**Demonstrations** 

Bangladesh Khetmojur Union wil

stage demonstrations at district and

upazila headquarters on September

29 demanding relief for rural areas in

northern districts to face upcoming

The leaders of Khetmojur Union

announced this at a meeting at Purana

They said the Monga, a near

famine situation, in October and

November will be worse as the prices

They demanded introduction of

rationing system, launching of OMS

project and Vulnerable Group

Development (VGD) and increasing

the number of Vulnerable Group

They urged the government for

providing financial assistance to the

rural workers and khetmojurs (farm

They also demanded a committee

Union President Pareschandra

General Secretary Saiful Haque, central leaders Nasiruddin Ahmed, Dilip Sharker, Abdus Sattar Majumder, Akhtaruzzaman, MA Hasib, Rafiqul

Islam and Shamsul Alam spoke at the

Pepsodent-Dristy

debate begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctq

The weeklong Pepsodent-Dristy 13th

Inter-School Parliamentary Debate

and 5th Inter-College Debate

Competition began in Chittagong

Organised by Dristy, a local cultural

organisation under the auspices of

Unilever Bangladesh, the competition

was inaugurated at Chittagong

Shilpakala Academy auditorium a

of the city are participating in the

manager (factory) of Unilever

Bangladesh, inaugurated the compe-

tition while Prof Muhammad Sikander

Khan, president of Bangladesh

Economic Society, Chittagong

Chapter, attended the function as chief

Senior Executive Vice-President of

Jamuna Bank Md Abdul Gaffar

Chowdhury was the special guest at

the inaugural ceremony chaired by

Dristy Debate Club Chairman Safia

Chief Engineer of Water and

Sewerage Authority, Chittagong

Shafiqul Islam, Senior Brand Manager

of Unilever Bangladesh Sahed

Mostafa Muiahid, and President of

Dristy Masud Bakul addressed the

practice and application of logic for

The speakers laid emphasis on the

Rahman

ceremony.

Sixteen schools and eight colleges

Hassan Zafar Chowdhury, general

in Chittagong

labours) for their self-employment.

at dists, UZs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Paltan in the city vesterday.

of essentials are high.

Feeding (VGF)

on Sept 29

Invest more in

Huda urges Japanese

Communications Minister Nazmul

Huda yesterday called upon the

Japanese investors and entrepre-

neurs to invest more in Bangladesh

taking the advantage of liberal invest-

environment, including infrastructure

and other facilities in Bangladesh." he

said, adding, "Economic cooperation

could be increased further between

the two countries through investment

He said this while he was address-

ing a function in connection with the

"Japan Trade Fair 2005" on the sec-

ond day vesterday at Dhaka Sheraton

Hotel, jointly organised by Embassy of

Japan to Bangladesh, Japan-

Bangladesh Joint Committee for

Commercial and Economic

Cooperation (JBCCEC) and Japan-

Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce

Chairman of JBCCEC Koji Nojima

and President of JBCCI Matiur

from the Japanese entrepreneurs."

"There is an investment-friendly

ment policy and other opportunities.

Bangladesh

entrepreneurs

Bss, Dhaka



Jatiya Garments Sramik Federation stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday protesting repression of its workers at different units at the Export Processing Zones (EPZs).

#### FOUR-DAY BORDER CONFERENCE ENDS

# BDR, BSF agree to reduce border tension, crimes

and unarmed Bangladeshis by the

The conference discussed illegal

international boundary identified by oint survey in Panchagarh of Bangladesh also figured in the

Work for unity,

New Archbishop calls

peace

on Christians

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

peace of the motherland.

contribute to the process of unity."

munity and religion," he added.

blessings and cooperation.'

the installation liturgy.

offered the grand mass.

the liturgy.

The new Archbishop said, "God

Several thousands of Catholic

Christians, priests, sisters, brothers

from across the country attended

Archbishop Paul Chang-In-Nam,

ambassador of Vatican in Dhaka,

As part of the installation,

Bishop Francis A Gomes and

Auxiliary Bishop Paul Ponen Kubi of

Mymensingh, Bishop Patrick D

Rozario of Chittagong, Bishop

Moses Costa of Dinajpur, Bishop

Bejoy D' Cruze of Khulna, Auxiliary

Bishop of Dhaka Theotonius

Gomes and retired Bishop of Khulna

Michael AD Rozario helped him in

Pope Benedict the XVI, spiritual

leader of more than 1 billion

Catholics around the globe,

is the source of my strength. I have

been appointed as the Archbishop

to serve you and so seek your

BSF (North Bengal Frontier) SR Tewari led their respective sides at the conference held in a very cordial atmosphere, said a BDR press

