



Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Salehuddin Ahmed inaugurated the two-day long 11th Annual District Convention of Lions Clubs International, District 315 B3 by launching a souvenir as the chief guest at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre recently. International Director Lion Sheikh Kabir Hossain MJF and Multiple Council Chairperson Lion Md Anwar Showkat Afser MJF were present as special guest and guest of honour. IPDG Lion K M Akhtaruzzaman MJF and Vice-District Governor Lion Md Nazrul Islam were also present at the ceremony. District Governor Lion MA Matin presided over the inaugural function.

## CG firm to implement reform agenda for credible polls : CA

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday said his government is committed to implementing its reform agenda to hold a free, fair and credible election.

"People are with us," the CA told the Iranian Ambassador in Dhaka Hassan Farazandeh when he paid a courtesy call on him at the CA's office in the afternoon.

The Iranian envoy appreciated the chief adviser's address to the nation saying that his speech has reflected the people's aspirations and offered all sorts of cooperation in holding the elections.

Mentioning the Iran President's interest about Bangladesh, the Iranian ambassador said Iran wants to extend full cooperation to Bangladesh in every aspect, particularly in the field of technology, engineering and energy.

He said discussion is on in Iran to provide ODA (official development

assistance) for Bangladesh to set up small hospitals, pharmaceuticals and technical schools.

Both the chief adviser and the ambassador emphasised the need for finding out ways to increase the trade volume between the two countries, which is still negligible.

The chief adviser thanked Iran for its ODA and welcomed its invest-

ment in Bangladesh, and said both the countries are tied with a common faith, history and heritage.

Fakhruddin told the ambassador that Bangladesh supports inclusion of Iran into Saarc as an observer and hoped that Iran would join its next summit in Male in 2008.

The ambassador invited the chief adviser to visit Iran.

## One killed in B'baria road accident

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One person was killed and five others were injured in a road accident on Nabinagar-Companyganj road at Shuhata village under Nabinagar upazila of the district yesterday.

The dead was identified as Md Hanif, a first class contractor of Nabinagar Uttarpara village.

The accident occurred when a Nabinagar-bound tempo with six from Bhangura village turned upside down and fell into a roadside ditch at Shuhata village, leaving Hanif dead on the spot and five others injured, police and witnesses said.

Of the injured, three were identified as Al Amin, 24, Alyea, 52, and Sagar, 18.

## Antique statue worth Tk 30cr recovered

UNB, Shariatpur

Police recovered an antique statue of lord Krishna worth about Tk 30 crore from a pond at Satpar village in Naria upazila Tuesday evening.

Day-labourers found the 40-kg statue, which was made of blackstone, while digging a pond of Abu Bakar Khan of the village, sources in police said.

On information, they went to the spot and recovered the statue. Assistant Police Super Enayet Hossain Manna told local newsmen that the statue might be 200-300 years' old.