

ORBIS celebrates 25th anniversary today

ORBIS International, a non-profit humanitarian developmental organisation striving to eliminate avoidable blindness, will celebrate its 25th anniversary today, says a press release.

On the occasion, various programmes will be held in the ORBIS headquarters in New York City.

NY City Mayor Michael R Bloomberg has proclaimed the day as 'ORBIS Day'.

Throughout this month, ORBIS hopes to make more people aware that 75 percent of 37 million blind people can be cured.

As part of the celebrations, ORBIS will host a reception for government and business leaders. The world-famous tower lights of the Empire State Building will be turned off for 28 minutes today to remember the 28 million people around the world who are suffering from avoidable blindness.

ORBIS's blindness prevention activities in Bangladesh started in 1985 when the ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital first visited Dhaka. Since then, Flying Eye Hospital has visited Bangladesh eight times to conduct sight-saving operations and share modern eye care techniques with local doctors and other eye care professionals.



ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital.

New timetable of Liberation War Museum

The Liberation War Museum will now remain open from 10:00am to 6:00pm daily for the visitors as per its summer schedule effective from today, says a press release.

As usual the museum will remain closed on Sundays, the weekly holiday.

Bullet-hit Ctg trader dies at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A businessman who was shot and wounded at a residential hotel in the city on Tuesday died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday morning.

The victim was identified as Kanchan Sen, 45, a real estate businessman of Agrabad in Chittagong. He checked in at Green

Tower Residential Hotel at Maghbazar in Dhaka on Monday.

Sources said Kanchan was reading a newspaper at the reception counter of the hotel at around 4:00pm on Tuesday when two unidentified youths fired on him.

Bullet-hit Kanchan was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he died at around 10:30am yesterday.

On Tuesday night, lying on the hospital bed, Kanchan told reporters that his rivals who had a feud with him over a land dispute might have been behind the armed attack.

Road crash kills 1

UNB, Moulvibazar

A man was killed and four others were injured in a road accident at Berarpar on Moulvibazar-Srimangal road yesterday.

Witnesses said a coaster hit a rickshaw from behind, leaving Suruj Miah, 40, dead on the spot.

Dismissal of 34 RDA employees stayed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A court yesterday stayed the dismissal order of 34 employees of Rajshahi Development Authority (RDA).

A senior assistant judge's court issued the order for an interim period following a petition by the dismissed employees.

The court earlier issued a show cause notice and asked RDA Chairman Tapan Chandra Majumder and Chief Executive Officer Akhtaruzzaman to reply within five days as to why the dismissal order will not be declared illegal.

Muhammad Yahia, lawyer of the employees, said the RDA authorities dismissed the 34 employees on February 20 violating rules.

One of the plaintiffs, work assistant Majibar Rahman, said RDA recruited 13 employees in violation of a court order and on political consideration in January.

"Appointment of fresh employees is illegal before confirming jobs of the 34 who have been working for, on an average, 12 years on master roll as per rules", he said.

Ctg-Barisal Coastal Service of BIWTC resumes after 7 yrs

The Chittagong-Barisal Coastal Service of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BITWC) resumed its operation again after being suspended for seven years, says a BIWTC press release.

The ship will start from Chittagong Sadar Ghat every Monday at 9:00am and will arrive at Barisal at 5:00am on Tuesday via Sandip and Hatia. It will again sail from Barisal at 8:00pm the same day and will arrive at Chittagong BIWTC ship ghat on Wednesday at 5:00pm for the greater interest of the people of the southern region.

The service was disrupted following an accident of MV Alauddin Ahmed ship on December 19, 2005 as well as shortage of ships, the press release added.



Shykh Seraj along with Reuters reporter Jenifer Marostica during the shooting of a video documentary in Mymensingh yesterday.

Reuters makes video documentary on works of Shykh Seraj

Reuters has made a video documentary on the works of development activist and media personality Shykh Seraj, says a press release.

To watch his reporting technique, a two-member team of Reuters accompanied Shykh Seraj when he went to Mymensingh yesterday to shoot his regular agro-based TV programme titled 'Ridoy-e Mati o Manush'.

Reuters reporter Jenifer Marostica and cameraman Vorasiv Satien Lark followed Shykh Seraj and his team when he started the journey from Dhaka at 6:00am in the morning. As a case study, they selected Nurul Huq, a successful fish cultivator of Mymensingh and also the owner of Brahamaputra Fish seed complex.

Reuters reporter & producer has mentioned in her report that Shykh's TV programme greatly contributed in changing the fate of 100 million people of Bangladesh and he has already become a household name.

The video documentary will be telecast on TV channels worldwide today.