

## Both pasteurised, powdered milk below standard

Say CAB leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) has found 100 percent pasteurised milk and 86 percent powdered milk available in the markets are below the standard set by Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI).

The information on the standard of two types of milk was disseminated by the Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) at a discussion at its conference hall in the city yesterday.

The CAB said the information was available when the Institute of Food Science and Technology of BCSIR examined the specimens of milk powder of 15 brands and pasteurised milk of three brands which were collected from different city markets.

Presenting the testing report, CAB Treasurer Khalilur Rahman Sajal said the reasons for the below standard of this major share of the marketed milk of different brands are different ingredients of milk, including lactic acid, fat, protein and moisture, are either less or more than that set by BSTI.

Experts said the sale of this below-standard milk means cheating the consumers, as they do not get proper nutrition from the milk though they pay in full or even more to businessmen.

According to Bangladesh Specifications (BDS), the rate of lactic acid in powdered milk should not be more than 1 percent, but it was found more than that in powdered milk of 13 brands, while milk fat that should be at least 26 percent was found less than that in milk of six brands.

On the other hand, the rate of total milk solids that should be at least 96 percent was found less than that in 10 brands of milk, while the



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Khalilur Rahman Sajal speaks at a press conference at CAB conference hall at Segunbagicha in the city yesterday.

protein that should be at least 23 to 27 percent in milk was found less than that in milk of three brands.

Associate Professor Dr Hossain Uddin Shekhar of biochemistry and molecular biology department of Dhaka University (DU) said the children and elderly people, who mainly drink milk for nutrition, are ultimately deprived of it, as there are instances of less protein or fat in it.

"This surely affects their health," he added.

It is also possible that milk is sold even after the dates of expiry are over, he said, suggesting that the dates of production and expiry must be printed on the milk packets so that consumers can check them before buying.

DU Professor Dr SM Imamul Huq of soil, water and environment department said it is possible that fat is extracted while processing the

milk.

The citizens must challenge the shoppers when products appear to be doubtful, he noted.

Dr Huq said the BSTI has a great responsibility for monitoring the standards of product regularly, but it fails to play its role in this regard.

There are many milk companies, which are not even registered with BSTI, but are selling products in the market, said CAB Programme Officer Emdad Hossain Malek.

"BSTI should be strengthened to ensure that the products that we buy every day maintain its standard," said CAB President Borhan Ahmed.

CAB General Secretary Quazi Faruque was also present on the occasion.

## Jubok asked to return money to depositors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A forum of depositors has urged the government as well as Bangladesh Bank to take necessary steps to ensure that Jubok returns the money deposited by thousand of depositors for its project.

At a meeting of the forum, which was formed at a city hotel on January 20, the members criticised Jubok's violation of Bangladesh Bank's directives in returning money to the depositors.

Chaired by journalist Rehana Salam, the meeting was attended by Harunur Rashid, Ashrafuddin Ferdous, Mahub Hossain Chowdhury Liton, Fakhru Islam and Mohammad Sohag, said a press release.

## Injured Ctg journo dies in hospital

CU CORRESPONDENT

Bimalendu Barua, veteran journalist and chief sub-editor of The Daily Azadi, passed away at Apollo Hospitals in Dhaka at the age of 74.

He was injured in a road mishap on January 13 in Dhaka and admitted to the hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at around 1.20pm yesterday.

He left behind his wife, four daughters, a son and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

His funeral will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at his village home at Kador Khil under Boakhalhi upazila of the district.

He served at the Daily Azadi for over 35 years. He was also engaged with different socio-cultural organisations and a leading leader of Buddhist community in Bangladesh. He wrote 15 books on different aspects.

Leaders of Bangladesh Buddha Kristi Prachar Sangha, Chittagong Press Club and Chittagong Union of Journalists in separate statements expressed profound shock at his death and conveyed sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

## Mohammed Ali's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra



Earlier, he was ambassador of different countries, including the United States of America.

He was a close associate of late Hussain Shahid Suhrawardy and was minister for Health and Finance in Suhrawardy cabinet of undivided Bengal in 1946.

He was elected chairman of Bogra municipality in 1932 and chairman of Bogra District Board in 1938.

SM Imam Uddin



Today is the 8th death anniversary of freedom fighter SM Imam Uddin, says a press release.

On the occasion, qurankhwani, milad and doa mahfil will be held at his village home at Miaji Bari in Nayer Gaon in Motlab of Chandpur district after Asr prayers today.

