Foam factory

Properties worth Tk

leaving the owner dead in the city last

Delux Foam Industry at 308

Moynarbagh in Uttar Badda, was

inside the factory when the fire broke

6:00pm and soon engulfed the entire

factory and its adjoining Isha Imtiaj

after struggling an hour with 12 units.

Workshop, said eyewitnesses.

was lying on the floor, they said.

fighters arrived late to the spot.

The fire originated at around

The fire fighters doused the flame

The charcoaled body of Shiva

Locals complained that the fire

Properties worth around Tk 15

lakh were damaged, said the fire

Benibhushan Shiva, the owner of

15 lakh damaged

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owner burnt

alive

Child injury prevention programme on cards

Speakers tell roundtable

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A child injury prevention programme will be launched soon in selected rural and urban areas of the country to reduce child mortality and morbidity due to various injuries

programme will address home safety, school safety and community safety of the children.

This was stated by the speakers at a roundtable on 'Child Injury Prevention in Bangladesh: Prospects and Challenges' at Brac Centre Inn in the city.

It was jointly organised by the Centre for Injury Prevention and Research Bangladesh (CIPRB), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) and Unicef.

The speakers said the programme will include assessment of injury risk at home and counselling by household mem-

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Wasa

Speakers at a workshop vesterday

called on the ward commissioners,

NGOs and the well-off people to

come forward to establish the rights

of the disadvantaged and street

continues drive

defaulters, Tk

3.50 lakh more

A mobile court of Dhaka Water and

Sewerage Authority (Wasa) in a drive against bill defaulters yesterday

realised Tk 3.50 lakh as arrears in the

The court led by Wasa Magistrate

Kazi Wasiuddin went to a holding

named Cosmos Centre at Malibagh to

realise an arrears of about Tk 6 lakh.

The owner of the building gave a

holding owned by a politician Ismail

Hossain Bengal at Outer Circular

Road to realise Tk 3 lakh as arrears.

Ismail Hossain gave a cheque for Tk

The court snapped the connection of a holding at the Outer Circular Road

The court also snapped the con-

The court however didn't snap the

nection of Hotel Bonbhojon at

Topkhana Road for an arrears of Tk

34.12 lakh as the owner didn't appear.

connection of a holding at the Outer

Circular Road when the owner

assured of paying the arrears soon by

organisations and household owners

due to private business organisations

and household owners. The rest Tk 20

crore is due to government organisa-

owe a total of Tk 200 crore to Wasa.

Different government, private

Of the total amount, Tk 180 crore is

The Wasa authorities at a meeting

for an arrears of Tk 8.50 lakh.

The court then went to another

against bill

realised

cheque for Tk 2 lakh.

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ment and introduction of safety devices appropriate to age and local conditions

The pilot programme will be implemented by the CIPRB and US-based TASC in collaboration with the government and Unicef.

The speakers said while neonatal deaths and infectious diseases remain major concerns for child survival, child health programmes in Bangladesh cannot be considered complete without injury prevention at the core.

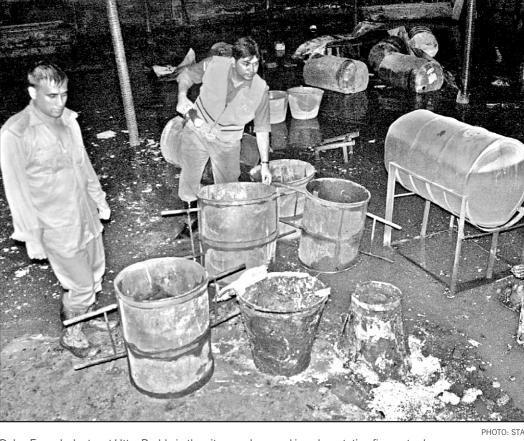
Quoting the data of Bangladesh Health and Injury Survey (BHIS) they said some 2,600 children get injured everyday and of them 80 succumb to their injuries.

The injuries are mainly caused by road accident, drowning, animal bite, fall from different places. accidental poisoning, cut by sharp objects and suffocation

Speaking as chief guest Unicef Representative Morten Giersing said, " Injury is a leading killer of children over the age in this country and it is time that we look at interventions which could slow the injury epidemic."

