Election under

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

BNP Secretary General Khandaker

Delwar Hossain yesterday said

election under the state of emer-

He was speaking as chief guest

Delwar said BNP is an election-

He said if the election is held

Delwar said the incident of

January 11 was a conspiracy to

damage the BNP and make

Shahriar Kabir's

Bangladesh a dependent state.

War Crimes

'71' screened

A CORRESPONDENT, London

A special screening of the documen-

tary titled 'War Crimes 71' made by

Shahriar Kabir, acting president of

Nirmul Committee, was held at

SOAS's Khalili auditorium of

The film documented some of

Through the eyes of three youths,

the dreadful acts committed against

humanity by the war criminals

the film searches for truth by

researching facts, rare footage and

documents and interviewing emi-

nent personalities, including many

The screening was organised

jointly by the University of London

's Centre for Ethnic Minority

Pakistanis and war victims.

London University on October 16.

in London

during 1971.

under the state of emergency, its

result can be influenced.

at an extended meeting of Ghior

upazila BNP at DN Pilot High

oriented party and it wants an

election which will be fair and

School auditorium in the evening.

gency cannot be free and fair.

emergency

Says Delwar

neutral.

can't be fair

BAGHABARI RIVER PORT

Shoals in Jamuna hamper fertiliser transportation

GOLAM MOSTAFA JIBON, back from Notakhola, Pabna

Transportation of fuel and fertiliser to Baghabari river port through the channel of Jamuna has become difficult due to poor navigability caused by hundreds of shoals.

As a result, there is apprehension that the cultivation of Rabi crops in northern region may be hampered.

With the beginning of dry navigational problem. (winter) season, the water level of Jamuna and its tributaries has fallen so drastically that large cargo vessels carrying fertilisers and fuel cannot reach Baghabarighat smoothly, said port and depot sources.

loaded with fertiliser have been stranded at different points including at Berakhola,

last five days causing serious dislocation in the transportation of fertilisers to the port.

The port authorities have sent a letter to Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authorities (BIWTA) to take necessary steps for dredging the channel, sources said.

While visiting Notakhola yesterday this correspondent found 12 cargo vessels with huge quantity of fertiliser stranded at different points of the channel due to

He also found that the sacks of tricts. fertiliser were being unloaded from the stranded vessels to small boats for transportation to different destinations.

As a result, the cost of transportation is increasing and the poor A total of 17 cargo vessels farmers will have to bear the burden, port sources said.

Rabiul Alam, superintendent of Jamuna depot at Baghabarighat Notakhola, Pechakhola, Nakalia, said small barges with light load Latifpur and Mohonganj for the can still reach the port, but it fuel.

would be difficult even for them to reach the port within a short time, if the dredging is not done in the channel immediately.

BIWTA sources said at least 11 to 12-foot deep channel is needed for plying large cargo vessels and barges, but the depth of water at these points has come down to six

In 1982, Baghabari port was set up at the confluence of Jamuna and Boral rivers to ensure smooth supply of fuel to northern dis-

Subsequently, depots of Padma, Meghna and Jamuna oil companies were set up there.

But due to lack of proper dredging, the supply of fuel and fertiliser is hampered every year causing their crisis in the region.

The port and depot authorities have demanded immediate dredging in the channel to ensure smooth supply of fertiliser and

Reinstallation of sculptures demanded

DU CORRESPONDENT

Pragatishil Chhatra Jote, an alliance of left-leaning student organisations, staged a demonstration on Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding immediate reinstallation of sculptures at the roundabout in front of Zia International Airport.

The authorities removed the sculptures that reflect folk culture of the Bangalees on Wednesday in the face of protests by some Islamist

In support of the demand, PCJ

demand for cow's milk has started

increasing from the day melamine

in powdered milk was first detected

The prices of liquid milk of local

brands increased to Tk 47 from Tk 44

per litre during the last few weeks.