## Training on resource mobilisation

Development of Biotechnology and Environmental Conservation Centre (DEBTEC) organised a two-day training programme on "Capacity Building for Resource Mobilisation of an Organisation" at its head office in the city yesterday, says a press release.

The objectives of the programme are how to raise the fund, development of human resource, and mobilise these resources for country's betterment.

Dr. Shoaib Ahmed, former advisor to the caretaker government attended the function as chief guest with Prof. M Masihuzzaman in the chair.

Junaib Kabir Chowdhury moderated the inaugural session while DEBTEC Executive Director Dr Ferdousi Begum gave address of welcome.

Government officers from different ministries, executives from NGOs and DEBTEC officials participated in the training.



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Chiefs of three services and director general of the Forces Intelligence call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at his office in the Armed Forces Division at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

## 3 killed in road crashes

STAR REPORT

At least three people were killed and 45 others injured in separate road accidents in Noakhali, Khagrachhari and Jhenidah yesterday.

UNB from Noakhali adds: A woman and her daughter were killed as a bus ran over them at Amin Bazar on Begumganj-Laxmipur road yesterday.

Sources said, Shamsunnahar, 45, and her daughter Sharmeen, 4, of Miapur area, were crushed under the wheels of a Dhaka-bound bus while they were crossing the road at about 1.30pm.

The bodies were sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. Police seized the bus.

Our correspondent from Khagrachhari reports: One person was killed and 15 others injured in a road accident at Matiranga in Khagrachhari hill district yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Mohammad Hasan from Belchhari village under Matiranga upazila, sources said.

The critically injured six are Ali, 33, Rahamt, 31, Babu, 21, Hasan, 12, Belal, 47, and Abul Mia, 33. All are from different villages of Matiranga upazila.

The other injured were released after first aid at Matiranga Upazila Health Complex, police sources said.

They said a Feni bound passenger bus from Taingdang fell into a roadside ditch at 9:30am at Matiranga upazila as it lost control killing one on the spot and injuring others.

Locals rescued the injured and sent them to Upazila Health Complex.

Our correspondent from Jhenidah adds: 30 people, six of them critically, were injured in a road accident on Jhenidah-Chuadanga road yesterday noon.

Passengers said a passenger bus from Harinakundo hit a Nosimon (human hauler) at Jhenidah bus stand and fell into a roadside ditch along with the human hauler.

The critically injured passengers are Bibek, 50, Aynal, 40, Lal Banu, 50, Amir, 26, Mahtab, 48, and Mitu.

## Seat plan for 'Ka' unit admission test of DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

Admission test for 'Ka' unit of the first year honours courses for the 2006-2007 sessions of Dhaka University (DU) under Science Faculty will be held on January 26 (Friday) from 10:00am to 11:45am.

The university authorities pasted seat plans of the admission test at Science Faculty office.

The seat plans according to roll number are as follows: Roll number 60001 to 60324 at Bio-Chemistry and Molecular Biology Department, 60325 to 60559 at Soil, Water and Environment Department, 60560 to 60860 at Botany Department, 60861 to 60950 at Chemistry Department (Curzon Hall area), 60951 to 61152 at Applied Chemistry and Chemical Technology Department, 61153 to 61547 at Physics Department (Curzon Hall area), 61548 to 61738 at Applied Physics and Electronics, 61739 to 62047 at Curzon Hall Auditorium (ground floor), 62048 to 62166 at Curzon Hall Auditorium (1st floor), 62167 to 62284 at Curzon Hall Auditorium (2nd floor), 62285 to 62565 at Biology Department, 62566 to 62688 at Fisheries Department, 62689 to 62739 at Genetic Engineering and Bio-technology Department, 62740 to 62997 at Geology Department, 62998 to 63256 at Pharmacy Department, 63257 to 63419 at Chemistry Department (Mokarram Building), 63420 to 63526 at Physics Department (Mokarram Building), 63527 to 63730 at Computer Science and Engineering Department, 63731 to 63932 at Micro Biology Department, 63933 to 64296 at DU Science Library, 64297 to 64475 Statistical Research and Education Institution, 64476 to 64548 at Information Technology Institution, 64549 to 64813 at Law Department, 64814 to 65126 at Geography and Environment Department, 65127 to 65641 at Mathematics Department, 65642 to 65962 at Statistics Department, 65963 to 66169 at Nutrition and Food Science Institution, 66170 to 66328 at Institute of Fine Art, 66329 to 66920 at Institute of Business Administration (IBA), 66921 to 67496 at DU Central Library, 67497 to 67801 at Modern Language Institute, 67802 to 68142 at Arts Building (ground floor), 68143 to 68814 at Arts Building (1st floor), 68815 to 69214 at Arts Building (2nd floor), 69215 to 69996 at Arts Building (3rd floor), 69997 to 70151 at Arts Building (4th floor), 70152 to 70461 at Arts Building 4th floor (East, Exam Hall 1, 2), 70462 to 70918 at Arts Building 4th floor (West, Exam Hall

