Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Shahajan Ali Biswas, a freedom fighter under Kaliganj upazila Muktijoddha unit, died after suffering a cardiac arrest at his home at Arpara village under

Kaligan) upazila in Jhenidah

Biswas left behind his wife,

He was given a state burial

only daughter and a host of

at his family graveyard where

Kaliganj UNO Monirul Islam,

Officer-in-Charge Shamsul

Haq, Muktijoddha

Commander Sikander Ali and a

number of freedom fighters

Biswas and prayed for the

salvation of his departed soul.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Prof Md Abdur Rahman, former chairman of Sylhet

Education Board and

Accounting department at BM

Prof Abdur Rahman

They condoled the death of

were present.

relatives to mourn his death.

yesterday at the age of 57.

## Environment-friendly 'green bricks' introduced

A pilot project under Efficient obtained from China. and Climate Change Programme of UNDP has brick kilns would be set up introduced environment- across the country within a friendly 'green bricks' at shorttime. Dhamrai to improve kiln industry.

Project officials yesterday said the new technology will reduce by 20 percent of aver-

To reduce pollution, energy industrial sectors. wastage and production cost in the brick making industry,

dead in city

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former manager of a residential

Tejgaon police station in the city

SK Kuddus, 45, former manager

of Hotel West-Inn at Karwan

body of Kuddus from a pickup

van at Karwan Bazar vegetable

market and sped away at about

Police said Kuddus was shot

Vegetable traders said they

An employee of the hotel

He said the criminals were

Tejgaon police said they

found the body lying on the

ground after the vehicle sped

said Kuddus was sacked from

giving death threat for the last

were investigating the matter.

Singapore navy

The Singapore Navy Ship RSS

Regulation commanded by Lt

Col George Goh yesterday

arrives in Chittagong on a four-

day goodwill visit to

Bangladesh, says an ISPR press

ing officer of the ship will pay

courtesy call on general officer

commanding of the 24 Infantry

Commanding Chittagong and

and Divisional Commissioner

of the ship will visit Naval Base

BNS Shaheed Moazzom at

Kaptai and different places in

DAG Farid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deputy Attorney General Farid

Ahmed, who was appointed

during the tenure of the care-

taker government, resigned

yesterday, a day after the

resignation letter to the

Attorney General's office but

did not show any reasons for

he resigned to pave the way for

the new law officers to deal

with the cases on behalf of the

officers appointed by the

previous governments might

DHAKA

Tourism Industries Association of

Bangladesh organises a

roundtable on 'Beautiful

Bangladesh, country branding:

Possibility and drawback of

tourism'. Venue: National Press

International Organization for

Migration and Campaign for

Popular Education jointly organise

a workshop on inclusion of

trafficking issues in primary

textbooks. Venue: LGED Bhaban.

Bangladesh Polytechnic Teachers'

Association organises a seminar

on the role of graduates from

polytechnic in building digital

Bangladesh, Venue: Dhaka

Polytechnic Institute auditorium.

The regular meeting of Rotary

Club of Dhaka will be held. Venue:

Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30pm.

Roundtable

Club. Time: 11:15am.

Workshop

Time: 2:30pm.

Seminar

Time: 11:00am.

**Rotary Dhaka** 

ODAY

Sources said more law

Farid Ahmed submitted his

He told The Daily Star that

appointment of 26 new DAGs.

During her visit command-

ship in Ctg

METRO DESK

release.

of Chittagong.

Chittagong.

resigns

his resignation.

resign.

the hotel on February 1.

8:00pm, local people said.

The dead was identified as

The miscreants threw the

lastnight.

Bazar.

in his head.

fewdays.

Hoffman Kiln (HHK) which is

UNDP officials at a presen-

efficiency in brick-making tation on HHK demonstration plant at Universal Bricks Limited at Dhamrai said brick production is one of the most environmentally damaging age energy cost per unit bricks. activity among the whole

the project uses Hybrid kilns across the country are producing over 12 billion bricks and emitting three to six Sources said 30 more such tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent annually.

The currently used technology at the brick kilns in the country requires about 22 tonnes of coal for producing of the project. 100,000 bricks, while the HHK technology requires only 12 Stefan Priesner, DoE Director tonnes of coal for the output, he added.

