

# Dhaka attaches great importance to bilateral ties with neighbours

## President tells Indian NDC team

UNB, Dhaka

A delegation of the National Defence College (NDC) of India, led by Air Vice Marshal Shanker Mani, called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday.

The delegation members apprised the president of their activities and objectives of the visit.

Welcoming the 16-member delegation, the president exchanged pleasantries with them and expressed satisfaction at their visit to Bangladesh.

He told the delegation that as a friendly country, "Bangladesh

attaches great importance to its bilateral relations with other neighboring countries".

He said the existing bilateral relations between Bangladesh and other friendly countries, including Saarc members, "are excellent and it would be further strengthened and deepened in the days to come".

He stressed the need for enhancing such type of visit programme to the mutual benefit of the participating countries.

Iajuddin hoped that it would help increase professional skill of the participants and the bonds of friendship tighten among the participating

countries.

The delegation explained the activities of the National Defence College, India.

The delegation, at the rank of Colonel to Major General, comprises the members of Indian Army, Navy and Air Force, Sri Lankan Army, Ugandan Defence Force, Nigerian Army and three other senior civil officials of India.

Military Secretary to the President Major General M Aminul Karim, Secretary to the President's Office M Sirajul Islam and press secretary to the President Abdul Awal Howlader and officials concerned were present.



Indian National Defence College (NDC) team led by Air Vice Marshal Shanker Mani paid a courtesy call on Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed at the Army Headquarters in the city yesterday.

## Indian NDC team meets 3 services' chiefs

The visiting Indian National Defence College (NDC) team called on three services chiefs at their respective offices yesterday, says an ISPR press release.

The team led by Air Vice Marshal Shanker Mani paid a courtesy call on Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed at Army Headquarters.

The delegation remained with the army chief for some time and discussed on matters of professional interest. The Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty was present on the occasion.

The Indian NDC team also called on Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam and Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman at Naval and Air Headquarters respectively.

Earlier, the visiting team also called on Principal Staff Officer (PSO) of Armed Forces Division Lieutenant General Masud Uddin Chowdhury at AFD.

## Verdict of tax evasion case against Shamim Osman Sept 12

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Verdict of the tax evasion case against former Awami League lawmaker Shamim Osman would be delivered on September 12.

Narayanganj Special Judge Abdul Kuddus Mia would deliver the verdict.

Shamim Osman has been sentenced to three years' jail for his non-submission of wealth statement within time.

# Jubo League leader stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A Jubo League leader was stabbed to death at Krishnapur at Dhubaura in the district on Sunday night.

The victim was identified as Motiur Rahman Moti, 29, son of Chan Miah of village Krishnapur.

Police said Nazmul and Hashem, two of Moti's friends, called him out of his residence that night.

He was stabbed to death that

night and his body was found at the residence of Nazmul.

On information, Dhubaura Police recovered the body.

Police suspect that Moti might have been killed following an altercation with the miscreants at a cocktail party.

The body was sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) morgue for autopsy.

# Road accidents kill 3

STAR REPORT

At least three people were killed in separate road accidents in Comilla and Barisal yesterday.

A CORRESPONDENT from Comilla adds: At least two people were killed and three others injured in a road accident on Megna-Gomti bridge on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Daudkandi upazila on Sunday.

The dead were identified as microbus driver Shawkat, 30, of Shaidnagar village in Daudkandi upazila and Babu, 27, of Shasital village in Burichang upazila.

Police said the accident occurred at about 2.30pm when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus collided head-on with a Chittagong-bound microbus, leaving Shawkat and Babu dead on the spot and three others injured.

The critically injured were sent to Daudkandi Health Complex.

Our correspondent from Barisal reports: A minor girl was crushed under the wheels of coach on

Barisal-Dhaka highway in Natunhut area under Babuganj upazila at about 10:00am yesterday.

Witnesses said the accident occurred while Ria Moni, 11, was crossing the road on the way to her maternal grand mother's house, leaving her dead on the spot.

## Aly Zaker's photo exhibition time extended

The time of Aly Zaker's first solo photography exhibition entitled 'Baika' has now been extended up to September 6, says a press release.

The exhibition that began on August 28 at the Art Club Gallery in Gulshan (Suite # 3B, House # 4, Road # 104, Gulshan # 2) was scheduled to continue up to September 3.

The exhibition will remain open from 11:00am to 8:00pm daily.

## Warid, Dhabi Group, Bank Al-Falah donate Tk 10 cr for flood victims

Warid Telecom International, Abu Dhabi Group and Bank Al-Falah donated Tk 10 crore to the Chief Adviser's Relief and Welfare Fund for the flood victims yesterday.