Non-brand cow's milk was selling

between Tk 45 and Tk 55 a litre for the

last two days; it was selling between

city said the sale of powdered milk

decreasing after Eid. They said the

sale of almost all brands of pow-

dered milk has dropped by 75 per-

cent after the government advised

people not to consume eight brands

The government advised people

Thursday not to consume eight

brands of imported powdered milk

the National Commission for

member of the European

Parliament, said there is a big differ-

ence between the subjects men and

that lesser number of women are

seen studying IT and fewer women

are seen in the IT business even

though both men and women are

and women must end, she said,

adding: "If we want to succeed, we

must fight to have half of the world

for us. If women get higher educa-

tion, they can serve as good leaders

of human trafficking are women

who end up in the worst form of

slavery. "We must work to stop

Hossain said though there are some

good laws in Bangladesh, religious

and cultural norms of male domina-

tion over females remain

who were seriously repressed on

religious grounds, did not get

enough state interventions to

important part in Bangladesh's export

earnings, but are still subject to wide-

spreadsexual harassments at work.

Hameeda said women play an

"We must recognise their contri-

ensure justice for them.

In many cases, she said, women

Human rights activist Hameeda

She said ninety percent victims

The inequalities between men

keen to study the subject.

aswell."

human slavery."

unchanged.

She said citing as an example

women choose for higher studies.

of powdered milk.

she said.

socially empowered.

Denmark are women.

Retailers of powdered milk in the

Tk38 and Tk42 only a few days ago.

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in China.

leaders and activists took out a protest procession from TSC intersection in the evening that paraded through different streets on the campus and ended after holding a rally in front of the anti-terrorism sculpture 'Raju'.

The demonstrators chanted slogans against the fundamentalists and criticised the government for removing the five sculptures.

The alliance leaders threatened to wage a tougher movement across the country if their demand goes

which a Dhaka University lab found

tainted with industrial chemical

General Store at Karwan Bazar told

The Daily Star that he used to sell 15-

20 packs of powdered milk of differ-

ent brands on an average day but

powdered milk which they bought a

few days ago, said a number of

670, on Thursday he returned the

milk and took another brand saying

the brand could be contaminated

with melamine. A few hours later he

He came back again yesterday

[Friday] to return powdered milk for

the third time... he left with soya

bean oil, "Yusuf said.

returned again to change the brand.

Customers are even returning

"A customer on Wednesday

now he cannot even sell five packs.

Mohammad Yusuf of Yusuf

Sale of powder milk down

shopkeepers.

especially formulas has been bought akg of powdered milk for Tk

Top PCJ leaders, including Khan Asaduzzaman Masum, Fakhruddin Atik, Hillol Roy, Biplob Mandol and Luvana Tabassum took part in the programme.

The leaders criticised the role of the government against the fundamentalists and vowed to resist any kind of conspiracy against the country and Bangalee culture by the fundamentalists.

Bangladesh Chhatra Moitri, a left-leaning student body, also staged a demonstration separately on the same demand.

Sraboni, mother of a five-year-

old, at Karwan Bazar said she used

to feed her child a certain brand of

powdered milk but on Thursday she

came to know about the govern-

ment advice. She decided not to

failed to find it in the market ... now I

deputy director of Dhaka Shishu

Hospital and nutrition specialist,

told The Daily Star, "We have always

maintained that mothers should

feed babies breast milk but those

who fail to do so were told to give

powdered milk. Now we are sug-

gesting mothers to give their babies

cow's milk or liquid milk of local

Khichuri to babies above six

He also said mothers should feed

companies."

months.

do not know what to do," she said.

"I decided to buy cow's milk but

Mahabubul Hasan, former

feed her child powdered milk.

Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies and UK Chapter of Nirmul Committee. Following the film screening, a

brief discussion was held with Prof Werner Menski of SOAS in the chair. Lord Avebury, House of Lords, said it is the responsibility of the UK people to assist legally, technically and financially the people of Bangladesh in their quest for justice.

Abbas Faiz of Amnesty International said the failure to try the war criminals has encouraged a culture of impunity.

