METROPOLITAN/NEWS

of 3 services

Pakistan Navy Chief Admiral M

Afzal Tahir yesterday paid courtesy

call on the chiefs of three defence

services of Bangladesh, when

matters of mutual interest of the

armed forces of the two countries

Chief General Moeen U Ahmed,

Navy Chief Vice Admiral Sarwar

Jahan Nizam and Air Chief Air

Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman at their

Pakistan navy chief "discussed

matters of professional interest

and also exchanged views about

On his arrival, he was given guard

of honour by smartly turned-out

Navy and BAF contingents. He

inspected the guards and took salute.

placed wreath at Shikha Anirban to

pay tributes to the memory of the

martyred during the War of

Bogra Jamaat

leader held on

attempting to

violate minor girl

Police arrested a leader of Jamaat-

e-Islami on charge of attempting to

violate a minor girl in the town

Rafigul Islam claimed himself a

He is also the manager of Prime

Earlier Rafiqul, who was the

superintendent of Sheikh Farid

Atimkhana (Orphanage), was

sacked from the post for allegedly

said Rafiqul tried to violate the girl,

a student of class four and daughter

of one Hafizar, by calling her to a

mother of the matter and the local people handed him over to police.

Later, the girl informed her

A case under Women and

Children Repression Prevention

Act was filed against him win this

Appeal for help

A couple -- Saju Barua and his wife

Moushumi Barua -- suffered seri-

ous burns in a fire at their home in

the city on January 9, says a press

Moushumi is critical, who is cur-

rently undergoing treatment at the

Intensive Care Unit at

Shahabuddin Medical College in

Gulshan, while Saju is also under-

going treatment at Cosmetic

degree burns to the lower part of

her body and Saju suffered burns to

huge amount -- Tk 12,000 a day -

and the total cost could be as high

as Tk 5 lakh, which his family can-

Dilip Barua, elder brother of

Contributions can be sent to

Anybody willing to help can also

call at 01713-360877 to contact

Md Anisur Rahman Suman

ment as he has been suffering from

kidney ailments, says a press

Sonagazi, Feni, is now undergoing

treatment at Dhaka Renal Centre.

Both of his kidneys have been

His treatment involves about Tk

Suman has appealed to gener-

Contributions can be sent to

Account No.- 1512200607153001,

BRAC Bank, Rampura Branch,

Suman, who hails from

Md Anisur

Rahman

Suman, a stu-

dent of Shaheed

Suhrawardy

College, has

sought finan-

cial assistance

for his treat-

Saju, has appealed for support

from all quarters for the treatment

A/C No. 002-153856-001, HSBC

Bank, City Centre, Motijheel

But their treatment involves a

his hands, knees, chest and face.

Moushumi has sustained third

Surgery Clinic, Banani.

Of them, the condition of

Quoting local people, police

Insurance of Barogola Branch.

violating a male student.

house at Chwak Farid area.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

members of the Armed Forces

Earlier, the Pak navy chief

bilateral issues", said ISPR.

Liberation in 1971.

charges of

vesterday.

Jamaat Rokan.

connection.

release.

not afford.

of the couple.

Dilip Barua.

release.

damaged.

amount.

Dhaka.

hand to save his life.

Branch, Dhaka-100.

During the meetings, the

He met separately with Army

came up for discussion.

headquarters.

UNB, Dhaka

Road crashes kill 6 Pak navy chief calls on chiefs

STAR REPORT

At least six people were killed and 111 others injured in separate road accidents in Savar, Jhalakathi and Netrakona yesterday.

UNB from Savar adds: Four people were killed and 70 others injured in a head-on collision between two buses near Bathuli bus stand in Dhamrai yesterday.

Police and witnesses said the two buses collided in a fatal accident at about 12:00 noon, killing four passengers on the spot.

The deceased were identified as admitted to Sadar Hospital. Saijuddin, 27, of Jessore, Abdus Samad, 42, of Mymensingh and Abdul Kuddus, 50, and Ramzan Ali, 70, of Tangail.

different local hospitals. Of under Durgapur upazila in the

them, condition of 30 said to be district yesterday. critical.

Another report from Jhalakati Sujan Mia, 35, of village Gaokandia adds: One person was killed and 16 others were injured when a bus plunged into a roadside ditch as its driver, who was talking over mobile phone, lost his control over the

Jhalakati-Nabagram road in Baukati area at 12:45pm. The dead was identified as

Abdul High, 28, of Chamta village in Sadar upazila. The injured were

Netrakona reports: One person was killed and 25 others were injured in a road accident on Netrakona-The injured were admitted to Durgapur road at Shuknakori

The dead was identified as

under Durgapur upazila. Police said the accident

occurred when a Netrakonabound passenger bus from Durgapur turned upside down at Shuknakori and fell into a roadside The accident occurred on ditch as driver lost his control over the steering, leaving one dead and 25 others injured.

