

BDR,BSF SIGN MOU

Agreement on peaceful co-existence

UNB, Panchagarh

Border security forces of Bangladesh and India at a meeting yesterday entered into an agreement on joint patrolling to curb transborder terrorism, drug smuggling, trafficking in women and children and intrusion.

The Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for keeping peaceful co-existence in the bordering areas, showing "maximum tolerance and resolving any

problem through discussion".

The sector commander-level meeting was held at Tentulia Gano Sahajya Sangstha Bhaban, against the backdrop of recent trading in gunfire by the two forces and shooting down of Bangladeshi frontier residents.

BDR Rangpur Sector Commander Colonel M Afzalul Islam led a 15-member Bangladesh team while DIG Dr R Chandra Mohan of Kishanganj Sector headed the BSF team at the talks.

Killing or injuring Bangladesh

nationals in "unprovoked" firing by the Indian border guards, cattle-head grazing alongside the zero line by nationals of both the countries and cutting barbed-wire fences came up for discussion in the four-hour meeting that concluded at about 2:00pm.

Matters related to development of relations between the two next-door neighbours were also discussed at the meet, which coincided with the Indo-Bangladesh home secretary-level talks underway in Dhaka.

Raw materials, property gutted in coil factory fire in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Huge quantity of raw materials and properties were gutted in a fire at a mosquito coil factory in Chittagong yesterday.

Fire service sources said a fire broke out at a mosquito coil factory of Reckitt Benckiser (Bangladesh) Limited at Ruby Cement Gate area under Bayezid Police Station at around 2:55am.

Fire service men brought the fire under control at around 9:00am but could not extinguish completely till filing of this report at 8:30pm yesterday.

Huge quantity of raw materials including wood-powder and coconut oil stored in the tin-shed factory and machineries were damaged in the fire.

The origin of the fire and losses are yet to be known.

Newly wed woman falls prey to rapist in Bogra

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A newly married woman has fallen victim to rape at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital as she went there for an x-ray test following a court order to assess her age.

An employee of the Radiology department took the woman to the x-ray room, beat and injured her and then raped her, alleged the woman of Matihash village of Dupchachia upazila at a press conference at Bogra Press Club yesterday.

Her husband Golap Hossain said no sooner had he married the woman on March 20, her father filed a case against him, saying that his daughter is immature.

The couple had to go to the court and then to the hospital, as the court asked for an x-ray of his wife to assess her age.

However, as she went to the hospital at around 1:30pm on August 27 along with her nephew, the hospital employee beat and raped her.

A case was filed with Sadar Police Station in this regard.

An official of the hospital administration told The Daily Star that the complaint came to them verbally. So they could not take any steps to investigate the issue.

PR course ends

METRO DESK

The certificate awarding ceremony of a two-week training course on 'Modern technique of public relations (PR)' was held in the city on August 28.

Bangladesh Institute of Journalism and Electronic Media (BIJEM) organised the programme at its conference room with its Executive Director Mirza Tarekul Qader in the chair.

Press Institute of Bangladesh Director General Mohammad Nazrul Islam was present at the function as the chief guest while Chairman of the department of Public Administration at Dhaka University Prof Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah was present as the special guest.

Nazrul Islam said today's modern society continues to become more massive, more impersonal, more segmented and, therefore, the need for public relations keep growing.

Additional Inspector General of Police Md Nazrul Islam, Titas Gas Manager Monir Hossain and Sohali Bank PR Division Officer Abu Ishahque Hossain also spoke at the concluding session of the training.

Later, the chief guest distributed certificates among the participants.

A total of 19 participants, including three female PROs from Bangladesh Air Force, Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Police, from public and private universities, corporations, banks and insurance companies took part in the course.

Khagrachhari Red Crescent executives

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Awami League (AL) district committee adviser Nurunnabi Chowdhury and civil society leader Mohammad Shanay Alam were elected vice-president and secretary of Khagrachhari Red Crescent Society in an election held yesterday.

A 5-member executive committee was also elected. The committee members are Prothom Alo Khagrachhari Correspondent Azim Ul Hoque, Khagrachhari municipality commissioner Mohammad Rashed Uddin, AL leader Kayajari Marma and Nirmulendu Chowdhury and Sangbad Correspondent Pradeep Chowdhury. The committee has been elected for 3 years.

Khagrachhari Hill District Council Chairman is the chairman of district Red Crescent society.



Family members of 74 workers who went to Malaysia for job but fell victim to fraud gather at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium yesterday demanding steps to bring them back, pay compensation and take action against the recruiting agency concerned. Ema Research Foundation organised the press conference.

CUTA ELECTION

White, Yellow panels share posts

CU CORRESPONDENT

Four-party alliance-backed 'White Panel' bagged six posts while Awami League-backed 'Yellow Panel' five posts in the Chittagong University Teachers' Association (CUTA) election yesterday.

White Panel candidate Prof Kamal Hossain defeated Yellow Panel candidate Prof Dr Ershad Kamal by 12 votes for the president post. Kamal Hossain got 251 votes while Ershad Kamal 239 votes.

Yellow Panel candidate Prof Kamrul Huda was elected general secretary defeating his White Panel opponent Prof Abdul Karim by 20 votes.

