

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 neighbouring 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.

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 Ashraful 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.

Of the donated amount, Abu Dhabi Group contributes Tk 7 crore, Warid Telecom Tk 2 crore and Bank Al-Falah Tk 1 crore.

Conveying the deepest sympathy in a personal letter to the chief adviser, Chairman of Abu Dhabi Group Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan stated, "As part of our corporate social responsibility, the donation is to participate with you in the combined efforts and initiative to help and support the people of Bangladesh."

"The caretaker government under your dynamic leadership is constantly working towards recovering from this disaster," Sheikh Nahayan added.

In this respect Sheikh Nahayan reiterated his commitment of extending all possible support and cooperation to the government and sincerely wishes continued success and progress to the government and people of Bangladesh.

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed thanked Warid Telecom International, Abu Dhabi Group and Bank Al-Falah for their support.

Kazi M Aminul Islam, secretary-in-charge to the chief adviser and Syed Fahim Munain, press secretary to the chief adviser, were also present.



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.



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.



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 Muyeed Chowdhury and Board Member Stan Sakai were present on the occasion.



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.



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.



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.

Jubo League leader stabbed to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

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.

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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 Shaidagar village in Daudkandi upazila and Babu, 27, of Shasital village in Burihong 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

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.

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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 Dossalilien, 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.

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

Police said they could identify three of the dead as Abdul Kadir, 60, his wife Amrinuressa, 45, and son Md Ibrahim, 9, of Narayanganj 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

VOTER ID CARD Army chief receives computers from cellphone cos

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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 Airtel 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

about 10:30am when the Dhaka-bound Samat passenger train hit a Laksam-bound autorickshaw at Dogoria railway crossing under Nangolok upazila of the district yesterday.

An eyewitness said ignoring the warning of the passengers, the driver drove the autorickshaw fast through the rail crossing when the train was only 10 yards away.

Railway sources said there was no pointsman at Dogoria railway crossing at the time of the accident.

Communication from Noakhali to other parts of the country remained suspended for about one and a half hours.

High officials of the railway, police and district administration visited the spot.

PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

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 Ashraful 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 Securities Ltd participated in the training programme designed to improve and strengthen English communication skills of the participants.