Stressing the need for multisectoral involvement for the intervention. he said the government bodies and NGO's have to work together for the intervention.

TASC President Pete Peterson, Prof Hannana Begum of National Curriculum and Textbook Board, Dr Siddiqur Rahman and AKM Shamsuddin of DGHS, Prof Amjad Hossain of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, Prof MK Talukdar of Bangladesh Breast Feeding Foundation, Rezaul Karim and Khairuzzaman of Brac took part in the discussion.



Delux Foam Industry at Uttar Badda in the city was damaged in a devastating fire yesterday.

ADB to help set up sewerage 342 children die a day due treatment plant in Dhaka to lack of sanitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

discussion yesterday.

Mokhlesur Rahman.

paper at the discussion.

A total of 342 children die of diar-

rhoea and other pollution-related

diseases every day due to lack of

sanitation, said the speakers at a

The discussion on the 'Role of

media in attaining 100 percent

sanitation by 2010' was organised

by LGRD and Cooperatives ministry

at the National Press Club as part of

The government has to spend Tk

500 crore every year to address

water borne and other diseases

caused by environmental pollution.

said Joint Secretary of LGRD and

Cooperatives ministry Md

five children is caused by diar-

rhoea," said Prof Md Mujibur

Rahman of Buet while presenting a

About 1.10 lakh under-five

children die of diarrhoeal diseases

every year in the country as a result

of inadequate sanitation," he added.

Bangladesh lack adequate sanita-

tion while 9 of every 10 people in

Terming the lack of sanitation a

urban slums lack basic sanitation.

pull-back factor in overall develop-

ment, Prof Kanman said inadequate

sanitation makes a vicious cycle of

diarrhoeal diseases occur annually

among under-five children," he said,

adding, "An average child in

Bangladesh suffers 3 to 4 incidents

sanitation-related diseases, he

The poor are the hardest hit by

of diarrhoeal disease every year."

DU postpones

Sept 15 exams

All the examinations of Dhaka

University under its course system

scheduled to be held on September

15 have been postponed due to

will be announced soon, says a DU

Fresh dates for the examinations

unavoidable circumstances.

Govt arrests

militants to

"Over 65 million incidents of

ill-health, low income and poverty.

He said five of every 10 people in

"One out of four deaths of under-

national sanitation campaign.

Asian Development Bank (ADB) wil extend cooperation in setting up a sewerage treatment plant in Dhaka and increasing supply of pure drinking water for the city dwellers.

The assurance came at a meeting between LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and a three-member ADB delegation led by Country Director Hua Du here

During the meeting at the minister's Secretariat office, they discussed the progress of different ADB-funded projects under his ministry, including the Urban Primary Health Care Project Bhuiyan assured the ADB repre-

sentatives of looking into the hindrance to smooth implementation of he Urban Health Care Project in

Chittagong City Corporation.

The ADB delegation included Principal Project Implementation Specialist Hans Carlsson and Chief Social Infrastructural Department Jamal Mahmud. Joint Secretary of Local Government Division (Development) M Safiqul Islam was present.

Solar eclipse on Oct 3

A solar eclipse will take place on October 3, but a partial eclipse will

The eclipse will start at 5:04pm and can be seen up to 40 minutes as the sun will set during the eclipse, according to the Bangladesh Astronomical Association.

The eclipse will be clearly visible from the Kuakata sea beach as the sun will be near the horizon at that time, said the association in a press release.

The association in cooperation with the Dalchhut Adventure Club has organised an observation camp at Kuakata to watch the solar eclipse.

Persons interested in joining the camp can register their names with the Bangladesh Astronomical Association, 75 Science Laboratory Road, Dhaka-1215, by September 29 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm daily. Phone - 0171-187555. The registration fee is Tk 2,000.

FOOD ADULTERATION

4 Ctg bakeries. six hotels fined Tk 2.5 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court yesterday fined four bakeries and six hotels about Tk 2.5 lakh during its drive against food adulteration and unhygienic condition in Chittagong city.

During the drive at Jugichand Lane in Madarbari, the mobile court led by Magistrate Sayeda Sarwar Jahan fined Chattala Bakery Tk 75,000 for selling stale and open foods and preparing the foods in unhygienic environment.

