



Unesco awards for 3 Daily Star journos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three out of the five journalists who received the "Unesco-Bangladesh Journalism Awards 2009" for investigative journalism are from The Daily Star.

The Daily Star bagged two awards in the print media category while Channel-i and BanglaVision won one each in the broadcast media category.

"Journalists are contributing to the society through investigative journalism," Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad said while addressing the award giving ceremony yesterday morning.

"Investigative journalism is a must to establish accountability and transparency in a country. And it is investigative

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BARAPUKURIA POWER PLANT

Second unit shut for mechanical fault

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Power generation from unit-2 of the 250-megawatt (MW) Barapukuria Power Plant has become uncertain as the unit failed several test runs after it was shut down on April 21.

The authorities had detected a major fault in the Induce Draft Fan (IDF) of the unit and were forced to shut the unit down at 8:00am April 21, according to plant sources.

Sources said one of the two IDFs in the unit was shaking unusually and the experts engaged in fixing the problem had opened up an 800-kilowatt motor but they are sceptical about being able to repair the motor. The unit's going into generation anytime soon is now uncertain, sources said. Moreover, the authorities found technical faults at other areas of unit-2, including fit pump, coal blowers and the pulverisation unit.

The IDF had been trembling abnormally disrupting smooth coal supply to burners. Power generation had dropped by 50 percent as the burners were starved of coal.

Unit-1 of the plant, also with a capacity of 125MW, is now generating between 50MW and 65MW due to IDF troubles. The unit-1 was shutdown on March 15 due to condenser leakage inside the boiler. After repairs, plant authorities started power generation at the end of March.

When The Daily Star correspondent visited the plant recently he found the two units emitting smoke with fly ash from its chimneys creating a smoky atmosphere and polluting the area.

Sources said the Electrical S Precipitator, a device which collects fly ash from the plant, went out of order about four months ago.

Sources claimed the plant needs to replace some parts immediately as most parts supplied by the CMC were unfit for the plant. "If we make delays of a few months then it will be costlier," said a plant official seeking anonymity.

The plant sources claimed CMC installed sub-standard equipment, which frequently troubles the plant, and has durability problems. According to the project proposal, the plant requires a shutdown and overhaul every 8,000 hours of operation but the plant is shut down after an average of 1,500 hours of operation due to technical faults.

56,000 children to die in Asia due to global crisis: ADB

AFP, NUSA DUA, Indonesia

More than 56,000 children in Asia will die as a result of the economic crisis gripping the world economy, the Asian Development Bank said Sunday.

The sliding growth rate will bring "serious economic and social impacts in the region," ADB Managing Director General Rajat Nag said on the sidelines of the bank's annual governors' meeting on the Indonesian resort island of Bali.

"We are pretty set on the seriousness of the social impact of the crisis, and, as we said earlier, this is not only a financial crisis but also a social crisis," he added.

"In developing Asian countries outside Japan, our estimate shows that because of the declining economic growth, it will bring serious economic and social impacts in the region causing over 56,000 children to die in the region," he said.

Nag cited a World Bank report which estimated that 400,000 children will die worldwide from the impact of the financial crisis. "No matter how many thousands it will be, we consider every one more child is too much," Nag said.

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Atiur vows to make BB 'pro-poor'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The newly appointed Governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr Atiur Rahman on the first day of taking his office sought cooperation of the bank's high executives to make the central bank a poor-friendly bank.

He said it at a meeting with deputy governors, executive directors and general managers of the bank after joining the office yesterday. Atiur took over charge of the bank after Dr Salehuddin Ahmed left office on April 30.

After the meeting with the central bank high executives, the new governor talked to the reporters about his future plan. Deputy governors Nazrul Huda and Murshid Kuli

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This street in the city's Purana Paltan is filled with rainwater after a brief but heavy shower battered Dhaka's storm-water drainage system yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Terror threat still exists in Bangladesh

Says US envoy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

US Ambassador James Moriarty said there is still a terrorist threat in Bangladesh and the US has disturbing indications in this regard.

"We do have disturbing indications that there continues to be threat in Bangladesh...my government does believe that there is a

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3 robbers beaten to death in Noakhali

UNB, Noakhali

Villagers beat to death three robbers and injured another while they were fleeing after committing a dacoity at Gangchil village of Companyganj upazila early yesterday.

Ten villagers also sustained injuries, either by bullet or by sharp weapons, in the attack by the dacoits during the incident.

The deceased were identified as Mainuddin, 42, Mostafa, 45, and Momin.

Injured robber Azad and villagers Khalil, Selim, Shamsuddin, Mohammad Ali and Jahangir were admitted to district general hospital.

Police said eight to ten armed robbers looted Tk 59,000 in cash and gold ornaments from the house of Fulbanu in the village at dead of night.

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DEFYING GOVT ORDERS Nepal sacks army chief

Main ally of Maoists quits govt

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's Maoist government yesterday sacked the country's army chief for failing to comply with orders, a spokesman said, in a move that could trigger a showdown between the prime minister and the military.

The sacking -- three years after the end of the Himalayan

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80 militants killed in Buner offensive

Taliban violate deal in Swat, says Pak army

AFP, AP, Islamabad

Pakistan's army announced yesterday that 80 militants have so far been killed in a fierce military offensive against Taliban fighters in northwest Buner district.

Pakistan's military on Sunday accused the Taliban of "gross violation" of a peace accord covering a large segment of its northwest after several acts of violence over the weekend.

The allegations came as the northwest province's government said it was fulfilling its end of the deal by establishing an Islamic appellate court for the area, though a cleric mediating the pact rejected the panel.

