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to lay siege to

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Stranded Pakistanis General

Repatriation Committee (SPGRC)

SPGRC President Abdul Jabbar

Jabbar Khan in his written state-

ment said "Pakistan government

traditionally decorates notable

personalities with highest civil and

military award on the National and

Independence Day, so we demand

the government to decorate him

with the award considering his

He also urged the Pakistar

government to arrange proper

treatment for Nasim, who is suffer-

ing from various chronic diseases

and undergoing treatment at Islami

Bank Community Hospital in

participated in the Pakistan move-

ment and devoted his life to the

Commission in Dhaka is very hostile

to them and never pay heed to their

demands, though it is its moral,

ethical and legal obligation to bear

Khaleda Zia to arrange treatment for

He appealed to Prime Minister

the expenditure of his treatment.

cause and creation of Pakistan.

Jabbar Khan said Nasim actively

He said Pakistan High

Rangpur.

remarkable services for Pakistan".

conference at the National Press

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Independence Day.

Club in the city vesterday.

Shantu Larma meets Natwar BDNEWS, Dhaka

Parbatta Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity President Jyotirindra Bodiprivo alias Shantu Larma paid a courtesy call on Indian External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh.

Sources concerned said former guerrilla leader Shantu Larma met Natwar Singh at Hotel Sonargaon in the city on Sunday night. They spent quite some time in closed door. Sources said different national and international issues featured their discussion.

Shantu Larma is in the capital now on the occasion of the World Indigenous People's Day today.

Nat'l Commission on Gas, Oil, Coal formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Commission on Gas, Oil and Coal (NCGOC) was formed yesterday

with Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) President Dr Qazi Kholiguzzaman as convenor and BEA General Secretary Prof Abul Barakat as member secretary. The commission was formed at a

meeting held at the BEA office in the city. The meeting also formed an advisory board headed by eminent

lawyer Dr Kamal Hossain. The commission at its first meeting set a 4-point terms of reference that include assessment of the

current use of energy, resource status, review of all previous contracts on gas, and optimum use of these resources. Four sub-committees were also

formed with 3 members in each subcommittees to work on four issues. Former chief of Planning Commission Rafidul Islam Khan former chairman of Power Development Board Nuruddin Mahmud Kamal, Justice Golam Rabbani and former chairman of Petrobangla Dr SK Abdullah will head the sub-committees.

Dhaka University Geology Professor Badrul Imam, Professo Sved Abdul Hai, and Journalist Golam Mortoza are the other members of the commission.

Talking to The Daily Star, Prof Abul Barakat said, "Our main goal is to ensure the best use of country's mineral resources, and identify the reasons for awarding gas fields by successive governments to foreign companies despite their lack of

expertise. The commission will start its activities with the visit of Tengratila gas field on August 18.

RECRUITMENT OF TEACHERS RU ignores committee objections **RU** CORRESPONDENT

Rehabilitate Rohingyas in their homeland

Huda urges int'l community

DHAKA SEMINAR 2005

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communications Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday appealed to the international community to help rehabilitate the Rohingyas in their homeland.

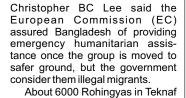
As Bangladesh is a small country with high density of population it cannot take the responsibility of non-Bangladeshis, he said at a discussion on 'Review and Recommendations' on the Rohingyas.

Centre for Development Studies (CDC), Bandhujona Lawyers' Association (BLA) and Human Rights Forum (HRF) organised the discussion at the National Press Club in the city. The minister said the govern-

ment is trying to solve the problem in its own way.

He however urged the leaders of European Union to give them shelter in their countries if they are genuinely concerned.

UNHCR Representative



are extremely vulnerable to seasonal high tides, flooding and cyclones during the monsoon that leads to serious health hazards, he added.

Dutch Ambassador Kees Beemsterboer said the problem requires attention of the politicians

Journalist Sanieeb Chowdhury made a presentation on 10 basic human rights standards for law enforcement officials, while K Azizul Hug on a report on the Rohingyas titled: Caught between A Crocodile and A Snake.

CDC Consultant K Azizul Hug, Justice MA Wahab, Father Richard Timm, Chitta Francis Rebeiro, Dr PK Barua, Brig Gen QN Salam and Rohingya representatives from Cox's Bazar spoke at the discussion chaired by ProfAsif Nazrul.

