Ctg school students

go on rampage

### **DHAKA FRIDAY JULY 22, 2005**

# US firm keen to set up sky train system in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

AUS logistics firm has expressed its interest to set up a light railway transport (LRT) or sky train system in the capital.

The American Transport System Corporation (ATSC) has proposed a project to construct 100-km sky train tracks between Narayanganj-Joydevpur and Savar-Sadarghat with circular ways in the city.

The ATSC is a world famous company that has constructed such LRT in a number of mega-cities around the globe

It has floated the idea through a local private company, Equalizer, to approach the government for taking up the project, which would cost \$80 million and be run on BOT (built, operate and transfer) basis.

The chief executive officer of

UK to screen

Bangladeshis

The British Home Office has

included Bangladesh, a high risk

tuberculosis (TB) country according

to the World Health Organisation, as

one of the four countries to begin its

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening

Scheme at the entry clearance

make a statement in parliament

yesterday about the UK's five-year

strategy on immigration and asy-

lum, said a British High Commission

has decided to implement this new

scheme in a number of phases, later

The new scheme will affect those

who are applying to come to the UK

It said the British Home Office

news release in Dhaka yesterday.

The Home Office was due to

for TB

**UNB**, Dhaka

Equalizer, Anwarul Quaium, yesterday told reporters sky train is getting popularity especially in the thirdworld mega-cities due to its low cost comparing to underground

underground is truly exorbitant and many countries have opted for light railway," he said.

one million people can travel the sky trains daily at faster speed, which will drastically ease traffic conges-

The rails will be constructed 33 feet or higher above the ground without affecting the roads, flyovers

A team from the US has already visited Dhaka and will soon table a proposal to the government,

According to the preliminary proposal, there will be a two-lane network with 53 stoppages and a train in every two minutes. Each train will be able to ferry about 1,000

The entire project will require 40 months to be implemented, the

drawn from overhead electric lines. The coaches will have excellent features including fully airconditioning, higher speed, low cost, more weight carrying capabil-

Fare from Narayanganj to Joydevpur may be maximum Tk 30 and from Narayanganj to Gulistan

in France, South Korea, Malaysia, Taiwan and the Philippines, he said.

He alleged that the ruling party

men attacked his followers at

Patharia bazar after the announce-

ment of the results of the centre. At

least 36 people were injured in the

According to the unofficial results

Mannan was backed by the

followers of late AL leader Abdus

vacant at the death of Samad Azad

Samad Azad. The seat had fallen

Mail on Sunday

Mallika, MJ Akbar

'The Mail on Sunday' has apolo-

gised to Mallika and MJ Akbar for the

stories they ran about the latter's

relationship with Mrs Kimberly

Quinn, and accepted that "sufficient

credence was not given to your (the

Akbars') version of events." It has

also agreed to pay costs, says a

press release issued in London

chief of The Asian Age and the

Deccan Chronicle, John Wellington,

managing editor of The Mail on

Sunday, said, "I am writing to con-

firm that we have absolutely no

reason to believe there is any truth in

the rumour and apologise to you for

Akbar, Wellington said, "I am writing

to apologise for any upset that was

caused to you by our recent visit and

the article that appeared in The Mail

He added, "Our front page head-

line referred to a 'smear' and spoke

of dirty tricks. The article inside

made clear that the rumours were

untrue. We considered there was a

public interest in reporting the matter

given the extensive coverage which

has been given in this country to the

story of Mr Blunkett and his affair.

We were grateful to you and your

husband for your openness in

responding to our questions and,

once again, I apologise for any upset

followed a vigorous defamation

action against The Mail on Sunday,

which was successfully handled by

Bhadresh Gohil, a founding partner

of Arlingtons Sharmas, solicitors,

Humidity in

percentage

69

80

92

Morning Evening

86

78

74

88

The unequivocal settlement

that you have suffered.'

based in Mayfair, London.

Light to moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary

gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Dhaka and

Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Barisal and Chittagong

Office said adding that day temperature may remain nearly unchanged

at Jessore and lowest 24.5 degree Celsius at Chittagong and

Moderately heavy falls are likely at places over the country, Met

Highest temperature 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday

The sun sets in the capital at 6:47pm today and rises at 5:24am

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

25.5

24.5

25.6

25.8

26.4

Temperature

in Celsius

Max

32.8

31.0

33.5

33.0

32.2

30.7

major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Raishahi

Khulna

Svlhet

Dhaka

In a separate letter to Mallika

any inconvenience."

on Sunday."

