Govt firm to protect rights of people with disability

Says minister

BSS, Faridpur

Labour, Employment and Expatriates' Welfare Minister Engineer Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain has said the present government is trying to turn the people with disability into skilled manpower by imparting necessary training.

He was addressing a view exchange meeting organised by the National pends. Grassroots Disabled Organisation (NGDO) at the conference room of the deputy commissioner yesterday.

people with disability.

He said with this objective, the

government has enhanced the allocation for their welfare in the current budget.

Mosharraf said he would personally take initiatives to ease the admission Akhtar Hossain, the meeting was also process for the students with disability in Technical Training Centers (TTC) of on Disability and Development (ADD) the country so that they can pursue their necessary education with sti-

develop the faculty of the people with disability numbering one crore fifty lakh The minister said the government is and employ them with 'sympathy' and committed to protect the rights of the not as 'charity' because it is their birth-

A man with disability is not personally Pratibandhi.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presides over the first meeting of the new presidium of Awami League

'JS body soon to solve problems

eral decades old land-related

will hear opinions of the indig-

enous people for helping the

parliament make a law, if nec-

essary, as well as pressurise the

government for establishing

social status of the underprivi-

leged ethnic minority," said

maker warned that many

officials in the police and dis-

loyal to the four-party alliance

and the government is facing

problems in functioning prop-

officials are desperate enough

Rajshahi-2 and politburo

member of Workers' Party of

Bangladesh, was speaking as

sion on 'Separate land com-

mission for the indigenous

people and role of media' at the

GDRC auditorium in the city.

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yesterday.

The police arrested an alleged

hundi trader and seized Tk

at Bakshibazar in the city

The trader, Zonayed

Road at Lalbagh, was also

taken on a one-day remand for

families in Naogaon."

The grand alliance law-

"After the body is formed, it

problems, he added.

at her official residence Jamuna in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

of indigenous people'

with a view to solving the sev- trict administrations are still

Terming the government the chief guest at the discus-

erly for them.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Lawmaker Fazle Hossain

Badsha at a discussion in

Rajshahi yesterday said an

initiative has been taken to

form a parliamentary body to

resolve the problems of indig-

enous people in the plain

The JS body would play role

in creating opinions in parlia-

ment for the formation of a

separate land commission

Moudud terms

govt inefficient

BNP leader Moudud Ahmed

yesterday said the induction of

new members into the cabinet

has exposed the failure of the

inefficient, he said the Awami

League government, however,

would not be able to prove its

efficiency by increasing the

number of ministries and

Moudud made the com-

ments to reporters after a

roundtable at the National

changed the state ministers

for power and home affairs,

which shows the failure of the

government to improve the

law and order and the power

He also said that AL has

always blamed the BNP gov-

ernment for its large number

of cabinet members, but it is

situation," he said.

"The government has

government to deliver.

state ministers.

Press Club.

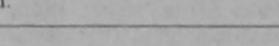
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

responsible for his own impairment, he is impaired because the Creator has made him so, he added.

Presided over by NGDO President addressed by Country Director of Action Mosharraf Hossain, Faridpur Civil Surgeon Dr Bashirul Islam, NGDO Secretary Habibur Rahman and Faridpur He called upon the NGOs to help Bar Association President Shahidullah

> A paper titled 'Employment: Rights of the people with disability' was presented by Nur Akhtar Mini, a physically challenged member of NGO Astha

> > ARMY PULLOUT



48-hr ultimatum to govt to change decision

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Parbatya Bangalee Chhatra Parishad yesterday issued a 48 hours' ultimatum to the government to change its decision to withdraw one brigade of army and 35 temporary camps from several places in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

Terming the decision controversial, they said it would help indigenous people in every sector, while CHT Bangalees would be deprived in most sectors.

They said that if the government implements the decision, it would make the CHT area chaotic and most people would feel insecure.

The leaders of the organisation said this at a press conference at the Khagrachhari Press Club.