Apart from 20,000 refugees at two camps in Cox's Bazar, there are two lakh more undocumented Rohingyas spread out across Cox's Bazar and its surrounding districts.

Around 2.5 lakh Rohingyas took M Shoukat Ali, Ehteshamuddin shelter in Bangladesh in 1991 and Khan and Md Nisar also spoke at '92. Of them, 2.36 lakh were so far



Supreme Court Bar Association takes out a procession from the High Court premises yesterday protesting the presidential amnesty for Mohiuddin Ahmed Jhintu, a BNP leader convicted of murder.

THIRD PHASE OF TELETALK LOTTERY DRAW HELD 'Bangladeshi subscribers pay high call charge'

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http://kirtonkhola.teletalk.com.bd,

http://jamuna.teletalk.com.bd,

http://karnafuli.teletalk.com.bd,

http://korotoa.teletalk.com.bd, and

lottery draw programme, Vice-

Chancellor of Brac University Prof

Lower rate of call charge of the

Teletalk will ease the situation to

Speaking as chief guest at the

http://rupsha.teletalk.com.bd.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 1,20,694 applicants across the country have won Teletalk SIM (Subscriber's Identification Module) cards through lottery under different categories

Teletalk Bangladesh Ltd, the state-owned mobile phone operator, held its third phase lottery draw for SIM (Subscriber's Identification Module) distribution at a city hotel yesterday.

Among the winners, 90,000 were selected under the category of Gold applicants, 20, 694 under Prime-10000 and Prime-5000 categories and 10,000 under Silver category. The lottery results are available

online since 10:00pm last night at the following web sites:

A series of clashes between the bus

and tempo workers in Barisal city left

13 people, including two journalists.

BUS-TEMPO WORKERS CLASH IN BARISAL 48 tempos, 4 buses damaged: 13 injured possible in near future without expansion of Base Trans-Receiver

operators

he said.

OUR CORRESPONDENT. Barisal The missing tempo workers are

Nurul Islam and Ayub Ali. In a statement, Barisal Reporters' Unity condemned the attacks on journalists and demanded punishment to the

the SIM cards The total number of Teletalk

The existing BTS facility can cover about 80 percent of the Upazilas of 61 districts and deal with around four lakh mobile phone connections, said Teletalk Managing Director Md Obaidullah.

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the facilities of a university and the quality of its education. Presenting a paper on 'Quality

crisis in education'. Dr Manzoor Ahmed, director, Institute of Education and Development of Brac University, said teachers must be appointed on the basis of educational qualification to ensure quality education.

Dr Monirul Hague, a member of University Grant Commission, also presented a paper on 'Quality of higher education in Bangladesh: An

overview'. He suggested a uniform quality assurance technique for respective field of education in both the private and public sectors of education.

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the press conference to launch anti-drug programme UNB, Dhaka

their ailing leader.

creating mass awareness.

week.

The writ was filed by "conscious citizen" Khondker Abul Bashar seeking a direction from the court to resume the serial titled Muktir Pathe (way to freedom) that created public awareness against the use of drugs through the electronic media.

at BTV in October, 1997 and after nearly six years it was suspended in

HC asks BTV

The High Court yesterday ordered the state-run Bangladesh Television (BTV) to telecast a 30-minute programme against use of drugs for

Disposing a public interest litigation (PIL) writ, a Division Bench, comprising justices Nazrul Islam Chowdhury and Farah Mahbub, passed the order asking BTV to telecast such programme twice-a-

