



Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed admires artworks at the 13th Asian Art Biennale 2008 at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city yesterday. Earlier, he inaugurated the exhibition. (Story on Page 16)

Extend all-out cooperation in holding free, fair election

President urges all

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday called upon all concerned to extend wholehearted cooperation towards holding a free, fair and credible election in December.

"We all know, Bangladesh is now passing a transitional period and the present government is sincerely trying to hold a free, fair and credible election by December this year," he said while inaugurating a conference of the physicians and surgeons from Bangladesh and Pakistan at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city.

Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) and College of Physicians and

Surgeons, Pakistan (CSPS) jointly organised the four-day conference.

Health and Family Welfare Adviser Dr AMM Shawkat Ali addressed the inaugural session as a special guest while Health and Family Welfare Secretary AMM Nasiruddin spoke as a guest of honour.

President Iajuddin said the South Asian countries are lagging behind in the race of development although one-fourth of world population lives in the region.

He said the people of this region are still fighting against hunger, malnutrition, illiteracy and proper medical care. "Therefore, we've ample opportunities to work unitedly for elevating the

standard of our people."

He observed that huge resources, new infrastructures and dedicated professionals are needed to meet the demand of health services and only good governance could ensure this in a better way.

The two important medical institutions of Bangladesh and Pakistan (BCPS and CSPS), he said, have enormous opportunities to initiate more research activities for developing medical education in this region.

The president said he believed that the joint scientific conference would definitely open up an avenue to sharing knowledge, experiences and on the recent development of medical science. "I hope both the countries can

expand exchange programmes for mutual professional benefit. I am sure at the end of the conference the participants will achieve a lot from the different scientific deliberations and presentations."

He also expressed the belief that that existing bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries would be further strengthened and deepened through such academic exchange programmes.

BCPS President Prof Mobin Khan, CPSP acting president Abdullah Jan Jaffer, BCPS Secretary Prof Tima Faruq, CPSP Councillor Prof Sayed Mohibur Rab and Chairman of reception committee Prof Mahbubur Rahman also spoke at the inaugural session.

Suspected criminal beaten to death

UNB, Savar

A mob beat a suspected criminal to death and injured another critically at Begunbari Balurmat in Amin Bazar area in Savar yesterday.

The dead was identified as Zahirul Islam alias Zahu, 25, son of Mohammed Ali. He was wanted in a number of cases, including murder and mugging cases.

Police said Zahu, who had been on the run since the 1/11 change-over, came back along with his accomplice Jewel yesterday noon.

As the news of their arrival spread around the village, local people surrounded them on a field and beat them up, killing Zahu on the spot and injuring Jewel critically.

Jewel was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Later, the police recovered Zahu's body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed.

Newly married woman found dead

UNB, Keraniganj

The police recovered the body of a newly married woman hanging from the ceiling of her bedroom at Dakkhin Dharmasur in Keraniganj yesterday.

The victim was identified as Tanjim Akhter Lopa, 20, wife of Mamun Hawlader.

Local people said Lopa, who married Mamun only four months ago, might have been killed by her husband as he went into hiding soon after the incident.



Society of Conscious Artists form a human chain in front of the Institute of Fine Art on the Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding a congenial atmosphere for art, culture and creativity.

Unite to realise constitutional rights of indigenous people

Shantu Larma urges students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is the time for the 'students' of indigenous community to get united to realise their constitutional and basic rights, said Jyotirindra Bodhipriyo Larma alias Shantu Larma, chairman of Chittagong Hill Tracts Regional Council, yesterday.

At a freshers' reception at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) of Dhaka University, he said members of the indigenous community are deprived of their constitutional rights and victims of harassment and suppression.

The reception was organised

by Bangladesh Adivasi Chhatra Sangram Parishad to receive all indigenous students who were admitted to different educational institutions including Dhaka University in the city this year.

Speaking as chief guest at the programme, Shantu Larma said, "We the members of indigenous community should continue our fight against communalism alongside our efforts to establish a democratic and progressive state," he added.

Criticising the country's higher education system he said it helps students become communal

instead of democratic and progressive.

"Dr Harun-ur-Rashid, dean of social science faculty, who attended the programme as special guest, said to ensure higher education of the indigenous students Dhaka University fixed one percent admission quota for them from this year.

"All political parties should make their stand clear about the rights of indigenous people in their political manifestos," said Prof Mezbah Kamal of history department.

He also criticised the caretaker government for holding a meeting

with Jamaat Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid.

Criticising the deployment of military in Chittagong Hill Tracts, Prof Sadeka Halim of sociology department said the government should withdraw them from the area as local administration is there to control the law and order situation.

The programme was also addressed by Prof Mohammad Samad of Social Welfare Institute, Robaet Ferdous, associate professor of mass communication and journalism department, and Sanjib Drong, general secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum.

Philippines assures support to govt in nat'l polls

UNB, Dhaka

The Philippines has assured the caretaker government of support in its efforts to hold the national elections slated for December 18.

"The Philippines supports the caretaker government and its efforts to hold the elections on December 18 in conformity

with the previously announced roadmap," Filipino Ambassador Zenaida Tacorda Rabago told the media after his meeting with Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury at his office yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed the "growing bilateral cooperation" between the two countries.

The envoy also handed over a cheque for Tk 73.66 lakh as donation for the Sidr victims on behalf of the Filipino government to the chief adviser's fund.

While talking to the media afterwards, the adviser said they also discussed, among other issues, the possibilities of cooperation in the field of agriculture.

Date for ETP installation extended

BSS, Dhaka

The Ministry of Environment and Forest has extended the date for setting up of effluent treatment plant (ETP) on different mill and factory premises until November 15, considering the country's socio-economic condition.

The industries, running without ETPs, have been requested by the ministry to take necessary measures to set up the plants within the stipulated time and send reports in this regard to the ministry immediately.

"Otherwise, legal measures would be taken against them under the existing laws," says an official circular.

SAC governing board meet begins today

BSS, Dhaka

The 2nd governing board meeting of the Saarc Agriculture Centre begins today at the Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council (BARC) at Farmgate in the city.

Representatives from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the Maldives are expected to participate in the meeting, says a press release.

Agriculture Secretary M Abdul Aziz will inaugurate the seminar as the chief guest, while Governing Board Chairman Dr PK Joshi will be in the chair.

Man gets death for killing neighbour

UNB, Barisal

A Barisal court yesterday sentenced a man to death for killing his neighbour at Barajalia village in Hizla upazila one year ago.

District and Sessions Judge M Shahidullah handed down the verdict to Abdul Razzak Matobbar, 40.

The court also fined the convict Tk 20,000. According to the prosecution, Razak stabbed Monwara Begum to death over a land dispute on July 7, 2007.

The victim's son Habibullah Talukdar filed a murder case against Razak on the same day.



Vehicles get stuck in a gridlock on the road at Paltan in the city yesterday, causing huge suffering to commuters.

VoIP equipment worth Tk 60 lakh seized in Chittagong

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Police seized huge Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) equipment worth Tk 60 lakh in the port city on Monday night.

Acting on a tip-off, a team from Bayezid Police Station (PS) in a three-hour raid at a flat on the third floor of a four-storied building owned by one Md Bakkar in Hill View Residential area seized the VoIP equipment.

The seized items include 18 cellular sets of Ranktel, four CSMA sets, two GS modems, one quantum, one micronet, computer accessories, one UPS, battery, adapters, antenna, etc.

Quoting the owner of the building police said one Shafiqul Islam rented the flat last month.

There were no furniture in the flat, they added.

THE SILVA METHOD

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