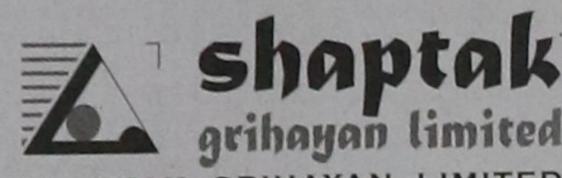


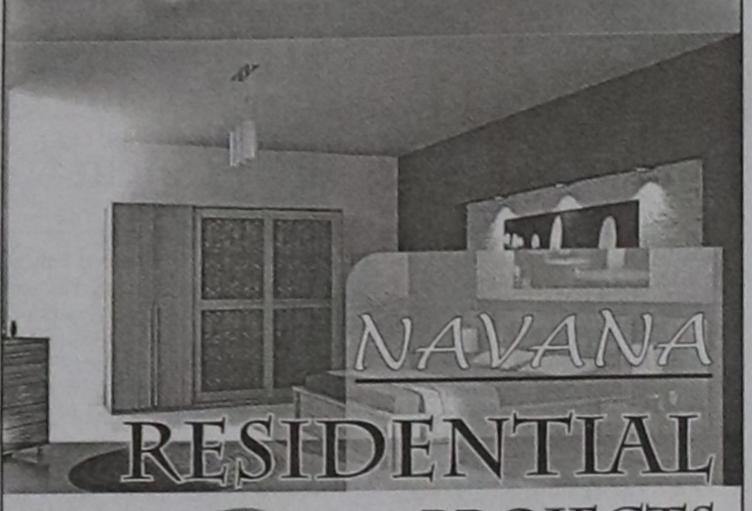
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Qureshi blames govt for move to release corrupt suspects

UNB, Chittagong

Convenor of Progressive Democratic Party (PDP) Ferdous Ahmed Qureshi yesterday blamed the government for its move to release some of the detained highprofile 'corrupt suspects' saying that the achievement of the 1/11 will go in vain if they keep coming

out of jails. "The rule of corrupt people, terrorists and godfathers will be established again if the government allows the mass release of the corrupt suspects on bails," Qureshi told journalists at a view exchange

meeting at local press club. He said no one would have questioned had Sheikh Hasina and Khaleda Zia been released only for medical treatment, "but the process of releasing Hasina is not transparent".

Workers' Party renamed

UNB, Dhaka

Workers' Party of Bangladesh led by Khondoker Ali Abbas has been renamed 'Revolutionary Workers' Party of Bangladesh'.

The party leaders during the third working session of the threeday central extended plenum yesterday have also decided to absorb minimum one-third of women members at its all front organisations, a party press release said.

Presided over by party President Khondoker Ali Abbas, the sessions were attended by central leaders Raja Miah, Bohnishika Jamali and Shiblul Bari Raju.

Party General Secretary Saiful Huq placed the party programmes, amendments and additions in the meeting while Nasiruddin Ahmed Nasu, in-charge of organising division, presented the central guidelines and the organising report.

Some 191 representatives and observers from 28 districts are taking part in the extended session to be concluded today, the release said.

Lightning kills 1, injures 11 in C'nawabganj

UNB, C'nawabgani Callina 10

A man was killed and 11 others were injured in lightning strike at Araimari village in Shibganj upazila vesterday morning.

The dead was identified as

Ladon Ali, 55, of the village. Ladon died on the spot and 11 villagers were injured when thunderbolts stuck them during rain in

the morning. Nine of the injured were admitted to the upazila health complex while two others to sadar hospital.

A drawing competition with a difference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tanisa Tanam Mumu, an autistic child, was very happy yesterday as she took part in a drawing competition organised only for them in the

for being able to take part in the headded. competition as she likes drawing very much and she had been waiting for this moment for last one mother of Tanisa.

"I like to draw picture of animal, and here I am drawing the picture great enthusiasm.

home, and I will draw many other things," said Arnab with a big smile on his face.

