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US embassy closed on Sunday

METRO DESK

The American Embassy offices, including the Public Affairs Section, the Archer K Blood American Centre Library and the Student Advising Centre will remain closed on Sunday on the occasion of the holy Shab-e-Qadr, a Bangladeshi national holiday, says a press release.

Face threat of climate change

Iftekhar urges int'l community

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury urged the international community to face the threat of climate change in a comprehensive manner.

He said this while he was speaking at an event on "Climate Change" hosted jointly at the UN Headquarters by Bangladesh, Netherlands, Switzerland and the UK on Wednesday.

Describing climate change as a major threat to development he said adequate resources must be transferred to the more vulnerable groups of nations like the least developed countries (LDCs) in order to enable them to combat and surmount the threat, says a press release.

"The climate change debate must be 'depoliticised' and the developed and major developing countries must bear the burden of the costs incurred in transferring

the relevant technology to the poorer and more vulnerable countries", he said.

Nearly 50 ministers representing both rich and poorer countries attended the event.

Prof Jeffrey D Sachs of the Columbia University, who moderated the event, urged the rich countries to stick by the promises made if the Millennium Development Goals are to be achieved.

Food Security
Another report adds: Iftekhar called upon Commonwealth countries to focus on ensuring food security for its citizens.

He was addressing the Special Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting (SCHOGM), at the United Nations Headquarters on Wednesday, says a press release.

Iftekhar suggested food exporting and importing Commonwealth countries to arrive at a "compact" to address the issue more effectively.

Two city roads named after martyred freedom fighters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two major city roads were named after martyred freedom fighters Faruk Iqbal and Taslim and Bir Uttam Shaheed Khaza Nizam Uddin Bhuiyan, says a press release.

The two roads are from Mouchak intersection to Rampura and Malibagh rail crossing to Khilgaon.

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Sadek Hossain Khoka yesterday formally inaugurated the plaques.

At the inaugural programme, he said the roads were named after the freedom fighters in recognition of their heroic contribution to the liberation war.

"With naming the two roads, our next generation will be able to know the history of the liberation war and they will be encouraged in patriotism, he said.

Family members of the freedom fighters, Ward Commissioner Anwar Hossain Bir Pratik and DCC high officials were present at the programme.

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Dr. Shahnewaz Alam Khan (45), Country Director of Concern Worldwide in Sierra Leone, passed away on 17 September, 2008 Wednesday following a tragic car accident in the Freetown. Shahnewaz joined Concern Worldwide in Bangladesh in 1998 as the head of health and nutrition programme. He was appointed Country Director in Sierra Leone last year. He left behind his wife, one daughter and a host of colleagues and friends to mourn his death. Meanwhile, in a condolence letter, Irish Minister of State of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin expressed his deep shock.

All staff of Concern Worldwide, Bangladesh are expressing grief at his death and conveying sympathy to the bereaved family members.

His Namaj-e-Janoja will be held on Friday 26 September, 2008 at Eid Gah Mosque (near Rangs Anom Plaza) in Dhanmondi after Jumma prayer and he will be buried at Azimpur graveyard.

His quikhawani will be held on Saturday 27 September, 2008 at 3pm at his elder brother's residence (Eastern Glory, House # 210, Road # 10/A, (Old 19), Dhanmondi in the city.

On the occasion, you all are requested to join and pray for his departed soul.

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David Rockefeller and his daughter Peggy Dulany, founder and chair of Synergos Institute, present the 2008 David Rockefeller Bridging Leadership Award to Brac founder and Chairperson Fazle Hasan Abed in New York on Tuesday.

Hasina needs 3 more weeks to complete her treatment

Says her personal physician

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It will take two or three more weeks to complete the treatment of Awami League President Sheikh Hasina in the USA, her personal physician Prof Syed Modasser Ali said at a press briefing in the city yesterday.

Hasina has been suffering from acute ear and eye problems.

A latest hearing aid will be implanted into her left ear within two or three days, Prof Modasser said, adding that adjustment to the new hearing aid would take two or three weeks.

He also advised Hasina not to return home without completing her treatment.

About Hasina's eye problems, Prof Modasser said she has glaucoma and corneal disease in both

of her eyes. She also has cataract in her left eye and needs immediate surgery, he added.

However, Hasina's blood pressure is well controlled, Prof Modasser said.

Plastic trader shot by extortionists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A plastic trader was shot by the extortionists in the city's Kotwali area last night while another gang of criminals exploded several homemade bombs in front of three bus counters demanding extortions at Jatra Bari.

The trader identified as Emdadul Huq Babu, 55, of Nolgola Mohsin Plaza Market, was rushed to Orthopedic Hospital with bullet injuries.

Two criminals -- Khokan and Rashid -- were arrested and a hand-made bomb was recovered from their possession, police said.

Abdul Hannan, officer-in-charge of Kotwali police, said Babu was shot in his hands by a gang of five armed extortionists at about 8:30pm.

Local sources said the gun attack was made following the refusal to pay toll to the criminals.

Meanwhile, at least seven homemade bombs were exploded in front of the counters of three bus services -- Ilsh Paribahan, Ananda Paribahan and Greate Bikrampur Paribahan -- at a South Jatra Bari at about 9:00pm.

Police and witnesses said the extortionists exploded the bombs to create panic as they were not paid extortion money.

'Pay salary, bonus before Eid'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Jute-Cotton and Garments Mills Sramik Karmachari Sangram Parishad at a meeting yesterday demanded payment of salary arrears and bonus before Eid, says press release.

They also called on the government to realise their 10-point demand immediately, otherwise they threatened to continue their demonstrations and sit-in programmes until their demands are met.

With a view to meeting their demands, the leaders also urged the fellow workers of the industry to make a success of its scheduled sit-in programme and demonstration procession in September 27.

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