BKP to participate

in JS polls under

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EC goes all out for Buet admissing tests Nov. 20 elections: CA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday said the Election all-out preparations for holding the national and upazila elec-

caretaker government is to create a strong base for the country's democracy to ensure good governance and transparency.

The chief adviser was speaking at a function to inaugurate the automation project of the Chittagong Customs House (CCH) at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka.

"The EC has demonstrated its skill by holding polls to four city

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सरात बुक्तिपुरक करांत (जरः) त्या मीका

উন্নাহ, বীৰ মতিক, চহা সেউত্তৰ ই'বেলানি

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Asia regional higher education

summit, first of its kind in Asia, began

in the city yesterday with a call for

stronger partnerships among public

and private institutions across the

globe to face the emerging chal-

and vice chancellors, senior executives

of businesses and foundations and

government officials are participating

in the summit styled "Higher

Education's Response to Global

International Development (USAID)

in association with University of Dhaka

and Bangladesh University of

Engineering and Technology (Buet)

organised the three-day summit at a

termed terrorism, food shortages,

energy deficiency and poverty the

major challenges that the world is

undergoing today, saying that it is

higher education and innovative

thinking that can help face these chal-

Speakers at the inaugural session

United States Agency for

Challenges."

cityhotel.

Around 150 university presidents

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corporations and nine municipalities successfully and peacefully after preparing a voter list of over eight crore voters in only 11 Commission (EC) is now making months with support from Information Act, has fulfilled a Bangladesh Army," he said.

reformed Anti-Corruption He said main objective of the Commission (ACC) has brought many people to trial with the aim to establish a democratic base.

> Also because the government has been able to stop corruption and irregularities, Bangladesh Public Service Commission at present is able to continue its job with success, he said.

establishing the rule of law by separating the judiciary from the Chairman Abdul Majid also spoke executive department," the head on the occasion.

of the caretaker government

He also added that the government, in formulating Right to long cherished demand of the civil The CA pointed out that the society, general public and human rights activists.

The chief adviser expressed hope that an independent National Human Rights Commission will be formed, saying that his government has already approved a ordinance in this regard.

Finance Adviser Mirza Azizul Islam, Commerce Adviser Hossain "We have begun an era of Zillur Rahman, Army Chief Gen Moeen U Ahmed and NBR



Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh Phae Thann Oo calls on Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed at his office in the city yesterday.

AL won't take part in any

Zillur reiterates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saying that the government might have an evil design to prevent Sheikh the temporary office of ONA in Hasina from taking part in the elections, Awami League (AL) acting president Zillur Rahman yesterday said his party would not take part in

will be no other polls without pergroup of journalists at his Gulshan

Convener of Oikyabadha Nagorik

money for her

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

treatment in London.

Londoninaweek.

BSS, Dhaka

son's treatment

BNP Chairperson and former prime

minister Khaleda Zia has sent Tk 6.33

lakh (£5000) to her ailing son Tarique

Rahman who is now undergoing

Tarique's lawyer barrister

Mahbubuddin Khokon, who carried

the money with permission of

Bangladesh Bank, yesterday told

newsmen at his chamber at the

Supreme Court Bar Association that

his client is still seriously ill and he

would be admitted to a hospital in

he said, adding, "Tarique is so ill that

he cannot stand alone without any

support. Even he could not say his

prayers during the Eid. He sought

Tarique, further said doctors found

that his physical condition had

deteriorated due to torture in the

Cyclone may form

Khokon, who took the money to

blessings from the countrymen."

Tarique has no plan to join poli-

Ahmed went there to meet Zillur.

Andolon (ONA) Quazi Farque

Earlier at a press conference at Mirpur, Farque said ONA as a new political party will be formally launched tomorrow.

As Farque expressed his interest in joining the AL-led grand elec-"There may be conspiracy but toral alliance, Zillur welcomed him and told that the matter would be finalised through discussion with the components of 14-party combine after Hasina's return.

> ment is maintaining double standards in giving bail to two party

chiefs Hasina and Khaleda Zia.

He also said the government is not following the court orders regarding the proceedings of cases and the release of Hasina on bail.

"It is very unfortunate and unexpected," he added.

