100-year master plan a must for city's dev: Khoka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka at a view said. exchange meeting yesterday stressed the need for taking a 100year master plan instead of a 20year plan considering the future needs of the city.

Addressing the meeting at Nagar Bhaban on draft final report of Detailed Area Plan (DAP) of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) as the chief guest, Khoka said, "As the people of the country is Dhaka-centered, we cannot stop them coming here and this is why the government has to prepare a 100-year master plan to meet the Development Plan was prepared in growing demands of the city."

"If necessary foreign experts should be involved to prepare the

City Jubo League

A city Jubo League leader and

phone-fax trader was shot by extor-

tionists at Sutrapur in the city last

Identified as Monwar Hossain

Manu, 35, a Jubo League leader of

Ward-82, of KB Road, was shot in

his chest and shoulder five times

and was rushed to Dhaka Medical

Witnesses said three to four

armed criminals stormed into his

business house Moshi Vision

Phone Fax and Electronics near

Loharpul at about 10:30pm and

sprayed bullets indiscriminately at

him while he was staying inside the

extortionists led by Bangal Mamun

of the area demanded Tk 4 lakh as

extortion from Manu. They said the

criminals made the gun attack as

two bombs at the business house a

nessman was shot over an incident

Passengers stuck

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Thousands of Munshiganj-bound

passengers yesterday had to face

huge sufferings as a private bus

service Dhaka Transport Line has

withdrawn its services to

Muktarpur, five kilometres away

stated in the evening with the

intervention of the joint forces and

bus were charging extra fares from

the passengers violating the govern-

ment-stipulated existing fare rates.

has decided not to extend fare.

Sources said the authorities of the

The bus withdrew its service

RTC chairman said nothing

after the district RTC committee

illegal would be tolerated. RTC has

called an emergency meeting in

Later, the bus service was rein-

as bus service

withdrawn

from the town.

this regard.

deputy commissioner.

The extortionists earlier threw

Sutrapur police said the busi-

they refused to pay the money.

week ago, they added.

of extortion.

Family members said a gang of

College Hospital (DMCH) in

critical condition.

business house.

leader shot by

extortionists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

long-term plan and government should finance Rajuk from its national budget to prepare it," he

Rajuk seeking opinion of experts and public representatives about the draft plan, which was submit-

The DAP, a major component of Dhaka Metropolitan Development Plan, is scheduled to be completed by December 31 and public hearing will be done from October to

Khoka said he wants to see DAP as the beginning of development plans, adding Dhaka Metropolitan 1995 and most of the time of its 20year implementation period has already gone.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia addresses a meeting of the four-party alliance at the residence of former Jai Jai Din

OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nawabganj

A Chapainawabganj court yester-

day issued warrants for arrest of

three alleged war criminals in the

martyred freedom fighter Haider

Chairman, 60, and Jamshed Ali, 60,

upazila and Khoka, 55, of Jobai

village of Shapahar upazila in

In the complaint, she alleged

that the three accused took out her

husband of their house at gunpoint

and tied his hand during the War of

Liberation on December 8 in 1971.

Light rain likely

major cities and towns yesterday were:

of Bashbari village in Nachol

The accused are Giasuddin

Ali Master murder case.

April 21 against the three.

UNB, Dhaka

tomorrow.

City/Town

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Dhaka

Noagaon district.

Warrants for arrest

of 3 war criminals

Jarina Bewa, the widow of slain Station to submit a report after

Haider Ali, filed the murder case investigation. The OC submitted

with a Chapainawabganj court on his report to the court against the

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by tempo-

rary gusty wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal,

Chittagong, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over

Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions, Met Office said, predict-

Moderately heavy to heavy rainfalls are also likely at places over

Highest temperature 34.4 degrees Celsius was recorded yester-

The sun sets in the capital at 6:00pm today and rises at 5:46am

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

Min

24.4

25.7

24.6

26.5

26.5

26.7

25.2

day at Sylhet and Mymensingh and lowest 23.8 degrees Celsius at

Rajshahi division in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

ing nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.

Temperaturein

Celsius

31.0

editor Shafik Rehman at Eskaton Garden in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

He also suggested shifting the container terminal of Bangladesh Railway at Kamalapur outside Dhaka to reduce the city's traffic The meeting was organised by congestion and setting up a new railway station at the western side of the city.

> He pointed out that in the draft plan they did not give any clear suggestion to solve the existing transport problem of the city.

"We should not think about old city but we have to do proper planning about the new areas so that we can do it like a developed country,"

Architect Iqbal Habib said the public hearing should be done in the city areas so that people can express their opinions.