Rahman, who brought his son Navid Ahmed to take part in the competition, said his son is very good in games and sports and won

"My daughter was very excited behave well with an autistic child,"

and cultural programme, first of its

autism at the LGED Bhaban. Around 115 autistic children from different institutes including Scholar of a tiger," said Sajib Chandra Special School, SEID Trust, SWID Sarkar, another autistic child, with Bangladesh, Tauri Foundation, SWAC, Autistic Welfare Fund, CSID, 'I am drawing trees, rivers and Caring Glory and Bangladesh Protibandhi Foundation took part in Lalarukh Selim and Prof Nisar the completion.

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Rajes Krishnamoorthy, president of Sri Lanka Women's Association 'Seva

Vanitha' in Dhaka, presents a cheque for Tk 5 lakh to Kazi Rafiqul Alam, presi-

dent of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, yesterday for the construction of Ahsania

Mission Cancer Hospital. The funds were raised through a cultural show titled

'Lakrangana' held at Radisson Water Garden Hotel in the city on May 22.

Raise allowance

to Tk 5000

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

government services.

by June 30.

toTk720.

Khalek in the chair.

Freedom fighters yesterday called

on the government to raise the

allowance for them to Tk 5000 and

reintroduce 30 percent quota for

At a roundtable, they also

demanded renaming the 'Allow-

ance for Insolvent Freedom

Fighters' as 'State honorarium for

Freedom Fighters' and declaring

the freedom fighters as 'National

they would launch tougher move-

ment if their demands are not met

The war heroes also warned that

Jatiya Muktijoddha Andolon

organised the roundtable at

Comrade Moni Singh-Farhad

Memorial Trust conference room

in the city, with its Convener MA

government has proposed to

enhance the allowance for insol-

vent freedom fighters from Tk 600

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Chairman of Muktijoddha

Samannay Parishad Monoranjon

Ghoshal posed a question: "What

can you buy for Tk 120 in the cur-

ment is 'insulting' to the freedom

Mia said, "Anti-liberation forces

The freedom fighters also called

for immediate arrest of the war

still exist in the administration."

rent market situation?"

fighters, he added.

the children of freedom fighters in

Demand war heroes

The autistic children also per- were the judges of the competition.

Chairman of Muktijoddha

Samanya Parishad Abir Ahad,

Shahjahan Kabir Bir Pratik, Prof

AAMS Arefin Siddiqui, Prof Nim

Chandra Bhowmik, former state

minister Syed Didar Bakht,

Rashiduzzaman Shahin, Rekha

Rani Goon and Munshi Abu

Taleb also spoke at the

A drug dealer was arrested and

recovered in separate drives in

Sadar and Parbattipur thanas

Sadar upazila and arrested a man

identified as Jalal Uddin and recov-

ered 100 bottles of phensidyl from

Later, the arrested along with

In another raid, police recov-

ered 140 bottles of phensidyl from

Abbaspara village under

Parbattipur Police Station.

the phensidyl was handed over to

his possession at about 10:00am.

Officials of Narcotics Control

240 bottles of

phensidyl

seized in

Dinajpur

UNB, Dinajpur

vesterday.

In the budget for 2008-09, the 240 bottles of Indian phensidyl

Expressing resentment at the and police raided Dainur village in

Freedom fighter Md Shahjahan the house of Shahidul Haque at

Such a decision of the govern- local police station.

roundtable.

Dr Mohammad Taiyebur formed in the cultural programme which was followed by the drawing competition. Four autistic children Mithu,

Sheuli, Sathi and Shammi sang songs while Mitu, Nipa and Ethu four prizes in his school recently. 'It is a must for everybody to performed dances like professional artistes.

"We have organised the The open drawing competition programme as we want to show that the children with autism are kind in the country, was organised also able to do everything," said month," said Tahmida Parvin, by SEID Trust for the children with Director of SEID Trust Dilara Sattar

She said they have a plan to arrange this type of competition every year including an exhibition of the drawings by the autistic

children. Prof Abul Barak Alvi, Prof Hossain of the Institute of Fine Arts

Sri Lankan women's support for cancer hospital

Sri Lankan Women's Association (Seva Vanitha-Dhaka) has donated Tk 5 lakh to Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) for the construction of Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH) in the city, says a press release.