Ashtha Network, a

Rajshahi-based NGO with

assistance from Oxfam GB

organised the discussion with

Ganesh Mardi, president of the

President Anil Marandi,

General Secretary

Rabindranath Saren, Public

Prosecutor Rabiul Haque,

language movement veteran

Mosarraf Hossain Akhunji,

Rajshahi Rakkha Sangram

Parishad Convener Zamat

Khan, Rajshahi University

teacher Dr Sujit Sarker,

Rajshahi Blast Coordinator

Munda and Harendranath

permanent land commission

to protect the land rights of the

indigenous people in the plain

must be brought to the main-

stream for proper develop-

ment, they said.

to Narayanganj.

The indigenous people

Policemen from a check-

post arrested him while

searching passengers of a bus

travelling in the bus on his way

any satisfactory reply to ques-

tions about the source of the

The police said they arrested

The speakers demanded

Abdus Salam, indigenous

Jatiya Adivasi Parishad

NGO, in the chair.

"The pro-BNP-Jamaat leaders Naren Pahan, Sabin

to allow BNP hooligans to set Singh and journalist Hasan

Badsha, a lawmaker from the government constitute

Hundi trader arrested

10.5 lakh from his possession at around 7:00am. He was

Munsi, 36, of Haranath Ghose Zonayed as he could not give

interrogation, Lalbagh police moneyandits destination.

fire to the houses of indigenous Millat also spoke.

Central committee President of the organisation Mohammad Alamgir Kabir read out a keynote paper and placed a six-point demand.

The leaders also declared a 48-hour agitation programme, including protest procession, protest meeting in all upazilas in CHT, human chain in front of Chittagong Press Club today and protest meeting and protest procession at Rangamati tomorrow.

Jalil to work for party if there is scope

UNB, Dhaka

Member of the newly formed Awami League Advisory Council Abdul Jalil MP yesterday said he would continue to work for the party if there is opportunity.

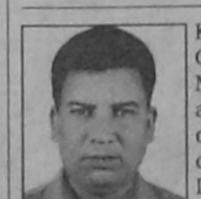
"If anybody wants to work, definitely there is a scope for that," he told UNB over phone when asked if he has any scope for work as a member of the party's Advisory Council.

Jalil who served as Awami League general secretary for more than six years relinquished his post on July 20 as he was denied his right to perform his responsibilities as general secretary ahead of the party council.

"It's my fate," said Jalil who landed in jail during the caretaker regime and later lost the party's vital post.

About the party's new central working committee and expansion of the cabinet, he said it is a new exercise of moving forward with combined forces of new and old. He wished them success.

Appeal for help METRO DESK



of a private | Prize in 2006. company in Dhaka, has been criti-

cally ill with kidney ailments, says a press release.

According to doctors, both of his kidneys are dysfunctional. But he is financially incapable to afford an expensive medical treatment at home or abroad.

His family has requested generous people to extend financial assistance to Mandol to save his life.

Contributions can be sent to his wife's bank account: Tripti Biswas, A/C No. SIB 13400130086, Social Islami Bank Ltd, Principal Branch,

Dilkusha. Mandol hails from Kotalipara, Gopalganj.



President Zillur Rahman administers oath to new minister and state ministers at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

INTERNATIONAL MATH OLYMPIAD

Winners accorded reception

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

(BMOC) yesterday accorded a attended the competition. reception to little mathematicians who won bronze medals in the 50th International Math Olympiad (IMO) in Germany for the first time for Bangladesh.

"This is like a dream come bronze medal, said the experitrue," said a delighted Samin ences of the competition Riasat, one of the two winners would remain alive in their of the bronze medals.

"It was a huge hall room where 565 students of my age who accompanied the team from 104 countries were members as their coach, said, trying to find out the solution to an equation. I had a dream dents and exceptionally well. contest and finally I have talents of our students are said. "It was an amazing stars." experience."

Nazia Chowdhury is the Alo and Dutch-Bangla Bank other winner of the bronze for patronising such activities, medal. They along with four others students took part in Reza Choudhury said they will the competition as a team try to spread the math compefrom Bangladesh.

The four others are Tarik Adnan Moon, Haque towards materialising our next the Prothom Alo Abdul Muhammad Ishfaq, Pranan dream of winning the gold Quayyum and its Deputy

Zubayer.

city yesterday.

the city.

held in city

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Foreign national

Police yesterday arrested a

foreign national with equip-

ment for making fake notes in

as Kamano, 37, a citizen of the

Republic of Guinea in West

The arrestee was identified

Officer-in-Charge of

Airport Police Station Saleh

Ahmed Chowdhury told The

Daily Star that acting on a tip-

off, they arrested Kamano

from a local sports club at

Kawla Bazar at around

21 and was living in the area.

