METROPOLITAN/NEWS

AMCH goes into operation

Radiotherapy

The long-cherished Ahsania

(AMCH) is going to be func-

tioning with the launch of a

horizon in healthcare facilities

energy complete linac system

and services (DECLSS), the

country's latest model of radio-

therapy device, which does not

cause any side effect to the

required doctors, technicians

and nurses would provide the

cancer patients with sophisti-

cated radiotherapy services,

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)

Uttara Model Town in the

northern part of city, the 500-

bed AMCH is being built on

three acres of land on the bank

DAM has taken the initia-

tive to set up the world-

standard cancer hospital

meant to providing quality

cancer treatment to all, he said.

be run on a "No-profit no-loss"

basis as 30 percent of the total

services will be made available

to poor patients free of cost.

garments

gutted in

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Huge quantity of readymade

garments worth around Tk 5

crore were gutted in a fire at a

garments factory at Fatullah in

Creation Limited on the fourth

floor of Gafur Super Market at

Fatullah Panchobati under

Sadar upazila at around 5.30am. The fire could be

originated from electric short

circuit as ironing machine was

originated from the finishing

Witnesses said the fire

On information, fire fight-

ers from Mondalpara and

Hajiganj fire stations came

and brought the fire under

Ashrafuzzaman, manager

of the factory, said five lakh

pieces of T-shirts were kept in

the finishing section for ship-

ment. The goods have been

completely destroyed in the

fire. The losses have been

police survive

bomb attacks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

An Awami League (AL) leader

was injured critically while

five policemen survived

attempts on their lives in two

separate bomb attacks on

Friday morning and midnight

The injured Mahatab

in Khulna and Jessore.

estimated at Tk5 crore.

in Khulna,

lessore

AL leader, 5

control in hour-long effort.

not switched off after work.

section of the factory.

The fire broke out at Bay

Narayanganj yesterday.

Tk 5cr

N'ganj

The cancer hospital would

of the river Turag.

Located at Sector No. 10 of

sources told BSS yesterday.

The DECLSS having the

The unit will have a dual

this year

with

BSS, Dhaka

in Bangladesh.

Projects scrapped by BNP to be made alive

A CORRESPONDENT, Gopalganj

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday apprehended that whether the value of taka will be stable or not as value of currency is heavily tance," he said. unstable worldwide.

a query from newsmen after paying tributes to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at his mazar in Tungipara soon." vesterday.

"The value of Bangladesh currency didn't fall much compared to the currencies of other countries. Value of taka is in a comparatively better position but I don't know whether the at the mazar of Bangabandhu and offered existing value of taka will be stable or not," the finance minister said.

said some projects taken by the previous Awami League (AL) government and later present on the occasion.

cancelled or shelved by the past BNP government have been reintroduced

"The rest of the projects will also be reintroduced on the basis of their merit and impor-

About trial of the war criminals, the minister He expressed this concern while replying to said parliament has unanimously passed a resolution to ensure immediate trial of the war crimes adding "The trial process will begin

He also talked about grenade attacks on AL president Sheikh Hasina in Kotalipara and Dhaka, and the trial of the perpetrators.

Earlier, the finance minister placed wreaths fatehathere.

Sylhet City Mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed UNB adds: Finance Minister AMA Muhith Kamran, 10 MPs from Sylhet division and Gopalganj, and AL leaders were, among others,

Poor father commits suicide to protect daughter

UNB, Barguna

Madhab Chandra Bagani has committed suicide in remote Badarkhali village. Neighbours say he failed to endure the indignation and harassment perpetrated for refusing the hand of his minor schoolgirl to a notorious man.

Anju Rani, his widow, complained in writing that her eldest daughter Shyamoli Rani is student of class VII in Phuljhuri High School. Matchmaker Tapan Kumar Roy of the same village pressed them to give her marriage to Milon Gomasta of Kalomegha village in Patharghata upazila.