He said the Amnesty believes establishing an enquiry commission would be a first step to seek justice for the victims whose human rights were violated in 1971.

Dr Irfan Al Alawi of the Centre for Islamic Pluralism said Jamaat-e-Islami, responsible for collaborating with Pakistani army, is the follower of fundamentalist Deobandi movement and extreme Wahabbism.

Shahriar Kabir also spoke on the

The discussants felt the documentary would help generate awareness amongst not only Bangalees but also South Asians including Pakistanis and Europeans on the need for trial of the war criminals.

Rejoinder

for hearing of the petitions by the chamber judge of the Supreme

"An army major sits in a room on the second floor of the Supreme Court building where no-one is allowed to enter. The chief justice is a very rational and prudent judge. I'm sure he is not aware of this reconstitution of the High Court benches."

The Registrar's Office said no list of petitions has been prepared for hearing at the Chamber Judge's Court, and that there was no question of preparing a cause list by a military officer.

It added that no military official sat at any room of the SC administration. The rejoinder also said in line with tradition of the apex court, the Appellate and HC division benches are constituted on instructions from the chief justice. There is no

question of setting up any bench in his absence. **OUR REPLY** The report we ran was based on a speech delivered by Rafique-ul

Huq at a gathering of SC lawyers on October 12. Contacted on October 15 on

receipt of the rejoinder, Rafique-ul said he stands by his comments. Talking to The Daily Star over phone, he said, "The Supreme Court registrar who sent the rejoinder should face me.

"The army officer went away Tuesday following my comments at the lawyers' meeting. And he is not seen at the Supreme Court

Rafique-ul also said he still believes the chief justice was not aware of the reconstitution of the High Court benches.

He continued, "The present chief justice is an exceptionally honest man. Perhaps, he has followed the traditional reconstitution of the High Court benches."

Contacted and briefed about the barrister's reaction over the rejoinder, Registrar Abu Bakar Siddiqui said his office would not face the lawyer.

Bitopi Advertising Ltd CEO and Managing Director Reza Ali along with other guests cuts a cake, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the advertising agency at Hotel Radisson in the city yesterday.

Pest attack, blight threaten

FROM PAGE 16 Institute (BRRI) in Rangpur.

BPH usually remain at the lower end of paddy plants and sucks the stems, he said, adding that the attack of this pest is more severe this year than previous years due to warm wet weather.

The level of attack is not alarming now but BPH are a very fast growing pest and they could spread to vast areas if effective actions are not taken immediately, Mazid told The Daily Star over telephone.

The problem is farmers sometimes spray pesticides on the upper part of paddy plants, he said, recommending that they should spray at the lower end as well, leave space between every four rows and if possible remove water from the field.

Prices of pesticides, used to control BPH, went up by 60 percent with the increase in demand. A bottle of pesticide usually costing Tk 108 was selling between Tk 160 and Tk 180, Mazid added.

Quoting field-level officials, our correspondent in Rangpur said vast areas of Aman fields in Gaibandha, Panchagarh, Kurigram and Lalmonirhat became yellowish due to leaf blight, which will ham-

Tamim Iqbal (18 off 90 balls) and

Rajin Saleh (20 off 129 balls) added

34 for the second wicket in the entire

first session. It took Bangladesh 23

balls to get off the mark and the first

ten overs yielded just three runs as

the two batsmen passed up plenty

while there was none from Rajin,

who got hit on his wrist while trying

to duck under a Jacob Oram delivery

that did not bounce from short of a

Ashraful (2 off 35 balls) were how-

ever all sent packing right after

lunch and it was left to the two

relatively inexperienced players to

match after a year and having failed to

make an impression in the Australia

tour, Mehrab's intent to take control of

ALRD organises a seminar on 'Jum

cultivation and state policy: Jum people's

land rights in CHT'. Venue: YWCA

conference room, Mohammadpur. Time:

Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Shaptakik

2000 and National Girl Child Advocacy

Forum jointly organise a roundtable on

eve teasing and our responsibilities to

prevent it. Venue: National Press Club.

