

Only a pluralistic society can solve problems of minorities

Justice Naimuddin tells confce on cross-border migration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a conference yesterday called for an integrated labour market and developing modalities for freer movement of labour across the borders to address the illegal migration problem.

their present Status', 'Problem of cross-border illegal trafficking -- Role of legal aid organisations', 'Minority protection concerns and quest for cultural freedom and homogenous community living'.

serious deliberations and dialogues on sensitisation of the members of law enforcing agencies.

Workshop on painting starts Dec 30

Renowned artist Masuma Khan will conduct a three-month workshop on painting for children aged between 7 to 16 years, says a press release.

Convict Thai dies in Gazipur hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Wain, a convict citizen of Thailand, died of tuberculosis at Gazipur Sadar Hospital at 7:30pm yesterday after he was taken there from Kashimpur Central Jail for treatment.

Advance rail tickets from Jan 1 on Eid

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Railway has taken special measures for selling advance tickets for home-bound inter-city train passengers ahead of Eid-ul Azha from Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet station counters.

The five-day special sale will start on January 1. Tickets will be sold everyday from 8:00am to 4:00pm under the supervision of officials given the special assignment.

Baishakhi TV starts test transmission tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Yet another new private television channel 'Baishakhi Television' will start test transmission tomorrow, says a press release.

Bangladeshi wins Gates Cambridge Scholarship

Towfique Raj, a Bangladeshi, has been selected as the recipient of the prestigious Gates Cambridge Scholarship, says a press release.

He is one of 38 US students who joined the Gates Scholars from around the world who began their graduate studies at the University of Cambridge in October 2005.

Wage Board finalises questionnaire

Bss, Dhaka

A meeting of the Sixth Wage Board for the journalists and others yesterday unanimously finalised the questionnaire to be sent to different newspapers and news agencies and decided to visit the newspaper establishments after January 15.



Participants at a roundtable on 'Women and HIV/Aids: What to do' at a city hotel yesterday. The Prothom Alo organised the event.

Women empowerment a must to check spread of HIV/Aids

Speakers tell roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Highlighting the vulnerability of women to HIV/Aids, speakers at a roundtable yesterday said the disease is more than a health issue - it is now a gender issue.

The absence of decision-making power on the part of women in the home made them more vulnerable to Aids, they said and called on men to speak for women and pay more attention to this aspect.

Sadik of UNDP said men have to remain more faithful to their partners to reduce the infection rate.

person long before he or she dies. Stressing the need for breaking the taboo about Aids, she said the issue should be discussed openly.

Five killed, 45 injured in Savar road accidents

BDNEWS, Savar

At least four people were killed and 25 others injured in a collision between a bus and a truck at Ashulia in Savar yesterday.

Govt firm to eliminate militants: Moudud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Moudud Ahmed yesterday reiterated the government's determination to eliminate the militant forces.

for judges in 56 districts and new court buildings in 34 districts will be constructed under the two long-term plans.

Include marginalised people in development process

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday urged the government to include country's marginalised people into the development process for poverty alleviation.



Prof Anisur Rahman speaks at a seminar on 'Participation of the marginalised people in development activities' at the Cirdap auditorium yesterday.

that the educated people among their community has to create awareness about the market value of their products.

human development and establish rights of Bedes (river gypsy) communities", Kabita Chakma presented "Research on core design of Chakma communities garments industry and development of the financial condition of the women who are working in this industry".



Teachers of the non-government primary school stage a demonstration prior to begin fast unto death at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday demanding nationalisation of their jobs.

Dam gets Nagar Padak-2004 for cancer treatment

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (Dam) has been awarded Dhaka Nagar Padak-2004 for health services, especially for its commendable role in the field of cancer treatment, says a press release.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, as chief guest, handed over the award to Kazi Rafiqul Alam, president of Dam, at a colourful function yesterday in the auditorium of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC).

Weather Today. Dry weather likely. UNB, Dhaka. Weather is likely to remain dry over the country in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.



Winners of the Dhaka Nagar Padak-2004 pose for photograph with the guests at the Dhaka City Corporation auditorium yesterday. Sitting from left are DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka and LGRD and Co-operatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan.

Workshop on skill development held in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Centre for Communication, Development and Policy Studies (CCDPS) in association with the British Council Dhaka yesterday organised a two-day workshop on skill development in Chittagong.

Obituary

Noted Agriculturist Prof Azad F M Sharfuddin of the Department of Horticulture at Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) passed away due to kidney disease at Dhaka Renaissance Clinic on December 20 at the age of 56, says a press release.