In two minds, Madhab went to Kalomegha where residents informed him that Milon is a notorious man who

informed his decision to the matchmaker of cancellation of the marriage proposal. But under influence of money the matchmaker brought Milon and others as bridal party on December 15.

He mobilised the village elders and an arbitration meeting fined Madhab Tk 10,000 of which Tk 3,000 was extracted on the spot for breaking the match.

Matchmaker Tapan did not stop at that. He declared of spreading rumuours across the villages and see the girl is never married.

The same night defamed and distressed Madhab swallowed poison. Rushed to Barguna General Hospital but died the following day.

The death of Madhab had

charge they went to UP chairman Ziaul Ahsan Hiru to settle the matter outside the court.

It was decided that the matchmaker and arbitrators will pay Tk 1 lakh as compensation to the widow of Madhav and an accord was signed on Tk 150 stamp. But the compensation has not been paid.

UP chairman admitted of the compensation accord and UP woman member Parveen also admitted of her presence in the arbitration meeting that fined poor Madhab.

Barguna police said they would proceed with the case after receiving the autopsy report of Madhab from the hospital.

Anju Rani and her four minor children are under



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks at a meeting of newly elected upazila chairmen and inhabitants from Kotalipara and Tungipara at Awami League office at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday.

Sustainable dev a must to make earth liveable

Nobel laureate Dr Lee tells seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Visiting Nobel laureate Prof Dr Yuan T Lee yesterday said the world would not remain liveable for human beings unless a sustainable development of the entire world is ensured involving every country beyond boundaries.

Terming "so-called developed countries" as "overdeveloped" in terms of excessive use of natural resources and blaming those for damaging living environment, he said challenges of global warming cannot be tackled unless every country works altogether to ensure proper consumption of natural resources.

Dr Lee, who received noble prize in 1986, also emphasised the necessity for sharing of scientific knowledge and bringing benefit of science to people equally irrespective of their geographical position-

Speaking at a seminar on 'Challenges of scientists in the

close to three dollars (or

gas at Tk 93. Bapex's gas pro-

duction cost is between Tk 25

government responding to a

proposal from Bapex

increased its gas sales tariff to

Tk 25 per mcf effective from

July 2008 and assured it of a

seven-year investment of Tk

Now Bapex is suddenly

over-loaded with several

exploration projects. The

state-owned company is also

recruiting a good number of

officers under a new

organogram to bring in fresh

recruitment of officers, both

Bapex and Petrobangla now

lack adequate experts to look

Presently, Bapex employs

350 officers and 700 staffs. The

new organogram aims at

having 600 officers and 850

Of the 850 staffs, 450 serv-

ing as peons, cleaners, etc

would be outsourced as Bapex

would employ only technical

officers. Of them, we aim to

retain at least 50 percent," says

multi-purpose building on the

school grounds at any cost and

Daily Suprobhat Bangladesh.

bear the memory of anti-

British revolutionary Pritilata

activists of different political

the plan immediately and

announced they would resist

the move through mass move-

ment and save the eighty-

"Till 2011, we'll recruit 370

and professional staffs.

after the national interests.

blood in its activities.

other office staffs.

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Waddedar.

the movement.

years-old schools.

In August last year, the

Petrobangla sold the same

around Tk 200) for the same.

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and Tk 50 per mcf.

3,200 crore.

Bangladesh Academy of would always be winners and Sciences (BAS) at Bangladesh losers. And losers will always Atomic Energy Commission, be on the side of pains." he said, "To survive, we need to know how we are going to use resources to ensure a better and nice life."

find a solution to the global warming problem. It's has to work altogether to face the challenge," said Dr Lee, emeritus of Genomic Research Centre, Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.

to re-establish our intimate relations with biosphere and live in a harmony with nature. Our future will certainly depend on how we work as a added

competing centreing global

Bapex eyes 2.5tcf new gas

Bapex job attractive and dou-

nised that in the oil and gas

cannot be retained without an

developing manpower, he said,

"Who is going to oversee the

activities under the Production

Sharing Contracts (PSC) for

Petrobangla? Such people will

have to be developed and

forecast is also clear. In 2007-

08, Bapex earned Tk 46.4 crore,

from Petrobangla as "Bapex

margin" and the rest from

sales of 11 billion cubic feet

ture of Tk 78 crore, Bapex had

to rely on earnings as the third

party contractor for other gas

This earning will change

from the current fiscal year as

the government has increased

the gas tariff to Tk 25 per mcf.

