

2 held with arms in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized two firearms and arrested two criminals in this connection from Mohammadpur in the city yesterday.

The arrestees are Rakib Hasan, 22, and Mohammad Taher Mia alias Rony, 20.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab raided the area and challenged them while they were hanging around there. But they could not answer satisfactorily why they are roaming there.

Rab seized one revolver, one pipe gun and two bullets from their possession and arrested them.

Killing of Bangabandhu most vicious act

Says commerce minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Commerce Minister Faruk Khan yesterday termed the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman the most vicious act of inhumanity in the history of mankind, saying August 15 would be marked as the international mourning day in future.

"Bangabandhu himself was an institution, the magnitude of his magnanimity was hailed internationally across borders and seas," he said, adding: "Therefore, like February 21 being observed as

the International Mother Language Day, August 15 would be marked as the international mourning day in future."

He was speaking as the chief guest at an award giving ceremony of Children's Drawing Competition to mark the National Mourning Day 2009 held at the National Press Club in the city.

At the event organised by Sheikh Russell Shishu Sangsad, the minister said: "The killers assassinated Bangabandhu, but could not kill his ideals and dreams

which now live in the hearts of 30 million people of the country."

He called on the children to shine in their lives and become golden Bangladeshis like the Bangabandhu himself.

Sheikh Russell Shishu Sangsad President Prof Sultana Shafi chaired the function.

Co-President of Sector Commanders' Forum Maj Gen (retd) KM Shafiullah, Sheikh Russell Shishu Sangsad Co-President Firoz Rahman and former president Prof Hossain Mansur also spoke.

Niaz new IUCN country boss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Niaz Ahmed Khan, a teacher of development studies at Dhaka University, joined the leading global environmental agency International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as its country representative in Bangladesh on August 16, says a press release.

Niaz studied at Universities of Wales, Lampeter and Oxford. Earlier, he worked as senior program coordinator, CHITRE UNDP-Bangladesh, professor of Public Administration at Chittagong University, senior South Asian fellow at Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford, and Asia Fellow, AIT, Bangkok.

He has substantial teaching, training, research and consulting experiences in Bangladesh, Thailand and UK.

Aus education exhibition ends today

METRO DESK

The two-day Australian Education Exhibition will end at Sheraton Hotel in the city today, says a press release.

Australian Trade Commission of Australian High Commission and IDP Education jointly organised the exhibition.

Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dr Justin Lee opened the exhibition on Monday.

"Australian universities and educational institutions enjoy international reputation for excellence in teaching and research having a strong commitment to quality, equity, high academic standards and programmes of continuous improvement. Australian education is also highly cost competitive," Dr Lee said at the opening ceremony.

Participating institutions at the exhibition are Australian Institute of Commerce and Language, Deakin University, La Trobe University, Melbourne Institute of Technology, Monash University, Swinburne University, TAFE NSW, University of Sydney, University of Western Sydney, and University of South Australia.

The exhibition is open for visitors from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

1998 more arrested

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,998 people on various charges in separate drives across the country in 24 hours as of 6:00am Tuesday.

Sixteen firearms, 13 explosives and 70 bullets were also seized during the drive, said a press release of police headquarters.

Besides, 41 motorbikes were seized during the drive for not having valid documents. Some 387 cases were filed in this connection.



PHOTO: STAR

Students of Bangladesh Navy School and College in the city pledge to wash hands regularly with soap during an awareness campaign of Lifebuoy, a product of Unilever, yesterday.

Lifebuoy hand washing programme

METRO DESK

As one of its many endeavors to make a healthy Bangladesh, Lifebuoy is going to different schools to make children and parents more aware of personal hygiene and how a simple act like washing hands regularly with soaps can keep them healthier.

Lifebuoy representatives went to BN School in the city yesterday where through an interactive session they educated children about when and how they should wash their hands to stay healthier, says a press release.

The children enthusiastically participated in taking a pledge to wash hands regularly with soap by putting their handprints on a canvas. Free soaps were also distributed amongst the students to encourage them to wash hands regularly.

Recently a Lifebuoy survey conducted amongst the mothers of urban and semi-urban areas has revealed that 80 percent of the mothers believe that health awareness is more important in the making of a healthy nation compared to health infrastructure.

Yet many of the respondents were not properly aware of the importance of hand washing with soap. Turning hand washing with soap before eating and after using the toilet into an ingrained habit could save more lives than any single vaccine or medical intervention, cutting deaths from diarrhoea by almost half and deaths from acute respiratory infections by one-quarter.



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Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid and Rashed Khan Menon MP inaugurate DPS STS School Dhaka on its campus at Uttara in the city yesterday.

DPS STS School starts

METRO DESK

The inaugural ceremony of DPS STS School Dhaka was held on its campus at Uttara in the city yesterday, says a press release.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid inaugurated the school while Rashed Khan Menon MP, chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, was the guest of honour at the inaugural ceremony.

Khondoker Monir Uddin on behalf of the board of STS Group delivered welcome address.

Home Minister Sahara Khatun, who could not attend the programme due to her post-operative health condition, in a message hoped that the school would build better citizens who will contribute in positive changes of Bangladesh.

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