

PHOTO: PID

British Foreign Office Asia Director John Dennis calls on Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed at the latter's office in the city yesterday.

## US pledges \$173m for health plan

UNB, Dhaka

The United States will provide \$173 million or Tk 1,373 crore for funding health, economic growth and environmental programmes in Bangladesh.

To this effect, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and Bangladesh government have already signed formal agreements, said an announcement yesterday.

The USAID will provide the funds over five years for programmes supporting maternal and child health, family planning, tuberculosis eradication and HIV/AIDS mitigation under the health and population agreement.

It will also give \$19 million or around Tk 131 crore over nine years to support programmes that strengthen private-sector productivity and overall business-enabling environment.

An additional funding of around \$7 million or Tk 48 crore over five years in the environment sector will support natural resource conservation and bio-diversity preservation programmes.

In 2007, USAID provided US\$78 million in development assistance to Bangladesh.

From 1971 to 2006, USAID provided over \$5 billion to Bangladesh in development assistance, with over half of that amount in food aid.



PHOTO: ISPR

Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed receives cheques and relief goods for flood-affected people from different associations at the Banquet Hall in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

## Eminent citizens demand release of Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-seven eminent citizens in a statement yesterday demanded release of former prime minister and Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina before Eid-ul-Fitr.

They said Hasina, eldest daughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, played a vital role in establishing democracy, rule of law and people's democratic rights in the country.

They said Hasina as a prime minister steered the country on the tracks of development and progress through signing CHT peace agreement and Ganges water sharing treaty, realising February 21 as the International Mother Language Day, introducing allowances for the widows and the elderly people and establishing rehabilitation centre and employment banks.

They said Hasina has been arrested in a so-called 'extortion' case filed by the present caretaker government when her husband Dr Wajed Miah, a renowned nuclear scientist, is seriously sick.

They said considering all these, Hasina should be freed before Eid.

The signatories on the statement are Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Justice KM Sobhan, Prof Shamsul Huda Harun,

Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Kalim Sharaif, artists Quayyum Chowdhury and Emdad Hossain, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Dr Ruhul Haque, Syed Shamsul Haque, Dr Atiur Rahman, Dr Abul Barakat, Advocate Mahbube Alam, Advocate Enaetur Rahman, Prof Saidul Haque Chowdhury, Prof Mohammad Akhtuzzaman, Prof Sheikh Abdus Salam, Prof Muhammad Samad, Prof Nazma Shahin, Dr Qamrul Ahsan Khan, Dr Iqbal Arshad, Dr Nazrul Islam, Dr Golam Mostafa, Mohammad Abdus Sabur, Anwara Syed Haque, Ferdousi Priyobhasini and Golam Kuddus.

In a separate statement, Awami League's (AL) student front Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) President Mahmud Hsan Ripon and acting general secretary Shahinur Rahman Tutul said Hasina has been detained as part of a 'national and international conspiracy' to destroy the secular democratic political practice that she led.

They said it is clear to the countrymen that Hasina has been detained on political reason as she was arrested before the allegation brought against her is proved, using the emergency power rules.

## SSC exam results under BOU published

The final results of the first and the second year SSC examination-2006 under Bangladesh Open University (BOU) have been published yesterday, says a press release.

A total of 44,936 students appeared in the final examinations and 70,404 appeared in the first year examination.

Among the final examination candidates 16,031 came out successful in different grade point. The pass percentage is 38.27. Among the successful candidates 88 got GPA 4, 704 got GPA 3.5, 3,612 got GPA 3, 11,000 got GPA 2, and 627 GPA 1.

Among the successful candidates 8,966 are male and 7,065 female. The pass percentage of male is 37% and female 40.01%.

The result of another 70,404 candidates, who appeared in the first year final examination, were also published.

Examinees have been advised to contact their respective tutorial centers to know the result.

## Voters' registration begins in Sylhet, Barisal

STAR REPORT

The task of preparing voter list began yesterday in Sylhet and Barisal City Corporations.

