Prothom Alo to

publish book of

letters written

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The daily Prothom Alo in col-

laboration with

Grameenphone, a mobile

phone operator, will publish a

book of letters written by free-

dom fighters to their near and

dear ones during the

requested to submit the letters

Alo or Grameenphone centres

across the country to this end.

The letters will be received

during the period from today to

The book will be launched

All concerned have been

to the offices of the Prothom

Liberation War in 1971.

February 28, 2009.

on March 26.

by FFs

FIRST DHAKA INT'L BOOK FAIR BEGINS

Books can help establish peaceful society: CA

DU CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday said a close relationship among the writers, publishers and readers is essential to build a knowledge-based society.

"A book is not only for writer. A reader-circle, library and publishing community are needed for proper publicity of the books. These things are closely interrelated," said Fakhruddin while inaugurating the first Dhaka International Book Fair in the city. The 15-day fair is being held at the central

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The next government must

continue to extend all-out

support to farmers in order to

ensure food security and help

face challenges posed by the

global climate change,

Agriculture Adviser CS Karim

our real heroes... It has now

been proved beyond any rea-

sonable doubt that the rewards

are far greater than the invest-

ments the state makes in the

process," he said while giving a

presentation on his experi-

ences in the agriculture sector

including the members of

local consultative group

(LCG), diplomats and agricul-

turists attended the

programme held at Dhaka

possible terms, that there is no

alternative to continued

support to our farmers," the

adviser said, referring to

increased Boro harvest and

subsidy in diesel and fertiliser.

agriculture in GDP has shrunk

gradually in recent years

mainly due to increasing

contribution of services,

manufacturing sector and

foreign remittances, agricul-

ture is the key to food security,

sustenance of rural liveli-

hoods and overall economic

facing serious challenges of climate change, he said and

called on development part-

ners to make investments in

partners and the governments

around the globe will respond

to our needs of survival under

"We trust the development

researches on agriculture.

Agriculture, however, is

growth, he said.

Although the share of

"I would argue, in strongest

Development partners,

in the last two years.

Sheraton Hotel.

"The state has to support

said yesterday.

University.

A total of 150 local and overseas publishing houses are taking part in the fair organised by Jatiya Granthakendra with the theme 'Bookforapeacefulworld'.

Fakhruddin said the writers and publishers can also contribute to expand the reading community.

Speaking as a representative of civil society Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed said a book not only enhances knowledge but also adds resource in a society. Anation is bound to develop where the bookfindsits dignity, he added.

Adviser for Primary and playground of Dhaka Mass Education Rasheda K tion.

Continued support to farmers a

must for food security: CS Karim

way to sustainable food secu-

recommendations for the next

new varieties responsive to

climate change, development

of non-rice sectors such as

The Army Headquarters

yesterday said the army does-

n't have any kind of involve-

ment in allotment of the plots

of Rajdhani Unnayan

Kartripakkha (Rajuk) and

there should not be any mis-

Mentioning that confusion

has been created in public

mind and media about direct

involvement of Bangladesh

Army, an ISPR release said, "It

is to inform all that army

doesn't have any type of

involvement in plot-allotment

It noted that the profes-

sional skills of the army were

appreciated by all as they

formulated voter list with

photograph and national ID

card within a very short span

"And due to such profes-

sional efficiency of the army,

the Housing and Public Works

Ministry requested

Bangladesh Army to provide

information technology assis-

tance for necessary data entry

and selection of candidates

understanding in this regard.

fisheries and livestock, export programme.

CS Karim also placed some

He stressed the need for

rity," the adviser said.

government.

UNB, Dhaka

system."

of time.

conditions -- help us on the of vegetables and horticul-

'Army not involved in

allotting Rajuk plots'

market.

Chowdhury was present as special gust with Secretary to cultural ministry Mohammad Sharful Alam in the chair.

The function was also addressed by Managing Director of University Press Limited Mohiuddin Ahmed and Director of Jatiya Granthakendra Mahmudur Rahman.