#### CERAMIC EXHIBITION BEGINS IN CTG

# within buying capacity'

**CU CORRESPONDENT** 

Ceramic Exhibition began in the port

The ten-day ceramic exhibition has been organised by Clay Image, a Dhaka-based ceramic firm, at the gallery of Theatre Institute, Chittagong (TIC). Prof Anupam Sen of Chittagong

exhibition as chief quest.

he called upon the entrepreneurs to keep the price of their products within the buying capacity of the middle

department of Chittagong University He said the ceramic products of

and heritage of the country.

Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

Kamal Ahmed Maruf and his wife Rehana Akhter Nayan, also the exstudents of the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University are the proprietors of the firm that makes handmade ceramics of exceptional quality.

The exhibition has been dedicated to late teacher of the institute Abu Sayeed Talukder.

A total of 25 eye-catching items including tea sets, jugs, mugs, plates, table lamps, bowls and

taking correct decisions in every ashtray have been put on display. The exhibition will remain oper This practice of logic should begin to all from 3.00pm to 9.00pm daily.

from student life as students are the future leaders of the country, they

Adnan Mannan, organising secretary of Dristy conducted the programme.

After the inauguration, eight debates of the school level were held. The debates of college level will start

The participating educational institutions included Chittagong Collegiate School, Dr Khastagir Girls High School, Ispahani Public School and College, Kapas Gola City Corporation Girls' High School Nasirabad Govt Boys' High School, Nasirabad Govt Girls' High School, Govt Muslim High School, Silver Bells Girls' High School, State Quest School And College, Krishna Kumary City Corporation Girls' High School, Chittagong Public School And College, Chittagong Police Institution, Imaratunnesa City Corporation Girls High School, Chittagong Residential School, Maron Sun School and College, and Ankur

### Obituary

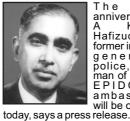


Khandker Abdu Matin, former chairman of Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board, passed away at a hospital in the city yesterday at the

age of 62, says a press release. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

A doa mahfil will be held at his residence at House # 16, Road # 3, Sector # 7, Uttara, after Asr prayers

#### Death anniversary



anniversary of K M Hafizuddin, a former inspector general of police, chair-man of the then EPIDC and ambassador will be observed

He passed away on this day in

Relatives, friends and col-leagues have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed

## Move to fill up upper end of Begunbari canal protested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environmentalists yesterday staged a demonstration in the city yesterday, demanding that the Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) cancel its decision to construct a commercial complex in Karwan Bazar area by filling up the upper end of the Begunbari

The water body to the south of Sonargaon Hotel has already turned into an underground drainage and it is now threatened by such a move, they said, adding that the Rajuk has taken such a step at a time when all concerned are trying to recover different canals from the encroachers.

They also called for a proper

the upper end of the Begunbari canal

'Resist

conspirators'

**Environment and Forest Minister** 

Tariqul Islam yesterday called

upon all to resist those who are

"We have to find out those

who are trying to destroy the

image of the country in the name

He said this while he was

distributing stipend among 225

meritorious students of class

four and class five in Abhoynagar

and Bagharpara upazila of the

district at the Zila School audito-

rium here. The stipends were

provided by the Ayub Hossain

Presided over by Barrister

Omar Saadat, the function was

also addressed by M M Amin

of religion," he said.

Foundation.

conspiring against the country.

water reservoir and water flow area through afforestation and natural treatment of waste water.

The Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) formed a human chain near the Panthkunja Park to press for their demand. Representatives of different organisations such as Seba. Peace, Sundar Jiban, Sylhet District Development Action Council and Nagorik Sanghati also joined the demonstration.

Renowned economist Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, president of Bapa, said that setting up commercial complex may provide short-term benefits, but it will create a disaster in the long run.

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) forms a human chain near the Panthkunja Park in the city yesterday

Award giving

Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das

Gold Medals will be awarded

among the recipients with Speaker

M Jamir Uddin Sircar as chief

guest. Venue: Osmani Memorial

A discussion on 'Tri-nation gas

pipeline project: Against the

interests of both Bangladesh and

Myanmar' will be held. Venue:

8/4-A Topkhana Road. Time:

ত্ম প্রতিষ্ঠাবার্ষিকী উপলক্ষে
তালোচিশা সভি
বামাবাদী সন্ত্রাস, সামাজ্যবাদী আধিপত্য এবং জন

Auditorium, Time: 4,30pm.

