Govt urged to withdraw ban

on telecast of

The Advertising Agencies Association of Bangladesh (AAAB) yesterday ban on the telecast of advertisements of djuice, a special package of the GrameenPhone, and Flexiload, a flexible service to recharge GP pre-

djuice ads STAFF CORRESPONDENT

METROPOLÎTAN/NEWS

POLITICAL SCIENCE RESULTS SPARK CONTROVERSY

DU yet to take any step to probe the issue

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

An unusually high number of first classes obtained by master's degree students from the political science department of Dhaka University has raised many eyebrows, but the authorities have not yet taken any measure to dig into

A total of 52 students, out of 196, got the first class in the MSS examinations held in 2004 and the results

were published in June this year. The university authorities have defended their results, saving they are the brightest students in the

But the teachers of the department alleged that all the guestion papers were leaked to a group of students who had close relationship with Chairman of the examination committee Prof Ataur Rahman and these students were on the list of

controller of examination. But he kept the question papers at the DU's Japan Study Centre, of which he is

class told The Daily Star that a section of officials at the centre supplied the questions to him and some other students before the

Some teachers alleged that a couple of their colleagues were the masterminds behind this 'result conspiracy' and termed it

investigation into the matter is needed to maintain the transparency of the university. DU Treasurer Prof Syed

Dismissing the allegation as

false, Prof Rahman said the ques-

tion papers were not leaked out.

in accordance with the university

rules. A total of 18 teachers evalu-

ated the answer scripts. So, there

were no chances for anybody to

Senate, the highest policy-making

body of the university, teachers of

both panels, pro-government

'White' and pro-Awami League

'Blue', demanded an inquiry into the

of social science faculty, said an

Prof Dr Harun-or-Rashid, dean

At the June 28 meeting of the

manipulate the results," he said.

The students secured first classes

Rashidul Hasan said the authorities should conduct an investigation as it was unanimously discussed at the senate meeting. He also expressed his surprise at the results of 52

In the face of demands, Vice-Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz assured the teachers that the issue would be discussed at the syndicate meeting

Although four syndicate meet

However, Prof Faiz said the

80 cops to join **UN** mission by December

UNB, Dhaka

Some 80 members of Bangladesh Police will join UN peacekeeping missions in Kosovo, Ivory Coast Sudan and Liberia by December this year, according to sources at the Police Headquarters.

They are from a panel of 80 police officials, who were selected in the first week of August by a three-member Selection Assistance Team (SAT) from the Department of Peace Keeping Organisation (DPKO) of the United Nation (UN) Headquarters.

When contacted Assistant Inspector General of Police (AIG) Kamal Hossain could not confirm the fresh recruits from Bangladesh in the

The sources said some of the new recruits would replace 32 officials in the Kosovo mission in the first week of September while 10 officials will fly for Ivory Coast the same week. The rest of the officials from the panel will be deployed in Sudan and Liberia by December this year.

The SAT team arrived in Dhaka on August 2 and selected the 80 personnel, out of 350 officials of different ranks and departments from across the country appeared before the it through a selection process from

August 3 to 5. After appearing at different examinations and tests, including English language test, motor driving and weapon firing, 80 successful candidates were chosen for different UN

police officials of the ranks ranging from sergeant and sub-inspector to Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) from across the country appeared at the pre-SAT examination at Rajarbagh Police Lines, of whom

PCJSS man shot dead in CHT

BDNEWS, Khagrachhari

An activist of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) was shot dead by unidentified assailants yesterday morning. The victim. Jagadish Chakma.

came under attack while he was taking tea at a grocery shop in Karbaripara of Police quoted local as saying a

gang of six came to the shop at around 8:30 am, shot Jagadish point blank and left the scene. Jagadish died instantly.

The PCJSS in a statement yesterday blamed its rival organisation, United People's Democratic Front (UPDF), for the killing.