The Muktir Pathe was launched injured and 48 tempos and four

buses damaged. Tempo workers said two of their following the clashes over plying of buses on a new route from Rupatal to Taltali. The bus service on this route was launched only four days ago, which made the tempo workers angry as tempo had been the only mode of away Tk 5 lakh transport for people travelling on the route Sources said the clash erupted STAFF CORRESPONDENT after a group of tempo workers of Barisal Steamer Ghat Tempo Stand Burglars looted around Tk 5 lakh in attacked and damaged a bus at cash and kind from business about 10:30am houses in the Ladies Park Hawkers' Hearing the news, agitated bus Market near Sadarghat in Old workers attacked the tempo workers Dhaka sometime between Sunday and vandalised 30 tempos at night and yesterday morning. Rupatali Bus Stand, eight each at Some 25 tola of gold ornaments Nathullabad Bus Stand and Steamer Ghat Tempo Stand, and and over Tk 2.45 lakh were looted one each at Chandmari and Amtala from Alif Hosiery, Lucky Garments, intersection of the city. Imu Garments and Nawab The tempo workers also dam-Garments, police said referring to aged four buses during the clashes, an FIR (first information report) filed which continued for three hours. by trader Jasim Uddin Shikder. A reporter and a photojournalist The criminals also ransacked Kazi Mahmudun Nabi and Mehdi Shaon Garments and Mousumi Hasan, were also injured during the Garments, the FIR mentioned. melee while they were on duty. Police picked up five security Eight injured tempo workers and guards of the market -- Giasuddin, a bus worker were admitted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical Kamal, Siddiq, Jonab Ali and Rob College Hospital. for interrogation.

attackers.

Jamilur Reza Chowdhury said the the country will be able to collect mobile phone subscribers in the their SIM cards within two weeks country have been subjected to pay from designated branches of the high call charge because of a cartel Dhaka Bank, Prime Bank, Basic of four private mobile telecom Bank and City Bank. Of the 90.000 winners of Teletalk Bangladeshi subscribers pay higher call charge in comparison with that of neighbouring countries,

SIM under Gold category, 6000 are from Barisal division, 22,200 from Dhaka, 28,600 from Chittagong, 10,700 from Khulna, 6,800 from

some extent, he said, adding the

advent of private telecom operators

has already started to improve

Bangladesh's position among four

to five countries with the lowest tele-

bution in Sylhet and Chittagong on

August 27 while the winners across

The Teletalk will start SIM distri-

density in the world.

The Daily Star

Sylhet and 15,700 from Rajshahi. In two previous lottery, 70,000 subscribers from only Dhaka won

subscribers at present is 84,000, said its General Manager Md Aminul Hasan. "This is perhaps the last episode of lottery for SIM distribution, as no further distribution will be

Station (BTS).'



Redesign education system itation council has to be set up in order to inform the students about

repatriated.

Speakers tell seminar

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Communications Minister Nazmul Huda speaks at a seminar on human

rights issue at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. Sitting from left

in the first row are Netherlands Ambassador Kees Beemsterboer, Asif Nazrul

of Dhaka University and UNHCR Representative Christopher BC Lee.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The education system should be redesigned by incorporating capacity building and professional orientation programmes in order to produce good citizens, speakers at a seminar said yesterday.

They also called for maintaining the standard of education throughout the academic career of the students starting from the primary level, they said.

Challenges' at the Bashundhara Expo Centre in the city.

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The Conference and Exhibition Management Service (CEMS) organised the seminar on 'Quality of education in Bangladesh:

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"We have to work to improve the quality of our education with a view

market and promoting good governance." said Education Minister Dr M Osman Farruk as the chief quest. "To ensure quality education, we have to integrate primary, second-

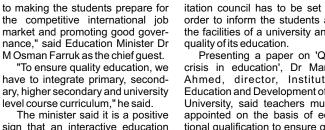
PHOTO: STAR

ary, higher secondary and university level course curriculum." he said. The minister said it is a positive sign that an interactive education

system has been introduced in many primary schools. "We have to introduce the system in higher level also.

He also called for introducing a ranking system for the public or private universities.

Brac University Vice-Chancellor Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, who chaired the seminar, said an accred-



Rajshahi University authorities are going to appoint eight teachers at three departments, ignoring strong objections from the departments planning committee members.

The recruitment will be unnecessary as many of the existing teachers of the departments hardly get the chance of taking a single class in a month because of excess number of teachers.

Besides, the appointments would violate the University Act of 1973 that bars the vice chancellor to overrule the decision of the planning committee members, sources said.

The departments are Islamic History and Culture, Folklore and Zoology

"The latest recruitment is being made only to get the relatives of some influential teachers appointed," said a senior teacher of one of these departments.

Zahar-e-Tasnim Nila, one of the three teachers who are being appointed to the Islamic History and Culture department, is the daughter of RU Teachers' Association President Prof Nazrul Islam, who is known as a pro-Jamaat teacher.

Five of the seven members of the department's planning committee objected to this appointment saying the department does not need any new teachers. They met the RU VC yesterday and demanded cancellation of the recruitment process.