3,4,5), 70919 to 71643 at Arts Building Lecture Theatre, 71644 to 72198 at Business Studies Building (4th floor exam hall), 72199 to 72896 at Business Studies Building (3rd floor), 72897 to 73604 at Business Studies Building (1st floor), 73605 to 73760 at Business Studies Building Library (2nd floor), 73761 to 73965 at Business Studies MBA Building (1st floor), 73966 to 74175 at Business Studies MBA Building (2nd floor), 74176 to 74381 at Business Studies MBA Building (3rd floor), 74382 to 75053 at Institute of Education and Research (IER), 75054 to 75528 at Nilkhet High School, 75529 to 76222 at University Laboratory School, 76223 to 77246 at Udayan High School (Fuller Road), 77247 to 78305 at Engineering University School, 78306 to 78735 at Social Welfare and Research Institute, 78736 to 80374 at Home Economics College (Azampur), 80275 to 81518 at Azampur Girls School and College (Azampur), 81519 to 82171 at Agrani School and College (Azampur), 82172 to 83513 at Sheikh Borhanuddin College (62 Nazimuddin Road) and 83514 to 85999 at Ideal College (65, Central Road, Dhanmondi).

The detailed seat plan will be pasted in front of the Arts Building and at all centres on the exam day and will be available at the website of the university at [www.univdhaka.edu/kaunit](http://www.univdhaka.edu/kaunit) or [kaunit.univdhaka.edu](http://kaunit.univdhaka.edu).

## DU ADMISSION TEST Applications of 1524 students cancelled

DU CORRESPONDENT

Applications of 1524 students for admission test under 'Gha' unit of Dhaka University (DU) for the sessions 2006-2007 have been cancelled, says a DU press release.

The applications have been cancelled for lack of required GPA and required marks in Bangla and English, it added.

Candidates holding cancelled role numbers will not be able to participate in the admission test scheduled to be held at 10:00am on February 9.

To know the cancelled role numbers, concerned have been directed to see notice board at Social Sciences Faculty or visit university website at [www.univdhaka.edu](http://www.univdhaka.edu).

## President lauds present role of Armed Forces

UNB, Dhaka

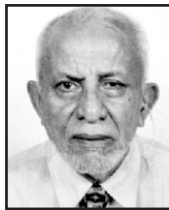
President Iajuddin Ahmed attended his office in the Armed Forces Division at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday as part of his "routine work".

Chiefs of three services and Director General of the Forces Intelligence called on President during his office time, an ISPR release said.

Principal Staff Officer of the Armed Forces Division Major General Md Jahangir Alam Chowdhury welcomed the President, also the commander-in-chief.

"The President appreciated the present role of the members of the Armed Forces," the release said.

## Obituary



Alhaj Syed Golam Quadir, a retired civil servant, passed away on Friday at the age of 84, says a press release.

He left behind his two sons and two daughters.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at his son's residence at House # 46, Road # 1, Sector # 9 at Uttara in the city after Asr prayers today.

Alhaj Alauddin Sheikh

Alhaj Alauddin Sheikh, a social worker and businessman, passed away due to old age ailment at CMU hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 71, says a press release.

He left behind his mother, wife, four sons and one daughter to mourn his death.

He was laid to rest at Alipur graveyard after namaz-e-janaza on Faridpur High School premises.

His qulqhwani will be held at his residence after Asr prayers on Thursday.

Rizia Khatun

Rizia Khatun, mother of FEMA Secretary General Muhammad Abdul Matin, passed away due to old-age complications at her residence in Panchagarh yesterday, says a press release.

She left behind her four sons and two daughters.

### COP MURDER

## One of arrestees confesses to crime

COURT CORRESPONDENT

One of the arrestees in connection with the murder of Sub-Inspector Mizanur Rahman, yesterday confessed to a magistrate that he along with eight others killed the victim for snatching his pistol, mobile phone set, cash money and valuables.