The fair will remain open for all with an entry fee of Tk 5 from 11:00am to 8:00pm and on holidays from 11:00am to 8:30pm until December 30.

The school students will have free access to the exhibi-

ture products and linkages on

research, extension and

Aziz, External Relations

Division Secretary Mosharraf

Hossain Bhuiyan and agricul-

ture secretary Enayet Ullah

were also present at the

ment of Rajuk's plots under

two projects -- Purbachal and

Following the request, the

The Army team opined that

Uttara," the ISPR release said.

army sent an expert team to

the Rajuk to review the whole

matter of electronic selection.

any non-government skilled

IT organisation would be able

to accomplish the task of

Rajuk through its specific IT

Begum Irani Huq (Ayesha),

wife of late Syed Rafiqul Huq of

Nawab Bari Paschimgaon,

Laksham under Comilla,

passed away due to a massive

cardiac arrest at the United

Hospital in the city on

December 13, says a press

daughter of late Saifuddin

Ahmed Chowdhury,

daughters and a host of rela-

Zamindar of Shorshadi, Feni.

Begum Irani was the eldest

She left behind her two

programme and IT operators.

Obituary

METRO DESK

Cabinet secretary Abdul

President okays withdrawal of emergency

NEWS

BSS, Dhaka

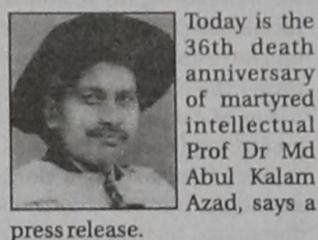
President Iajuddin Ahmed has signed an ordinance repealing the Emergency Power Ordinance 2007 with effect from December 17 in line with an earlier government announcement.

"The president has signed the order at 5:00pm today," secretary of the President's office Mohammad Sirajul Islam told BSS.

He said the president also signed an order for lifting the emergency rules, which is to be sent to the home ministry while the order for repealing **Emergency Power Ordinance** would go to the law ministry for required actions.

The president promulgated the state of emergency on January 11, 2007 and the current caretaker government was installed the following

Death anniversary METRO DESK



of martyred intellectual Prof Dr Md

Abul Kalam Azad, says a Prof Azad was killed by the

members of Al-Badar at the fag end of the War of Liberation. His body was recovered from the killing ground at Rayer Bazar on December 16 in 1971.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil and Qurankhwani will be held at the residence of Shaheed Azad's brother The Daily Morning Post Editor Habibul Bashar at House # 35/B, Road # 7, Block-G, Banani at 11:00am today.

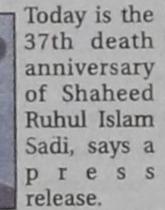
A milad mahfil will also be held at the Daily Morning Post office 29/B, East Panthapath in the city at 11:00am on December 22 which coincides with the 14th death anniversary of Kohinoor Banu mother of Shaheed Azad.

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

Shaheed Ruhul Islam Sadi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT





He defected from Pakistan Air Force to join the War of Liberation in 1971. He was

-- during a fight with the Pakistani occupation forces in Rajbari just before two hours of victory. On the occasion, people from all walks of life will place wreaths at the martyrs' graveyard. Milad mahfil and prayer

session have also been arranged at Shaheed Smriti Shangha and Library and Rupnagar Jame Mosque. Mufrad Nabeel Rahman

Today is the first death anniversary of Mufrad Nabeel Rahman, only son of Dr Anisur Rahman and Prof Amena Mohsin, says a press release.

On the occasion, a trust and a website will be launched.

Razia Begum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the second death anniversary of Razla Begum, a social

worker of Pallabi Section-11, says a press release.

On the occasion, Ourankhwani and milad mahfil will be held after Zohr prayers.

Alhaj Abul Kashem

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the first death anniversary of Alhaj Abul Kashem, founder chairman of

Baly Group of Industries and director of Premier Bank, says a press

Friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to pray for his departed soul.



