Scout workshop begins today

UNB, Dhaka

The 11th national multi-purpose workshop of Bangladesh Scouts will begin at Mouchak in Gazipur

Member of the Advisory committee of Bangladesh Scouts Mohammad Abu Hena will inaugurate the workshop.

Some 130 Scouts will take part in the workshop, which will finalise the strategic plan of Bangladesh next two years, said a press release.

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EXTINCTION OF FRESH WATER FISHES

Indiscriminate use of pesticides responsible: Manik Lal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Indiscriminate use of pesticides on croplands and harmful fishing nets are responsible for extinction of many species of fresh water fishes to a great extent, Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser Manik Lal Samaddar said yesterday.

He also urged all stakeholders to work together to protect the remaining species of fresh water fishes and underscored the need Scouts and the action plan for the for creating mass awareness to this

conference at Matsya Bhaban in the city ahead of the Fish Resource Development Movement 2008 that begins tomorrow.

He said fishes from both fresh and saline water meet up country's 60 per cent need of total animal

"Earlier we could catch 90 to 95 per cent of total quantity of hilsa in the world but at present this amount has decreased to 50 to 60 percentonly," he added.

He also said that shrimp cultiva-

Manik was addressing a press tion is emerging as the second largest foreign remittance earner

following the garment sector. Already 127 fish processing industries of international standard have been set up and of them 48 received licenses from the European Union, headded.

ARMY VEHICLE TORCHING CASE

7 DU students demand withdrawal

DU CORRESPONDENT

Seven Dhaka University (DU) students, who were accused in the army vehicle torching case, yesterday reiterated their demands for the withdrawal of the case.

They formed a human chain at the foot of Aparajeyo Bangla on the campus. Several hundreds of students later stood hand in hand with them and expressed solidarity with their demands.

The case was filed against 25 students in connection with the campus unrest on August 20 last year, when an army person assaulted a student on the university play-

Of them, seven students are still bearing the brunt of the case while another 18 were acquitted of the charge.

Five of the accused were detained in the jail for five months on different charges in connection with the campus unrest. They were released on bail on January 22 and 23 this year.

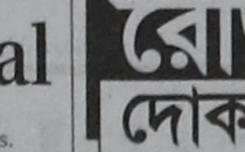
Talking to The Daily Star, Deen Islam Angel, an accused, urged the government to withdrew the case against them, saying the case is hampering their academic life.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Chhatra Moitri, a left-leaning student organisation, yesterday staged a demonstration on the campus on the same

After the incident, DU campus virtually turned into a battlefield following continuous violence between students and law enforcersthat continued for three days and spread in educational institutions across the country.

distributed to the stakeholders. Manik also told the press conference that the government has In answer to a question, set up three laboratories in Dhaka,

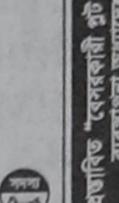
Director General (DG) of Fisheries Chittagong and Khulna to control Directorate Rafiqul Islam said the quality of shrimp consignannually the country can produce ments so that these are not only about 24 lakh tons of fish returned once they are exported. (fresh and saline water) whereas He said National Shrimp Policy the demand is 27 lakh tons. 2008 will be approved soon and



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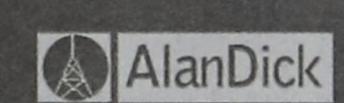
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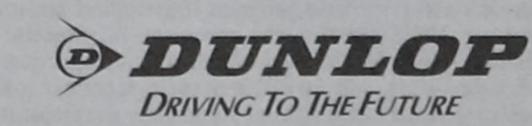




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