In a letter to MJ Akbar, editor-in-

apologises to

announced Wednesday night,

Shahinur Pasha defeated Mannan

by a margin of 4,055 votes.

attack, 10 of them were hospitalised.

three-storey school building and ransacked some furniture. They also pasted posters on school walls and ook out a procession.

Municipal Model High School went Acting on information, Kotwali police rushed to the scene and rescued the headmaster at around 12:15pm. They also assured the students of taking initiatives to meet They ransacked the office and the

The students alleged that the headmaster, who joined the school in March 2000, has damaged the reputation of the 126-year-old school

They also said the headmaster has also gobbled up school funds, stopped many facilities for the students, failed to arrange examinations in time and supplied substandard

Even he turned the school library into his residence, they added.

Few days ago, about 35 teachers of the school submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner of Chittagong, bringing a number of allegations against the headmaster and demanding an investigation into

The headmaster was not available for his comments despite several attempts to contact him over his

People from various strata of society and the family members of slain former Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria line up on the road under the 'Blue for Peace' programme at Shahbagh in the city yesterday, demanding trial of the killers

**BLUE FOR PEACE** 

### Trial of Kibria killers demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People from various strata of society and the family members of slain former Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria lined up on the road at Shahbagh in the city yesterday, demanding trial of the killers of

Wearing blue dress, hundreds of people spontaneously joined the protest arranged under the 'Blue for Peace' programme, initiated by Asma Kibria, widow of Kibria.

Kibria, also an Awami League lawmaker, was killed in a grenade attack at Baidyerbazar in Habiganj on January 27.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Reza Kibria, son of the slain former finance minister, yesterday expressed his grave concern that the deputy commissioner of Habiganj, who has failed to provide security to Kibria, is yet to be withdrawn.

"While the prime minister herself pointed out that the administrative flaw is one of the reasons behind the killing, it is really mysterious that the DC has not been withdrawn as yet,'

The DC should be questioned as he did not ensure security for Kibria and cooperate in holding a fair investigation into the killing, Reza said.

He also sought the people's support for the movement initiated by his family to put an end to the killing

culture in the country.

Awami League Joint General Secretary Obaidul Kader, Dhaka University Teachers' Association President AAMS Arefin Siddique, Asma Kibria, four sisters of Kibria --Safia Rahman, Fouzia Shahed, Achrafi Siddigua and Mosabbir -- and Reza

Kibria's wife Rina Sultana Kibria joined the programme.

# Qulkhwani of actor Rahman today

Qulkhwani of actor Abdur Rahman will be held at the Gulshan Azad Mosque in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Relatives, friends and admirers

have been requested to attend the qulkhwani. Rahman, also a director and

producer, passed away on July 18.

# programme for medical courses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Narayana Hrudayalaya Institute of Cardiac Sciences at Bangalore in India has launched a training programme on medical and paramedical courses to promote trained

The programme includes DNB in Cardio thoracic surgery, cardiology, radiology, nuclear medicine, anes thesiology, perfusion technology and

Bangalore University for BSc in

Biotechnology and Microbiology has accredited the institute which will also launch a training

tration soon, said a press release.

programme for healthcare adminis-

Scholarship for outstanding students of BSc (Biotech) and stu-

# **Dakat Shaheed masterminds** Sagir killing

Johnny tells magistrate

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Dakat Shaheed, a notorious criminal of Keraniganj and Old Dhaka, had masterminded the June 24 killing of Jubo Dal leader Sagir Ahmed, an arrestee in the case confessed to a nagistrate vesterday.

Golam Kibria Johnny, arrested on July 13 from Gendaria in the capital, gave the confessional statement under 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code to Magistrate Nani Gopal Assailants gunned down Sagir,

38, Dhaka city (south) general secretary of ruling BNP's youth front Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, about 60 yards off his house on Nasir Uddin Sarder Lane in Sutrapur. In his confession, Johnny said he

along with seven others including Tepa Jewel, Nahid, Geshu [Shaon], and four unidentified people committed the killing.

Shaon died the same day in police custody, but the cops claimed he was killed during a shootout while fleeing after Sagir's murder. Johnny, a third-year degree

student at Kabi Nazrul Government College, however, denied shooting Sagir.