Iqbal further said that this is a new option for the brick Project Officer Iqbal kiln owners and at the same Hossain said about 4000 brick time it is an initiative to reduce

He hoped that around 4.3 percent of brick kilns would be energy efficient, greenhouse gas emissions would reduce by 186 tonnes of carbon dioxide and would save about 3,629 tonnes of coal by the end

UNDP Country Director General Najibur Rahman, Programme Coordinator of Sustainable Energy for Development Erich Otto Gomm and Project Promoter Iftekhar Hossain also spoke.



Jagrata Muktijoddha Kalyan Samity takes out a procession from Muktangan in the city yesterday PHOTO: STAF demanding punitive steps against the corrupt officials of Muktijoddha Sangsad.

### \$4.5m Danish help to improve rural water supply

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will receive 4.5 million US dollar from Denmark for improving drinking water supply in rural areas of greater Rajshahi Division.

has granted the assistance for the two-year project, to be implemented by the Barind Multi-purpose Development Authority (BMDA) in cooperaand communities.

The project includes conbenefit at least 400,000 people, said a Denmark Embassy

Yesterday morning this corre-

spondent, during visits to Pachar

dwip, Himchhari, Sonarpara,

Inani and Jahazpura coasts, saw

12 carcasses strewn on the sandy

FROM PAGE 1

Companies Act, 1994.

been established to improve behalf of their respective rural water supply and sanita- sides. The Embassy of Denmark tion in selected parts of Bangladesh by providing direct financial and technical parishads.

tion with local governments ening the role and involve- drinking water supply for poor all aspects of planning, implestruction of 200 rural piped mentation and management water supply schemes that will of rural water supply and would also be provided for sanitation.

cated Hygiene, Sanitation and Office in the city yesterday. country.

Water Supply (HYSAWA) Fund, Executive Director of BMDA, which is an autonomous com- Abdul Mannan and Managing pany established under the Director of the HYSAWA Fund The HYSAWA Fund has Kabir signed the agreement on

Head of Mission of the Embassy said: "We hope that support to the union the Danish assistance will contribute significantly to The Fund aims at strength- ensuring reliable and safe ment of local governments in communities in the north western part of Bangladesh."

He assured that assistance enhancing the capabilities of A Memorandum of BMDA and local authorities in Understanding (MoU) was integrated water resources Funding to the project is signed in this regard at the management, which is a provided through the dedi- HYSAWA Fund Management critical issue in this part of the

College, died of a cardiac arrest Management Office Enamul on Sunday night at his residence in Kashipur Ichhakati area in the city at the age of 62. Also a former principal of Jan Møller Hansen, Deputy Gournadi Govt College of Barisal, Rahman left his wife, three daughters, one son and a

> and admirers to mourn his death. He was laid to rest at Barisal Muslim Graveyard after his namaz-e-janaza at BM College mosque where teachers, students, local people

took part. Farida Begum

number of relatives, students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



lecturer of Eden Mohila College and wife of Brig Gen (retd) Dr Kazi Delowar Hossain,

passed away on February 5 at the age of 70, says a release. She left behind her hus-

band, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death.

Anowara Begum

BSS, Dhaka

Anowara Begum, a sub-editor of publication and feature section of Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB), passed away due to cancer on Friday at the age of 54.

She left behind her husband, one son, a daughter and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death.

She was buried at the Intellectual Graveyard at Mirpur in the city after namaz-

e-janaza at Khilgaon mosque. At her death, PIB organised a condolence meeting and

milad mahfil on Sunday.

#### ACC

FROM PAGE 1

Hanif Iqbal told a press briefing at the ACC headquarters yesterday.

Replying to questions on alleged torture of political leaders in the name of drive against corruption during the caretaker government's tenure, he further said, "Now, the matter of how and where those accused of corruption were tortured, and by whom,

requires to be investigated." Explaining the ACC Act, Hanif said questioning the accused is not mandatory for the commission, it can do so if it wishes. Arrest and custody of accused are the tasks of law enforcing agencies, and the ACC only deals with legal

He also mentioned that the commission is not the only body involved in the drive (under caretaker govt), there were other bodies like

taskforces. Meanwhile, since January last year, the ACC has submitted 236 'final reports' and 'final reports as mistake of facts'

against 403 graft-accused including 15 former ministers and lawmakers and one incumbent minister due to lack of evidence. The former ministers and lawmakers exempted from

charges include Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Asadul Habib Dulu, Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar, Abul Hossain Khan, AKM Selim Reza Habib, AKM Fazlul Haque Milon, Salahuddin Ahmed, Abdus Sobhan and Abdullah

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury is also among those exempted.

charges include 64 chairmen of union parishads and municipalities, 78 former and incum-

for relief, bribery, abuse of power, money laundering and amassing wealth beyond known sources of income.

