

ASTHMA AND CHRONIC RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS

Accord to develop ozone-friendly inhalers in Asia Pacific countries

BSS, Dhaka
Health and environment officials, industry representatives and patient groups of Asia and Pacific region countries agreed to work together towards a smooth transition to ozone-friendly metered-dose inhalers (MDI) in Asia Pacific region.

important that each country develops a strategy to address these issues, said Bagai.
More than 80 participants from 24 countries, health, industry and patient groups participated in workshop on phasing-out CFC-based MDI for South Asia.

Journos demand release of Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
About 700 journalists, including some incumbent and former editors, news editors and journalist leaders in a statement yesterday demanded release of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia before the Independence Day on March 26.

Police foil left parties' human chain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police yesterday foiled an effort of Gonoatmik Bam Morcha to form a human chain at Mukttangan in the city to protest spiraling prices of essentials and to call for unity of people to resist 'silent famine' in the country.



Left party activists scuffle with police when the law enforcers prevent them from forming a human chain at Mukttangan in the city yesterday.

Appeal for help

The father of a college girl has appealed for financial assistance for the treatment of his daughter who has been suffering from degeneration of the hip joints, says a press release.

Geeta Pasi meets Ershad

UNB, Dhaka
US Chargé d'Affaires Geeta Pasi yesterday met Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad and other JP leaders discussing the current political situation as well as status of implementation of the electoral roadmap.



Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed calls on British Prime Minister Gordon Brown at 10 Downing Street yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

'Make PRSP more gender-sensitive'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Poor implementation of the provisions relating to women's empowerment in Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) has been hindering development of women as well as the efforts to reduce poverty, speakers at a view sharing meeting said yesterday.

Charge sheet against Dipu Chy

COURT CORRESPONDENT
The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday pressed charges against Sajedul Hossain alias Dipu Chowdhury, son of former state minister for shipping Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, in connection with a case filed against him for non-submission of his wealth statements.

4 DU students appeal against conviction

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Aziz Hasan filed the appeals with the Court of Metropolitan Sessions Judge Mohammad Azizul Haque.
After the hearing, the judge fixed today for order on the issue.

Wari-Bateshwar one of earliest kingdoms

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silver punch-marked coins it can be said that it was a Mahajanapada," said Prof Sufi Mustafizur Rahman.
This means it was the earliest state in Bangladesh and in the Indian subcontinent as well," the archaeologist stated.

Prof Yunus gets honorary doctorate degree

UNB, Dhaka
Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from the University of British Columbia on March 14 when he came to Canada to inaugurate the Michael Smith Nobel Lecture, says a press release from Yunus Secretariat.

No Myanmar ban on rice export to Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka
The government of Myanmar has not taken any decision to stop rice export or stop issuance of permits for rice export to Bangladesh as reported in local newspapers.

DUTA POLLS Nomination papers submitted

A CORRESPONDENT
Pro-Awami League 'Blue panel' and BNP-Jamaat-backed 'White panel' teachers of Dhaka University (DU) submitted nomination papers on Monday night for the election of 15-member executive committee of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta).

DHAKA TODAY
Roundtable: Manusher Jono Foundation organises a discussion on 'Advantages and potentialities of rights to information act in India'.
Dialogue: Bangladesh National Woman Lawyers Association organises a dialogue on 'child friendly help line'.
Discussion: A discussion will be held to mark the 88th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Death anniversary

Today is the seventh death anniversary of poet Abu Zafar Obaidullah, says a press release.
On the occasion, Poet Abu Zafar Obaidullah Foundation organises a discussion and poetry recitation programme at 10:00am at 48/A-B Purana Paltan in the city.

Kazi Golam Mahboob

Today is the second death anniversary of Kazi Golam Mahboob, a Language Movement veteran, says a press release.
On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held and foods will be distributed among the destitute at his mazar at Gournodi in Barisal today.

Khan Shaheb M Osman Ali

Today is the 37th death anniversary of Khan Shaheb M Osman Ali, language veteran, founding member of Awami League and editor of the Shabuj Bangla, says a press release.
On the occasion, milad mahfil and quarkhwani will be held at his Narayanganj residence and Jamalkandi Osmania High School after Zohr prayers.

WEATHER TODAY
Rain likely
UNB, Dhaka
Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Comilla and Noakhali in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Husband gets life for throwing acid on wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong
A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced one person to life imprisonment for throwing acid on his wife.
Metropolitan and Sessions Judge Majnu Ahsan Khan handed down the verdict to Abdul Hakim, 45, son of late Mojaher Mia of Sonapara of Ukha, Cox's Bazar.