Discussion

3.00pm.

ceremony

development process

He also called for taking initiative on an urgent basis to save the rivers around the city.

The speakers demanded that the government build the city in a planned way in line with the 'Dhaka Metropolitan Master Plan 1997' and 'Open Space and Water Body Law 2000'.

Bapa vice-president Prof Nazrul Islam, General Secretary Mahidul Huq Khan, Buriganga Bachhao Andolon President Mihir Biswas, Syed ANM Wahed, JK Baral, Iqbal Habib, Dr Mahbub Hossain, Ruhin Hossain Prince. Dr Nuruddin and Advocate Abed

A rally of the labour wing of Jatiya

Party will be held. Venue: 7/10/A,

Block-D, Lalmatia. Time: 5.00pm.

Weekly meeting of the Rotary Club

of Dhaka Central will be held.

Venue: Dhaka Club Ltd,

**Rotary North West** 

Weekly meeting of the Rotary

Club of Dhaka North West will

be held. Venue: Guesthouse

Party Lounge of Dhaka Club Ltd,

Shahbagh, Time: 5.30pm.

Rotary Kawran

Rotary Central

Shahbagh. Time: 1.30pm.

Two killed in Ctg incidents

and Industry (JBCCI).

Rahman also spoke.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two people were killed and two others injured in two separate incidents at Hathazari upazila in the district yesterday. One elderly man identified as Md

Shahjahan, 60, was stabbed to death nside his tea stall at Pashchim (west) Mirzapur in the early hours, sources Ill-fated Shahjahan along with an

employee went to sleep in the tea stall on Thursday night. He was found dead in the morning

demanding cancellation of a decision to construct a commercial complex in Karwan Bazar area by filling up when the stall was locked from The employee went into hiding.

The victim's son Shahidullah filed a case with the police station in this In the other incident, one youth

was killed and two others including one woman were injured when a speeding human hauler ran over them on Chittagong-Hathazari road at Lailyerhat under the upazila at around 7.00am.

The youth was identified as Suman Barua, 25.

The injured Kulsum and Kamal were admitted to Chittagong Medical College and Hospital, sources said.

#### 'Communal, imperialist forces hatching conspiracy against country'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday said the communal and imperialist forces are jointly hatching a conspiracy against the country.

The communal and imperialist forces are the two sides of the same coin. CPB General Secretary Muzahidul Islam Selim said, adding that the countries serving the interest of the imperialist forces have financed the militant groups to carry out the serial bomb blasts across the country.

The Gonosanghati Andolon organised the discussion in the city to mark

its third founding anniversary. Besides taking action against the militant groups, the government must stop state-sponsored violence, said Gonosanghati coordinator Jonaid

while the figure of deaths in the 'crossfire' with the law enforcers is much higher, he added. The intelligence agencies always act according to the government's

In the last six years, a total of 153 people were killed in 21 bomb attacks

directions, which severely hampers proper investigation into a case, said of Serajul Islam Chowdhury.

He said the Madrasa education system is dangerous for the country. but no governments have taken any

Workers Party leader Saiful Haque spoke.

and economist Anu Muhammad also Professor Serajul Islam Chowdhury speaks at a discussion at the Tajul auditorium in the city yesterday.

## Human brain still evolving: Scientists

#### **BBC ONLINE**

University scientists say they have found strong proof that the human brain is still evolving. By comparing modern man with

our ancestors of 37,000 years ago, the Chicago team discovered big changes in two genes linked to brain One of the new variants emerged

only 5,800 years ago yet is present in 30 percent of today's humans, This is very short in evolutionary

terms, suggesting intense selection pressures, they told Science. SURVIVAL BENEFIT Each gene variant emerged around

the same time as the advent of socalled "cultural" behaviours. The microcephalin variant appeared along with the emergence traits such as art and music, mean they make you any smarter,"

which date back to about 50,000 years ago. It is now present in about 70 percent of humans alive today.

religious practices and sophisti-

cated tool-making techniques,

Gonosanghati Andolon organised the discussion on the occasion of its third founding anniversary.