TEACHERS' CONFINEMENT

Duta demands punishment to culprits

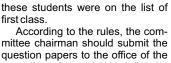
DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) demanded stern punishment to the people responsible for the confinement of house tutors at Shahidullah Hall on August 27.

At an emergency general meeting with Duta President Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique in the chair, the teachers' body also condemned the university authority's reluc-

tance to punish the culprits. The Duta will take out a silent procession from the foot of Aparajeyo Bangla to Central Shaheed Minar at 12:00 noon

It has been alleged that a group of ruling BNP's student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) men led by hall unit General Secretary Abdul Wahab confined the house tutors as the teachers could not recognise the JCD lead-



the director, sources said. A student who secured the first

politicisation of exam results

result controversy.

to reach a decision in this regard.

ings have since taken place, the issue was not discussed.

examination controller has already taken some measures in this regard. "If we find any anomaly in the results, we would certainly discuss it at the Syndicate and take necessary action.

When asked about the demand



Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) forms a human chain in front of the High Court in the city yesterday welcoming the High Court verdict on the Fifth Amendment to the constitution.

Saarc to form media dev fund

Info ministers' meet ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The member states of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) have agreed to establish a media development fund and provide a sum of US \$100,000, as "seed money"

The agreement on "Saarc Media Development Fund" was reached on the concluding day of the 5th meeting of the information ministers of Saarc held in the Nepalese capital Kathmandu.

It also agreed that a Saarc governing board, chaired by India for the next two years, would mobilise the Fund, according to a message received here yester-

day.

The fund will be utilised for developing government and private media in

The meeting decided to organise regular Saarc film festivals showing feature films, tele-films and documentaries produced from the region. Sri Lanka agreed to hold a film festival in 2006.

The meeting also informed that the meeting of the chiefs of radio stations. TV channels and news agencies of the region would be held in October. The information ministers' meeting

decided to complete a documentary called "Saarc in the New Millennium" which is being developed by Pakistan, before the Saarc Audio Visual Exchange (SAVE) committee meeting in October this year.

The member countries, giving continuity to the Plan of Action on Information and Media 2004, agreed to present their respective opinions regarding Transnational Guidelines to

Chuadanga

City/Town

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Rajshahi

Khulna

Sylhet

Dhaka

5:40am tomorrow.

major cities and towns yesterday were:

Light to moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary

gusty wind is likely at few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Sylhet and

Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Khulna and Barisal

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country during the

Highest temperature 36.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday

The sun sets in the capital at 6:17pm today and rises at

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

28.0

26.0

26.4

27.7

27.2

25.3

Temperature

in Celsius

32.5

34.8

35.2

35.5

30.6

at Mongla and lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Comilla and

the Saarc Secretariat within three months.

The meeting developed a common position of Saarc member states to be presented during the World Summit on Information Society which will be held in Tunis in November this year.

The ministers agreed to submit their regarding the establishment of Regulatory Framework to the secretariat in order to balance the public and private channels. The secretariat will forward the collected documents to be discussed in the upcoming meeting of chiefs of TV channels, radio stations

and news agency. The information ministers also discussed airing weekly Saarc news on government radio stations and broadcasting of monthly television news programme, FOCUS, in the

They agreed to broadcast the fifth Saarc quiz in coordination with All India Radio through tele-conferencing.

The agendas agreed upon by the further discussions in a meeting of the foreign ministers before they are presented at the 13th Saarc Summit in

Dhaka on November 12-13. King of Nepal Gyanendra inaugurated the conference on Monday. Information Secretary Dr Mahbubur Rahman led the Bangladesh delegation to the meeting.

Minister for Information and Communications of Nepal Tanka Dhakal who chaired the meeting, called for a strong mechanism to share information on criminal activities

Humidity in

percentage

74

76

86 84

Morning

83

83

96

could help address the menace of "Terrorism continues to be a maior irritant for most of us," he added.

among the member countries which

Indian Information and Broadcasting Minister S Jaipal Reddy called for a visa-free regime for accredited journalists of member countries of the Saarc.