White Panel candidates Prof Abu Taher Chowdhury and Prof Abu Toyub Chowdhury were elected vice president and treasurer by defeating Prof Ganesh Chandra Roy and Khaled

Mizbahuddin of Yellow Panel.

Assistant Prof Ali Asgar Chowdhury of Yellow Panel won the post of joint secretary defeating his opponent Assistant Prof Mamtaj Uddin Kaderi.

Both the panels shared the six posts of members in the 11-member Cuta executive committee.

The winning members from Yellow Panel are Prof Abul Hossain, Prof Selina Akhter and Associate Prof Hossain Kabir while the White Panel members are Prof Abul Kashem Chowdhury, Prof Dr Al Amin and Prof Marul Hossain.

Prof Md Afser Ali of Philosophy department was the chief election commissioner in the election held at the Commerce Faculty auditorium from 9:00am to 1:30pm.

A total of 505 voters out of 610 exercised their right to franchise in the Cuta election.

BANGABANDHU MURDER

'Execute court verdict'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pochattorer Ghatok Nirmul Committee yesterday formed a human chain on the Dhaka University campus, demanding execution of the verdict of Bangabandhu murder case and punishment to the real killers of four national leaders.

The committee members also staged a rally at the foot of Aparajeyo Bangla on the campus at around 11:30am.

The speakers said the demand for execution of the verdict of Bangabandhu murder case has turned into the demand of the whole nation.

The countrymen also demand the punishment to the real killers -- Rashid, Faruk, Bajlul Huda and Mahim Uddin - of the four national leaders, they added.

Former president of Duta Dr AAMS Arefin Siddiq, Prof of Geology department Dr Hossain Monsur, Acting General Secretary of Secchhasebok League Central Committee

Motiur Rahman Moti, Central President of Pochattorer Ghatok Nirmul Committee Kazi Moajjem Hossain and DU unit President of BCL Sohel Rana Tipu spoke at the rally.



A three-day tree fair began at the office of Development of Biotechnology & Environmental Conservation Centre at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday. Debtec organised the fair to mark its 10th founding anniversary and 400 years of Dhaka.

Pakistan suspends military operations for Ramadan

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's government has announced it will suspend all military operations in the country's northwest from today in deference to the holy month of Ramadan, which starts next week.

Interior ministry chief Rehman Malik told a news conference in the Pakistani capital yesterday that the temporary halt in operations was to allow civilians in the region to observe the religious festival.

"I am suspending military operations in tribal areas in northwest in deference to the holy month of Ramadan," he said, warning that the army will reserve the right to retaliate if attacked.

Troops backed by helicopter gunships and heavy artillery have for

weeks been pounding militant strongholds in the northwest, killing more than 560 people in recent weeks, Malik said, giving the new toll.

Pakistan's fragile coalition government, which pushed US ally Pervez Musharraf to resign as president on August 18 over

impeachment threats, is under heavy international pressure to combat the rebels.

But violence linked to the country's role in the "war on terror" has killed nearly 1,200 people in suicide and bomb attacks across Pakistan in the past year.

Attack on AL leader

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

M Idris Ali, an Awami League (AL) leader and former defence secretary, was attacked by miscreants at Gazaria upazila in Munshiganj yesterday.

He was unhurt, but the private car in which he was going to join a

local AL meeting was damaged.

Rapid Action Battalion arrested a person named Soheli, 28, from the meeting venue, but later the police set him free taking an undertaking.

Omar Faruk, officer-in-charge of Gazaria Police Station, said the situation is now under control.



Actor Afzal Hossain inaugurates Image Studio, a concern of Women's World Ltd, at its own building at Sonargaon Janapath at Uttara in the city on August 28.

Supreme Court annual vacation begins today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court goes for one and half month long annual vacation from today.

Both the Appellate and High Court divisions will enjoy the vacation till October 11.

During this period, few vacation benches of the divisions of the apex court will hear and dispose of urgent matters.

Chief Justice MM Ruhul Amin has assigned Appellate Division judge Justice Md Joydul Abedin to hear and dispose of the urgent cases during the vacation.

Justice Md Joydul Abedin will hear the cases at the chamber court of the Appellate Division from 10:00am on September 1, 8 and 15, and October 6.

The chief justice has constituted five vacation benches and a single bench for the HC division for hearing and disposing urgent matters.

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Career opportunity for

Information Management and Communications Officer

'English in Action' (EIA), a DFID supported project on English language teaching and learning in classrooms across Bangladesh is looking for a committed and qualified candidate to ascertain the effective exchange of information among EIA's international and national partners and other stakeholders, to develop knowledge products and to maintain an information system for supporting effective Project Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) and impact assessment to take place.

Key Tasks and Responsibilities

1. Assist in the preparation of an EIA strategy for internal and external communications in line with donor guidelines
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4. Assist in the preparation of knowledge products (incl. reports) and ensure that these are presented in a professional way
5. Enter, analyse and present data for Project M&E and impact assessment using the Project MIS
6. Build the capacity of EIA staff and partners in knowledge management and using information exchange mechanisms
7. Establish and manage shared network drives and a Resource Centre for the program

Required Qualifications

- Minimum Bachelor Degree in Communications, ICT, Development Studies or another relevant field
- Minimum of 5 years of practical experience in designing and leading initiatives for organization-wide information sharing, knowledge management and record keeping
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- Fluency in English, both oral and written
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