There will be 83 centres for voters' registration in 27 wards of Sylhet City Corporation.

Deputy Election Commissioner of Sylhet division Khondaker Mizanur Rahman said registration

of voters will be done in the city's five wards in the first phase. Later, it will be conducted in other wards.

The enumerators after completing door-to-door visits by October 18 to gather information about the voters will submit lists to the supervisors.

Meanwhile, 30 wards of Barisal City Corporation have been divided into five zones for preparing the

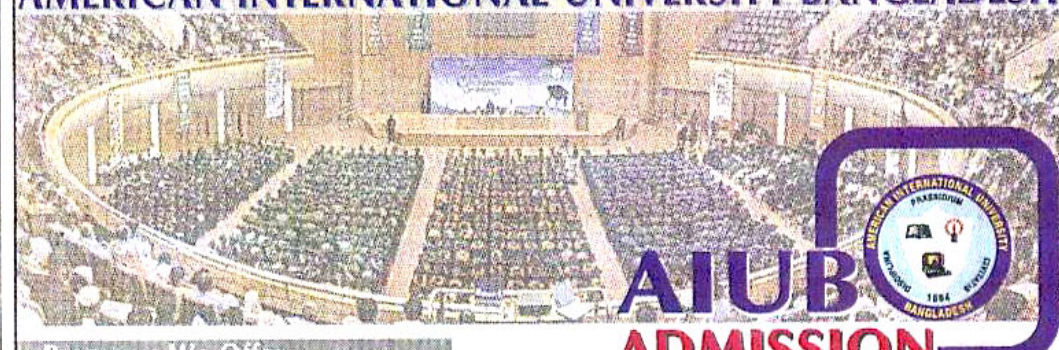
voter roll and national ID cards, said our Barisal correspondent.

Enumerators started collecting information in seven wards which has to be completed by October 10.

Nigar Sultana Hanufa, commissioner of ward no 7, said an 11-member committee, headed by a ward commissioner, has been formed in each ward to spearhead the enumeration work.



WHERE LEADERS ARE CREATED  
AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY-BANGLADESH



Programs We Offer

### Faculty of Engineering

- B.Sc
  - Computer Engineering
  - Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- B.Arch
  - Bachelor of Architecture

### Faculty of Science

- B.Sc
  - Computer Science
  - Software Engineering
  - Computer Information System
- (Students from Commerce background may apply)
- Computer Science & Software Engineering
- Computer Science & Engineering
- (The Program is jointly offered by Faculty of Science and Faculty of Engineering)

- M.Sc
  - Masters of Computer Science

### Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

- BA
  - Advertising
  - English
  - Mass Communication & Media Arts

### Faculty of Business Administration

- BBA
  - Accounting & Finance
  - Marketing
  - Management
  - Economics
  - Human Resource Management (HRM)
  - Hotel and Tourism Management (HTM)
  - Management Information System (MIS)
- MBA
  - Finance
  - Marketing
  - Operations Management
  - Human Resource Management (HRM)
  - Management Information System (MIS)

### Special Degrees

- Agribusiness MBA
- Executive MBA

Spring Semester  
Academic Year 2007-2008  
Admission Exam : October, 27

- ◆ Placement: Separate placement office to assist students to find challenging & growth oriented employment & internship
- ◆ Research: Only private university to publish separate Business & Economics and Science & Engineering Journals
- ◆ Faculty: More than 148 full-time faculties with proven teaching & research excellence at home & abroad
- ◆ Computer Laboratories: State of the art Computer Laboratories with more than 400 workstations (only labs)
- ◆ Engineering Laboratories: 14 well equipped Electrical, Electronics, Telecommunications and Data Communications Laboratories
- ◆ Science Laboratories: Highly equipped modern Physics, Chemistry and Design & Drafting Laboratories
- ◆ Other IT Infrastructure: 12 powerful servers, Fiber Optic Backbone, own VSAT with dedicated 768/384K bandwidth
- ◆ Library: Rich collection of books, journals, articles, encyclopedia covering more than 80 academic concentrations
- ◆ Language Laboratory: Most modern audio-visual & oral equipment to facilitate development of oral & written communication skill in English
- ◆ Residence: Separate hostel facilities for male and female students nearby the university campus