"India is open to the idea of facilitating a visa-free regime for accredited journalists of Saarc. We also appeal to other Saarc countries to consider the proposal favourably," he added.

The meeting was also attended and addressed by Bhutanese Minister for Information and Communications Lyonpo Leki Dorji, Minister for Information and Arts of the Maldives Mohammed Nasheed, Minister for Information and Broadcasting of Pakistan Sheikh Rashid Ahmad, Deputy Minister for Information and Media of Sri Lanka Cegu Isadeen and Information Secretary of Bangladesh Dr Mahbubur Rahman

The first Saarc Information Ministers' meeting was held in Dhaka in April 1998. The Dhaka Communiqué contained the Saarc plan of action for developing cooperation in the field of media and information.

Among other things it provides for free flow of information, newspapers, periodicals, books and other publications and increased cooperation between news agencies of Saarc countries discouraging negative projection of member

Col Hume dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Lieutenant Colonel G A Hume, the last Briton who was the Deputy Commissioner of Chittagong Hill Tracts during Pakistan role, died of old age ailments at his Bristol residence on Sunday night at the age of 90, family sources said here yester-

Hume, the son-in-law of late Chakma Raja Nalinakkha, left behind his wife, two sons and a daughter to mourn his

Hume served CHT from 1950 to

A successful warrior, Hume received the award "Honor From British Emperor" for his role during the World War- II.

Hume married Moitry Roy, the second daughter of the Chakma King Nalinakkha Roy and Queen Binita Roy. He had played a significant role in promotion of sports in the region during his stay here.



Writer Syed Shamsul Haq speaks at a seminar at the anti-terrorism convention at the Institution of Diploma Engineers auditorium in the city yesterday. On his left are columnist Wahidul Haque and Monotosh Barua and on his right is Dr Dalim Chandra Barman.

2 illegal lube factories sealed off in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Chittagong City Corporation mobile court yesterday sealed off wo illegal lubricant oil factories, levied fines on them, and sent two persons, including one factory-

Meanwhile, a mobile court in Dhaka yesterday fined Ibn Sina Food Products Tk 1 lakh for manufacturing orange juice-powder without Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) licence and a Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) mobile court fined Aftab Multi-purpose Farm for keeping dead chickens and dairy food items without expiry dates.

In Chittagong, Magistrate Syeda Sarwar Jahan conducted the raid in Agrabad and Pahartali areas and found two factories polluting environment and posing serious health hazards like respiratory problem. A ditch of the size of a pond filled

with waste lubricant oil was found in the site of Bhai Bhai Lube Oil in a dense residential area of Agrabad. "I didn't see any fresh soil in the factory. The entire premises were covered under thick black oil, mainly

wastes of ships and transport," Jahan told The Daily Star. She found over hundred drums of waste oil stockpiled for processing into lubricant oil and selling in the market. If used, this waste oil will

surely reduce the longevity of vehi-

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

in the city yesterday.

Unity Auditorium.

Japan will provide financial support

to disaster management in

Bangladesh, said Charge d' Affairs

of Japanese Embassy Hidetoshi

Ukita at a book launching ceremony

booklets on disaster preparedness

based on a real tsunami atrocity in

Japan was organised by

Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness

Centre (BDPC) at Dhaka Reporters'

on December 26 last year left 207

thousand people dead. But due to

lack of exposure, the people of

Bangladesh hardly know about it,"

Ukita said, adding that the booklets

have been introduced in eight Asian

countries aiming to make people

aware and reduce tsunami atrocity.

