

President, PM greet Albanian counterparts

UNB, Dhaka

President Dr Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia have felicitated their Albanian counterparts on the occasion of the Liberation Day of Albania.

In a message to the Albanian President, President Iajuddin expressed his firm belief that the friendly relations and close cooperation existing between the two countries would be further developed and consolidated in the coming years.

In another message to Albanian Prime Minister Sali Berisha, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia expressed her confidence that the bonds of friendship, understanding and cooperation that developed over the years would be further strengthened and consolidated in the days ahead for the mutual benefit of the two countries.



GrameenPhone employees take out a procession marking the inauguration of HSE Week.

GP HSE Week begins

GrameenPhone Ltd inaugurated the fifth annual Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Week on Sunday, says a press release.

"Safety for better tomorrow" is the theme of this year's HSE Week.

This is a part of Grameen-Phone's on going process to promote awareness about health, safety and environmental issues throughout the company and in the society at large.

"Let us commit for 'Safety for a better tomorrow' -- only our commitment can make it happen," GrameenPhone Managing Director Erik Aas said in a message to the employees.

Deputy Managing Director Frank Fodstad inaugurated the HSE Week at the corporate head office. "HSE is every

ones responsibility. Safety should be conferred to all aspects of our work," he said.

An art competition was held at Fantasy Kingdom for the children of the GP employees marking the HSE Week. Director Finance NKA Mobin distributed prizes among the winners. Emad UI Ameen, Director HR, was present. A vaccination programme for the family members of the employees was also organised on Saturday on the occasion.

The HSE Week is being observed at all GP Regional offices, including service desks and distribution centres in the country. GrameenPhone's regional offices in Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet arranged separate programmes to observe the week.

PM to open Patuakhali Bridge today

UNB, Patuakhali

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the 485-meter Patuakhali Bridge today.

Tk 27.17 crore bridge over the Laukathi river in Sadar upazila will be opened to traffic at noon, local sources said.

After the inauguration, Khaleda will address a public meeting at the local PDS ground.

Khaleda will also inaugurate the 50-bed Galachipa Hospital at 3:00pm and address another public meeting at Galachipa Degree College.

RAJU MURDER

3 to die in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A court in Khulna yesterday sentenced three persons to death for killing a 12-year-old boy in May 2002.

The convicts are Indrajit Saha, Ebadul Islam and Abu Sayeed. All of them are absconding. The court fined them Tk 10,000 each.

Judge Belayet Hossain of the Special Tribunal for Prevention on Women and Children Repression, Khulna handed down the sentence for killing Raju Ahmed.

According to the prosecution, one Indrajit called Raju Ahmed alias Babu, son of Abdul Jabbar Sheikh of South Tootpara in Khulna, in the afternoon of May 17 in 2002 out of his house on pretext of going to Shankha Cinema Hall.

Since then Raju, also an employee of Zahid Metal Works at Sher-e-

Bangla Road in the city, did not return home.

Raju's father rickshaw-puller Jabbar filed a general diary with Khulna thana on the night of May 20 the same year in this connection.

Police arrested Indrajit on May 21 on the basis of allegation mentioned in the GD. Indrajit admitted to police during interrogation that he along with Ebadul and Abu Sayeed slaughtered Raju at the Arafat Housing Project area at Gallamari in the city on May 17 and dumped the body in a pond.

Khulna police recovered the decomposed body on May 21. The body was, however, identified as Raju by his father Abdul Jabbar.

The punishment of the fugitives will be effective from the day of their arrest or surrender, the court said.