It also fined Pragati Bakery Tk 30,000, Master Bakery Tk 35,000 and Ananda Bakery Tk 30,000 for preparing different food items with sub-standard ingredients amid unhygienic condition.

The mobile court slapped Orient Restaurant with a fine of Tk 30,000 and Hotel Zaman with a fine of Tk 20,000 for preparing foods in unhygienic atmosphere.

Besides, Darber Hotel, Madina Hotel, Al Monir Hotel and Ali Hotel were also fined.

Bangladesh Standard Testing Institute (BSTI) officials and Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) personnel assisted the Chittagong City Corporation magistrate in the drive.

Speakers say at discussion About 25 percent or 3.23 crore of people use unhygienic openhanging latrines while 42 percent or 5.43 crore of people do not use any kind of latrine at all. Prof Rahman

A national survey in 2003 revealed that 33 percent or 4.26 crore of people of Bangladesh got access to hygienic means of excreta disposal in 33 years

About the government claim that the country has achieved 59 percent of sanitation coverage till June this vear, he said increase in the number of latrines does not necessarily mean actual health benefit. Hygienic practice has to be ensured to achieve health benefit out of sanitation, he added.

Though success of

Millenium Development Goals largely depend on improvement of sanitation situation, the world leaders said nothing regarding press freedom and dissemination of information, said General Secretary of the National Press Club Shawkat Mahmud

Chaired by Editor of the News Today Reazuddin Ahmed, the discussion was also participated by Information Minister M Shamsul Islam, Editor of the daily Nava Diganta Alamgir Mohjuddin. Editor of the New Nation Mostafa Kamal and Rokeya Ahmed of Water Aid.

President of the Forum of Environmental Journalists Bangladesh Quamrul Islam moderated the discussion.



PHOTO: STAR

Left leaning five-party alliance stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday protesting price hike of fuel.

please donors Says CPB leader STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) held street-meeting and mass contact in the city yesterday in support of its hartal call on September 18.

Addressing the meeting CPB President Monjurul Ahsan Khan said the government is playing hide and seek game by arresting lowlevel leaders and activists of Islami militants.

He said the government is supporting communal forces to stay in power and arresting militants to please the donors.

Monjurul demanded ban on communal politics.

CPB leaders Ahsan Habib Lablu Abdul Jabbar, Sajedul Hag Rubel Ruhul Amin. Sadekur Rahman Shamim, Jolly Talukder, and Noor Uddin Al Masud also addressed the meetina.

In support of the hartal on 18 September, the CPB will also hold street meetings and mass communication programs today in various places in the city.

Human chain Dakkhin Chandpur Janakalyan

Samity will form a human chain demanding steps to save Chandpur and Haimchar from the erosion of the Meghna. Venue: In 10:30am.

Rally

Meeting front of the High Court. Time: Meeting

The adjourned meeting of the

at Hotel Eden. Time: 6:00pm

will be held. Venue: Central Office

Time: 2:00pm. central committee of Gono Forum

Time: 2:30pm.

Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum will hold a general meeting. Venue: Dhaka Ainjibi Samity Auditorium.

Coalition of Local NGO's

Bangladesh (CLNB) organises a

rally on the occasion of UN World

Summit. Venue: Muktangon.

Workshop

The inaugural ceremony of a workshop organised by Bangladesh Water Development

Three more camel jockeys back to families

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three more children used as came jockeys in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) returned to their families yesterday, bringing the total number

The children --Shahed, 13, and Jewel, 15, two brothers from Gaibandha, and Sohel, 12, from Shariatpur -- were handed over to their parents by the Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) officials.

The children had been staying at city's BNWLA shelter home along with other returnees upon their arrival from the UAE, which started

Bangladesh government, in association with the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), is bringing back the children. So far, 83 former camel jockeys returned home and over 100 are awaiting repatriation at three shelter homes in Abu Dhabi.

A committee comprising of officials from home ministry, Unicef, International Organization for Migration (IOM), BNWLA and a trafficking-related NGO Astec, is managing the rehabilitation and reintegration process.

