MILLENNIUM SUMMIT 2000

World leaders urged to keep promises

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On the eve of ensuing UN Summit 2005, marginalised sections of people at a rally in the city yesterday called upon the world leaders to keep the promises they made at the Millennium Summit 2000

"Let's raise our voice against poverty and remind the world leaders not to break their promises they made at the Millennium Summit 2000," read the placards carried by them during a colourful rally organised by People's Forum on the Millennium Development Goals Bangladesh

A network of various NGOs working for poverty alleviation, the PFM organised the rally as a wakeup call to poverty cut marking the 2nd World White Band Day and wide movement for poverty allevia-

"Despite declaration of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) that promised halving of the world's extreme poverty, there has been little development to that direction," PFM Managing Group Convenor Tasneem Athar told the

'We want to remind the world leaders unambiguously through our government that they committed themselves to poverty alleviation across the world," said Athar who is also deputy director of Campaign for Popular Education (Campe) that serves as secretariat of the PFM.

Poverty alleviation must not be a mere commitment, it must be transplacard carried by the street children who along with others took part

The world leaders set eight goals (MDGs) in the Millennium Summit including halving extreme poverty by the year 2015, universal primary education for all children, gender equity and empowerment of women, lowering child death rate, prevention of HIV/Aids and malaria, sustainable development of environment and worldwide participation for development.

The PFM leaders called for narrowing of trade gap between the developed and developing countries, protection of agriculture and farmers from the WTO aggression, and the use of 0.7 percent aid com-

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welfare of the poor.

They also demanded adequate allocation for development sector reducing military expenses, transparency and elimination of corruption in the administration, end to indiscriminate privatisation, elimination of discrimination against women and sustainable development preserving the environment.

Mosharraf Hossain of ADD, Nurul Islam of South Asian Partnership, Munir Ahmed of Supra, Momena Khatun of Teachers' Union and Arifa Akhtar of Karmojibi Nari also spoke

Several hundred members of different affiliating NGOs of the PFM network took part in the rally that started from in front of the National Museum and ended at the Central Shaheed Minar.

Student of Dhaka school washed away at Cox's Bazar sea beach

UNB, Cox's Bazar

A student of an English medium school in Dhaka was washed away by the current during the low tide when he along with five others was taking bath in the sea beach yester-

K M Anmal, 18, son of businessman K M Babul of Dhanmondi, remained missing. Divers rescued alive the five others in the group, including two girls.

Sources said the tourists group came from Dhaka Friday evening and boarded in Motel Laboni. They went for sea bath during the high tide in the morning but stayed long enough to be caught by the low tide.

Obituary



Medical College Hospital at the age of 68, says a press release.

late Khan Bahadur Syed Nabib Ali of Sylhet, is survived by her two brothers five sisters and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

She was buried at her family graveyard at Bohula in Habiganj.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at her residence at 153/1 East Raja Bazar, Tejgaon, in the city after Asr prayers tomorrow.

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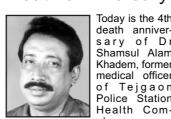
Industrialist and social worker Tabibur Rashid Chowdhury died of a cardiac arrest at Dhaka Apollo of 65.

He left behind his wife and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn

Tabibur Rashid Chowdhury known as Tabu Bhai was the propri etor of Corona Industries Ltd in Dhaka

Food and Disaster Management Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf attended his namaz-e-

Death anniversary



death anniversary of Di Khadem, former medical officer of Tejgaon Police Station Health Complex, says a

On the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held at his residence at Kharampur at Akhaura.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Rokeya Begum, a senior teacher of Kamrunnesa Govt Girls High School and wife of city Awami League leader Mohibur Rahman, will be held at 34/6/B North Golapbag, Biswaroad, (opposite to Monwara Hospital) after Asr prayers today, says a press release. Friends and relatives have been

requested to attend the Qulkhwani. Rokeya passed away due to cardiac arrest on September 9 in

Dhaka at the age of 52. She is survived by her husband



People's Forum on the Millennium Development Goals Bangladesh took out a procession in front of the National Museum in the city yesterday marking the Second World White Band Day.

Saarc paediatric surgeons' confce begins Dec 8 in Ctg

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The first conference of the Federation of Associations of Paediatric Surgeons in Saarc (FAPSS) countries will be held in Chittagong in December.