He came to Dhaka on May

tition across the country.

hearts forever.

Members of Bangladesh team who won bronze medals in the International Math Olympiad in

Germany pose for photo with the guests at a reception ceremony at the CA Bhaban auditorium in the

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Extortionists chopped to

death a school student at

Maniknagar village under

Ishwardi upazila in Pabna

yesterday when he was trying

to save his father from attack

The dead is identified as

Jibon, 14, son of Ainul Haque

Esken of Maniknagar village

and a student of class VIII.

of the extortionists.

schoolboy

Extortionists kill

Rahman Khan and Kazi Hasan medal," he said. Noted writer and BMOC spoke.

Ishfaq said they also got an Vice-President Pro opportunity to share their Muhammad Zafar Iqbal said, Bangladesh Mathematical views with six world famous "I am extremely happy and I Olympiad Committee mathematicians who will dedicate two books for OUR CORRESPONDENT, you all.'

> "They were very friendly Badiul Alam Majumder with us. We shared views with said he believes that the chilthem and they taught and dren of this country can win inspired us," he said. any competition with other Tarik, who was just one nations, if they are given point away from winning the proper opportunities.

Prof Kaikobad o Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) said it is an amazing Dr Mahbub Mazumder, achievement that Bangladesh won two bronze medals and ranked 58th among the 104 "They are very talented stucountries.

Editor of the Prothom Alo of taking part in such a mega It has been proved that if the Matiur Rahman said, "We would like to see a new done well in the contest," he nurtured, they will be the real Bangladesh built by the competent leadership enriched Appreciating the Prothom with the knowledge of science and technology."

Former Vice Chancellor of BMOC President Prof Jamilur Jahangirnagar University Prof Zillur Rahman Siddique, Deputy Managing Director of Dutch-Bangla Bank KS Tabrez, "Now we have to work Jewel Aich and Joint Editor of Editor Anisul Haque also

assoc of SW dists goes on strike today

Bus owners'

Jhenaidah

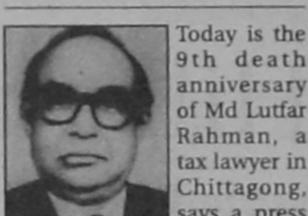
The bus-truck owners' association in south-western districts, including Jhenaidah, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Magura, Kushtia and Rajbari, will go on strike from today if human haulers are not removed from the roads forever.

The bus, minibus owners' association, owners' group, bus-minibus workers' union and Sarak Paribahan Sramik Union have called the strike.

They demanded steps to remove all kinds of human haulers, including Nasimon, Korimon, Alam Sadhu, Gram Bangla and Lata Humba, from the local roads forever.

When contacted, Abdullah-Al-Baki, president of Jhenaidah bus and minibus owners' association, said all kinds of vehicles, including bus, minibus, truck and car, will go on the strike. mented with a le sale canon

Death anniversary METRO DESK



Rahman, a tax lawyer in Chittagong, says a press

Today is the

9th death

anniversary

reiease. On the occasion, doa mahfils will held in Chittagong, Dhaka and Naogaon.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to pray for the departed soul.

Qulkhwani

METRO DESK



of Khodiza Adibas Khanum, former deputy director of Directorate of Education, Dhaka and

mother of Humayara Ferdous, online journalist of The Daily Star, will be held today at her residence at 907/B, East Shawra Para in the city, says a press release.

She passed away on

Thursday at the age of 63. Relatives and admirers are

requested to attend the programme.

Prof Yunus honoured

9:30am.

Obama will present the Presidential Medal of Freedom on August 12 to Tutu, a South African anti-apartheid veteran, British physicist Chandra Hawking and Yunus, a Mandol, 35, Bangladeshi micro-financier an employee who won the Nobel Peace become an internationally commissioner for human and the last living Plains

> Other figures tapped to receive the nation's highest civilian honor included six women from sport, entertainment, science and government; a Native American war chief, a civil rights leader, an African-American actor, two US lawmakers and a doctor.