A four-member-delegation of Abu Dhabi Group and its corporate bodies led by Marwan Suleiman Zawaydeh, adviser to the Board and Group Chief Technical Officer, Warid Telecom, handed over the cheques to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed at the latter's office, says a press release.

Muneer Farooqui, chief executive officer, and Ashraf H Chowdhury, general manager (Government and Operators Relations) of Warid Telecom and Majedur Rahman, country head of Bank Al-Falah, were present on behalf of their organisations.

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## \$5 lakh South Korean help for voter list project

To assist Bangladesh's effort to hold a credible election, the Government of the Republic of Korea has donated \$5 lakh for 'Preparation of Electoral Roll with Photographs (PERP)' project, says a press release.

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Park Suk Bum said "We sincerely hope that Korea's contribution to the efforts of the Bangladeshi Government for credible, safe and fair election would lead to achieve good governance and national development. Korean people are pleased to participate in the international effort in helping Bangladesh overcome difficulties and make progress for the future."

He signed a Cost Sharing Agreement with Renata Dessallien, resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme, for Korea's contribution to the UNDP pool fund to finance the PERP project.

PERP project is jointly funded by the government of Bangladesh and other major development partners—UNDP, UK, the EC, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark and the Republic of Korea.

Earlier, UNDP signed an agreement with the Economic Relations Division (ERD) and the Bangladesh Election Commission (BEC) for initiating the PERP project.



Marwan Suleiman Zawaydeh, adviser to the Board and Group Chief Technical Officer of Warid Telecom, center, and Muneer Farooqui, chief executive officer, hand over cheques for Tk 10 crore to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed for the flood victims at the latter's office in the city yesterday.



Bracnet Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Rolf Blomberg hands over a cheque for Tk 1.40 lakh to Brac Chairman Fazle Hasan Abed for post flood rehabilitation work recently. Bracnet Chairman Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury and Board Member Stan Sakai were present on the occasion.



Farzana Naim, director, governance, Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), receives a cheque for Tk 5.50 lakh for rehabilitation of flood-affected handloom weavers from Saiful Islam, president of Leather Goods and Foot Wear Manufacturers and Exporters Association of Bangladesh. Dr Taskina Ali, vice-president of Association for Mymensingha Ex-Cadets (AMEC), and AMEC member Farzana Taimus Anam also donated Tk 65,000 to MJF for the same purpose.

## Voter ID Card Army chief receives computers from cellphone cos

UNB, Dhaka

Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed received computers (laptops) from different mobile phone companies and a bank as technical assistance in preparing voter ID cards at Banquet Hall of Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

Warid Telecom, Grameenphone, Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd, Banglalink, CityCell and Aktel companies handed over 500, 200, 100, 50, 50 and 50 pieces of computer respectively and all other necessary equipment to the Army Chief, said an ISPR release.

Senior army officers, officers, engaged in preparing voter list and National ID Card project, and high officials of the companies concerned were present on the occasion.

# 4 among 3 of a family killed as train rams autorickshaw

A CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Four people were killed and 2 others injured, one of them critically, when a passenger train rammed a autorickshaw at Dogoria railway crossing under Nangolkot upazila of the district yesterday.

Police said they could identify three of the dead as Abdul Kadir, 60, his wife Amirunnessa, 45, and son Md Ibrahim, 9, of Narayanpur village under Monohorgang upazila.

The identity of the fourth passenger, who died on the spot, could not be known even late in the evening.

Critically injured were rushed to Comilla Medical College and Hospital.

The accident took place at



Alhaj Anwar Hossain, chairman of Anwar Group of Industries, hands over a donation cheque to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed for flood-affected people at the latter's office recently.



Dr Ahmad Mohamed Ali, president of Islamic Development Bank (IDB), distributes relief materials among flood-affected people in Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra (DND) embankment area recently. The IDB in cooperation with Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited organised the relief distribution programme.



Staffs of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd distributed relief materials worth Tk 10 lakh among flood-affected people in Tangail and Chandpur. The relief materials included rice, pulse, edible oil, salt, saree and lungi.

## Professional dev programme ends

A five-week-long professional development training programme on 'Effective business correspondence in English', organised by the Professional Development Programme Unit of Moazzam Hossain School of Business at Presidency University (PU), has just concluded.

It was designed for business executives, entrepreneurs, professionals and students who need to write professional and commercial correspondence in English effectively at work, says a press release.

It was conducted by Firoz Al Mamun and Kazi Ashrafur Islam, faculty members of the MH School of Business.

Twenty mid-level and senior executives from different organisations including Bangladesh Express Co Ltd (FedEx), Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd, Mirpur Ceramic Works Ltd, Group 4 Securitas Ltd participated in the training programme designed to improve and strengthen English communication skills of the participants.