

Update nat'l defence strategy

PM tells graduation certificate awarding ceremony

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday said strategy of national defence will have to be updated on the basis of latest technology and changing warfare techniques alongside making it pro-people as Bangladesh's major strength is its people and national commitment.

from the course," she told the course participants from three services. Khaleda, also in charge of Defence Ministry, said defence and national security in today's world depends on overall national prowess and capacity. And her government has taken all-out initiatives for overall socio-economic development alongside moderation of the armed forces in line with needs of the time.

police service along with two overseas members from Nepal and Sri Lanka. While 18 officers from Bangladesh Armed Forces participated in the AFWC-2005. Khaleda said her government emphasised the training of civil officers for making the civil administration more dynamic and effective in accordance with demand of the time.

the National Defence Course and the Armed Forces War Course. Congratulating the foreign trainees, she said that existing cordial relations between Bangladesh and their countries would be further strengthened through their interaction.



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Russian envoy concerned over rise of militancy

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'Govt playing game with militancy'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council (BHBCUC) and its all chapters around the globe observed the World Human Rights Day on Friday, says a press release. Addressing meetings organised on this occasion, the BHBCUC leaders protested the suicide bomb attacks in Bangladesh.

BDB blames govt for patronising militancy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) yesterday blamed the government for directly patronising Islamist militancy in the country. Addressing a rally Mahi B Chowdhury, organising secretary of BDB, alleged that Advocate Ruhul Kuddus Talukder Dulu, deputy minister of land, is one of the direct patrons of militancy who had kept Bangla Bhai in his house.

patronising militancy." Mahi said the general people did not accept the new formula of the state minister for home involving a Hindu in militancy. He urged all political parties to be involved in dialogue to overcome the recent panicky situation in the country.

2 NGOs draft policy to protect street children

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Child Brigade and Incidin Bangladesh, two NGOs, drafted a policy with a view to providing better security to the street children, who are staying at different centres or shelter homes. Funded by Save the Children Sweden-Denmark, the two organisations released the policy titled "Child Protection Policy: Needs and Effectiveness" at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) yesterday.

South Asia emerging as global economic power

Morshed says at seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Asian leadership towards collective efforts for building the future of South Asia," he added. Morshed said South Asia has been emerging as a global economic power as it has been enjoying sustainable growth and macro-economic stability for over a decade. He said the Saarc secretariat is going through massive reforms for strengthening its capability.

economic and trade aspects of Safta suggested creation of trade blocs which would increase real investment and expand overall production of the partner countries. He observed that a trade bloc attracts more FDI into member countries. "Global firms often bring better technologies, management practices and marketing capabilities," Mahubullah pointed out.

A forum of stranded Pakistani yesterday urged the government to give them citizenship of Bangladesh to help solve their problems. Leaders of the forum titled 'Bangladeshi Bihari Rehabilitation Assembly (BBRA)' said the number of stranded Pakistani is very little as those who are now staying at different camps of the country are actually 'Bangladeshi Bihari.'

Biharis demand citizenship

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When asked about the term 'Bangladeshi Bihari', he said those who came here before 1971 and who were born here after 1971 are actually Bangladeshi Bihari. He urged the government to consider the human rights issue of this destitute Biharis. He also alleged that crores of taka is being misappropriated in the name of helping the Biharis by a vested quarter.



Opposition 14-party stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday demanding resignation of the alliance government.

Govt fails to control terrorist activities: JP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government completely failed to control countrywide terrorist activities that threaten national security and democracy, Jatiya Party Secretary General Sheikh Shahidul Islam said yesterday. At a joint meeting at the party office at Lalmaia in the city, Shahidul Islam said failure and irresponsibility of the government are taking the country into a grave situation.

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Dry weather likely

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Release of Galib demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ahle Hadith Andolon Bangladesh yesterday demanded immediate release of its Ameer Dr Asadullah Al Galib claiming that he had no link to militancy. "Dr Galib even did not know the Jama'at ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) leaders Bangla Bhai and Shaikh Abdur Rahman," said Dr Muhammad Muslehuddin, acting Ammer of Ahle Hadith Andolon, while addressing a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium.

Paediatric surgeons' confce ends

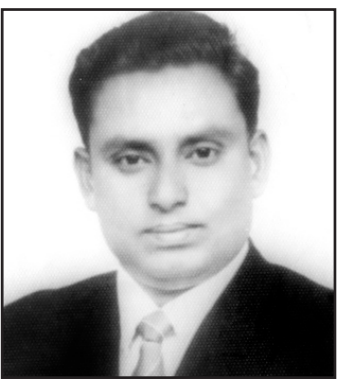
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The three-day international conference of the Federation of Associations of Paediatric Surgeons in Saarc (FAPSS) and the congress of Association of Paediatric Surgeons of Bangladesh (APSB) ended here in the port city ushering in a new horizon of paediatric treatment in the country. With the support of the ministry for health and family welfare, the conference began with the theme "Committed Together for Better Future" at the Chittagong Eye Infirmary and Training Complex of BNSB at Pahartali Thursday.

Three killed in road accidents

BDNEWS, Dhaka

At least three people were killed in separate road accidents in Bogra and Savar. Two people, including a teacher, were killed in separate road accidents at Dupchachia Upazila and Subgram in the outskirts of the Bogra district yesterday. The agitated people put up a barricade on the Bogra-Sariakandi road for four hours until 12:00 noon in protest against the killing.



Death anniversary

Today is the 35th death anniversary of renowned journalist Nizamuddin Ahmed who was Dhaka correspondent of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), says a press release. Nizamuddin, hailed from Mawa of Munshiganj, was also a member of East Pakistan Legislative Assemblée in 1965. He took up journalism in his student life and served at the Civil and Military Gazette Lahore, the daily Millat, AP and others newspapers and organisations. He also became editor of Pakistan Press International (now BPI) in 1964. Various programmes have been organised to mark of the day.



Death anniversary of five martyrs today

Today is the 35th death anniversary of four martyred brothers-- Mukarram Hossain Mukul, Mansur Hossain Manju, Mastaque Hossain Anju and Mosharrif Hossain Ranju and their brother-in-law Yusuf Ali. All of them had sacrificed their lives for the country during the liberation war, says a press release. Different programmes including Qurankhawni, Milad Mahfil and destitute feeding have been arranged at Hossain Nagar Baitul Mozammel Jame Mosque on Savar EPZ Link Road to mark of the day. Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the programme.

DHAKA TODAY logo and several small event listings including Prothom Alo roundtable, AL discussion, Film course, Debate contest, Workshop, and Brac roundtable.