

## Tk 13 lakh Australian support for two NGOs

Australian High Commission celebrated the Bangla New Year by donating Tk 13 lakh to two local NGOs, says a press release.

High Commissioner Douglas Foskett handed over the cheques to the respective executive directors of the NGOs - Society for Peoples' Actions in Change and Equity (SPACE) and PARTNER on Monday.

The funding was made as part of the High Commission's direct aid programme.

With the donation SPACE, a Manikganj based NGO, will build 60 EcoSan toilets.

And PARTNER will provide necessary prenatal and antenatal care services to 50 pregnant Shantala women and their children as well as all immunisation, vitamin, and nutritional support with the fund.

It will also ensure safe water supply for the community and organise health camps to provide basic medical checkups and treatments.

## Rapist gets life in Netrakona

UNB, Netrakona

A young man was yesterday awarded life term for deflowering a teenage girl with promise of marriage in a remote village of Kalmakanda upazila six years ago.

The district and session's judge handed down the punishment to Sajal Kumar Shil, now 28, of north Lengura village. He was also fined Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer one year in jail.

The prosecution said in the afternoon of January 3, 2002 Sajal quietly took the girl, daughter of Dhirendra Chandra Shill, to Kali Mandir in the village. Taking to a secluded place he deflowered her with a pledge of marriage.

She filed a case accusing him of raping her after the cunning fellow had backed out.

After a lengthy trial the court yesterday sentenced him to imprisonment for life.

## Convict dies in Comilla hospital

UNB, Comilla

A convicted prisoner of Comilla Central Jail died of cardiac arrest at Comilla Medical College Hospital yesterday.

Jail sources said Sona Miah, 75, was admitted to the jail hospital after he fell sick in the jail on Tuesday evening.

He was shifted to Comilla Medical College Hospital yesterday as his condition deteriorated where the doctors declared him dead.

Later, the body of Sona Miah was handed over to his relatives.

Sona Miah of Sidlal Uttar Para in Brahmanpara upazila of Comilla was sentenced to life term imprisonment in a murder case.

## Two SI closed in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi police yesterday closed two sub-inspectors (SI) for negligence of duty.

The police officials are -- Abdus Sattar of Boalia Police Station and Anwar Hossain of Shah Makhdum Police Station.

They took three members of a motorcycle stealing syndicate on remand for two days and ended interrogation without being able to quiz out any information, sources said.

## Asaduzzaman, Manabendra president, gen secy of BCU

DU CORRESPONDENT

The forty-one member central committee of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU), a left leaning student body, has been formed recently with Khan Asaduzzaman as president and Manabendra Dev as general secretary, says a press release.

Besides, a 141-members national council of the body has also been formed.

Members of the newly declared committee placed wreaths at Central Shaheed Minar and Martyred Raju Memorial Statue on April 13.

It is the 32nd committee of the body since its inception in 1952.

Among others, Mahmudur Rahman has been elected as vice president, Golam Kibria Shaheen, Kallol Banik, Suchitra Sarkar, Rashedul Islam and Nur Ferdous Sujan have been elected as joint secretary in the committee.



Detective Branch (DB) of police seize a huge number of fake MBBS and MBA books during a drive in Chandanpura area in Chittagong city yesterday.

## Housing, landscape plans a must for better living

Speakers tell seminar

Speakers at a seminar on Tuesday underscored the need for specific housing and landscape plans for better living and better environment, says a press release.

Jointly organised by the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), Japan and the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), the inaugural session of the seminar on 'Improvement of Housing and Living Environment in Bangladesh' was chaired by Md Shahidul Hassan, chief engineer, LGED.

Katsuaki Takai, senior researcher and chief of training, UNCRD, was the special guest on the occasion.

In his paper on 'Regional development and Japan now-a-days'

Takai said that heavy industrialisation in Japan increased the income of the people, but at the same time it has caused the degradation of environment as well.

In their deliberations on 'Improvement of housing and living environment in Bangladesh' Prof Dr Maniruzzaman and Prof Dr Roxana Hafiz observed that housing areas in Bangladesh are devoid of landscape planning. They stressed the need for proper housing and landscape plans to ensure improvement of housing and living environment.

Md Shahidul Hassan said, "For better living conditions we need to think beyond better housing. If we could link the rural areas with urban and semi-urban areas by constructing roads and bridges, the rural-urban migration would tend to be decreasing."

He further suggested strengthening the local government institutions in a bid to improve the life-style of the grassroot people. He also referred to the improvement of markets and growth centres, institutionalised by LGED over the

years, as an important measure to check the migration of the rural people to the cities and towns.

Earlier, Md Wahidur Rahman, additional chief engineer, LGED, delivered the address of welcome, while Md Matiar Rahman, project director, RRMADP, LGED, made a presentation on 'Experience in Japan on regional development for its replication in Bangladesh'.

Presiding over the concluding session, Former secretary and President of Bangladesh Water Partnership Quamrul Islam Siddique said the growth centre planning introduced by LGED long ago contributed to the development of rural areas and opportunities for rural employment. This, in the long run, might check the migration of rural people to urban areas.

He also said no concept like creating new towns for new employment opportunities has ever been thought of in Bangladesh. He urged that National Housing Authority in Bangladesh could take proactive initiatives in this respect.



Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) President Hasanul Haque Inu speaks at a roundtable on food crisis and its security at Shaheed Colonel Taher Auditorium in the city yesterday. On his left are Dilip Barua, Pankaj Bhattacharya and Ruhin Hossain Prince.

## Work to fulfil people's aspirations

Education adviser urges media

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman yesterday said media is a strong actor for flourishing of democracy in the country.

He was speaking at a seminar titled 'The responsible role of media in the flourishing of democracy in Bangladesh' organised by the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) at its conference room in the city.

In the flourishing of democracy, media is a strong actor. The

demand for its responsibility will intensify with the increase of the strength of media. So it should work objectively and responsibly to meet the aspiration of people," the adviser said.

Prof Asif Nazrul of Dhaka University (DU) presented a keynote paper at the seminar presided over by PIB Director General Mohammad Nazrul Islam.

Editor of the Ittefaq Rahat Khan attended the seminar as special guest.

He said, "Despite many obsta-

cles, the achievement of newspapers in Bangladesh is significant. Here media and the political parties have equal contribution to different mass movements."

Former DU teacher of mass communication and journalism department Dr Shakhawat Ali Khan, BSS Managing Director Jagul Ahmed Chowdhury, Bhorer Kagaj Editor Shyamol Dutta, Managing Director of Channel 1 Faridur Reza Sagar and AP Bureau Chief Farid Hossain were present at the inaugural session.

## ATTACK ON COLLEAGUE RMG workers block Aricha road

UNB, Savar

Around 1,000 garment workers yesterday brought out a procession and blocked the Dhaka-Aricha highway following an attack on one of their fellowmen.

Workers of Jovian Sweater Factory, carrying sticks, staged a demonstration at local bus stand, demanding arrest of the criminals responsible for the attack.

Later, they put up barricades on the highway near their factory at noon, disrupting traffic for about 20 minutes.

Traffic on the busy highway resumed after police removed the barricades.

Several criminals attacked Babul Hossain, 20, a worker of the factory, at his mess and snatched his cellphone set and beat him up at about 6:30am, leaving him seriously injured.

Hewas admitted to upazila health complex in a critical condition.

## Tk 86.75cr arrears of jute workers to be disbursed from Saturday

UNB, Dhaka

The disbursement of Tk 86.75 crore arrear payment of the laid-off jute-mill workers under Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) will start on Saturday after a long wait.

On the day, Textiles and Jute Adviser Md Anwarul Iqbal will inaugurate the cheque-distribution programme for the workers of Khulna region against their salaries, gratuities and provident funds, said an official announcement yesterday.

A total of 1,923 workers were sent into retirement en-masse from BJMC mills on completion of their 57 years in service under provision of the Labour Act 2006. Of them 1,177 lost jobs in Khulna region while 511 from Dhaka and 235 from Chittagong regions.

The adviser will also inaugurate the pay off programme for the jute mill workers under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) on the day.

For this scheme, a total of Tk 57.61 crore has been allocated for 20,242 workers and employees under four closed mills, BJMC Head Office and other running mills.

## Malaysian PM urged to get on with governing

AFP, Kuala Lumpur

The ruling party in Malaysia should stop "bickering and pointing fingers" and get on with the job of running the country, a pro-government daily said yesterday.

In a front page editorial, the New Straits Times newspaper, seen by many as the government's standard bearer, criticised Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) for its behaviour after poll losses.

The UMNO-led coalition lost its two-thirds majority in parliament and control of five states in March general elections, in the worst performance of its half-century rule over Malaysia.

## 5 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Five people were killed and five others were injured in separate road accidents in Patuakhali, Gaibandha, Narail and Dinajpur in the last two days.

Our correspondent in Patuakhali reports: A truck driver and a young woman were killed in separate road accidents in Patuakhali in the last two days.

Abul Fazal, a truck driver, died on the spot when the truck fell into a roadside ditch in Basak Bazar area on Patuakhali-Kuakata road yesterday morning.

In another incident, a speeding motorcycle knocked Nimmi Akter, 20, daughter of Soleman Howlader of Charkajal village under Galachipa upazila, down while she was crossing the road at about 8:00pm on Tuesday.

Locals rushed her to Galachipa Upazila Health Complex where on duty doctors declared her dead.

Our correspondent from Gaibandha adds: A man was killed and five others were injured when a passenger-loaded human hauler from Palashbari skidded off and fell into a roadside ditch at Sungsurig Bazar on Gaibandha-Palashbari highway

yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Altaf Hossain, 40, of village Kholahati under Sadar upazila.

Two of the injured were rushed to a local hospital.

A Correspondent from Narail adds: A schoolboy was killed in a road accident on Narail-Lohagara road in the district yesterday.

The victim was identified as Shafikul Islam, 7, a class one student of MK Mitali Non-government Registry Primary School and son of one Sher Ali.

Police and witnesses said a Narail-bound private car knocked Shafikul down at about 11:30am while he was crossing

the road in front of his school. He died on the spot.

The driver managed to escape with his car.

Our Correspondent in Dinajpur adds: A sexagenarian who was injured in a road accident on Monday succumbed to his injuries at Dinajpur Medical College Hospital yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Md Siraj Uddin, 60, of village Salandor under Thakurgaon Sadar.

Sources said a Dhaka-bound speeding passenger bus hit him from behind on Thakurgaon-Panchagarh highway at Chandir Hat village on Monday, leaving him severely injured.

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