The developments underscored the ambivalence in Pakistan's government over how best

Sharif's party refuses to join Pak govt But offers outside support

ANI, Lahore

The Pakistan People's Party and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz have decided to remain coalition partners in Punjab, while both have failed to reach a consensus on joining the federal government.

During a meeting between Pakistan Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani and Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Saturday, the PML-N expressed its reluctance to become a coalition partner at the Centre. It, however,

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Ramna blast trial begins

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Eight years after the Ramna Batamul blast, trial of the case filed for murders began yesterday at a Dhaka court through taking deposition of the complainant.

Judge ANM Bashir Ullah of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court recorded the statement of Sgt Amal Chandra Chanda, complainant of the murder case. Sergeant Amal was later cross-examined by the defence lawyers.

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Prayer Timing		
May 4		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-21	6-35
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

New swine flu cases detected in 5 countries

AP, Mexico City

Swine flu extended its reach through Europe and Latin America, with at least five countries reporting new cases yesterday.

Health experts were investigating a case of the virus jumping from a person to pigs, trying to determine if the disease was reaching a new stage.

As the number of swine flu cases in Mexico wanes and rises, experts are being forced to walk a public health tightrope if they push their message too far and the virus fizzles out, they could lose credibility. But if they back off and it suddenly surges, they will be blamed.

Mexico reported three new deaths from the swine flu epidemic late Saturday from a virus that has killed 19 in people in Mexico, one in the US and is spreading across Asia and Europe.

Hong Kong kept 350 people under quarantine in a hotel as a precaution even though no new swine flu infections appeared in Asia, and Egypt's attempt to kill all pigs as a precaution against the disease prompted pig owners to clash with police who were helping to seize their animals for slaughter.

So far the swine flu epidemic has killed 19 in people in Mexico

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AL lawmaker beats up forest officer

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Awami League lawmaker of Cox's Bazar-4 (Ukhia-Teknaf) constituency Abdur Rahman Bodi has now beaten up Teknaf Forest Beat Officer Mujibur Rahman, 56, and Forest Guard Ayub Ali, 40.

The lawmaker, however, claimed agitating locals beat up the forest workers.

Sources said forest workers of Damdamia check post on Cox's Bazar-Teknaf Highway seized, around 3:00pm on April 30, two four-wheel-drive vehicles loaded with firewood, collected illegally from the forest.

When the two vehicles were brought to Teknaf Forest Beat Office, three kilometres away from Damdamia, a number of locals obstructed

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ইনফ্লুয়েঞ্জা এ এইচ১এন১ [সোয়াইন ফ্লু] সম্পর্কে সতর্ক হোন : আতংকিত হবেন না

- ইনফ্লুয়েঞ্জা এ এইচ১এন১ [সোয়াইন ফ্লু] একটি ভাইরাসজনিত শ্বাসতন্ত্রের রোগ
- এ রোগটি ছোঁয়াচে এবং তা মানুষ থেকে মানুষে ছড়াচ্ছে
- বাংলাদেশে এখন পর্যন্ত এ রোগ দেখা না দিলেও পৃথিবীর বিভিন্ন দেশে এ রোগ ছড়িয়ে পড়েছে
- বাংলাদেশ সরকার এ রোগ মোকাবেলার জন্য পর্যাপ্ত ব্যবস্থা ও প্রস্তুতি নিয়েছে

এ রোগের লক্ষণ এ রোগের লক্ষণ সাধারণ ইনফ্লুয়েঞ্জার মতই। লক্ষণ ও উপসর্গগুলো হচ্ছে-

- জ্বর এবং
- সর্দি/কাশি/গলা ব্যথা/শ্বাস কষ্ট

ইনফ্লুয়েঞ্জা এ এইচ১এন১ রোগ নির্ণয় ও সনাক্তকরণ

- এ রোগে আক্রান্ত দেশে যারা গত ১০দিনের মধ্যে ভ্রমণ করেছেন
- যাদের জ্বর এবং সর্দি/কাশি/গলা ব্যথা/শ্বাস কষ্ট আছে
- ল্যাবরেটরী পরীক্ষার মাধ্যমে

কিভাবে ছড়ায়

- হাঁচি-কাশির মাধ্যমে এ রোগ ছড়াতে পারে
- রোগীর সর্দি-কাশি লেগে থাকা কোন জিনিস স্পর্শ করলে

প্রতিরোধে করণীয়

- হাঁচি-কাশির সময় নাক-মুখ ঢেকে নিন
- হাঁচি-কাশি দেয়ার সময় পরিস্কার রুমাল-গামছা-কাপড় বা টিস্যু পেপার ব্যবহার করুন
- ব্যবহৃত রুমাল-গামছা-কাপড় ভাল করে সাবান দিয়ে ধুয়ে ফেলুন
- ব্যবহৃত টিস্যু পেপার যেখানে সেখানে না ফেলে ময়লা ফেলার নির্দিষ্ট স্থানে ফেলুন
- হাঁচি-কাশি দেবার সময় খালি হাতে কখনোই নাক-মুখ ঢাকবেন না।
- রুমাল-গামছা-কাপড় বা টিস্যু পেপার না থাকলে জামার হাতা/শাড়ির আঁচল দিয়ে নাক-মুখ ঢাকুন এবং ঘরে ফিরে এ জামা-শাড়ি সাবান দিয়ে ধুয়ে ফেলুন
- নিয়মিতভাবে সাবান-পানি দিয়ে দু'হাত ভাল করে ধুয়ে নিন
- জ্বর-সর্দি-কাশি হলে অন্যের সংস্পর্শ এড়িয়ে চলুন এবং যতটা সম্ভব বাড়ীতে থাকুন



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