Seva Vanitha Dhaka unit President Rajes Krishnamoorthy, also wife of Sri Lankan high commissioner, yesterday handed over a cheque for Tk 5 lakh to DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam at the mission building.

Seva Vanitha president, while handing over the cheque, said a charity show was organised in the name of 'Lakrangana' at a city hotel and the proceeds have been donated to the AMCH.

Seva Vanitha Dhaka unit Treasurer Dilrukshi Udagedera and members Dilma Ranatunge, Chathuri Thilakarathne and Ira Fernando were also present on the occasion.

chairman of Jatiya Protibandhi

Unnayan Foundation, addressed the function as chief guest.

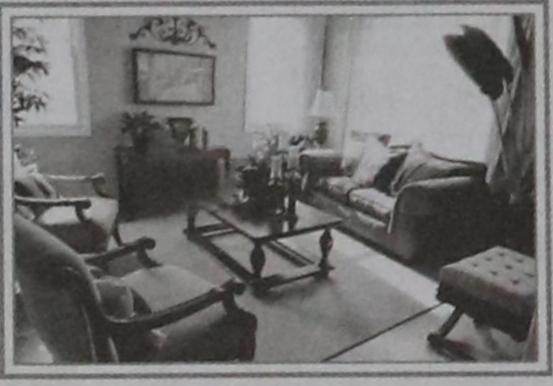
Prof Mohammad Farashuddin, department of Dhaka University, Mahbub Kabir, theme leader of ActionAid Bangladesh, and Khandaker Jahurul Alam, presi-Prof Gitiara Nasrin of mass dent of Jatiya Protibandhi Forum, communication and journalism also spoke on the occasion.



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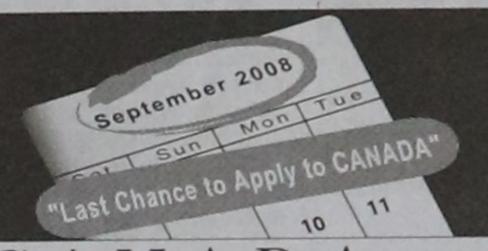
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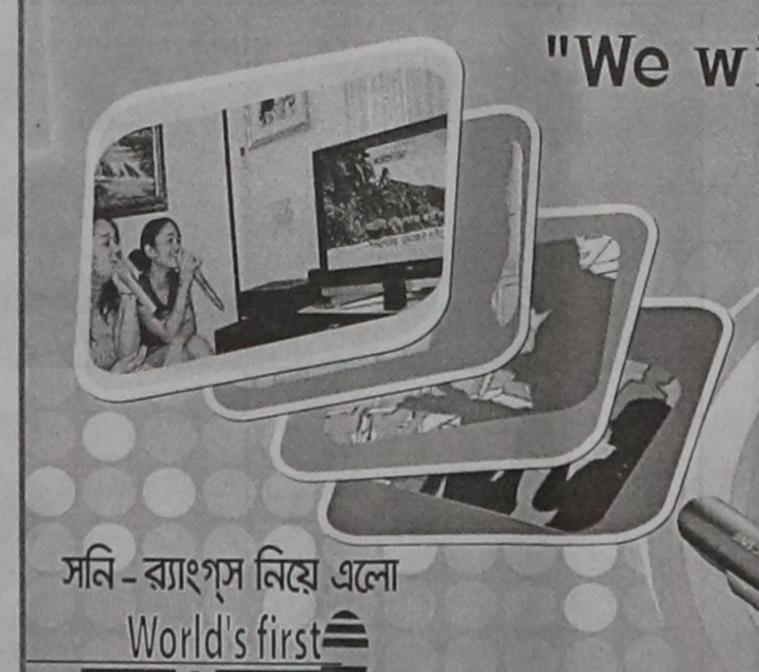
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