Hotelier shot Newly-wed killed by husband

Unknown criminals shot dead a hotel at Karwan Bazar under

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A newly married housewife was allegedly killed by her husband

The victim was identified Station.

Polin's brother Syed Akter Hossain alleged that Shourav their brawl in the early hours.

to Shourav on November 14 of last year.

is a drug addict and does not do anything, but groom's family hid the roof of a six-storey building.

this before the marriage.

Family members of Shourav, however, said she committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling fan.

Polin's father Syed Uddin filed a murder case with Shahbagh Police Station accusing Shourav and three others.

Police arrested Shourav yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, a domestic help succumbed to her injuries at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) on Sunday

Shefali Begum, 40, who worked at an apartment of Road He also alleged that Shourav No-1 in Dhanmondi, received injuries while falling down from

27TH BCS EXAMS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The candidates who came out successful in the 1st phase result of the 27th BCS examina-Minar in the city.

Division, Commodore They called on the govern-Air Officer Commanding of ment to reinstate them to their BAF Base Zahurul Haque, Chairman of Chittagong Port Besides, officers and sailors

ter in this connection.

The release said the PSC chairman did an injustice to all of the candidates through showing a rigid and hostile

It further said the chairman did not fulfil their basic rights for jobs by violating sections 29 and 35 of the constitution, adding that his move is also a violation of human rights according to sections five and twelve of the UN human rights

chancellor, Dhaka Medical College principal and DMP commissioner have been asked for cooperation and expressing solidarity with their movement.

shots during the clashes,

which continued for about

Later, the police and mem-

The law enforcers also fired

He said the police have

However, no-one was

Of the injured, Delwar

Humidityin

the clashing people, the police

# Dhaka University vice

pation of researchers from home and abroad.

Conference Centre in the city. The conference is regarded as a platform of disseminating results of research, experience and lessons learnt from recent

ent countries will present around 178 research abstracts at the conference.



### Makhan's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bir Abdul Quddus Makhan Smriti Parishad will place wreaths at his grave and organise milad mahfil and Qurankhwani at 8:00am at Muktijoddha Jatiya Gorasthan at Mirpur in the city. Milad mahfil and Qurankhwani will also be held at his residence in Brahmanbaria after Asr prayers today.

admirers have been requested to attend the programmes.

Sea turtles wash up

Bazar and management officer impeding environmental of Coastal Swamps Bio-diversity disaster that could be caused Management Project, con- by the large-scale deaths of

beach. Dead turtles are also being washed up to the shore at Sonadia, St Martins, Teknaf and Shah Parir Dwip coasts.

Two government and nongovernment organisations, working with sea turtles, have recovered 62 carcasses from Cox's bazaar area over the past week. They have expressed concern about the situation and also the environmental pollution caused by such large number of carcasses.

At present dogs and jackals are feasting on the dead bodies. Some locals have also been burying the carcasses because of the foul odour.

Union parishad Feroz Ahmed Khan said, the dead turtles started washing up to the shores from around the middle of January.

Rafiqul Islam, assistant to 70 centemetre in length and 60 deeper waters.

director of the Directorate of to67cminbreadth. Environment (DoE) for Cox's have recovered 30 dead turtles ance in the ecology of the area. from the beach in just one week.

ment for turtles' egg-laying. Director of Marine Life's out of eggs laid on the sandy biologist Zahirul Islam said beaches never return to the come to Cox's Bazar beach to during winternights.

get entangled in trawlers in the biologist said. deep sea who use "current"

shrimps. this area are of the "Olive Reedley" . The experts warn of an

firmed the situation saying they turtles as it causes an imbal-Islam said that the warm Coastal Swamps Bio- zones of the Atlantic, Pacific

diversity Management Project and Indian Oceans are the and Marine Life Alliance have natural habitats of Olive been breeding turtles in hatch- Reedley turtles. Sometimes eries by collecting turtle eggs they are found in the Bay of from the beach for the last two Bengal as they come to the years and also works on cre- coasts only during breeding ation of a congenial environ- , season to find mates. Male turtles after they come

each year at least 1,000 sea land during their lifetime. Only turtles get killed when they female turtles return to lay eggs The fisheries department

The officials said, the turtles should take steps to save them, Chairman of St Martin's nets or "Bihingi" nets to catch requesting anonymity, said