Different countries face natural

disaster but the loss of life is much

higher in Bangladesh. So stress

should be given on risk reduction

strategies, said BDPC Director

be reduced and their capacity have

"Vulnerability of people needs to

Speaking as chief guest,

Disaster Management Minister

Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf said

tsunami is something new for our

people although they are familiar

with cyclone, tornado and tidal

The booklets would go a long

way in creating awareness about

tsunami in coastal belt areas where

people may be affected directly, he

worst natural disasters. But due to

our disaster management prepa-

ration number of death from

cyclone has come down. There

are at present three thousand

cyclone centres in the country,"

The government has started

awareness programme through

comprehensive disaster manage-

ment, said Secretary of the ministry

Muhammad Fazlur Rahman while

Management Asadul Habib Dulu

was present on the occasion.

Deputy Minister for Disaster

The Bangla version of the book-

the minister said.

chaired the function.

"Bangladesh had to face some

Muhammad Saidur Rahman.

to be developed," he added.

surge.

added.

The tsunami in the Indian Ocean

The launching ceremony of two

owner Shawkat Ali one month's jail and landlord Aminul Haq Chowdhury three days' imprisonment. She also fined the two Tk 10,000 and Tk 25,000. The mobile court then unearthed

The magistrate awarded factory

another illegal factory running without proper BSTI licence on Sagarika Road in Pahartali. The scales used at the factory were found faulty. The court seized the scales, sealed the factory and fined Tk

20,000 to its owner.

The court later raided a sweet meat outlet, Mishti Bitan, on MM Ali Road in Dampara and fined it Tk 25,000 for selling stale sweets and unhygienic environment.

A mobile court led by Magistrate Rokonuddoullah raided the Ibn Sina Food Products in Paltan area and found it was producing orange juicepowder without BSTI licence. "The company had licence for

another product but not for the orange juice-powder. The atmosphere was not hygienic, too," the magistrate told The Daily Star. The DCC mobile court, led by Magistrate Muktar Hossain, found

nine dead chickens at the Aftab Multi-purpose Farm at Segunbagicha. The court also found ghee containers without label and yogurt and milk without expiry dates. The court

Japan to provide financial support

lets titled 'Amra Gohei Hobo' and

'Japani Golpo Inamura No Hi theke

Shikkha' is developed by BDPC

"INAMURA NO

fined the farm Tk 61,800.

to disaster management

The same court later fined Tk 35,000 to Mama Hotel at Kalabagan for preserving stale meat and collected Tk 15,000 as fine from the canteen of Lab Aid Cardiac Hospital in Science Laboratory area for keeping raw and cooked meat in the same fridge.

Another mobile court led by Magistrate Mizanur Rahman raided seven shops in Shvamoli and Adabar areas and collected Tk 43,000 from the shops for using chemicals in food and unhygienic atmosphere inside the restaurants. The court fined Tk 8,000 to Al-

Arafat Hotel and Restaurant, Tk 20,000 to Ananya Food Products, Tk 2,000 to Al-Mamun Hotel, Tk 4.000 to Ruchita Restaurants in Adabar area It also fined Tk 3,000 to Nahar

Hotel and Restaurant, Tk 4,000 to New Aktar Hotel and Restaurant and Tk 2,000 to New Nahar Hotel and Restaurant

"The restaurants had rotten and stale food and I found chemicals and artificial colours in some of their food," the magistrate told The Daily

Another court fined two bakeries in Demra Tk 20,000 each for unhygienic atmosphere and jailed the owner of a tooth powder factory for

with the support of the Government

of Japan and the Asian Disaster

Reduction Centre.

ing agencies spends a lot of time to understand the lifestyle, languages, likes, dislikes of the target audience for whom they are creating the advertisements and illustrate that in their cam-

In this particular case, the GrameenPhone was targeting the youths and the advertisement agency used the language that the youths in Bangladesh speak today, she added.

She also said the ads of djuice have not portraved anything that is against the local culture and values.

are aware of their social and moral responsibilities to the people of this country and would not create anything that goes against the country's image language and culture," said the association president.

government to look at these ads

Two girls raped in city

DMCH CORRESPONDENT

Two under 8 girls, raped in the city on Saturday and Sunday, are now undergoing treatment at One-Stop Crisis Centre at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH).