Metropolitan Magistrate Nani Gopal Biswas recorded statement of Mohsin Siddiqui alias Roni, 21, of Ramdevpur in Tangail district and sent the accused to the Dhaka Central Jail.

Mizan, 37, was stabbed to death on his way to home from Gulshan Police Station at about 8:00pm on December 19 last year.

In his confessional statement, Roni, a first year honours student of Political Science of Government Bangla College of Mirpur, told the magistrate that they have a group of nine members led by Kamrul Islam. Others are Awlad, Jakir, Tuku, Ainal, Babu, Rafiq and Hiron whose main task is to mug in Gulshan, Ramna and Telgaon areas.

On the day of incident, their team leader Kamrul called them to gather at Wonderland Check-Post in Gulshan and planned to make an operation at the area. Following Kamrul's direction, Tuku took Mizan to Wonderland by an auto-rickshaw. Later, Roni, Awlad and Jakir joined them.

Jakir pressed Mizan's throat, Awlad hits his eyes with a pen and Roni pressed hands that led Mizan death on the spot. Later, they took away Mizan's pistol, mobile phone set and Tk 4,200 in cash and dumped the body in a nearby place.

After completion of the operation, Roni took the pistol and Tk 200 but he was arrested from his Pallabi residence on January 10.

Police also recovered victim's mobile phone set, wrist-watch and pistol from Roni's possession.

## Husband kills wife in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A husband allegedly killed his wife in the city yesterday.

The dead was identified as Marufa Begum, 23, wife of Mohammad Hanif of Kushumbagh Juraain Commissioner Road at Shyampur.

Police said Hanif, an expatriate, killed his wife with a sharp weapon in front of their five-year-old daughter at around 5:30am.

Asia Begum, mother of the victim, said Hanif, who returned home from Saudi Arabia two months back, sent her outside to a nearby shop purposely before carrying out the attack.

Locals however claimed that Marufa was having an extra-marital affairs which might be the cause of the murder.

The body was sent to Sir Salimullah Medical College and Hospital for autopsy.

A murder case was filed in this connection.

### RAJSHAHI OLD GOVT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

## One doctor for 23,750 students

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Medical Centre of Rajshahi Old Government University College has itself become sick for want of doctors, staffs and allocation of medicine.

Over 23,750 students of the college depend on only one doctor of the medical centre for health care facilities.

The activity of the tin-shed medical centre has been running in a deplorable condition and during the past three months sick students are getting no medicine from the centre except some prescriptions, college sources said.

After massive student movement, the college authorities set up a medical centre in a tin-shed room on the college campus in 1998. But over the eight years, the facilities of the medical centre have not been improved yet.

Talking to the reporters, Monwar Hossain, the only doctor of the medical centre, also admitted the manifold limitations of the medical centre and demanded that medicare facilities should be improved here.

In particular, female doctors and staffs are badly needed as many female students come here for treatment with various complicated diseases, he added.

Saomitra Majumder, a student of the college, said presently the medical centre of the hundred years old college has been providing medicare facilities for only general diseases like cold, cough, fever and diarrhoea.

Students alleged that the centre provides medicine in the first two

weeks of the month while in rest of the days students receive only prescription.

Around 200 sick students usually visit the medical centre a day, according to the sources.

They demanded separate doctors for male and female students and recruitment of more doctors, nurses and staffs.

Professor Mahbubur Rahman, a member of medical centre executive body, said, we purchase medicines of around Tk 15,000 and 20,000 for the students but we need more.

## Concern over sending children to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) in a statement yesterday expressed concern over the media reports that over 2006 children, including some innocent children, were sent to jail custody from police custody during the last one-year period.

In a statement, Mahila Parishad President Hena Das and General Secretary Ayesha Khanom said when children with criminal records are found, the concerned police should send them to the Juvenile Development Centre, not to jail custody.

If these children were kept with the adult criminals, their tendency to criminal activities may increase, they observed.

Mahila Parishad also demanded that innocent children should be sent to the Social Welfare Organisation.