He said they held a meeting 10

days before the mission on the roof of a five-storey building in Keraniganj

"Boro bhai (Dakat Shaheed) there nstructed us about our operation," he

Body of girl found dumped

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

on root

Body of a nine-year-old girl was found dumped on the roof of a three-storey building at the city's Shahjalal Upashahar yesterday

A police official said the girl might have been raped and hacked to death. She used to live with her widowed mother at a rented room in the C-Block of the Upashahar area. Her mother Salma Begum, who works as a housemaid, found the minor girl missing since she returned from work Wednesday

At about 10:00am vesterday. when some boys went to the roof for a cricket ball, they found the body covered in sand. It bore marks of injuries and blood stains. Police recovered the body at about 3:30pm and sent it to the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College morgue for post-mortem.

Johnny said he along with Nahid

reached the spot by a rickshaw about 20 minutes before the killing. "I was smoking standing several hundred yards away and heard some gun "Nahid told me moments later that

the operation is done and Geshu shot Sagir to death." Johnny could not say the reason behind the killing. worked as per our Boro bhai's instructions."

The magistrate sent him to jail after recording his statement. Earlier on July 13, Tepa Jewel also confessed to involving in the murder.

Siddigur Rahman

# made secy of Finance Div

The government yesterday appointed Md Siddiqur Rahman Chowdhury, the incumbent Commerce Secretary, as Secretary of the Finance Division with immediate effect, according to an official order.

He replaces Zakir Ahmed Khan, who completes his three-year term of contractual appointment on July 31.

Ministry sources said Zakir Khan is expected to join as the Alternate Director of the World Bank on August 4, replacing Dr Akbar Ali Khan.

Dhira on fresh

### remand STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Jamaat leader Shahabuddin Lashkar alias Dhira was again taken on police remand for three days yesterday in outlaw Tariqul Islam Shiplu murder case.

Earlier, Dhira was interrogated in the same case in two days. Inspector Abdul Hamid of Detective Branch (DB) of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) is investigating the case.

Dhira, suspected mastermind in ournalist Shaikh Belaluddin murder e was arrested in Dhaka.

Shibir cadre Ekhlasur Rahman gave judicial statement to Khulna

Metropolitan Magistrate naming Dhira as planner for the journalist Belal murder. But Dhira could not be shown arrested in Belal murder case

because of ad interim bail granted to him by the High Court. Yet, he is reportedly being quizzed in Belal murder case showing him arrested in Shiplu murder case.

Hijol Borun Kadam Utsab 2005, a plants centric festival, organised by Nature Conservation Committee, will be held. Venue: National Botanical Garden, Mirpur. Time: 9.30am

### Human chain Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon will

organise a rally and form a human chain demanding preservation of all ponds in the city. Venue: The bank of Osmani Udyan pond. Time: 10.30am.

Save Environment Movement organises a rally demanding pilferage of electricity

in the name of system loss. Venue: Shahbagh Crossing. Time: 10.30am

Hunger strike Sammilita Sangskritik Jote will observe a

token hunger strike to realise its 19-point demand. Venue: Central Shaheed

Minar. Time: 10.00am.

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will hold

Lecture Bangladesh Itihas Parishad organises

Segun Bagicha. Time: 4.00pm

Liberation War Museum Auditorium

# Abu Mohamed Habibullah Memorial

Shahbagh. Time: 4.30pm Debate competition The inaugural function of a two-day 'Archbishop T A Ganguly Debate

Lecture. Venue: National Museum,

### Competition, organised by Dhaka Christian Chhatra Kalyan Sangha, will be held. Venue: Church Community

Centre, 9 Tejkunipara. Time: 10.00am.

**Exhibition** The first solo painting and photography exhibition of Aminul Haque Shanto will be inaugurated. Venue: Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. Time: 4.00pm

### Hospital

The inaugural function of Eastern

# inauguration

will be held with National Professor Dr M R Khan as chief guest. Venue: House-7/3, Block-A, Lalmatia. Time: 5.15pm.

### for more than six months (visitors and short-term students will not be affected). Applicants will be expected to go to a clinic that the UK has accredited (via International Organisation of Migrarion) for the

necessary tests. Assuming the applicants are found to be free from infectious TB. they will be issued with a certificate and able to continue with their application. If they are found to be suffering from TB, they will be asked

(normally) be allowed to apply for a visa, until free from the illness. TB is a growing problem in the UK and the new scheme is aimed at tackling this problem, the news

to go and seek treatment and will not

### 'Reform proposals to create anarchy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The reform proposals on caretaker government placed by the 14 opposition parties are a part of a conspiracy to create anarchy and destroy the democratic process in the country, said senior leaders of the ruling BNP and Islamic parties at a discussion

yesterday. Terming the proposals 'unconstitutional, irrelevant, imaginary and impractical', they said this agenda will create constitutional crises.

