



Prof Muzaffer Ahmad speaks at a discussion on the biodiversity of St Martin's island at WVA auditorium in the city yesterday. Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon organised the discussion.

Call to promote tolerance for sustainable peace

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a symposium yesterday said future wars or clashes among the people or the nations will take place over water and energy as lifestyle of people and development of the nation will depend on these two natural resources.

They urged the caretaker government to formulate proper water and energy policy considering the national interest in future.

The symposium was organised

by the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) at the Cirdap auditorium in the capital to mark the International Day of Peace.

"The demand for fresh water and energy is increasing day by day. I think water and energy will be the main issue behind any war or clash in future," said renowned economist Prof Muzaffer Ahmad at the symposium.

"International Day of Peace is an occasion to take stock of our efforts

to promote peace and well-being of people everywhere," he added.

"In order to move forward and achieve peace, we cannot look back at the crimes committed in the past, rather we must work for peace cohesively," said Prof Muzaffer who is also vice-president of UNAB.

Foreign Secretary Touhid Hossain emphasised the importance of love, patience and tolerance in building sustainable peace. "To achieve peace and har-

mony, we must seek reconciliation, defend religious freedom, underline the role of education and leave no room for sectarianism," he said while speaking as chief guest.

Prof Abul Quasem Fazlul Huq, chairman of Bangla department of Dhaka University, read out the keynote paper at the symposium where UNAB Secretary General Syed Mohammad Shahed also spoke.

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4 muggers held in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested four muggers in the city on Thursday night.

They were identified as Faruk, 19, Abdur Razzak, 18, Sajjad, 20, and Mithun, 22.

Mohammadpur police said their patrol team challenged the four muggers while they were snatching from a pedestrian at Kazi Nazrul Islam Road at around 11:30pm.

As the criminals tried to flee the scene, police fired on them. Faruk received bullet in his right leg.

Police also caught three other muggers and recovered a toy pistol and three knives from their possessions. Faruk was rushed to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital.

Assistant Sub-inspector Hirok Kumar filed a case with Mohammadpur Police Station in this connection.



A girl displays her hand decorated with henna at a Mehedi contest organised by Dhakabashi at Hajaribagh Park in the city yesterday.

World Car Free Day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is World Car Free Day. The day will be observed with a call to make cities free from noise, stress and pollution of cars.

Different environmentalist organisations have drawn up several programmes to mark the day.

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2 youths found dead

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Police recovered the bodies of two youths from Hazaribagh and Keraniganj in Dhaka yesterday.

Hazaribagh police found the slaughtered body of an unidentified youth aged around 25 from an abandoned water tank inside a tannery at Monishwar Road at around 3:30pm.

The victim was clad in black pant and green T-shirt.

Being informed by local children who smelt a bad smell while playing near the tannery at around 2:30pm, police rushed to the spot and found the body.

Police suspected that some unidentified criminals hid the body after

slaughtering.

Meanwhile, Keraniganj police recovered the body of Jahangir Alam, a small trader aged about 25, from Nekrobagh graveyard.

Asinurnessa, wife of the deceased, said Jahangir went missing after a local named Wasim called him out of their house on September 16.

She filed a case with Keraniganj Police Station on Thursday night naming Wasim as an accused.

Police arrested Wasim yesterday and recovered the body following his statement.

Police said the victims' hands and legs were strongly tied with rope and he was strangled to death.

Accomplice of Pichchi Hannan arrested

UNB, Chandpur

Police arrested a close associate of top terrorist 'Pichchi' Hannan, who was killed in the capital in 2005, from a shop at Char Dukhia union in Faridganj upazila yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided a shop at Pirojpur bazar in the afternoon and nabbed Masud Alam Bhuiyan, 30, who hails from East Larua village in Faridganj.

Police said Masud was wanted in a number of cases, including kidnapping and arms cases.



Winners of a drawing competition organised by Mutual Trust Bank pose with the guests at the prize giving ceremony at Fine Art College in Chittagong yesterday.

BBC Bangladesh Sanglap today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ninth edition of BBC Bangladesh Sanglap will be held at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city at 1:45pm today.

Former law minister and Awami League leader Abdul Matin Khasru, Assistant Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami Barrister Abdur Razzak, former director general of Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) Maj Gen (retd) Ghulam Quader and Editor of the daily Shamokal Abed Khan will feature in today's Sanglap.

Kamal Ahmed of BBC Bangla Service will moderate the programme.

The programme will be aired on BBC Bangla Radio at 8:00pm on Sunday and on Channel i at 8:00pm on Monday.



Presidium members of Awami League held a meeting at the residence of the party's Acting President Zillur Rahman in the city yesterday. (Story on page 1).