Freedom fighter Mokhlesur Rahman speaks at a press conference at the Liberation War Museum in the city yesterday. On his right are Editor of the Prothom Alo Matiur Rahman, Grameenphone CEO Oddvar Hesjedal, Syed Yamin Bakht and Anisul Hug.

Channel i to telecast Bijoy Mela live

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Channel i will telecast daylong Wheel-Channel i Bijoy Mela live from its own office building at Tejgaon from 11:05am to 6:00pm today.

Managing Director of Channel i Faridur Reza Sagar at a press conference at the Siddeshwari office of Channel i said, "Artists of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, members of Swadhin Bangla Football team, members of Sectors Commanders' Forum, cultural personalities, freedom fighters and editors of the national dailies will be present at the inauguration session."

Convener of Sammilita Sangskritik Jote Nasir Uddin Yusuf Bachchu will anchor the inaugural session.

As part of the Bijoy Mela, eminent artists will take part in a painting programme and proceeds from the sale of the paintings would be donated for the welfare of the freedom fighters.

Quayyum Chowdhury, Hashem Khan, Rafiqunnabi, Biren Some, Alokesh Ghosh, Monirul Islam, Moniruzzaman, Farida Zaman, Shahid Kabir and Jamal Ahmed will participate at the event alongside children.

Senior Programme Manager Amirul Islam and Shahidul Islam Sachchu will direct the Bijoy Mela. Noted artist Hashem Khan

Managing Director of Channel i Faridur Reza Sagar speaks at a press was also present at the press conference at the Siddeshwari office of Channel i in the city yesterday. conference. On his left is noted artist Hashem Khan.

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Tight security on V-Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The law enforcers and intelligence agencies have taken three-tier security measures by deploying over 20,000 police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members backed by dog squads to accept and detectives for trouble-free celebration of the Victory Day today.

At each venue, three-tier checkpoints will be put up with security men checking people with sweeper, archway and metal detector. Besides, Rab dog squad and women police will be on duty.

DMP Commissioner Naim Ahmed told The Daily Star that additional forces would be deployed at every place, including National Mausoleum at Savar, Bangabandhu National Stadium, Shishu Academy and all other places where the Victory Day programmes would be held.

Talking to The Daily Star, Rab Additional Director General Col Gulzar Uddin Ahmed said, "A

total of 4,500 people would

HC asks EC candidacy of AL candidate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the Election Commission (EC) to accept the nomination paper of Awami League candidate Ataur Rahman Shamim from Moulavibazar-2 constituency in the national elections.

An HC bench comprising Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain and Justice Quamrul Islam Siddiqui passed the order following a writ petition filed by Shamim against the EC decision on his candidacy.

"An expert team comprising veteran freedom fighters, historians, researchers and remain vigilant across the counintellectuals will be formed to try to ensure a trouble-free Victory Day celebration."

verify authenticity of the letters," Matiur Rahman, editor of the Prothom Alo, said at a press conference at the Liberation War Museum in the city. He also said that a national media campaign would be launched today to collect letters

written by freedom fighters from the battlefield and the ones written by family members to the freedom fighters.

All the letters will also be preserved at the Liberation War

Museum, he added. Speaking on the occasion, Grameenphone CEO Oddvar Hesjedal termed the project a great initiative and said it will help preserve the history of the Liberation War.

Prothom Alo Deputy Editor Anisul Huq, Grameenphone Public Relations Director Syed Yamin Bakht, freedom fighter Mokhlesur Rahman and singer Mahmuduzzaman Babu were present at the press conference.

JBFH health camp

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Hospital (JBFH) will conduct a health camp for the people from all walks of life at Channel i Bhaban at Tejgaon in the city today on the occasion of the Victory Day, says a press release.

Free health services will be provided to freedom fighters and their families and the family members of martyred freedom fighters and intellectuals at special booths on the occasion.