This year, Bapex would sell 17

bcf and earn Tk 45 crore and

also get Tk 37 crore from

Petrobangla. There will be a

Binod Bihari asks all to unite

companies.

With an overhead expendi-

Bapex would do that."

As there had been no fresh of which Tk 37.5 crore came

Bapex Managing Director revenue deficit of Tk 4.5 crore.

Putting importance on

attractive salary package."

Muhammad Imaduddin.

the pay," he adds.

The seminar was presided

over by BAS President Prof Dr

M Shamsher Ali. The organisers also presented a crest "A single country cannot and fellow certificate to the Nobel laureate in the programme conducted by its impossible. Every country Secretary Prof Dr Naiyyum Chowdhury. The activities scientists

who is also the president should carry out to face the challenges include increasing energy efficiency and improving recyclable usage of materials, developing efficient renewable energy resources "We have to work out ways and examining population policies and the way of life, Dr Lee suggested.

Terming "Globalisation" as "half-globalisation," he also identified some urgent probcommunity in the face of lems and challenges, includchallenges and we do not have ing global warming, energy much time to waste," he crisis and spread of infectious diseases, like those caused by Dr Lee said, "If we keep on virus H5N1, with the development of transportation and 21st century organised by economic competition, there communications.

But from 2009-10, Bapex is

That year it is projected to sell

expenditure, Bapex would be

selling 36 bcf gas. It will also

take Bapex margin of Tk 45

crore and enjoy a surplus of Tk

no longer take the margin

sell 50 bcf gas and enjoy a

a surplus of Tk 184 crore.

From 2011-12, Bapex will

In 2010-11, Bapex expects

"We also intend to make likely not to face any deficit.

ble the present salary struc- 24 bcf gas for Tk 60 crore and

ture by 2013. We will not draw a Tk 41 crore Bapex

depend on the government for margin. After its overhead

"It has been well recog- left with Tk6 crore surplus.

sector, competent manpower the government to increase its

123 crore.

Imaduddin's financial from Petrobangla, but it would

the age of 75. He had been suffering from

> The late author left behind his wife, three sons, three daughters, a host of relatives

People from all walks of life

Late Mohidur wrote many books of lyrical poems, verses, stories, dramas and prose. His two books of verse and a novel were published in between 2002 and 2003. He was hon-

Rezaul Islam, a lecturer of Laudia Muktijoddha Moshiur Rahman Degree Collage, passed away due to cardiac arrest at his residence in Jhenidah yesterday at the age

He left behind his parents, brother, sister and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

revenue surplus of Tk 136 crore. By 2015-16, it aims at Students and colleague selling 72 bcf gas and enjoying condoled his death and prayed for salvation of his "By 2011, we hope to sup-

ply 140 mcfd gas to the national grid. But this is only 6 percent of the total gas supply. If we continue to get support then we will start to make

profit," Imaduddin notes. "For years, Bapex was ignored. But now there is a sudden focus. If the government invests 3,200 crore taka by 2015, we believe Bapex will become self-reliant on drilling and exploration and have a strong manpower base," he

gas tariff to Tk 50 mcf as it has already been promised. It will then increase the company's earning to Tk 183 crore by

departed soul.