He also demanded publishing the draft plan on the website or in

They also set her house on fire.

Since then, no trace of Haider Ali

did not file any case earlier as no

war criminal was tried after the War

of Liberation and lodged the case

now hoping to get justice as a neu-

tral caretaker government is in

plaint and directed the officer-in-

three on June 7 after investigation.

Judicial Magistrate Mostafa Kamal

took the case into cognizance on the

basis of police report and issued the

Humidityin

percentage

Evening

75

82

96

Morning

warrants for arrest of the accused.

Chapainawabganj district

charge (OC) of Nachol Police

The court accepted her com-

Jarina also mentioned that she

had been found.

the media immediately so that people can come up with good

Ward commissioner Haji Altaf Hossain demanded setting up another waste treatment plant to reduce the pollution of the river

Representatives of four firms who are preparing the DAPEngineering and Planning Consultants Ltd (EPC), GBL, DDC and Sheltech presented their draft plan in the meeting.

Acting chairman of Rajuk IEM Golam Kibria, Tapan Kumar Nath, project director of DAP, Chief Executive Officer of DCC Md Alauddin, commissioners of different wards and urban experts addressed the meeting.

Monitor polls in neutral way

CEC urges election observers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Alliance for Election Monitoring (NAEM), a newly formed election observer, yesterday exchanged views with the Election Commission (EC) on election monitoring in the upcoming election.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) ATM Shamsul Huda, two election commissioners Sohul Hossain and Brig Gen (retd) M Sakhawat Hussain, Unnayan Samunnay Chairman Ataur Rahman, Chief Executive of Nagorik Uddyog Zakir Hossain and Member Secretary of Unnayan Dhara Trust Aminur Rasul took part in the meeting.

CEC at the view exchange meeting underscored the need for monitoring election in the neutral way.

NAEM Secretary Sharmeen Murshid placed a report explaining activities of their organisation.

Seven NGOs on September 7 launched NAEM with an aim to strengthen citizens' vigilance over electoral process and institutional ise democracy.

The organisations that joined hands with the alliance include Unnayan Shamannay, Unnayan Dhara Trust, Nagorik Uddyog, Save the Underprivileged and Needy (SUN), Power, Participation and Research Centre (PPRC) Indigenous Peoples' Development Services (IDPS) and Brotee.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Khatun, a teacher of MM Sunrise Pre-Cadet and High School at Munshipara in Satkhira, has been suffering

from leukaemia, a type of blood cancer, says a press release.

She is now undergoing treatment under the supervision of Dr Manjur Morshed of the haematology department at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital.

She has already been given chemotherapy. According to doctors, she needs to undergo chemotherapy several more times and other treatments, which involve aboutTk7or8lakh.

But it is not possible for her husband Shahjahan Sabuj, a teacher of the same school, to manage such a huge amount of

He has appealed to generous people to extend a helping hand to save his wife's life. Contributions can be sent to

Mufti Munsurur Rahman, Savings Account No. 8141-1, Pubali Bank Ltd, Shahbagh Branch, Dhaka. Interested persons can also call at 01717251514 for details.

AL-BNP clash leaves 25 injured in Munshiganj

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

At least 25 people were injured in a clash between the activists of Awami League and BNP at Nowabda Dhalikandi village under Sadar upazila in Munshiganj yesterday.

Quoting locals police said the clash erupted centreing cutting away of 'dhoncha' by a group of BNP activists from the field of an AL activist Kalu Dhali. Witnesses said both the groups locked into the clash equipped with sharp weapons.

Police arrested 21 people from both the groups and additional police were deployed to avert further clash.

Among the injured a sexagenarian woman Sufia Khatun was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital while others were admitted to different local hospitals.

Both the groups filed separate



Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed and Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao hold a bilateral meeting at Eastern Hall in China yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

reach class ten and only 40 percent cated, its effect is much in society

15 lakh girls still out of pry school Speakers tell consultation meeting

of girls can pass the Secondary

secondary school, Tasneem added.

in primary education with net and

gross enrolments and completion

rates all increasing by over 20 per-

cent. Girls' enrolments increased

by over 30 percent during the

period. However, during the past

several years' progress has stag-

The drop-out rate has increased

They attributed the poor quality

nated, said the speakers.

achievement.

city hotel.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

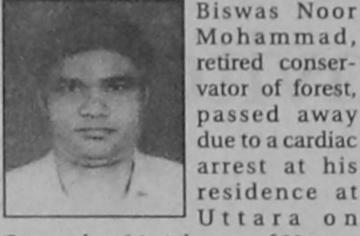
About 15 lakh primary age girls in the country still remain out of school, speakers at a national consultation meeting on 'United Nations Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI) said yesterday

They also revealed that although the rates of enrolment of boys and girls in primary schools are the same, the enrolment of girls at the secondary level is still significantly low.