The 14-party placed the proposals in a bid to create anarchy and an issue of agitation to divert the public attention from various development efforts of the government and foil the next general election, said Law Minister Moudud Ahmed as the chief

### Chehlum

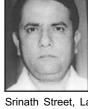


Advocate Abdur Rob will be held at his residence at House 320 Road 8/A Dhanmondi ir the city after Asr

Chehlum o

acting president of Bangaldesh Àhsania Mission (Dam).

### Qazi Aminul Huq



Hug, former general manager of Apex Leathercraft Ltd. will be held at his residence

Friends, relatives and admirers

# "The cost of tunnelling to put rails

Once implemented, more than

and wayside buildings

SUNAMGANJ-3

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Independent candidate in the

Sunamganj-3 by-polls MA Mannan,

who lost Wednesday's election to

ruling alliance nominee Shahinur

Pasha Chowdhury, yesterday

rejected the unofficial results of the

faction of Awami League (AL) which

boycotted the polls, raised allega-

tions of manipulation of the election

results and demanded scrapping of

at Sylhet Press Club, he said the

results were manipulated by the

district officials who were influenced

by the ruling party lawmakers pres-

ent during the result announcement

able," he said, rejecting the poll

"It is unbelievable and unaccept-

Mannan said a number of minis-

ters and high-ups including BNP

General Secretary Abdul Mannan

Bhuiyan had addressed a number of

election rallies making pledges to

the voters, which is a violation of the

Rajshahi tense

following arrest

Tension runs high in the city and its

adjoining areas as police were kept

on high alert yesterday following the

deployed on the Rajshahi

University campus which was used

as recruiting centre by the militants

were alerted to monitor the suspi-

the militants have modern arms.

from them suggest some people

who have foreign warfare training

highly confidential combat tech-

niques and some anti-US slogans.

local interrogators that he collected

the anti-US slogans from the

audiocassette of one Moulana Ayen

quizzed at the joint interrogation cell

The arrested militants are being

Uddin Al Azad of Naogaon.

cious movement of other militants.

that included two RU students.

ammunitions and detonators.

are involved with the militants.

Huge police forces were

Police stations and outposts

Sources said police are sure that

Diaries and other papers seized

The documents also contained

Militant leader Enamul told the

arrest of 11 militants on Tuesday.

of 11 militants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

Addressing a press conference

Mannan, reportedly backed by a

CEO said.

Sky trains will run on electricity

ity and durability than monorails.

The ATSC has introduced sky rail

Independent candidate

rejects poll results

tiffin items As the headmaster refused to meet their demands, the student went berserk, vandalised his office room and locked the door from

headmaster and placed several

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Agitated students of century-old

on a rampage on the school pre-

mises yesterday, demanding imme-

diate resignation of the headmaster

and punishment to him for his alleged

residence of Headmaster HM Fazlu Quader and kept him confined to the

nvolvement in corruption.

However, the headmaster was through corruption and nepotism. rescued two hours later after the Kotwali thana police stepped in. According to sources, several hundred students gathered on the school premises in the morning to protest the sudden closure of their coaching classes. They also met the

demands, including resumption of coaching classes and supply of rich

those, sources said. Then the agitated students rushed to the headmaster's residence, which was previously the school library, on the top floor of the

# INTERCONNECTIVITY CityCell, AKTEL sign

deal with Teletalk

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two private cellphone operators yesterday signed an interconnection deal with Teletalk in a move to reduce the nagging call congestion between the state-owned and private mobile phone service pro-

## Renovated Mohakhali Bus Terminal opens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The newly renovated Mohakhali Inter-District Bus Terminal opened vesterday with a view to providing better services to passengers.