Zillur however welcomed the fresh amendments to the Representation of People's Order, but said it would be undemocratic and unexpected if the motive behind the amendments is to give benefits to any particular party.

AL presidium member Abdur Razzak was present on the occa-

Humayun Kabir Khan was made

OSD (join secretary) at

Kamaluddin Bhuiyan has been

appointed director of Social Services

Department while member of

Bangladesh-Tariff Commission Setara

Banu Chowdhury appointed director

of Bangladesh National Scientific and

Besides, OSD (join secretary) Md

Establishment Ministry.

Reshuffle at brig gen,

Prof Kamruddin

spoke on the occasion.

Prof KAA Kamruddin, former dean of Law Faculty of Dhaka University, passed away due to old age ailments at Bangladesh Medical College Hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 79.

University, left behind his wife, two daughters, a son and a host of relations and admirers to mourn his death. Kamruddin was laid to rest at

namaz-e-janaza at a mosque adja-Zohr prayers.

Born in 1929 in Gopalganj, Kamruddin joined the Law Department of Dhaka University as senior lecturer in 1962.

Staff correspondent adds: BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia expressed her profound shock at

In a press release signed by BNP Office Secretary Ruhul Kabir Rijvee, she said Prof Kamruddin

law education in the country will be remembered forever. In a separate message, BNP Secretary General Khandaker

Delwar Hossain also condoled the

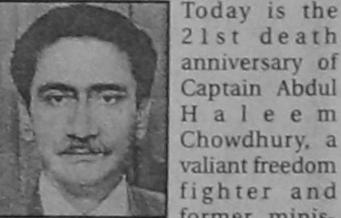
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He left behind his wife, four

daughters and two sons and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

He was buried at his village graveyard under Gopalpur upazila in Tangail.

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Captain Abdul Haleem Chowdhury, a valiant freedom fighter and former minister, says a press release.

He was the commander of greater Dhaka Western Zone comprising 22 thanas of Dhaka, Gazipur, Manikganj, Munshiganj

districts. Manikganj district Muktijoddha Trust and his family have arranged several programmes, including discussion, milad mahfil and distribution of food among the poor.

His family members requested all to attend the programmes and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the

Alhaj Md Hamidur Rahman, father of Azizur Rahman, one of the organisers

of the Liberation War and former On the occasion, a milad mahfil

polls without Hasina

any polls without Hasina.

the AL stand is quite clear that there manent release of Hasina," said Zillur while replying to a query by a residence in the city.

Zillur alleged that the govern-

joint secy levels

UNB, Dhaka A number of brigadier general and joint secretary-level officials were transferred and given new postings

Brigadier General Hamid-Al-Hasan, NDC was appointed managing director of Sena Kalyan Sangstha on deputation while its managing director Brigadier General Syed Talibur Rahman NDC, PSC has been placed to the Armed Forces Division.

in a reshuffle in the administration.

Brigadier General Mohammad Mahbub Haidar Khan, NDC, PSC was appointed chairman of Bangladesh Tea Board on deputation while its chairman Brigadier General Mosarraf Hossain has been placed to the Armed Forces Division.

Director of Social Services Department, Dhaka Md Abu Bakkar Siddique was transferred to Establishment Ministry as join secretary while director of Bangladesh Forest Industry Development Corporation, Dhaka Bijan Kumar Baishya to Economic

Relations Division as join secretary. Joint secretary of Establishment Ministry Saidur Rahman has been transferred to Agriculture Ministry while its joint secretary Faruk Ahmed was made OSD at Establishment Ministry and director of Dhaka

(BANSDOC). Hasina leaves for London to meet sister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina left Canada for London on Sunday night to meet her sister Sheikh Rehana. Accompanied by Canada chap-

ter President of AL Sarwar Hossain and Abdus Sobhan Golap, she left Toronto by a flight of British Airways at 8:30pm, reports News World, a report of the US-based news agency. The AL chief will return to

Washington on October 13 for her follow-up treatment at John Hopkins Hospital.