"It is found that only 50 percent of children enrolled in class six can

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



from 33 percent in 2002 to 47 per-Mohammad, cent in 2006, they pointed out. retired conserof schooling to poor attendance, vator of forest, high drop-out rate and low passed away due to a cardiac arrest at his pride as it has achieved gender residence at parity in terms of enrolment in primary education, they added.

September 14 at the age of 60, says a press release. He left behind his wife, a son

and a daughter to mourn his death.

Abul Hossain STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abul Hossain, a Language Movement veteran, freedom fighter and presidium member of National Awami Party (NAP), passed away at Dhaka Central Hospital in the city on September 15 at the age of 73, says a press release.

He left behind his wife and one daughter to mourn his death.

NAP President Prof Mozaffar Ahmed and General Secretary Advocate Enamul Haq condoled his death and conveyed sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

His was buried at Mirpur Kalsha graveyard yesterday after namaz-ejanaza at Pulpar Jafrabad Jame

Food shop, oil mill fined in Chittagong

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court during separate drives in Chittagong yesterday fined a food shop and an oil mill Tk 70,000 for preserving food items in unhygienic condition.

The court fined KDS Food Products Tk 50,000 for preserving its brand 'Pure Baghbari Ghee' in the very unhygienic condition in Asadganj area.

It also destroyed 400 kilograms of ghee preserved on the dirty floor of the factory for sale. Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)

men arrested the shop owner Md Ibrahim Hossain in this connection. Executive Magistrate Md Zakir Hossain led the drive with the help of Rab and Bangladesh Standards

and Testing Institute (BSTI). The court in another drive at Patharghata fined a mustard oil manufacturing factory Rana Oil Mill Tk 20,000 for preserving 'Eagle

Brand Pure Mustard Oil' in unhealthy condition. Sources said the court found

dead cockroaches and mosquitoes floating on the oil in a drum, which was destroyed later.

DHAKA TODAY

Lecture

Department of Women and Gender Studies of Dhaka University organises a lecture on 'Women and civil war: Nepal'. Venue: DU senate building. Time: 10:00am.

Roundtable

Citizens Rights Movement organises a roundtable on prevention of fare hike and extending transport facilities for people in the wake of Eid vacation. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10:30am.

Art exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of an art exhibition titled 'The sign of reality' will be held. Venue: Zainul Art Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, DU. Time: 4:30pm. The exhibition will remain open till September 22 form 12:00noon to 8:00pm everyday.

School Certificate (SSC) examinaboys. So girls' education is a must tions," said Tasneem Athar, deputy and the government needs support from community group and devel director of CAMPE, at the inaugural session of the two-day meeting at a opment partners to ensure equity and quality in this regard," said The low achievement rates for Primary and Mass Education Adviser Rasheda K Choudhury girls at the primary level put them at a disadvantage when they enter the while speaking as the chief guest. The UNGEI, which was During the 90s, Bangladesh recorded remarkable achievement

than that of the contribution of

launched in 2000, is a multisectoral partnership of organisations and working to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) with regards to girls' education. A committee comprising repre-

sentatives from government and non-government organisations will be formed at the consultation meeting to promote girls' educa-

Carel de Rooy, representative of Unicef, Bangladesh country office, Raka Rashid, UNGEI Focal Point, regional office of South Asia, ATKM Ismail, additional secretary of the However, Bangladesh can take education ministry, and Qazi Akhter Hossain, additional secretary of primary and mass education ministry, were also present at "It is seen that if a girl is edu- the inaugural session."

'Free children's park from control of Ansar, VDP'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several eminent personalities yesterday called on the authorities to take steps to free a children's park at Khilgaon in the city from the control of Ansar and VDP

The Ansar and VDP forces took responsible. control of the park on January 31 last year and fenced the park with include Prof Anu Mohammad CI sheets amid strong protests from local residents, they said in a joint statement. Recently, boundary wall was constructed around

The Ansar members also beat up the protesters and filed false cases against them, the statement

that children badly need playgrounds in the city, but many open spaces are being grabbed by vested quarters even during this caretaker government.

