

## Activate It Commission to enhance cooperation

Chief adviser tells Egyptian envoy

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday emphasised activating the Joint Commission between Bangladesh and Egypt to enhance bilateral cooperation in trade, science and technology, and economy.

He expressed the view when newly appointed Egyptian Ambassador in Dhaka Fayez Nasseir called on him and discussed ways for increased cooperation in the fields of trade and commerce, investment and manpower export.

Referring to a good number of Bangladeshi people working in Egypt, Fakhruddin urged the Egyptian envoy for recruiting more skilled and semiskilled workforce from Bangladesh.

The Egyptian Ambassador said recruitment of manpower from Bangladesh is increasing.

Referring to Bangladesh's open door policy for investment, the chief adviser said Egyptian investors could invest in Bangladesh, availing of the investment-friendly environment and attractive incentives offered by the government.

Both of them emphasised joint

venture initiatives and investment in textile, tourism, pharmaceuticals and light engineering.

The chief adviser thanked the Egyptian government as a good number of Bangladeshi students are studying in Egypt, availing of its scholarships and hoped that this cooperation would continue.

He conveyed wishes and greetings through the Ambassador to President of Egypt Mohammad Hosni Mubarak. Secretary to the CA's office Kazi M Aminul Islam was also present on the occasion.



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Egyptian Ambassador in Dhaka Fayez Nasseir calls on Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed at the latter's offices in the city yesterday.

## ADMISSION TEST CU 'Gha' unit results republished

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University (CU) authorities republished the results of 'Gha' unit admission test (social science faculty) yesterday afternoon cancelling the previous results that were published in the early hours of yesterday.

The examination under the faculty was held on Sunday.

"We put up the results on the faculty notice board and university website at around 1:00am yesterday and later suspended the results as a mistake appeared there," said Prof Gazi Saleh Uddin, dean of the Social Science Faculty.

Sakimex, the company responsible for updating this year's results, didn't exclude the students who failed to earn pass marks in all the subjects individually from the results that were published earlier, he added.

Later, the corrected results were published at around 5:30pm. The results are available at the faculty notice board and the university website www.cu.ac.bd, he added.

## Father, son killed in Bogra road accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Two people were killed in a road accident at Shibganj Upazila in Bogra yesterday.

Abul Hossain, 50 and his son Khokon, 18, were run over by a bus at Kashipur area in Shibganj while they were going to Bogra from Nimphamari.

## President stresses trade ties with Kyrgyzstan

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday said there are immense potentials to increase bilateral trade between Bangladesh and Kyrgyzstan.

"Bangladesh has been producing world class pharmaceutical goods, melamine, garments and jute goods, and Kyrgyzstan could be benefited using the Bangladeshi products," he told newly appointed Kyrgyzstan Ambassador Irina Abdyeva when she presented her credentials to him at Bangabhaban.

The president expressed his confidence that the existing bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Kyrgyzstan would be strengthened further in the days to come.

He underscored the need for taking measures towards increasing people-to-people contact between the two Muslim countries to bolster the bilateral relations.

Iajuddin apprised the Kyrgyz envoy of education facilities in Bangladesh, including opportunity for world class engineering, medical and science and technology education. He said Kyrgyz students could enjoy the facility studying at different educational institutions here. Referring to domestic politics, the president said the present government is fully committed to holding a free, fair and transparent election creating a level-playing ground for all prospective participants within the envisaged timeframe. He said the government is also determined to fight against organised crime and cor-



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Kyrgyzstan Ambassador to Bangladesh Orolbaeva Irina Abdyeva presents her credentials to President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday.

ruption and ensure good governance and accountability at all spheres. Mentioning Bangladesh's deep commitment towards international peace, Iajuddin said, "The

country has earned laurels for its international peacekeeping role."

He appreciated the commitment of professionalism as demonstrated by Bangladesh military contingents working in various UN peacekeeping missions across the world and hoped that Bangladesh and Kyrgyzstan would continue to work together for peace and stability of the world.

The Kyrgyz envoy praised Bangladesh's role in international arena and hoped that the ties in several fields between the two countries would be strengthened further. She emphasised increasing educational exchange programmes between the two countries.

Irina said Kyrgyzstan has expertise in the field of hydroelectric project, which can be used in Bangladesh to solve its power problems.

## College student murdered in Kishoreganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

A college student was killed and another student was seriously injured when some unidentified miscreants attacked them on Haji Asmot Ali College premise at Bhairab Sadar upazila on Sunday night.

The victim was identified as Mohammad Ali, 19, a BSc first year student of Haji Asmot Ali College and injured student was Murad, who was taken to Dhaka Medical College (DMC) immediately.