PHOTO: PID

UNDP Resident Representative in Bangladesh Renata Lok-Dessallien calls on Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury at his office in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

British HC closed on Oct 9

METRO DESK

British High Commission in Dhaka and its office in Sylhet will remain closed to the public on October 9 on the occasion of Sree Sree Sharodia Durga Puja", says a press release.

DHAKA

Book publication

A book titled 'Bhubongayer Chalchitro' by Rezaul Karim Talukdar will be published. Bangladesh Writers' Guild organises the function. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4:00pm.

Discussion

A discussion will be held on the occasion of World Day for Decent Work Bangladesh Sanjukta Sramik Federation. Venue: Bangladesh Photojournalist Association hall room. Time: 4:00pm.

Education summit

The second session of the education summit starts. American Centre of US Embassy hosts the summit to share strategies and explore opportunities for partnership between universities, multinational firms and foundations in the US and Asia. Venue: Hotel Westin. Time: 8:30am.

partnership inaugural function, Education Adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman said, "Degradation of ecology, popula- international development. In tion, rapid urbanisation and poverty are the major issues in the case of

Bangladesh."

Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka offers munajat after unveiling the plaque of a road renamed

ASIA REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT BEGINS

Call for strong public-private

after Bir Pratik Mohammad Shafique Ullah at Uttara Sector-4 in the city yesterday.

It is of immense importance that the universities of Bangladesh get linked with those of other countries for more collaboration in researches and innovations, he said, urging both the public and private universities to take the opportunities of partnerships and

achieve excellence. Asian University of Women in Chittagong is an excellent example of partnership at regional level, he added.

Zillur further said it is not only the partnership in terms of resources, but for sharing experiences and mobilising alumni of the educational institutions, which empower the institutions. But so far such initiatives have not been touched upon in significant manner.

A key focus should be ethical issue that is to uplift the underprivileged, he said, adding, "This is a bigger social support." Teachers' training is another importantarea to be focused on.

The adviser said Bangladesh's Speaking as the chief guest at the focus so far has been on primary education to build a foundation, but now it is also putting focus on higher education and is formulating a law for the private universities, a newly flourishing area of higher education in the country.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh James F Moriarty said higher edu-

cation institutions make vital contributions to national and many ways, American higher education community represents the US traditions of enterprise, pluralism, diversity, compassion and humanitarianism.

PHOTO: STAR

In recent years, traditional relationships between the US and primarily European higher education institutions have expanded in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, he said, adding this expansion has included the formation of stronger and more prevalent linkages with multinational corporations, nongovernment organisations and foundations.

"I firmly believe that these trends will contribute significantly to reducingglobal poverty in the coming years," James F Moriarty said.

USAID Bureau of Asia Acting Assistant Administrator Mark Ward in his keynote said the US aid from private sector to the developing world now is much more than that of the official aid.

This means now kind of partnerships are needed new in terms of higher education too, he said, adding that ways should be found out how the national and multinational corporations can be partnered for the development of higher education systems and researches.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz and Buet Vice Chancellor Prof AMM Safiullah also spoke at the programme.

Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

tomorrow.

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy rainfalls are also likely at places, Met Office said, predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the coun-

Highest temperature 34.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 22.0 degrees Celsius at Srimangal. The sun sets in the capital at 5:40pm today and rises at 5:53am

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were: Humidityin Temperaturein City/Town

Celsius percentage Max · Min Evening Morning 24.4 Dhaka 30.6 24.2 85 Chittagong 24.0 Rajshahi 32.4 25.5 32.0 Khulna 26.5 30.0 Barisal 32.8 22.8 Sylhet 32.2 24.7 81 Cox's Bazar

the website 'www.buet.ac.bd' List of the successful candidates for the admission would be published on December 15.

Appeal for help

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

DU CORRESPONDENT

The admission tests for the 1st year

honours courses at Bangladesh

University of Engineering and

Technology (Buet) under academic

session 2008-09 will be held on

forms will continue from October

14 to November 1. Forms will be

available at the academic section at

Price of 'Ka' unit form has been

This year admission test forms

fixed at Tk 500 each while that of

the 'Kha' unit form has been fixed

would be distributed in two units --

'Ka' and 'Kha' units. Ka unit

includes Engineering departments

and Urban and Regional Planning

department while 'Kha' unit

includes the Engineering depart-

ments, Urban and Regional

Planning department and

ipate in both engineering and

purchase a form of 'Kha' unit, the

be allowed to sit for the admission

admission tests would be available

on the noticeboard and posted on

Candidates, who want to partic-

architecture departments, have to

Highest 6,000 candidates would

List of eligible candidates for the

the registrar building.

atTk 600.