They urged the authorities to take steps to recover the park and take action against the persons

Signatories to the statement sports personality Rakibul Hasan cultural personality Fakir Alamgir, media personality Shykh Seraj, former whip Abu Sayeed Khan, journalist Khanoker Shahadat Hossain, president of Khilgaon Samajik Sangstha Manir Hossair Khan and founder chairman of Pallima Sangsad Md Hafizur The eminent personalities said Rahman Maina.

Inam Ahmed speaks at a programme to mourn innocent victims of Georgia-South Ossetia conflict at Russian Cultural Centre in the city yesterday. Russian Embassy organised the condolence meeting.

DMCH staff protest transfer of 35

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

More than hundred employees of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) yesterday laid day. siege to the administrative block following a mass transfer order from the Ministry of Health and FamilyWelfare.

About 35 employees of the hospital, including nine doctors and eight nurses, were enlisted for being transferred as per the recommendation of the director of the hospital.

The employees alleged that the transfer list was prepared with the help of the corrupt people of the

hospital and was sent to the ministry. As soon as they came to know about the order of 'mass transfer', they informed it to the authorities concerned on Monday. As the authorities did not take any action withdraw the list.

regarding this, they demonstrated in front of the room of the Deputy Director Dr Kazi Enamul Kabir from 10:00am to 11:00am yester-The agitating staff demanded

withdrawal of the transfer order by the next 24 hours and announced to go for tougher agitations if their demand is not met. However, the situation became

normal following the interference of Administrative Officers D Mohammad Fayzullah and Sohrab Uddin Khan.

They held a meeting with the agitating employees and assured them that steps would be taken soon to this end.

Deputy Director Dr Enamul Kabir, who is also the acting director, said that the application would be sent to the ministry soon to

LIBERATION WAR Call to recognise contribution of Senator Kennedy, George Harrison, Indira Gandhi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Barrister Masood R Sobhan, a senior lawyer of the Supreme Court, has urged President Iajuddin Ahmed to formally recognise the contribution of US Senator Edward M Kennedy and singer George Harrison who stood by millions of people of Bangladesh during the War of Liberation in

He also called for formally recognising the contribution of Indira Gandhi, former prime minister of India, during the liberation

Barrister Masood made the appeal to the president in a letter on September 10.

He urged the president to invite Senator Kennedy, who has now been suffering from brain cancer, and his family members to the Victory Day celebrations this year

to formally accept our gratitude. "When the plight of the refugees started, India gave them shelter and food. But when the number of refugees increased reaching several millions, India could not cope with the problem as it did not have enough resources and it was Senator Kennedy, who at that time as the chairman of the Democratcontrolled Senate's Refugee Committee allotted fund of the US government for the refugees. Simply put, he arranged food to feed millions of people of Bangladesh for such a long period of time," Barrister Masood said in his letter.

"It is imperative to make a move fast to give a formal and befitting recognition to the person who most selflessly stood by the people of this country and lessened their sufferings in the refugee camps in India with most needed financial support and also helped create this independent Bangladesh."

"Singer George Harrison organised a concert in the UK to raise fund for Bengalis. He supported and recognised the cause of the people by naming it 'Concert for Bangladesh'," Barrister Masood

Tk 10cr VoIP equipment seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and civil administration officials sized a huge quantity of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) equipment from a godown of Maim Food Products in Bogra yes-

Acting on a tip-off, Rab raided the Maim Food Product godown and seized huge quantity of VoIP equipments worth around Tk 10 crore, Rab sources said.

ACI money yet to be recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tk 46 lakh looted from the ACI staff was not recovered till yesterday night, though three days have already elapsed.

Sources said members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), Detective Branch (DB) and regular police forces have been carrying out separate investigations to recover the money and arrest the robbers.

Earlier, police detained three ACI staffers who were present during the incident while Rab men picked up two security guards of Niketan in Gulshan for interrogation.

DMP Commissioner Naim Ahmed said, "We have urged businessmen and their organisations for taking police escorts. But their unwillingness to take any help of police results in such incidents of robberies."

Armed muggers looted around Tk 46 lakh in cash and pay orders and cheques worth about Tk 50 lakh from ACI Assistant Manager Biplob Kumar Chakraborti at Gulshan Link Road when he was on way to deposit the money to a bank at around 11.30am on Sunday.

Thai Ambasador to Bangladesh Chalermpol Thanchitt poses for photograph with participants of the Bangladesh

Thailand 36th anniversary Joint Art Exhibition at a press conference at Drik Gallery yesterday. The exhibition will continue until September 27.