### SPECIAL PROGRAM

AIUB offers CCNA and IT Essentials  
ADMISSION GOING ON  
For more information about CCNA and IT Essentials contact  
Phone: 98979345, 8814462, 8816173 Ext. 406

### For More Information

House 83/B, Road 4, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka 1213  
Phone: 8815387, 9894229, 8811749; Ext. 100, 200; Web: www.aiub.edu E-mail: info@aiub.edu

## Career with Chevron Bangladesh



Chevron Bangladesh is currently looking for a smart, energetic and skilled **Reservoir Engineer** for Dhaka office.

### Principal Accountabilities:

- Analyze production data, pressure data, conduct material balance studies, forecast production and reserves;
- Provide reservoir engineering support in development drilling during logging, perforation, flow testing and sampling;
- Design, conduct and evaluate field surveillance systematically;
- Work with reservoir simulation, conduct technical studies;
- Provide production optimization and other technical support to Gas Plant Superintendents;
- Conduct all activities within Chevron's Operational Excellence guidelines;

### Minimum Requirements:

- A graduate degree in petroleum engineering, postgraduate preferred
- 1-2 years oil industry experience, international experience preferred

### General Requirements:

- Candidates with experience of petroleum engineering software will be preferred
- Very proficient with Microsoft Office Suite of software
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills

Applications are invited to the following address on or before October 13, 2007. Only short-listed applicants will be called for assessment(s);

### Human Resources Department

Chevron Bangladesh  
"Bay's Galleria", 4th Floor  
57 Gulshan Avenue  
Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212

www.chevron.com

Be part of a world class organisation



For our rapidly expanding, young & modern fleet of containers we invite applications in the following ranks

### Containers

2<sup>nd</sup> Officer

Chief Engineer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer

### Oil Tankers

Master, 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer,

Chief Engineer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer

### LPG Tankers

Chief Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer,

Chief Engineer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer

### We Offer

- Long-term continuous employment
- 3 on / 3 off for all Senior Officers
- 5 on / 2 1/2 off for all Junior Officers
- Excellent Remuneration & loyalty benefits
- Recognition of Seniority for all ranks
- Family carriage for all officers
- Medical & Life coverage including when on paid leave
- In-house specialized training for career progression.

For downloading application form, please visit our website

www.apmsingapore.com.sg

Email the completed form to asishipjob@maersk.com

For enquiries please call us at +65 6318 3617

Interviews to be held in Dhaka, dates will be intimated upon shortlisting of applications.

A.P. MOLLER SINGAPORE PTE. LTD.

3, Harbourfront Place

#13-01 Harbourfront Tower 2

Singapore - 099254

www.apmsingapore.com.sg



Offer applicable for all AKTEL Prepaid & Postpaid customers  
Tk.1/SMS to any mobile

Starting from the 1st minute, all existing tariff of lower than Tk.1 will remain unchanged. This offer will be valid until further notice.

(1) In case of lost SIM, change of SIM, or any other SIM-related issues, please contact your nearest AKTEL Touchpoint. To find your nearest AKTEL Touchpoint, write the first 3 letters of your Thana Name, up to 100; first 3 letters of your District Name and SMS to 8734.  
(2) To buy a SIM, you must carry 2 copies of your attested passport size color photographs and any photo ID.  
To know details: Call 128 (from any AKTEL number) or 0181 9400 400 (from any number) SMS 8123 (from AKTEL numbers only) or e-mail 123@aktd.com, visit www.aktd.com

## Eid special gift from AKTEL



from 2nd minute  
**Tk1.00/min**  
24 hrs to any mobile  
from 1st minute  
**30paise/min**  
AKTEL to AKTEL 12 am-6 am

EID delight . Best rate . Best quality network