Some five hundred delegates including leading paediatric surgeons from all over the world are expected to take part in the threeday conference scheduled to begin The theme of the conference is

Committed Together for Better Future.

This was disclosed by the leaders of the Association of Paediatric Surgeons of Bangladesh (APSB) while exchanging views with the journalists at Chittagong Medical College and Hospital yesterday.

The second APSB Congress,

the first of its kind outside Dhaka, will also be held in Chittagong during this time, they added.

They said the World Health Organisation and United Nations International Children Emergency Fund had already agreed in principle to co-sponsor the conference along side the ministry of health.

The conference aims at transferring technology and expertise to take effective measures for conducting critical operations of the children with congenital malformations needed so badly for their

Some five hundred delegates including 120 from abroad are expected to participate in the conference to be held at Chittagong Eye Infirmary and Training Complex of BNSB at Pahartali.

Eighteen world famous paediatric surgeons like Prof Jose Boix-Ochoa of Spain, Prof JM Hutson of Australia Dr Anette Jacobson of Singapore, Prof Steven Rothenberg of USA, Prof Ahmed Hadidi of Germany will conduct the

workshops on Laproscopic and Hypospadias surgeries at the Besides, Prof Allen Finlay of

Canada, Prof DK Gupta of India, also the president of FAPSS, Prof Mahmood Shaukat of Pakistan. also the general secretary of FAPSS. Prof Anirudh Shah of India, Prof KR Srimurti of India, Prof Iftikher A Jan of Pakistan. Prof Ramanujom of Malaysia, Dr Ernesto Leva of Italy and Prof HR Faroutan of Iran will also take part in the conference.

Seminar

Community Development Library organises a seminar on 'Hospital waste management: Present situation in the country and probable steps to improve the condition.' Venue: CDI Auditorium, House-39, Road-14/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 3.30pm.

Conference

The concluding session of a daylong conference on Sufism will he held with Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: Institution of Engineers' Auditorium, Ramna. Time: 5.30pm

Founding anniversary

Bangladesh Jubo Moitri forms a human chain at Muktangan in the city yesterday protesting price hike of

Animal-human transplants soon to be reality: Expert

REUTERS, Dublin

Transplants of animal organs into people could take place within a few years because of the acute shortages of donated human organs, a leading scientist said on

"It is only in recent years that many of the potential immunological problems, such as transplant rejection, have been solved, meaning the process of transplanting organs from one species nto another could soon be a reality," said Dr Anthony Warrens, of Imperial College London.

Warrens told the British Association for the Advancement of Science conference in the Irish capital that for every donated human organ that became available there were five people who needed it.

Xenotransplantation, the use of organs, tissues or cells from a different species, is thought to be the best solution Pigs are a likely source of

transplant organs because they are about the same size as humans and have a similar physiology. Scientists are working to produce genetically engineered pigs whose tissues would not provoke an immune response in Scientists do not know if "por-

can be transferred to humans, or if they can mutate and cause new "That remains the principal anxiety associated with xenotransplantation," said

cine endogenous retroviruses"

Warrens. But he added there was good reason to believe it would not be a major problem. Many scientists have called for a moratorium on

xenotransplantation until such dangers have been overcome. Once scientists have got to the point of starting clinical trials, which could be about five years away, patients receiving the organs will have to be monitored daily for life, according to

Culvert-cum-rd to be built alongside Kamalapur Stadium

A culvert-cum-road will be built from Kamalapur Stadium to Maniknagar to remove waterlogging problems of Motijheel, Gopibagh and Maniknagar areas Works Minister Mirza Abbas said yesterday.

While visiting the site, he said the culvert-cum-road along the southern side of Birshreshtha Shaheed Mohammad Mostafa Stadium would increase the facilities for the people of the areas as well as huge sports fans who visit the stadium to witness games.

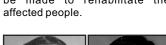
Mayor of Dhaka Sadeque Hossain Khoka, State Minister for Youth and Sports M Fazlur Rahman and senior officials of the concerned ministries, Dhaka City Corporation, Wasa and National Sports Council were present.

Mirza Abbas stressed the need for coordinated efforts of all concerned agencies to remove waterlogging problems of Dhaka city.