## No change in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

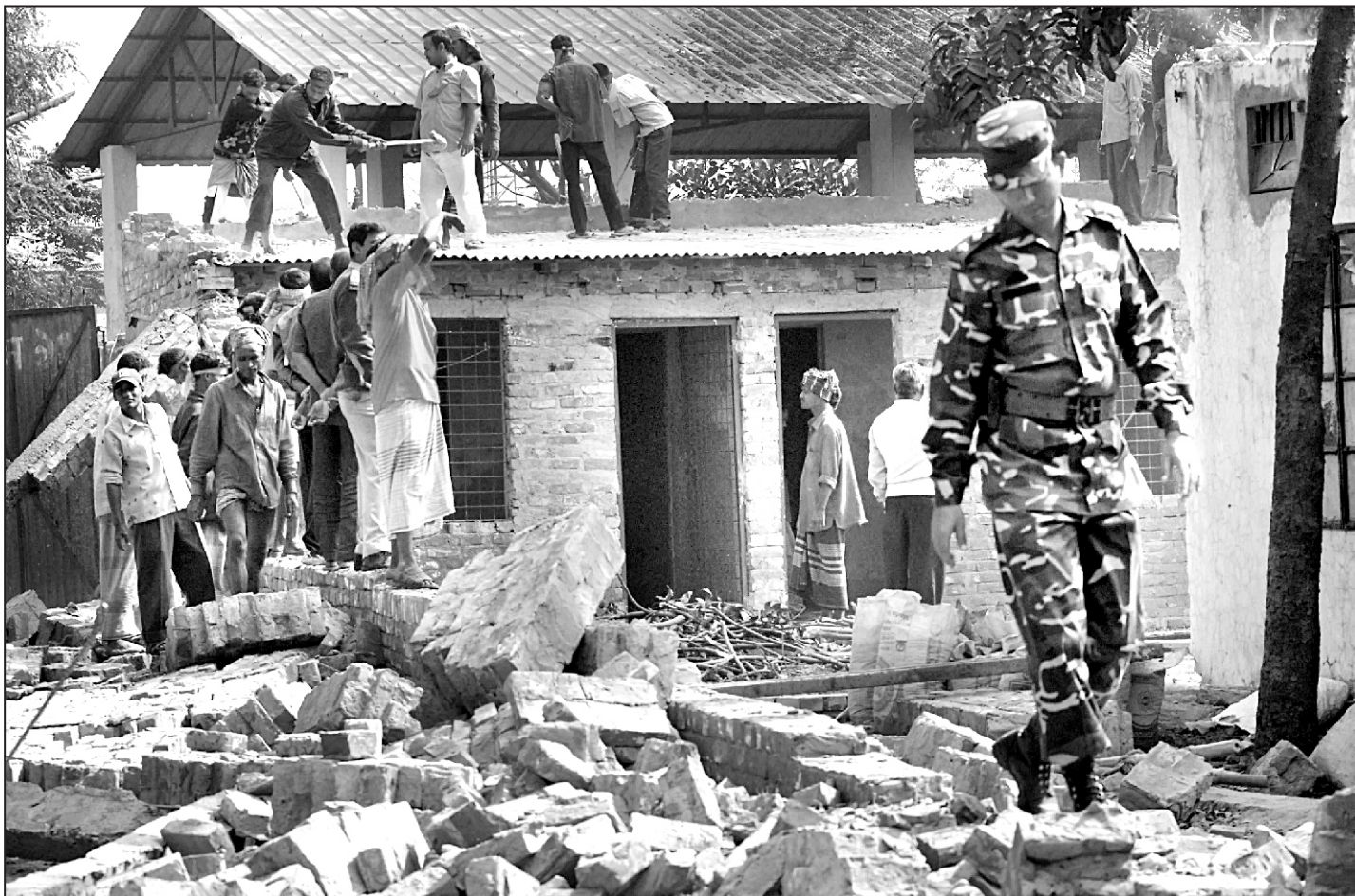
Light to moderate fog may also occur over the river basins of the country during late night until early morning, Met Office said predicting nearly unchanged night temperature over the country.

Highest temperature 28.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and lowest 8.2 degrees at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:38pm today and rises at 6:42am yesterday.

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

| City/Town   | Temperature |      | Humidity in percentage |         |
|-------------|-------------|------|------------------------|---------|
|             | Max         | Min  | Morning                | Evening |
| Dhaka       | 26.6        | 12.3 | 68                     | 43      |
| Chittagong  | 28.8        | 12.8 | 69                     | 67      |
| Rajshahi    | 24.7        | 10.4 | 76                     | 59      |
| Khulna      | 26.6        | 13.5 | 87                     | 53      |
| Barisal     | 26.6        | 11.0 | 83                     | 71      |
| Sylhet      | 26.0        | 12.2 | 76                     | 59      |
| Cox's Bazar | 27.6        | 13.8 | 72                     | 62      |



Bangladesh Railway demolishes illegal structures at its land at Shahjahanpur in the city yesterday.

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