Of the injured, Ahmed Ali, Nithish Hajong, Maleka Akter, Shafik Mia, Khalek Mia and Anita Rani were rushed to Mymensingh Our correspondent from Medical College Hospital in critical condition. Others were admitted to Durgapur Upazila Health

A case was filed with Durgapur Police Station in this connection.



Pakistan Navy Chief Admiral M Afzal Tahir placed wreaths at Shikha Anirban in the city yesterday to pay tributes to the members of the Armed Forces martyred during the War of Liberation in 1971.

Criteria for grading often

North South University (NSU) organised the third Chaudhury AKM Aminul Haque Memorial Lecture on its campus recently.

of Regulatory Reforms Commission Dr Akbar Ali Khan delivered the Memorial Lecture as the chief guest, says a press release.

Recalling the contribution of

Dr Akbar traced the theoretical aspects of the government and cited that the terms 'governance' and 'government' were often used synonymously. He mentioned that the normative form of governance is basically pyramidal in nature.

channeling commands, but creatgood governance. ing an efficient network among all bodies and institutions. He opined that while the networking

governance that is based not on poorly in five out of six criteria of

approach is more beneficial, the normative approach often serves well in crisis situations. The former adviser also spoke at length about the grading system in place that determines which countries are enjoying good governance and which are not. He said that the criteria for such grading are often misleading.

NSU Vice Chancellor Prof Hafiz For example, development in economic indicators in countries, like India and Bangladesh since conducted. their inception, are not taken into

Prof Hafiz recalled the contribuaccount. Similarly, China that has achieved remarkable strides in University, in establishing NSU. economy is still perceived as doing

GOOD GOVERNANCE

misleading: Dr Akbar

Former adviser and Chairman

Aminul in the civil service, Dr Akbar said that it was 'the shoulder of such giants' that helped the predecessors accomplish their work.

He dwelt on another form of

He stressed that the present list

of criteria for good governance is unrealistic, inflexible and overprescriptive. He mentioned that 'good enough governance' should not be discounted and in this connection he mentioned the Md Ibrahim grading system which has been devised as an alternative way to reward countries in Africa is doing the most to improve gover-

GA Siddiqui chaired the programme while Mosud Mannan

tions of Aminul, one of the founder members of North South



Chairperson of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) Wahida Banu speaks at a seminar on 'Early Childhood Development (ECD)' at Biam auditorium in the city yesterday. On her left is Mahmudul Kabir, country director, TdH-

Netherlands, and on her right is Secretary to the ministry of Health and Family Welfare Zafar Ullah Khan. (Story on Page 3) Transport workers clash

with Ansars STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 people, including three Ansar men, were injured in a clash between Ansar members and transport workers at Pallabi in the city yesterday.

Injured Ansar members are as Khairul Islam, Rezaul Karim and Abdus Salam. They received treat ment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Pallabi police said the clash occurred over a trifle matter at around 9:30am at Duarypara Ansar Camp. Ansar members first prevented a bus worker from urinating in the area. The worker then left the place but came back later with a group of workers and they were locked into a clash with Ansar members.

Obituary

Khaleda Begum, wife of Nurul Alam Chowdhury, an educationist form Chittagong, passed away at her son's residence at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday at the age of 75, says a press release. Her first namaz-e-janaza was

held after Maghrib prayers at Dhanmondi government officer's quarter yesterday.

Her second namaz-e-janaza will be held after Zohr prayers at Kadulpur under Rauzan in Chittagong today.

Peara Begum

Peara Begum, wife of late 15 lakh, but it is not possible for his Majharullah Patwary, a social father, a retired government worker of Chhagalnaiya in Feni, employee, to manage such a huge passed away at her residence at East Debpur on Monday at the age of 75, says a press release. ous people to extend a helping

She left behind her 2 sons, 4 daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives to mourn her death. Her qulkhwani will be held at her village home today.

Poor countries must be proactive in cutting child deaths: Unicef

AFP, Geneva

The United Nations Children's Fund said yesterday that developing countries must play an active role alongside global partnerships to further cut child mortality and raise overall care.

Unicef noted in its "State of the World's Children Report 2008" that awareness of child mortality and other global health issues is at an all time high thanks to the efforts of new public-private initiatives such as the GAVI alliance that promotes vaccinations, and the Roll Back Malaria campaign.

that global partnerships are often donor- and commodity-driven feeding, immunisation, insectirather than country- and peoplecentred," the report said.

"A frequent focus on single over-reliance on vertical intervenintegrating services and strengthening national health systems."

"Developing countries must take the lead and 'own' the solutions to their health problems," the report urged.