Belatun Nesa Sikdar

Belatun Nesa Sikdar, mother

She left behind her six sons, two daughters and a host of

Abdul Gaffar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdul Gaffar, father of Asif Iqbal, joint secretary of Bangladesh Sports Journalists Community, passed away due to old-age complications at his residence in the city at the

He left behind his wife, four sons, four daughters and a host

Lokman Hossain Manik OUR CORRESPONDENT,

joint secretary to the government, passed away due to a cardiac arrest at his Boro Indira Road residence in the town

He left behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and admires to

He was buried with state honour at Fakirpara graveyard. Chapainawabganj Muktijoddha Sangsad expressed deep shock at his

unnerved the arbitrators. threat of matchmaker Tapan recently divorced his first wife. Roy and the village arbitrators. On return home he Apprehensive of murder

Selina Khaleq, chairperson of Bangladesh Mahila Samity, and Prof Momtaz Begum hand over a crest to Home Minister Advocate Sahara Khatun at a reception to her at Mahila Samity auditorium in the city yesterday.

Blame game as Mexico City trash piles up

AFP, Mexico City

Residents of Mexico City face fines for failing to separate years ago. their trash as pressure mounts for the closure of the main, overweight landfill in one of the world's largest cities. Garbage disputes are noth-

ing new in the sprawling, 20 million inhabitants, but as the trash piles up so do fears of long-term health and environmental damage.

Without taking into account the greater urban area, Mexico City produces more than 12,000 tonnes of waste every

"The aim should be zero waste in Mexico City because there's no land, there's nowhere foreseen to deposit waste in these quantities," said Ramon Ojeda Mestre, secretary general of the International Court of Environmental Arbitrage, involved in the city's latest trash debate.

Each citizen now creates a

Death anniversary STAFF CORRESPONDENT



first death anniversary of Shimul Tahmina, wife of Mujibul Ferdaus,

says a press release. On the occasion, Qurankhwani will be held at Baitul Jannat Jame Mosque at Fatullah after Zohr prayers and at her residence (Concord Tower, House 66, Road 8/A, Dhanmondi) in the city after Esha prayers.

daily average of 1.41 kilos (3.1 AFP. pounds) of waste, compared with 800 grams (1.8 pounds) 20

Eco-minded Mexico City mayor Marcelo Ebrard, of the leftist Democratic Revolutionary Party, wants citizens to be more responsible for their trash, by separating polluted urban area of some organic and non-organic

"We're going to carry out a very big campaign, we'll reward people who do things well, we'll sanction those who do them badly," Ebrard told

UNB, Dhaka

the country.

City/Town

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Dhaka

6:40am tomorrow.

Dry weather likely

mid night till morning, Met Office said.

degrees Celsius at Srimongal.

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy

Light to moderate fog may occur over the country during

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over

Highest temperature 29.0 degrees Celsius was recorded

The sun sets in the capital at 5:45pm today and rises at

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded

Min

15.2

15.0

11.3

13.5

12.6

13.8

17.5

in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Max

26.5

26.6

26.7

26.5

28.0

28.6

29.0

Temperature in

Celsius

yesterday at Cox's Bazar and Rangamati and lowest 10.4

sky over the country in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

The campaign gives the city's 16 districts 150 days, from the start of the year, to apply a new waste separation law.

Citizens who fail to separate their waste could face fines of up to 7,000 pesos (almost 500 dollars), or up to one million pesos for dumping building waste in parks or conservation

"The biggest challenge is to change some habits; not all of them but some of them,'

Humidityin

percentage

Evening

57

60

67

52

69

Morning

69

74

91

79

83

73

60

Sardar is a member of Phultala union parishad in Khulna and assistant general secretary of Phultala AL. Ebrard said.

Five policemen who survived the attack are Town Sub-Inspector Kamal Hossain and Constables Dipankar, Nazmul, Malek and Shahidul.

According to police, a group of unknown miscreants exploded a powerful bomb and fired two shots targeting Mahatab while he was returning home at Uttaradahi village under Phultala upazila at 10:45pm on Friday.

He was admitted to Khulna Medical College and Hospital with fatal injuries in his head and back.