Slash cellphone call charge Demands Citizens' Rights Movement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the Citizens' Rights Movement yesterday demanded that the cellphone call charge be slashed to Tk 0.50 per minute imme-

They also called a four-hour

for September 16 and urged all not to use cellphones on the day from The leaders also reiterated their

countrywide 'mobile phone strike'

eight-point demand at a press conference at the National Press

The demands include introduction of incoming system from land phone to cellphone without any

charge and withdrawal of monthly fee for post-paid cellphone, says a Citizens' Rights Movement

Convenor Tushar Rehman read out a written statement at the press conference addressed by General Secretary of Consumers' Association of Bangladesh Kazi Faruque, Advocate Zulfia Aktar Rita, Dr Jasmine Ara Sati, Dhaka University teachers Aklima Mansur Lima, Zahidul Islam Rupak and

BELTA confce begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh English Language Teachers' Association (BELTA) will organise a three-day International Conference at the British Council auditorium in the city beginning today, says a press release.

The Conference under the theme "ELT in context: Future Directions", is a professional gettogether of around 300 delegates from home and abroad. The participants include teachers, teachertrainers, administrators, textbooks/material writers, testers and others related to English language teaching and learning

The programme will focus on the globalisation of English, teacher development/education, ELT (English Language Teaching) methodology, literature and language, language in education, English for specific purposes and other related

Professor Serajul Islam Choudhury, Professor of English of Dhaka University will be present as chief guest and Dr June Rollinson, director, The British Council.

Bangladesh as special guest. Professor Ravinder Gargesh, University of Delhi, will present the

keynote paper.

Death anniversary



third death anniversary of former lawmaker Advocate Md Atiqullah, says a press release. On the occasion, milad

home at Shayesthaganj and Habiganj residence. Foods will be distributed among the poor and at orphanages and hospitals in

mahfil will be held at his village

Local people, relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the programmes.

by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

major cities and towns yesterday were:

recently decided to disconnect the lines of bill defaulters in a bid to realise the arrears, and started the snapping drive on August 23.

The drive will continue particularly on Tuesday and Wednesday of this month and end from the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan, Wasa

Speakers urge ward commissioners, NGOs

A mobile court team found stale pieces of bread and pieces of meat prepared unhygienically at a restaurant, Topkapi, during a drive against

Help establish rights of

disadvantaged children

have engaged in criminal activities as they do not receive any care and

working for the disadvantaged children, organised the workshop on 'The responsibility and participation of the ward commissioners in protecting rights of the children and their development' at the WVA auditorium in the city.

prevent them from going astray.

extend a helping hand, they said. Aparajeyo Bangladesh has

children and help them lead a nor-

They said many street children shelter from society.

and they are now working at differ-

Nasima and Altaf Hossain, two become almost self-reliant with the support from Aparajeyo Bangladesh, made an appeal to all to stand by the street children to

The disadvantaged children would be able to contribute to society if the affluent section of society

Aparajeyo Bangladesh, an NGO

deprived children who have now

provided many street children, like Altaf and Nasima, with education

Addressing the workshop, ward commissioners of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) pledged that they would do their best for the betterment of the disadvantaged

children.

They also called on all to create a better environment for the underprivileged children so that they can grow up like our children

If each wealthy person take the responsibility of one child, the deprived can enjoy a wonderful life,

Wahida Banu, programme director of Aparajeyo Bangladesh, said, "We can give the street children a better life and help them become a

good citizen through our combined Ishtiaq Ahmed, executive director

of Aparajeyo Bangladesh, also Dr Enamul Haque, a member of the Law Commission and former inspector general of police, was

present as the chief guest.

Moderately heavy falls likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by tempo-

rary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at many places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also expected at places during

the period, Met Office said, predicting that day temperature may fall

Highest temperature 35.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 24.2 degree Celsius at Rangamati and The sun sets in the capital at 6:03pm today and rises at 5:45am

City/ Iown	in Celsius		percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.0	26.5	75	95
Chittagong	33.8	25.0	78	81
Rajshahi	30.5	25.7	81	93
Khulna	27.4	24.5	97	96
Barisal	31.4	25.5	80	
OII4	25.5	20.2	74	0.0

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some