The other, called the ASPM variant, originated at a time that coincides with the spread of agriculture, settled cities and the first record of written language

Researcher Dr Bruce Lahn said the big question was whether the genetic evolution seen had actually caused the cultural evolution of humans or was merely chance.

Their hunch is that it might have something to do with the important role that these genes play in brain

size, but stressed that did not necessarily mean better intelligence. "Just because these genes are still evolving doesn't necessarily

**ONGOING CHANGES** 

But he added: "Our studies indicate

that the trend that is the defining characteristic of human evolution the growth of brain size and complexity - is likely still ongoing.

"If our species survives for another million years or so, I would imagine that the brain by then would show significant structural differences from the human brain of

The researchers said the next step was to examine whether biological differences imparted by the

genetic differences caused natural selection to favour that variation over others. They must have conferred some

desired change in cognition, per-

sonality, motor control or resilience

to neurological or psychiatric dis-

evolutionary advantage, such as a

London and Wellcome Trust senior research fellow, said: "It's very interesting "I do find it surprising that they can pinpoint these changes to a

Dr Geraint Rees, a cognitive

neurologist at University College

eases, they said.

point relatively recently in evolutionary history. "It gives us a clue to perhaps

follow up on and try and understand why they emerged at that time and what the consequences were."

He said it would be too big a leap now to conclude that the genetic

changes were responsible for some of the cultural changes we have seen, such as the emergence of agriculture. "But that's a tantalising prospect," he said.



to stop corruption in the projects. Shaha presided over the meeting.

The four-day border conference between Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Indian Border Security Forces (BSF) concluded at Shiliguri in the Indian state of West Bengal vesterday agreeing to cooperate actively to reduce border tension and combat border crimes Firing, killing and injury of civilian

Indian border guards and miscreants as well as border violation and abduction of Bangladesh nationals by the BSF and Indian citizens and push-in of Bangla-speaking Indian citizens to Bangladesh figured in the

construction of barbed wire fence as well as roads, bridges, establishments and plantation of tea saplings within 150 yards of the frontier by the Indian authorities, and the BSF obstruction to development and Bangladesh border areas.

Checking of smuggling of goods, explosives, phensidyl and drugs as well as security related issues, illegal stay of Indian trucks at the Bangladesh land ports and installing border pillars on 35 kilometers of

The two sides agreed to extend active cooperation to each other for reducing border tension and combating all kinds of border crimes. Deputy Director General of BDR Brig SM Golam Rabbani and IG of

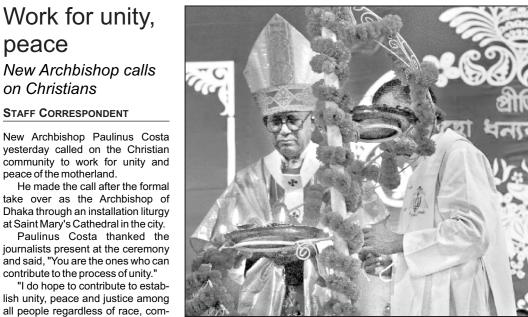
# 'Keep prices of products

The 4th Handmade Creative

University formally inaugurated the Appreciating the creative works.

TIC Director Ahmed Iqbal Haider and Principal of Sunshine Grammar School and College Safia Gazi

Prof Mansur UI Alam of fine arts



Newly appointed Archbishop of Dhaka Paulinus Costa lights candles during his installation liturgy at St. Mary's Cathedral in the city yesterday.



### Moderately heavy falls likely

5:43am tomorrow.

Dhaka

Chittagong

Raishahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Cox's Baza

major cities and towns yesterday were

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Chittagong, Barisal, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy falls are also expected at places during the

period, Met Office said predicting nearly unchanged day temperature

over the country. Highest temperature 35.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 23.4 degree Celsius at Rajshahi. The sun sets in the capital at 6:07pm today and rises at

Temperature

in Celsius

Max

32.6

32.5

34.0

33.0

32.1

34.6

29.6

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

25.0

25.6

23.4

27.0

26.3

26.3

Humidity in

percentage

Evening

76

78

74

76

76

89

Morning

83

91

77

78

69

announced on July 9 the appointment of Archbishop Paulinus Costa who replaced Archbishop Michael Rozario. Born in October 1936 at Gazipur, Archbishop Paulinus Costa studied

Theology at Propaganda Fide College in Rome and was ordained priest on December 1963. He obtained Ph.D. in Theology in