One of them was raped by the son of the caretaker and the other by the next-door neighbour at Kafrul and Cantonment area.

Rapist Rubel, a class eight student of Sunflower Academy at Ibrahimpur, is now staying behind the bar while Siraj managed to dodge the police.

Rahim, allured the seven-year-old girl of Kafrul to a secluded place beside their house on Saturday noon and raped her. He fled the scene as she was bleeding from the vagina.

Rubel, son of caretaker Abdur

police who arrested Rubel at night Next day he was produced before the court that sent him to jail.

Girl's mother filed a case with Kafrul

The girl had a forensic test on Sunday and was admitted to the

DMCH yesterday. In the other incident, an eight-yearold destitute girl of Manikdi area in

Dhaka Cantonment was raped when

she went to fetch water for their nextdoor neighbour Siraj, an electrician, on Sunday evening.

Siraj took her forcibly into his shop

The girl fell unconscious when Siraj At dead of night, the rapist took her

left her there Informed by the locals, police rescued the girl and handed her over to her parents who admitted her to the

to Baunia embankment at Pallabi and

Dr Bilkis Begum, a gynaecology consultant, told this correspondent that they found evidence of rape in

32 houses gutted. 15 people hurt in Rangamati fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

At least 32 houses were gutted and some 15 people, including a woman and a fire

fighter, were injured in a devastating fire at Pathorghata in Rangamati on Monday night. Fire Brigade sources said the fire

originated from an earthen burner of a kitchen at around 9:15pm at night and soon engulfed the entire area. "The damage of the fire has been

estimated at about Tk one crore said the duty officer in the office of "All belongings of the affected

he added Meanwhile, the local Pourashova commissioner SM Hamid distributed food among the fire victims, who

families have been burnt to ashes",

need immediate residence facility. The Hill District Council Chairman Maniklal Dewan, the **Deputy Commissioner**

Gazi Md Zulhash, the Police

Super Sheikh Md Maruf Hassan, the local Zone Commander of Army and local politicians visited the affected place,

but none of them assured for help, said Jamal Uddin, a victim of fire.

Human chain for Diana Princess Diana Memorial Club of

Bangladesh will form a human chain in demand of declaring the day of Diana's death as 'International Day to Prevent Road Accidents'. Venue: In front of British Council. Time: 10:45am.

Prize distribution Directorate of Environment will

distribute prizes among the winners of painting and essay writing competitions held on the occasion of World Environment Day with Environment Minister Tariqul Islam as chief guest. Venue: IBD Bhaban, Agargaon. Time:

Reception

Dhaka Mohanagari Samity organises a reception ceremony for two of its fellows for their outstanding achievements.

Memorial meeting On the occasion of 87th birth

Venue: Institute of Diploma Engineers,

The Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness Centre held a publication ceremony

of two booklets on tsunami awareness at the DRU auditorium in the city

yesterday. From left are Food and Disaster Management Minister

Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Secretary of the ministry Md Fazlur Rahman,

Charge d'Affaires of Japanese Embassy Hidetoshi Ukita and BDPC Director

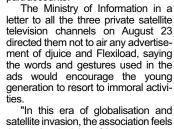
Kakrail, Time: 4:00pm.

A condolence meeting will be held to pay tribute to Prof Hamida Rahman, rmer co- chairperson of Jatiya Gonotantrik Front. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 5:00pm

Condolence meeting

DHAKA TOMORROW

anniversary of General M Abdul Gani Osmani, commander in chief during the War of Liberation, Bangabir Osmani Smrity Parishad organises a memorial meeting and a discussion on 'Role of leadership in corruption free national election'. Venue: Osmani Smrity



that such a decision of the government will hamper the growth of creative standards and hinder the advertising industry from creating attention grabbing and powerful campaigns," said Association President Geeteara Safiya Choudhury in a statement She said the professional advertis-

The members of the association

The association also urged the