Three teachers will be appointed to Folklore and two to Zoology departments. These departments planning committee members also registered their objection over the appointments

When contacted, RU VC Prof Altaf Hossain said there is nothing illegal in the recruitment.

Husband stabs wife to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A husband stabbed his pregnant wife to death in the city yesterday.

Locals said Md Manik, a rickshawpuller, and Romiza Begum had a guarrel in their rented house at Thakur Das Lane under Sutrapur Police Station. At one point of the quarrelling, the husband stabbed his wife to death

On information, police recovered the bloodstained body and a knife from the spot.

Police sent the body to Mitford Hospital for autopsy. Manik is absconding



Communist Party of Bangladesh stages a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding measures to bring down the prices of essentials.



Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over the country till 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also expected at places during the period, Met Office said. It said day temperature is likely to remain

nearly unchanged over the country. Highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday

at Bogra and Tangail and lowest 25.0 degree Celsius at Sitakundu and Feni

The sun sets in the capital at 6:37pm today and rises at 5:32am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.2	27.0	79	89
Chittagong	29.5	25.2	89	93
Rajshahi	32.8	26.3	84	90
Khulna	30.2	25.6	98	90
Barisal	30.0	26.5	94	97
Sylhet	31.5	25.9	93	84
Cox's Bazar	29.6	25.8	100	95

CU PALI DEPTT Student strike continues for 7th day CU CORRESPONDENT

The students of the Department of Oriental Language (Pali) of Chittagong University (CU) continued the strike for the seventh day demanding the publication of their result.

The authorities failed to publish the result of only 12 students even after 30 months

PHOTO: STAR

The classes and administrative activities remained suspended till yesterday as the strike began on

August 2. The authorities did not publish the result of the second year exam held in March 2003, reportedly due to missing of identification tags of the answer scripts, sources said. A few months ago, the authorities assured the students of announcing the result as early as possible when they submitted memorandum to them. However, the result is yet to be published.

The authorities destroyed two and a half years from our life," the students resented.

2003 without assigning any reason disappointing the public, petitioner said.

The court also asked the BTV to consider resuming its programme Muktir pathe.

Drug peddlers, mugger held in Chittagong **CU CORRESPONDENT**

Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) in separate raids arrested five criminals and seized arms and contraband phensidyle in the city on Sunday and yesterday.

Sources said police with the help of local people arrested one mugger identified as Lal Mian alias Lailya, 28, when he along with his four accomplices tried to snatch money from a pedestrian at Oxygen crossing area of Bayezid thana at around 12.30pm yesterday. One light gun (LG) loaded with a

cartridge, two cocktails and some lethal weapons were also recovered from his possession. In another drive, Halishahar

thana police in a raid at Abbaspara area rounded up Md Shafi, a drug peddler, on Sunday night. They also recovered 242 bottles of phensidyl and the private car used by the drug peddler, sources said. Meanwhile, Kotwali police

nabbed another three drug peddlers including a woman- Dilawara Begum, Ahsanul Hoque and Imam Hossain- from Jahid Boarding near Lal Dighi area and recovered 50 bottles of phensidyle from their possessions.

Separate cases were lodged with the respective police stations in these connections

Obituary

M Shariful Islam, an accounts officer of human rights watchdog Odhikar, passed away due to cardiac arrest at a private clinic in the city on Sunday at the age of 41, says a press release. He left behind his wife, one son

and one daughter He was buried at Azimpur grave-

yard in the city yesterday. Odhikar President Dr Tasnim

Siddiqui and Director Masud Alam Ragib expressed condolence to the bereaved family members of Sharifu Islam.

Robbers loot labourers shops at city killed market, take

DMCH CORRESPONDENT

Two construction labourers were killed at Banani and New Eskatan in the city yesterday.

Mason Quamrul Hossain, 25, fell from a six-storey building named 'Building for Future' on Road No. 7 at Banani at 10:00am when he was working on the third floor.

Quamrul received severe injuries in his body.

He was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

In another incident, construction labourer Ruhul Amin, 20, was injured critically when the crane hit him.

The crane hit Ruhul when he was loading construction materials on it at an under-construction 18-storey building at New Eskatan at 11:00am.

He was rushed to the DMCH at 11:35am where he succumbed to his iniuries



Garments Sramik Trade Union Kendra forms a human chain at Muktangan in the city yesterday protesting repression of garments workers