This must involve tackling discrimination against poor people and women in particular, it said.

"In far too many countries, to be tor Ann Veneman said. poor automatically means to be neglected and marginalised by the

health system." "Others are excluded from active participants in their own

essential services and practices on the grounds of gender, disability, race or ethnic origin," the report noted.

Unicef announced last month that child mortality rates are at an all time low, with the number of children dying before their fifth birthday falling below the 10 million mark in 2006.

It also estimates though that more than 500,000 women still die every year as a result of complications during pregnancy and childbirth, with about half of these deaths taking place in sub-Saharan

Much more needs to be done to cut these deaths, and the new report highlights four simple mea-However, "it has been argued sures which can easily be adopted and promoted: exclusive breastcide-treated bed nets and vitamin

Asupplements. These measures are likely to diseases has sometimes meant an have a "marked impact on child and maternal survival outcomes tions and insufficient emphasis on in the coming years," the report

said. "Community-level integration of essential services for mothers, newborns and young children, and sustainable improvements in

national health systems can save the lives of many of the more than 26,000 children under five who die each day," Unicef executive direc-

To this end, healthcare should be tailored to the needs of individual patients and treat them as treatment rather than just passive recipients.

"Empowering individuals to assume a measure of responsibility Health programmes must be for their own health -- and that of integrated into strategies and their families -- can have a propolicies that tackle the root causes found and lasting impact on develof discrimination and exclusion, it opment," the report said.

RRC seeks legalisation of courier service

UNB, Dhaka

The courier services in the country are running business illegally,

violating the age-old law. The Post Office Act 1898 provided that no other entity but the government is the only responsible authority to collect and deliver letters and such materials and send them to the respective destinations.

But about a dozen courier services are engaged across the country in collecting and delivering to the destination letters, parcels and even cash violating the existing law. The matter was divulged yester-

day at the 3rd meeting of the Regulatory Reforms Commission (RRC) held at its office.

RRC Chairman Dr Akbar Ali Kahn presided over the meting that decided to recommend for legalising the courier services.

It also decided to recommend to the government for immediate change in time-consuming decision on proposals of foreign direct investment (FDI) and land registration and recording system under one roof to avoid hassles and

The meeting decided to recommend that the FDI proposals should be sent to the Bangladesh Bank through a local bank.

"Bangladesh Bank should be the deciding authority on the FDI proposal," Dr Khan told reporters.

Under the existing system, FDI proposal first comes to the Board of Investment (BoI) and after scrutiny they send it to the Bangladesh Bank.



Mohammad Ali's anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Today is the 45th death anniversary of Mohammad Ali Chaudhury, a former prime minister of Pakistan. He was the eldest son of Altaf Ali Choudhury and grandson of Nawab Bahadur Sir Nawab Ali

Choudhury, of Dhanbari in Tangail. On the occasion, a milad mahfil and discussion will be held at his house at Nawab Palace in Bogra.

Relatives have been requested to attend the programme and pray for the departed soul.

MBA admission test postponed

UNB, Dhaka

The MBA written admission test of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Dhaka University, scheduled to be held on Friday, has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances.

Fresh date of the test will be announced later, says a DU press release yesterday.

DHAKA ODAY

Discussion

Progressive Democratic Party (PDP) organises a discussion to mark the 72nd birth anniversary of late president Ziaur Rahman. Venue: PDP office, 8/4-A Topkhana Road. Time: 3:30pm.

Centre for Policy Studies (CPS)

Roundtable

organise's a roundtable on human rights and justice. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10:30am. Seminar

South Asian Network on Economic Modeling organises a regional seminar on Safta and its effect. Venue: Brac Centre Inn. Time: 11:00am.

FBCCI seminar

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI) organises a seminar on 'Competition policy and WTO: Bangladesh perspective'. Venue: FBCCI conference room, Time: 11:30am.

Talk

Globalization Study Group organises a talk on 'Muslim in Australia: Race relations and cultural identity'. Venue: RC Majumdar Auditorium, DU. Time: 10:30am.

Dialogue

Nagorik Sanghati organises a national dialogue on jute. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10:00am.

Seminar Department of URP, Buet and WBB

Trust jointly organise a seminar on 'Pedestrian friendly development Perspective from architecture and planning'. Venue: Civil engineering building, Buet, Time: 5:00pm.