> openly gay official of a major US city, will receive the award posthumously, along with long-time, self-described "bleeding heart conservative" lawmaker Jack Kemp, who passed away in May.

and women represent an incredible diversity of backgrounds," Obama said in a

statement. "Yet they share one overarching trait: each has been an

agent of change. Each saw an micro-loans to poor people imperfect world and set about without collateral. improving it, often overcom-

House for unlocking "new pathways of discovery" and Court. "inspiring everyday citizens."

In a statement, Hawking admire deeply."

leading "a formidable crusade receive the coveted award. These outstanding men in support of justice and racial

from Esken. But he did not pay

them. The criminals attacked

him at his residence yesterday

morning and beat mercilessly.

Then Jibon rushed there to

save his father. But the crimi-

nals chopped him with sharp

Medical College Hospital

where he succumbed to the

He was taken to Rajshahi

A case was field with

Ishwardi Police Station in this

weapons.

injuries.

Police and locals said the connection. Police arrested

criminals demanded money two extortionists.

Among other recipients of demic and doctor who works ing great obstacles along the the Medal of Freedom were Ireland's first woman presi-Hawking, who has over- dent Mary Robinson, who left the first African-American to come the debilitating effects the presidency early to serve be nominated for and win a of motor neuron disease to as the United Nations high Best Actor Academy Award;

Rowley, whose studies of honored" to be chosen to in human leukemia and lymreceive the award, adding that phoma have led to dramati-Harvey Milk, the first forward to travelling to for previously incurable can-Washington" to meet Obama, cers, and Nancy Goodman nationally and globally as a whom the physicist called a Brinker, who founded the pioneer of the LGBT civil "remarkable man... whom I global breast cancer grassroots organization Susan G. exceptional leadership and Tutu, a 1984 Nobel Peace Komen for the Cure in mem- dedication to equal rights." Prize recipient, was lauded for ory of her sister will also

Grameen Bank to provide Chita Rivera rounded out the the White House said.

list of women recipients. Pedro Jose Greer, an aca-

extensively with the poor in

Miami, Florida; Sidney Poitier,

recognized theoretical physi- rights, and Sandra Day Indian war chief, Joseph cist, was hailed by the White O'Connor, the first woman Medicine Crow, whose books justice on the US Supreme preserve the history and culture of Native Americans, will US geneticist Janet Davison also receive the award. Milk was shot to death by a said he was "delighted and chromosome abnormalities former colleague in 1978 while serving on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. The gay he was "very much looking cally improved survival rates rights activist, the White House noted, "is revered

rights movement for his Senator Edward Kennedy,

who has served in the US Former tennis pro Billie Senate for nearly 50 years, will reconciliation in South Jean King, who became the take home his Medal of Africa," and Yunus for his first woman commissioner in Freedom in recognition of a pioneering work against professional sport after her career dedicated to "fighting court career ended; and Latina for equal opportunity, fairness Yunus founded the actress, dancer and singer and justice for all Americans,"



next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

period, Met Office said.

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Seminar

Economic Reporters' Forum organises a seminar on state of the national economy. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 2:30pm.

Mourning day

Parishad (Bangladesh) organises a discussion to mark the national mourning day. Venue: Begum Sufia Kamal Auditorium. Time: 10:00am.

Development Initiative for Inclusive People organises a roundtable on life and culture of indigenous people and our views. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10:00am.

Bangabandhu Samajkalyan

Roundtable

over the country. The sun sets in the capital at 7:41pm today and rises at 6:28am tomorrow. Country's highest temperature 36.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and lowest 24.4 degrees Celsius at Feni. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most

places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions

and at many places over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions in the

over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions during the

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places

It said day temperature may remain nearly unchanged

Humidityin City/Town Temperature in percentage Celsius Evening Min Morning Max 32.5 25.6 86 Dhaka 24.8 Chittagong 28.0 26.3 81 Rajshahi 36.0 34.1 26.6 Khulna 100 25.4 Barisal 32.0 97 Sylhet 29.0 25.6 97 26.0 Cox's Bazar 29.2