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka inaugurated the renovation work. Khoka said with the inauguration of newly renovated Mohakhali bus terminal all, including passengers and transport service providers will be benefited. And it's the responsibility of all to protect the improvement

Mosaddeq Ali Falu MP and DCC Chief Executive Officer M Saifuddin Ahmad were present at the inaugural The renovation work of three inter-district bus terminals was completed last month, one year behind the schedule, amid dissatisfaction among many with the flaws in

works of the terminal, he said.

renovation work. The work was schedule to be completed in June last The Roads and Highways Department implemented the renovation work under the Dhaka Urban Transport Project (DUTP) at a cost of Tk 44.20 crore. The World Bank (WB) has funded the project coordinated

by the Dhaka Transport Coordination Board (DTCB). But the private terminal operators and bus counter men expressed their dissatisfaction over the faulty design of passenger sheds and security boundaries, poor quality of toilet fittings and tiles, narrow space for

ticket counters and poor water supply Two other terminalsSayedabad and Gabtoli - will be inaugurated on July 24 and July 26, DCC sources

### Death anniversary STAFF CORRESPONDENT



11th death anniversary of Journalist Haris Mahmud, says a press a release. On the occasion. a milad mahfil and

Qurankhwani

Gobindapur in Comilla. Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the programme and pray for salvation of Haris was killed died on this day

will be held at his village home at

# Ajgar Hossain Bhuiyan



Ratanpur in Comilla.

sary of Ajgar Hossain Bhuiyan, former vice chairman of Narayanganj municipality, says a press release. On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at his residence at Don

Chamber area in Narayanganj. Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the

Jahan Haque, in 1994 in a tragic road accident at wife of ZA Shamsul Haque Today is the first death anniver-

> three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn her death. She will be buried in her family

> > residence at House No-34, Road No-9/A, Dhanmondi in the city after Asr prayers on 24 July.

Telekom Malaysia International Bangladesh, the service provider of AKTEL and Pacific Bangladesh Telecommunication Limited, which operates the brand CityCell, have so far signed the deal. GrameenPhone, the country's

largest operator in terms of sub-

scribers, is in the process of signing

Bangladesh Telecommunication

Regulatory Commission (BTRC)

has earlier directed all private

operators to sign interconnection agreement with Teletalk by tomor-

the agreement, an official told The Daily Star last night. Sheba Telecom, which operates under the brand Banglalink, is also in the process of signing interconnection deal with Teletalk, officials

officials of all the five cellphone operators last week directed to sign interconnection agreement as per the interconnection regulation 2004. Teletalk subscribers will enjoy congestion free call facilities once

The BTRC at a meeting with high

all the four private operators signed the interconnection deals. The private operators had earlier refused to sign the agreement, as a few legal matters are pending regarding the legality of Teletalk's licence transfer. They had sought guarantee from the government in case of any decisions of the legal

test interconnectivity with the four private operators that created enormous congestion at subscribers' end. Teletalk Managing Director Md Obaidullah had earlier told The Daily Star the network connectivity will improve greatly following sign-

Teletalk also signed

Until yesterday, Teletalk had only

disputes.

interconnectivity agreement with state-owned fixed phone operator Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB) last week. The state-run cellphone operator has recently become the most preferred one due to its free incom-

ing facility with 80,000 subscribers

says a press release.

prayers on July 29.

until yesterday.

ing of the agreement.

Obituary Manzur Morshed Sachchu, a freedom fighter and commander of Rajbari district Mujib Bahini, passed away due to cardiac arrest at the Birdem Hospital in the city on Wednesday night at the age of 56,

He left behind his wife and two

Sachchu, also vice president of

buried at the Pangsha graveyard beside his father's grave with state honour yesterday. His qulkhwani will be held at his residence in Pangsha after Juma

Rajbari district Awami League, was

## Begum Feroz Jahan



the first Chief Metropolitan Magistrate of Dhaka, passed away due to cardiac arrest at the Birdem Hospital in the city on July 20 at the age of 71, says a press release She is survived by her husband,

Begum Feroz

gravevard at Chandina in Comilla after namaz-e-janaza after Juma prayers today. Her qulkhwani will be held at her

the chairman of the institute by e-mail (info@hrudayalaya.com) or fax at 08027835222.

# **Festival** Training

manpower.

dent loans for nursing programme will be offered by the institute. Interested persons can contact

Discussion

a discussion to mark the 80th birth anniversary of Tajuddin Ahmed, the first prime minister of the country. Venue:

Hospital and Medical Research Centre

press release.

Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) and president of Dhaka Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad and pray for his departed soul.

have been requested to attend the

The Swadhinata Forum Kendriyo Sangsad organised the discussion on 'Caretaker government reform proposals: Constitutional reality' at the National Press Club.



prayers today says a press Advocate Rob was the former

at 3/A Raia Srinath Street, Lalbagh in the city after Juma prayers today, says a

Chehlum o Qazi Aminul