Gulf, Asian states to join forces against labour abuse AFP, Abu Dhabi

Gulf Arab states heavily dependent on an Asian labour force were expected to agree on Tuesday with labour-sending Asian countries to

of expat workers from Asia. Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) labour ministers and counterparts from Asia were to propose an action plan to improve the welfare of Asian workers, according to a draft of an Abu Dhabi Declaration.

join forces against the exploitation

The ministers have recommended the introduction within three months of a plan of action aimed at "preventing illegal recruitment practices" both at the country of origin and host countries, in the draft seen by AFP. The draft, expected to be

"promoting welfare and protection measures for contractual workers ... and preventing their exploitation at origin and destination." Emirati Labour Minister Ali al-Kaabi said at the start of meetings on Monday that "guest workers must be afforded the security that they

endorsed later Tuesday, also calls for

entitled to". The Abu Dhabi Labour Dialogue is the first of its kind to be held in a major labour-receiving country.

will receive the benefits that they are

Fake notes seized, four arrested Sidr-hit areas

Prothom Alo on cyclone Sidr began in the port city yesterday.

Photography

exhibition on

begins in Ctg

A six-day exhibition titled 'Devas-

tated Coast' featuring 54 selected

photographs of the staff photogra-

phers of the daily Prothom Alo on

cyclone Sidr began in the port city

yesterday with a view to raising

mass awareness about the need of

humanitarian approach in time of

Ittefaq Moinul Alam inaugurated

the exhibition at the gallery hall of

Theatre Institute, Chattagram

Abul Momen, resident editor of

the daily Prothom Alo in

Chittagong, chaired the inaugural

ceremony where Senior

Photographer of Prothom Alo Zia

Islam shared his experience of

taking the photos in the Sidr-hit

editor of Prothom Alo, conducted

snapped by seven photographers

of the Prothom Alo, were put on

display at the exhibition.

and Kamrul Ahsan.

for all from 3:00pm to 8:00pm.

Bishwajit Chowdhury, associate

A total of 54 photographs, all

The exhibition will remain open

The seven photographers are

Saiful Islam Kollol, Zia Islam,

Monirul Alam, Shahadat Parvez,

Zahidul Karim Selim, Hasan Raja

(TIC) as the chief guest.

Former bureau chief of the daily

natural disaster.

coastal districts.

the programme.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members seized a huge amount of fake notes and equipment to produce forged notes at a house in the city's Turag area and arrested four people, including two women, yester-

An exhibition titled 'Devastated Coast' featuring 54 selected photographs by staff photographers of the daily

The arrestees are Hena Begum, Sathi Akhter, Md Rhiday and Niaz

During a raid on the house in the

JCD factions clash at DU,

two injured DU CORRESPONDENT

Two students of Dhaka University (DU) were injured in a clash between two factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Zia Hall last

The clash took place at around 10:30pm at the dormitory's canteen as a sequel to Monday night's altercation over watching television. Both the groups armed with

sticks and cricket stumps chased each other for around half an hour. The hall provost and house tutors stepped in and brought the

situation under control. Police also visited the dormitory later. The injured students -- Ranju and Delwar -- were treated at Dhaka

Medical College Hospital.

tomorrow.

major cities and towns yesterday were:

evening, the elite force seized 85 fake notes of Tk 500, 151 fake notes of Tk 100, 500 fake notes of Tk 5, a fake-note making machine, fake note printing papers and chemi-

Besides, Tk 68,514 was also recovered from the possession of

the arrestees. Rab-1 Deputy Director Maj Saiful Islam said the arrested per-

sons had been engaged in forging notes for a long time. Sensing the presence of Rab members during the raid, the four also burnt a huge quantity of fake

Raid on cement factory, brickfield

on river banks STAFF CORRESPONDENT

notes, he added.

As part of a continuous drive to save the rivers Buriganga and Shitalakkhya, the army, coastguard and BIWTA yesterday conducted raids on brickfield and cement

factory set up on the riverbanks. Coastguard sources said the drives on NBM Brickfield and Shah Cement were conducted as they were carrying out business by

filling the river illegally. They were also dodging government taxes.

Besides, raids were also conducted against several sand trading organisations for illegal lifting of sand from the rivers.

Light to moderate fog likely UNB, Dhaka

places over Rajshahi division in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm Mild to moderate cold wave is sweeping over Rajshahi division and it may spread over the regions at Jessore, Kushtia, Satkhira,

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky

over the country having chances of light rain or drizzle at one or two

Mymensingh and Tangail. Light to moderate fog may occur over the river basins of the country during late night until early morning, said Met Office in a

it may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country. Highest temperature 29.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakundu and lowest 6.8 degrees Celsius at Rakshahi. The sun sets in the capital at 5:38pm today and rises at 6:42am

Night temperature may fall slightly over Chittagong division and

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

City/Town	Temperature in celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	24.0	14.2	46	58
Chittagong	26.2	17.3	90	56
Rajshahi	22.7	06.8	99	59
Khulna	25.5	14.0	67	72
Barisal	26.0	15.0	69	61
Sylhet	26.5	14.1	94	63
Cox's Bazar	28.0	18.8	80	81

STAFF CORRESPONDENT