He directed the concerned authorities to take it as a priority project and build the culvert-cumroad within the shortest possible

If necessary, the minister said, a bailey bridge will be constructed for the convenience of the residents of Maniknagar area.

He said arrangements would be made to rehabilitate the affected people.





JB Bankers' **Forum** executives A K M Abdullah and A T M Mobarok

Hossain Majumder were elected president and secretary general of Janata Bank Committee of the Bankers' Forum recently, says a S M Zahir Uddin Babar was

elected organising secretary of the 51-member committee. The committee was formed at

meeting of the Janata Bank officers at head office. Bankers' Forum President M A

Khaleque and Secretary General Armanul Habib, freedom fighter Sirajul Islam, Engr Afzal Hossain Mahfuzur Rahman Khan and SK Md Mohsin spoke at the meeting.

tomorrow **UNB**, Dhaka A five-member delegation from the Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association (BCPFA) will leave here for Beijing tomorrow

on a nine-day goodwill visit to The team will visit at the invitation of Chinese People's Associations for Friendship with foreign countries to commemorate the 30th anniversary of establish-

ment of diplomatic relations between two countries. The delegation will meet leaders of various Chinese organisa-

Members of the delegation are former ambassador Iftikharul Karim, Managing Director of Mercantile Bank Shah M Nurul Alam, Businessman Golam Faruk Ahmed, and Rabiul Hague of Tropical Homes Itd.

Asthma risk higher for people with bowel disease

times more likely to have asthma

than the general population, while

Crohn's disease patients had a 1.3

patients, airway disease was the

most common chronic inflammatory

condition identified, and it was the

second most common seen in

Respiratory conditions are an

'underappreciated" manifestation

of disease in people with IBD, and

the long-term consequences of

leaving such problems untreated may be "substantial," Dr Edward V

Loftus, Jr of the Mayo Clinic College

of Medicine in Rochester,

Minnesota notes in an editorial

patients with IBD should be taken

seriously, and probably should be

investigated with pulmonary func-

tion testing at the very least," he

'Respiratory complaints in

Among Crohn's disease

to 1.4 times greater risk.

ulcerative colitis patients.

accompanying the study.

REUTERS, New York

ing Development Round of WTO negotiations in Hong Kong.

ATTACK ON PCU CONVENOR

Left-leaning Bangladesh Chhatra

Union (BCU) yesterday demanded

immediate arrest and punishment to

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD)

men who attacked BCU convenor of

University campus, the BCU lead-

ers said though many days have

passed since the attack on Rakibul

Alam Rusho, they were not

trying to save the JCD cadres, they

Rather, the JU authorities are

The BCU leaders said the ruling

party-backed student leaders and

activists are engaged in destroying

the academic atmosphere of the

educational institutions across the

General Secretary Shamsul Alam

Sazzon, Joly Talukder, Khan

Asaduzzaman Masum, and DU unit

Earlier the BCU brought out a

President Manobendra Deb.

Goodwill team

leaves for China

The rally was addressed by BCU

Addressing a rally on the Dhaka

Jahangirnagar University (JU).

Punishment to

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DU CORRESPONDENT

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People with inflammatory bowel disease are 1.5 times as likely to have asthma as individuals in the general population, a large new study

The Campaign for Good Governance took out a procession in the city yesterday in protest against the upcom-

Patients with ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease, collectively designated inflammatory bowel disease or IBD, were also more likely to have arthritis, bronchitis, or psoriasis than people without IBD, the researchers report in the medical journal Gastroenterology.

While other studies have linked chronic inflammatory diseases to IBD, Dr Charles N Bernstein of the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg and his team note, this study is the first to identify an association with asthma.

The researchers compared 8072 patients with IBD to a "control" group of individuals matched by age, sex and geography.

The team found patients with ulcerative colitis were 1.5 to 1.7



Light to moderate rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Dhaka, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna and Rajshahi

Moderately 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 36.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Dhaka and Mymensingh. The sun sets in the capital at 6:06pm today and rises at

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

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	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.9	24.0	83	69
Chittagong	32.5	25.8	80	
Rajshahi	33.0	25.7	83	73
Khulna	32.0	27.0		
Barisal	32.6	25.4		84
Sylhet	36.0	25.9	75	62
Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.0	79	88