Officer-in-charge Nurul Islam of Bhairab Police Station said some unidentified miscreants attacked the two students with lethal arms on the college campus leaving both the students critically injured. The injured were taken to Bhairab Upazila Health Complex immediately. On duty doctor declared Ali dead while Murad was referred to DMC.

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## 100 shops gutted in Gopalganj

UNB, Gopalganj

About 100 shops were gutted and 20 people sustained burn injuries in a fire at Takerhat Bazaar, a big business centre in the area, in the early hours of yesterday.

Fire fighters from Faridpur, Madaripur and Gopalganj rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze after three hours.

At least 20 people received burn injuries while trying to douse the fire. They were given first aid, witnesses said.

It is alleged that the fire originated from a hotel at about 4:00am. Shop owners estimated the loss at about Tk 50 crore.

## 190 urea sacks seized in Bogra

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police seized 190 sacks of urea fertiliser from Saharpukur under Dupchachia upazila on Sunday night and arrested two persons in this connection.

The arrestees were identified as Abdul Majid of Shree Krishnapur under Akkelpur upazila in Joipurhat and Saher Ahmed of Dupchachia.

Majid, driver of the truck carrying the fertiliser, said it was being taken to Atrai in Naogaon from Chittagong.



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Kalim Sharafi, president of Bangladesh Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha, hands over a cheque to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed for the cyclone-affected people at the latter's office in the city yesterday.



Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Green Delta Insurance Co Ltd Nasir A Choudhury hands over a cheque for Tk 10 lakh to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed at his office in the city recently for cyclone victims. This fund will be utilised for the welfare of worst-affected families in Sadr-ravaged areas.

## Inviting Nominations for

**BHL The Daily Star Bangladesh Business Awards 2007**

Nomination Deadline January 15, 2008

### Criteria

#### Business Person of the Year

The nominee will be selected for his/her leadership, financial performance, personal qualities, managerial skills and contribution to Bangladesh's development. In financial performance, the nominee must have made outstanding contribution to his/her organization. In case of a public company, he/she must have contributed to a substantial increase in the returns on shareholders' funds. In case of a private company or sole proprietorship, he/she must have contributed to an improvement in return on capital invested. Personal qualities will include integrity, entrepreneurial abilities and personal leadership. Managerial skills will depend on depth of management, adaptability, tenacity, innovation, productivity, creativity and good labour management.

#### Outstanding Woman in Business

The nominee must be an entrepreneur who has proven her capability to successfully establish and run a business on her own. She must be a person of integrity and tenacity and her success should be a source of inspiration for others. She must be an example to others that women can be successful in business against all odds that they are faced with. Focus would also be given on her dynamism, innovation, determination, adaptability and depth of management.

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Open to small and medium-sized companies, the nominee will be based on innovation, financial performance, productivity, company management and contribution to the community. Innovation will mean success of the company either in products, services or new markets. In financial performance/productivity, the enterprise must have made outstanding growth in profit. Company management will focus on creative management style in developing harmonious relations within the organisation.

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Open to Financial Institutions- Commercial Banks, Insurance Companies and Leasing Companies. The nomination will be based on innovation, financial performance, productivity, company management and contribution to the community. Innovation will mean the success of the institution in innovation of products, services or new markets. In financial performance or productivity the company must have an outstanding and sustainable growth in profit. The company must also have clean banking, client and tax records. In the area of management, the company must display an effective management style and have a viable organization structure. The company must have a track record of establishing and maintaining harmonious relations within the organization and set examples for the industry. The company should have made positive contribution to Bangladesh's development and society through Corporate Social Responsibility programmes.

### Previous Winners: 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 & 2006

#### Business Person of the Year

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Syed Manzoor Elahi, Chairman, Apex Group, 2002  
Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, Chairman, PHP Group, 2003  
Kazi Zahedul Hasan, Managing Director, Kazi Farms Ltd., 2004  
Fazlur Rahman, Chairman, City Group of Industries, 2005  
Md. Nasir Uddin, Managing Director, Pacific Jeans Limited, 2006

#### Outstanding Woman in Business

Salina Akther, Proprietor, Aakor, 2000  
Rehana Kashem, Proprietor, Saatrong Handicrafts & Fashion, 2001  
Geetara Safiya Choudhury, Chairman & Managing Director, Adcomm Ltd., 2002  
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#### Enterprise of the Year

Concord Engineers & Construction Ltd., 2000  
Rahimafrooz (Bangladesh) Ltd., 2000  
Otohi Ltd., 2001  
Micro Electronics Ltd., 2002  
M.M. Isphani Ltd., 2003  
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BRB Cable Industries Ltd., 2005  
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Best Financial Institution of the Year  
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Nominee:

Company:

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### Enterprise of the Year 2007

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