Prof Emajuddin Ahamed will deliver

Batting for the Tigers in a Test

Tamim, Rajin and Mohammad

Tamim struck two boundaries

of scoring opportunities.

rescue the innings.

Seminar

Roundtable

Time: 3:00pm.

Lecture

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Leaf blight is caused mainly by low application of muriate of potash (MoP) and triple super phosphate (TSP) fertilisers, agriculturists said, adding that farmers used less MoP or TSP due to ignorance or high prices. Prices of MoP and TSP were

unusually high this Aman season. Prices of each 50kg sack of MoP and TSP ranged between Tk 2,500 and Tk 2,800 "The leaf blight disease this year

is more serious than in the previous years," said a field-level official in Quoting unofficial sources, our

correspondent in Dinajpur said Aman was cultivated on over 2.5 lakh hectares of land and around 70,000 hectares were attacked by pests or affected by leaf blight Aman production target in

Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Joypurhat and Nilphamari was fixed at 17,95,385 tonnes from 7,18,154 hectares this

Disease and pest infestation that started about three weeks ago have now affected about 1,92,240 erly.

the game was known as early as the

second ball of his innings when he

lifted Daniel Vettori over extra-cover

He hit ten boundaries in his 164-

ball knock, eight of which came off

the two spinners as New Zealand

struggled in the post-tea session

due to the high temperature and the

aggression as the right-handed

batsman reached his second Test

half-century with a beautiful

straight drive past New Zealand's

best bowler of the day, Iain O'Brien,

faced 145 deliveries and hit nine

boundaries and a six that was swept

high over mid-wicket off Patel, a

mance also did not help matters.

After O'Brien had Zunaed Siddiqui

Shaheed Col Jamil Ahmed Memorial

Lecture 2008 on democratic use of military

power. Venue: Asiatic Society of

AUW inaugural ceremony

The inaugural ceremony of Asian

University of Women (AUW) will be held.

Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship

Saarc Chamber Women Entrepreneur

Council organises a seminar on

'Opportunities for industrial and

infrastructure development'. Venue

Westin Hotel, Time: 10:00am.

Conference Centre. Time: 9:00am.

Seminar

Bangladesh auditorium. Time: 4:00pm.

New Zealand's fielding perfor-

favourite for both batsmen.

DHAKA

The wicketkeeper-batsman

in the penultimate over of the day.

Mushfigur mixed caution with

Tigers show their patience

lack of a breakthrough.

for three runs.

hectares in five districts. This is likely to reduce yield by around five lakh tonnes, Department of Agriculture Extension (DEA) officials said.

Officials and farmers said disease and pests affected mostly BR-11 and Swarna, the most cultivated varieties of paddy, this season.

Failing to apply pricey MoP and TSP, farmers used high doses of urea, said an agronomist at Haji Danesh Science and Technology University. Excessive use of urea in Aman fields increases the chance of BPH attack, he noted.

DAE Director General Shamsul Alam said he received reports of sporadic pest attacks and leaf blight disease in northern districts but it was not alarming.

"You [the media] give more coverage on agricultural issues now. Therefore, the pest attack or leaf blight disease appears to be more pervasive," he told The Daily

Shamsul Alam said the DAE has already instructed officials concerned in the areas to demonstrate before farmers what pesticides to use and how to apply them prop-

leg-before in his first over, Brendon

McCullum dropped Rajin Saleh off

same fielder dropped the same

batsman, this time at short leg off

O'Brien later removed Rajin

Saleh as he took two wickets while

the other two wickets that fell went

to Daniel Vettori who removed

Ashraful with a superbly disguised

arm-ball and had Tamim flash at a

and downs and even though the

Tigers could be 40 runs short of a

perfect day of Test match batting,

the two unbeaten batsmen would

look to carry the impetus into

10 tonnes of

urea seized

today's play.

The day definitely had its ups

wide delivery right after lunch.

