period, the law enforcers also recovered four fire arms two other weapons and one bullet, says a police headquarters press release.