Architecture.

release added.

Sale and submission of test

November 20, says a press release.

Sadik Bin Habib Dipu, a meritorious student of class ten of Khaleda sends Muktagachha R K High School,

ing from blood cancer. Dipu is now undergoing treatment under Prof ABM Yunus of hematology department of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib

has been suffer-

Medical University in Dhaka. Md Habibur Rahman, father of Dipu, has said the disease was diagnosed 15 days ago and he has already spent Tk 50,000 for his

Doctors have suggested shifting of Dipu to India for better treatment and this will cost around Tk 20 lakh, he added. Hailed from Gharbajail village under Muktagachha upazila,

Habibur Rahman, assistant headmaster of R K High School, has no ability to arrange such a big | tics at this moment due to his illness, amount of money for his treatment abroad.

Father of four children, Habibur Rahman has to maintain the educational expenses of his children including two at university level and one at college with his small

So he has appealed to well-off people of the society for financial assistance to save the life of his beloved son.

Contributions can be sent to Md Habibur Rahman, Savings Account No 2069, Sonali Bank, Muktagachha Branch, Mymensingh.

Amar Desh

FROM PAGE 16 Adviser and acting editor Ataus Samad, news editor, chief reporter, reporters and employees of the daily also welcomed the directors and assured them of extending all out cooperation in running the

Amar Desh insiders say that the paper has been incurring losses since its inception on September 23, 2004 under the leadership of former BNP lawmaker Mosaddek Ali Falu, now in jail on corruption charges. Fugitive Orion Group Chairman Obaidul Karim was a major shareholder. Enayetur Rahman Bappi was also a founding

partner of the paper. The new directors have taken all liabilities of Amar Desh in exchange for all the assets the company owns. Reliable sources said the daily has liabilities of around Tk 40 crore.

A consultation meeting was also arranged at the Amar Desh office yesterday. Prof Talukder Moniruzzaman, Prof Anisuzzaman, journalist ABM Musa, Former Dhaka University vice-chancellors Prof Emajuddin Ahmed and Prof Moniruzzaman Mian, politician Badruddin Omar, Prof Sirajul Islam, Forhad Mazhar, author Imdadul Haq Milon, former adviser to a caretaker government Dhiraj Kumar Nath, Prof Razia Akhter Ranu, Begum Jahan Ara and Principal of Notre Dame College Benjamin D'costa attended the

meeting among others. "The intellectuals and noted individuals hoped that Amar Desh would talk about the interests of the country," read a press release issued by Amar Desh Chief Reporter Syed Abdal Ahmed.

Mahmudur Rahman presided over the meeting.

in Bay this month At least one cyclone may form off Transport Coordination Board Md one or two depressions in the Bay

said in its long-range forecast for October yesterday. The forecast, issued after a meeting of experts from different disciplines at the met office, said the monsoon would move out of

of Bengal this month, the met office

Bangladesh by the second week. Rains are likely to be normal during October, the forecast said, adding that the rainfall was 16 percent less than normal last month despite formation of a deep depression and a couple of low pressures in the Bay of Bengal, which moved away towards India.

The cyclone season in the Bay begins in October and runs until April. But cyclones in December are rare. The last cyclone in December was in 1965.

FROM PAGE 16 Kapali, however, does not regret joining the ICL. "I don't regret joining the ICL. I hope, though, that in the near future everything is sorted out and better sense prevails in Bangladesh Cricket Board, just like in Sri Lanka" allowed its ICL players to partici-

pate in domestic cricket.

have already denied the allega-

The daily quoted the allrounder as saying, "I remember talking to chief selector Rafiqul Alam in Australia regarding the ICL offer. I was stunned by his casual attitude -- he simply asked me to go on with the offer.