A DoE district unit official, though the fisheries depart-Most of the turtles found in ment seizes banned nets near the coasts, the department is species. Each of these turtles inactive in controlling the weigh between 10 to 20 kg, are 63 activities of trawlers out in

Rajshahi City Corporation

(amendment) Ordinance 2007,

Sylhet City Corporation (amend-

ment) Ordinance 2007, Barisal

City Corporation (amendment)

Ordinance 2007, Mobile Court

Ordinance 2007, Income Tax

(amendment) Ordinance 2007,

EPZ Labour Organisation and

## Biman, Desa, BTTB

FROM PAGE 1 He said the government agencies that were transformed into PLCs will automatically return to their previous status, on expiry of the effectiveness of the ordinances, if they are not

The immediate past caretaker government led by Fakhruddin Ahmed claimed that it turned the three government agencies into PLCs and recast them organisationally in an effort to improve their efficiency.

In order to do that, the interim government had to amend Bangladesh Biman Corporation Ordinance 1977, Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board Ordinance 1979, and Dhaka Electricity Supply Authority Act 1990.

Absolute control of ministries concerned over the three former government agencies was largely reduced by the amendments, by empowering the PLCs' boards to run the companies independently.

The caretaker government RECOMMENDED FOR also set up a three-member LGC last year through an ordinance, in an effort to strengthen the system of local governments.

the offences under the act nonbailable.

the caretaker government on December 22 last year amended the Telecom Act too, making BTRC extraordinarily powerful by curtailing telecommunication ministry's monitoring power over it. The finance ministry earlier however had rejected BTRC's proposal to amend the act for making it more powerful and financially independent. amendment gave BTRC the

authority to call in law enforces at any time to arrest without a warrant any person violating the act. According to the amendment, BTRC may also recruit manpower and fix their salaries according to its own wish without notifying related

government bodies. Another ordinance titled 'Prohibition of Prejudicial Act,

Etc' which amended the much talked about Special Powers Act 1947, might also not be ratified. The new provision in the act says no person shall act prejudicially, and if any person does so,

he or she shall be punished with

imprisonment for a term which

may extend to five years, or with fine, or both. be ratified by the parliament to continue to exist as laws. According to the constitutional provisions, all 122 ordinances promulgated just before and during the regime of the immediate past military backed caretaker government, were introduced to the parliament on

sideration for ratification. to get ratification within 30 days of their introduction to the parliament will automatically become ineffective. FIFTY THREE ORDINANCES

Ordinance, 2006, Barisal

January 25 this year, for its con-

RATIFICATION Sylhet Metropolitan Police

amendment) Ordinance 2007, Criminal Law (amendment) At the very end of its regime, Ordinance 2007, Finance Ordinance 2007, Consolidated Fund Ordinance 2007, Consolidated Fund (advanced grants and specification) Ordinance 2007, Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project (land requisition) Ordinance 2007, Anti-Money Laundering (amendment) Ordinance 2007, Electoral Rolls Ordinance 2007, Bangladesh Flag Vessels (protec-(amendment) Ordinance 2007, Ordinance 2008, Supreme Court Chittagong City Corporation Judges' (remuneration and (amendment) Ordinance 2007, privileges) (amendment) Dhaka City Corporation Ordinance 2008, Bangladesh (amendment) Ordinance 2007, Economic Region Ordinance Khulna City Corporation 2008, and Trade Mark (amend-

(amendment) Ordinance 2007, ment) Ordinance 2009.

Industrial Relation (amendment) Ordinance 2007, Money Loan Court (amendment) Ordinance 2007, National Now the ordinances need to Human Rights Commission Ordinance 2007, Acid Control (amendment) Ordinance 2007, Income Tax (second amendment) Ordinance 2007, Income Tax (amendment) Ordinance 2008, Trade Mark Ordinance 2008, Election Commission Secretariat Ordinance 2008, Anti-Money Laundering Ordinance 2008, Income Tax (second amendment) University of Professionals Ordinance 2008, Anti-Terrorism Ordinance 2008, Local Government (upazila parishad) Ordinance 2008, Finance Ordinance 2008, Specification Ordinance 2008, Specification 2008, Rangpur University watchdog with the authority to Ordinance 2007, Code of Representation of the People Ordinance 2008, Representation Consumers Right Protection Ordinance 2008, Right to Government (paurashava) (amendment) Ordinance 2008, Local Government (upazila Ordinance 2007, Paurashava and Budget Management