3-yr-old girl dies in gas cylinder blast

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A three-year old girl was killed and her brother and sister injured in a gas cylinder blast in the city's Seroil Colony area yesterday.

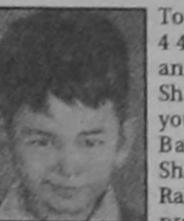
The dead was identified as Asma, 3, daughter of Sekandor Ali, while her brother Rakib, 8, and sister Shahida, 2, were injured.

The gas cylinder at Sekandor's neighbour Rafikul Islam's kitchen went off injuring the three children who were playing nearby.

Asma succumbed to her injuries at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital while Rakib and Shahida were still undergoing treatment at the hospital.

Birth anniversary of Sheikh Russell today

DU CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 44th birth anniversary of Sheikh Russell. youngest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, says a press release.

He was killed along with his father and other family members on August 15 in 1975 at the age of

On this occasion, Sheikh Russell Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad chalked out elaborate programmes including hoisting of national and organisational flags at central office, placing wreath at the memorial of Bangabandhu at Dhanmondi in the city and offering special prayers at his graveyard.

A discussion and prize distribution among meritorious students of Secondary School Certificate and winner of a painting competition will also be held at 3:00pm on Bangabandhu Museum premises

Obituary METRO DESK



Major General (Retd) Quazi Golam Dastgir, also a former ambassador. passed away yesterday morning at the age of 76, says

a press release.

the very next ball. An over later, it was Tamim's turn to have some good fortune when Aaron Redmond Death anniversary spilled an easy chance at second slip off Kyle Mills. In the 20th over, the STAFF CORRESPONDENT



26th death anniversary of Rahatullah Sarkar, an organiser of the Liberation War and member of the then East

Pakistan Provincial Assembly, says a press release. He was a close associate of Sher-

e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haque, Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Deshbandhu CR Das. On the occasion of his death

anniversary, Qurankhwani, milad mahfil and a feeding of the destitute programme have been arranged at his home at Parbatipur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

tonnes (200 bags) of urea fertiliser from the toll plaza of Jamuna Bridge east side in the early hours of yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team from East Police Station of the

bridge seized the urea-laden truck and arrested its driver Saiful Islam. Sub-Inspector Abu Taher of Jamuna Bridge East Police Station

said as per documents, the fertiliser was supposed to go to dealer Md Sultan of Kawraid Bazar of Sreepur upazila in Gazipur but it was proceeding towards dealer Sirajul Islam of Mirpur upazila in Kushtia.

fall of Rahul Dravid's wicket, said he

tried not to think too much about

under too much pressure. My mind

was on the ball and not on the

record. But once it happened, I was

very happy. This is not just my

record but a record for the whole

end when Australia dismissed

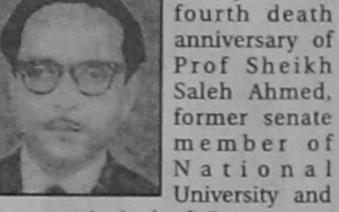
He was on four at the non-striker's

"I was quite focused and not

the record.

country."

in Dinajpur. OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail Prof Sheikh Saleh Ahmed Police seized a truck loaded with 10



Saleh Ahmed, former senate member of National University and former principal of Government Suhrawardy College in Pirojpur,

Today is the

says a press release. Students, colleagues, relatives and admirers are requested to pray

for peace of the departed soul.

Tendulkar breaks Lara's Test run record

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these runs," Tendulkar said at a post-match press conference. "The 12,000 runs are in fact a

reflection of my contribution to Indian cricket over the 19 years that I have played for the country. "It has been a fantastic journey. It's not only about success but the

ups and downs as well. But I have

been able to overcome the obstacles and turn the stones thrown at me into milestones," he said. "I have never played to prove anything to anybody, whether in my

first year as a cricketer or now in my Tendulkar, a veteran of 152 Tests, is already the world's top scorer in

one-day internationals (16,361 runs), and has more Test (39) and enjoy my game. No one told me then one-day (42) centuries than any to continue playing. So I don't need other batsman. anyone now to tell me whether I first ball after resumption, gliding He is also the most senior active

cricketer, having made his Test should stop playing or continue." debut as a 16-year-old on November Tendulkar, who received warm applause from some 15,000 home 15, 1989 against Pakistan in Karachi.