They termed objective reportcaptain Habibul Bashar, in an ing the life of a newspaper. They interview to "The Times of India" said positive reporting is also very newspaper published yesterday, suggested it was the lack of imporwhich forced him to join the ICL. "Towards the end of interna-

tional career, I became a lonely figure. I didn't command the same respect from the guys. I would sit alone in the dressing room. During critical situations, nobody would come to me for any suggestion, though I was the senior most guy. A The Sri Lanka Cricket board has feeling crept in that you were no longer required", Bashar said.

Kapali spills the beans

Asked why he did not speak to Ashraful about his feelings, Bashar replied, "Does it look good to go and speak to somebody who is much junior to me? More than Ashraful, it is coach Jamie Siddons whose behaviour amazed me. I have never said a single word Both Ashraful and Mashrafe against him in the media and this man is not leaving a single opportunity to take a dig at somebody Meanwhile, former Bangladesh who has played 99 per cent of Bangladesh's Test matches".

"I'm not a rebel. I'm an emotional person. Heart will always ner for every bad performance." rule my head as it is the case with tance and respect shown to him most Bengalis", said Bashar.

BCB, he said, "I know they are heavily dependent on Indian sponsors and BCCI. I can't blame them for their stand". Bashar said after being dropped

Referring to the ban imposed by

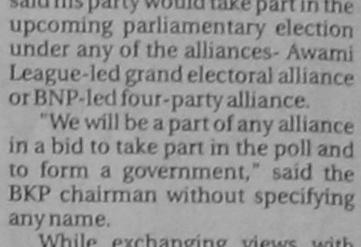
from the national team for the home series against South Africa, he joined the ICL and he was committed to the latter in the next three years before he calls it a day. Bashar was critical of the induction of five or six junior players at

international level at the same time

terming it "foolish" and said "the

result is there for all to see". He said, "Everything was fine till the World Cup in the West Indies. The trouble started after the India series following the World Cup. Suddenly, the BCB and the team management went for a complete overhaul. Myself, Javed Omar, Mohammed Rafique and Khaled Mashud were put under the scan-

Bashar feels his joining the ICL will be an eye-opener for the BCB.



"We will be a part of any alliance in a bid to take part in the poll and to form a government," said the BKP chairman without specifying any name.

While exchanging views with the party leaders at his secretariat in Mohakhali DOHS, Ibrahim said a decision about the joining of any alliance would be taken at the end

He said unofficial discussion has been going on with different

are now frustrated due to wholesale release of corrupt people and continued price hike of essentials. BKP Secretary General Abul Kalam Azad, Hannan Mollah

Kamruddin, also former chairman of Law Department of Dhaka

Mirpur Intellectual Graveyard after

cent to Ramna Police Station after

Achievement Award" by DU in recognition of his role in promoting law education in Dhaka University, Chittagong University, Rajshahi University and other mstitutions.

He was given "Life Time

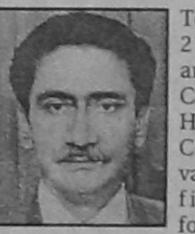
Technical Documentation Centre the death of Prof Kamruddin.

> has played a vital role in expansion of higher education in the country. She said the nation has lost a bright son in his death and his contribution to the development of

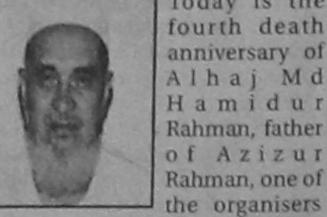
Khandakar Abdur Rouf

Khandakar Abdur Rouf, a social worker of Tangail, passed away due to old age complications at a city clinic recently at the age of 92, says a press release.

Death anniversary



Alhaj Md Hamidur Rahman



chairman of Tangail Municipality. says a press release. will be held at his village home after

Bangladesh Kalyan Party (BKP) Chairman Maj Gen (retd) Syed

Muhammad Ibrahim yesterday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

alliance

said his party would take part in the

of this month.

political parties in this regard. Ibrahim said the countrymen

Palash, Sanwar Hossain, Aminur Rahman, Shahjahan Ali and Shahidur Rahman Tamanna also

passes away

UNB, Dhaka