The ordinances that will fail Ordinance 2008, Bangladesh (supplementary) Ordinance Metropolitan Police Ordinance Ordinance 2008, Representation It also amended the ACC Act 2006, Code of Criminal of the People Order (amendin 2007, providing the anti-graft Procedure (amendment) ment) Ordinance 2008, arrest an accused, and making Criminal Procedure (second Order (second amendment) of the People Order (third amendment) Ordinance 2008, Information Ordinance 2008 Bangladesh Laws (revision and declaration) (amendment) Ordinance 2008, Local parishad) (amendment) Ordinance 2008, Emergency tion) (amendment) Ordinance Powers (repeal) Ordinance 2008 The caretaker government's 2007, President's (remuneration the Citizenship (amendment) and privileges) (amendment) Ordinance 2008, Public Money

Director General (Admin) Col

aspects.

Mohammad Taher.

The others exempted from

bent government staffs and people of different professions. The accused were exempted from allegations like misappropriation of food and corrugated iron sheet meant

Chittagong 15.8 29.6 59 28.2 12.1 Rajshahi 85 28.8 15.1 Khulna 85 13.4 Barisal 29.5 61 Sylhet 31.4 14.7 59 17.5 31.0 40 Cox's Bazar

# Domestic help succumbs to injuries in city

in the city yesterday.

as Maria Khatun Polin, 21, wife of Redwan Mustafiz Shourav, a resident of Bangla Motor under Shahbagh Police

strangled Polin at one point of He said his sister was married night.

## Candidates resume hunger strike

tions but were later excluded from the 2nd phase result vesterday started another round of hunger strike unto death on the 100th day of their position at the Central Shaheed

says a press release.

respective cadres and charter. demanded trial of the PSC chairman for his irregularities, The unsuccessful candi-

attitude towards them.

### dates and their freedom fighter guardians wrote an open letter to the prime minis-AL, Jubo League men

clash in Tongi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT At least 15 people were halfanhour. injured in clashes between two groups -- bers of Rapid Action Battalion one led by a local Awami (Rab) brought the situation League leader and the undercontrol. other by a Jubo League leader -- over the control three blank shots to disperse of 'jhut', a by-product of

garment factories, at said. Masimpur in Tongi. The clash erupted around launched an investigation into 11:30am when the supporters the incident. of Tongi AL vice president Monir Hossain attacked the supporters of ward councillor Nurul Islam who were loading Hossain, Billal Hossain, a van with jhut from Jamuna Faruque, Selim, Ahsanullah

Apparels.

and Toffazal Hossain were Both the groups fired gun- admitted to local hospitals.

arrested

Light fog likely

Srimongal.

City/Town

UNB, Dhaka Dry weather is likely to continue over the country in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

night till morning, Met Office said in a forecast. It said that night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. Highest temperature 31.4 degrees Celsius was recorded

yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 11.3 degrees Celsius at

Light fog may also occur over the country during late

The sun sets in the capital at 5:51pm today and rises at 6:34am tomorrow. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

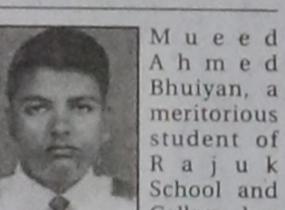
Temperature in

Celsius

percentage Min Morning Max Evening 16.8 Dhaka 29.0 50 55 47

### Help save life of Mueed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



meritorious student of School and College, has

been suffering from blood cancer, says a press release. He is now under treatment at Mumbai Tata Memorial

Mueed needs around Tk 40 lakh for his treatment. His father is a government employee who cannot afford

Hospital in India.

their only son.

such a big amount of money for the treatment of his only child. So his parents have appealed to well-to-do people of the society for financial

Teachers and students of Rajuk School and College have also made similar appeals. Contributions can be sent to Nurshed Ahmed Bhuiyan,

Savings Account No 117-101-

82241, Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd,

in Bangladesh is

Contact number of Mueed

Uttara Branch, Dhaka.

assistance to save the life of

#### 01917703011, and in India 00919702870367. Scientific confce on health system

research begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The 12th Annual Scientific Conference of the ICDDR,B styled 'Health systems research: People's needs first' began yesterday with partici-

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad inaugurated the four-day conference at Bangladesh-China Friendship

public health projects and programmes. Researchers from 13 differ-



Today is the fifth death anniversary of Abdul Quddus Makhan, member of the Swadhin Bangla Kendriya Chhatra Sangram Parishad and former general secretary of Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducsu), says a press release. On the occasion, Jatiya

Relatives, friends and