"I have never played for records. But as your career progresses, subconsciously the mind starts thinking. Sometimes I don't even know how many runs I need to break a

"My teammates also don't believe me when I say this. It is only after I swear that they believe me." Tendulkar said he would con-

tinue to play as long as he enjoyed batting. "I think I am going to continue as

I am feeling good about my game. Gautam Gambhir and Venkatsai Laxmanin quick succession. Many things have been said but again these are only opinions. "When I started out as a 16-yearold, I had no targets. I just wanted to

As Ganguly took time to settle down, Tendulkar was stuck on 13 when the tea break was called with India on 174-4. He reached the landmark off the

Siddle for three runs to third man and raised his bat to acknowledge the wild cheers from the crowd and fans when he walked in to bat at the teammates.

> Australian captain Ricky Ponting shook hands with a visibly relieved

> Tendulkar, as did the other fielders. Tendulkar, who looked skywards

> twice after breaking the record, said the first time he wanted to thank God and the second time his late father. "My father would have been

> proud of me if he was alive. In fact, I dedicate this record to my family which has stood by me and supported me in my difficult times," he

Tendulkar, who received a silver

plaque from Indian cricket board president Shashank Manohar after the day's play, also cut a cake with teammates to celebrate his record as well as captain Anil Kumble's birthday.

FROM PAGE 16 "I strongly support such reservalective efforts of the NGOs, must Women's Association, India, tion of quota, but this should not Regina Papa, executive director of come forward to protect and probe the end, rather a means to the mote them," she said. AUW Access Academy, Chittagong, end, which is equal opportunity," Kathy Pike, who sits on the board Vivian Lowery Derryck, member of of directors of the Asian University the board of directors of AUWSF Prof Zoya Hasan, a member of

Minorities in India, said parity is not possible unless women and the Transparency International marginalised are politically and (UK) Trustee Judy Moody Stuart, Iranian human rights activist Danish MP Lone Dybkjaer said Mehrangiz Kar, Kathy Matsui, though women's political status in managing director of Chief Japan Europe is comparatively better, they Strategist, former US ambassador are still struggling for equal rights. to Asia-Pacific Economic She said only 38 percent MPs in Cooperation (Apec) Lauren Moriarty, Rangita DeSilva of Dybkjaer, a former minister and

UNB, Dhaka

tomorrow.

bution and the states, besides col-

for Women Support Foundation (AUWSF), chaired the inaugural

Wellesley Centres for Women at Wellesley College, USA, Shahida Jaffrey, vice chancellor of SBK

Breaking gender barriers Macwan of Self-Employed

and Duth Kimsru of Cambodia also spoke at various sessions. John D and Catherine T

MacArthur Foundation is cosponsoring the event, dedicated to the memory of Dr Allan Rosenfield, dean emeritus of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, who was also the chairman of board of Brac USA.

The symposium will wrap up at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre today. Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed and Nobel Laureate Dr Muhammad Women's University, Pakistan, Jyoti Yunus are scheduled to be present.

Dry weather likely

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country having chances of light rain or thundershowers at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the coun-

try, Met Office said Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.8 degree Celsius was recorded at Sandwip and the lowest of 21.4 degrees at Rajshahi. The sun sets in the capital at 5:29pm today and rises at 5:58am

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in

some major cities and towns yesterday were: Humidityin Temperature in City/Town percentage

	CCISIUS		percentage		
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening	
Dhaka	34.8	25.4	66	60	
Chittagong	34.0	24.8	77	60	
Rajshahi	32.5	21.4	78	79	
Khulna	33.2	23.7	73	77	
Barisal	34.0	23.5	74	83	
Sylhet	35.3	22.8	60	62	
Cox's Bazar	34.7	26.8	77		