The attack on AL leader is political, said Sub-Inspector Abdul Ahad who is holding temporary charge of Phultala Police Station. In the other incident, town

sub-inspector and four constables of Jessore Kotwali Model Police Station survived the bomb attack at railroad in the town on Friday morning. The bomb was hurled

exploded with a big bang a few yards far from their pickup van, said OC Abul Bashar. None was injured, he

targeting the policemen but it

the two things are quite different in nature and their pur-"How many markets does

he reiterated it through a newspaper statement in The the city mayor need for veteran revolutionary Binod Bihari Chowdhury during the hunger strike urged all the progressive forces and proximity to the small schools. conscious people of the city to

forge a united movement to representative the city save those two schools that mayor is if he fails to realize people's expectations, feelings and their demands," Binod Bihari said lambasting Cross-section of people, the 'anti-people attitude' of the mayor.

parties, student and cultural organisations and eminent personalities joined the two-Begum Mushtari Shafi said, strike. hour long hunger strike to "How could the CCC Mayor express their solidarity with students can leave and enter Terming the CCC move as the schools at the same time an evil act Binod Bihari by using only one or two nardemanded the cancellation of row elevators?"

She said, "Some philanthropists and noble persons eighty years ago initiated and donated for the school building to bring the female folk He said business and edu- into the orbit of school educacation couldn't go together as tion while someone like the the building at any cost.

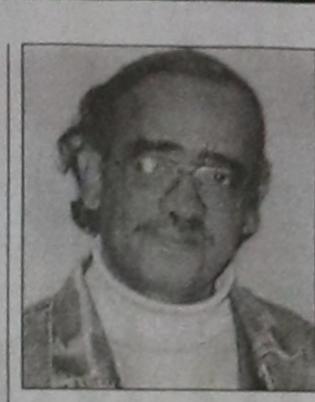
trying to snatch away their rights to education." Gono Sanghati Andolon Coordinator Hasan Maruf

mayor in this modern era is

money?" asked the 99-years- Rumi, Chittagong old revolutionary adding that Coordinator of the Socialist there were already several Party of Bangladesh (SPB) markets in the area in the close Manas Nandi, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) city unit "What kind of people's General Secretary Sattyajit Biswas, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation President Morshedul Islam, Proma Abritty Sangathan President Rashed Hasan and Charon Sangskritik Kendro Coordinator Indrani Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Bhattacharya expressed their Nirmul Committee leader solidarity with the huger

CCC Mayor Mohiuddin in expect that three thousand the newspaper statement said CCC-proposed high-rise building was designed to ensure a education-friendly environment for the two schools and they have a plan to establish college on the upper floors in the offing.

In the statement the Mayor termed the protests intentional and vowed to construct



Journalist Rousseau passes away

METRO DESK

Mahbubur Rahman Rousseau, a senior journalist, passed away due to a cardiac arrest at United Hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 60, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, son, three sisters, five brothers and a host of relatives to mourn his death. Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley, former information minister and chairman CDRB is his eldest brother. Rousseau served almost all

the English language dailies in senior positions in the country.

He was buried at the Azimpur graveyard (new) after namaz-e-janaza at the National Press Club after Zohr prayers and Green Road Dormitory Mosque after Asr prayers.

UNB from Dhaka adds: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina condoled the death of journalist Mahbubur Rahman Rousseau. In a condolence message

yesterday she conveyed her sympathy to the bereaved family members and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul

Mohidur Rahman OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

cate Mohidur Rahman passed away at his village home at Bandutia in Manikganj municipality area yesterday at

Noted poet and writer advo-

diabetes and other old-age complications for long.

and well-wishers to mourn his

expressed deep shock at his death and prayed for salvation of the departed soul in the afterlife.

oured for his writings.

Rezaul Islam

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

of Siraj Sikdar, a freedom fighter, and Shamim Sikdar, an eminent sculptor, passed away due to old-age complications at Birdem hospital in the city on Friday at the age of 87, says a press release.

relatives to mourn her death.

age of 89, says a press release.

of relatives to mourn his death.

C'nawabganj Lokman Hossain Manik, a freedom fighter and former

early yesterday at the age of 60. mourn his death.

death.