



Workers of Outfit Fashion Ltd stage a demonstration, blocking Begum Rokeya Sarani at Shewrapara in the city yesterday demanding compensation for the death of their fellow worker who was killed in a road accident on Tuesday. (Story on Page 16)

## Dhaka firm to fight terrorism

President tells UK defence study team

UNB, Dhaka

Reaffirming Bangladesh's position as a peace-loving country in the global scene, President Zillur Rahman yesterday said the government is determined to establish democracy and the rule of law and eradicate any sort of terrorism.

The president said this when a 12-member delegation from the British Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS), led by Maj Gen Sir

### Tribute paid to journo Borhan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a condolence meeting yesterday observed that the country's journalism sector has suffered an irreparable loss at the death of Borhan Ahmed.

The daily Sokaler Khobor organised the condolence meeting at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) ATM Shamsul Huda recalled his contribution to social development through practising neutral, objective and professional journalism.

Veteran journalist and columnist ABM Musa said, "Throughout his life, Borhan wrote against injustice and irregularities prevailing in the society."

Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Editor of the Bangladesh Observer, said Borhan played a significant role to preserve the rights of the journalists.

Nurul Islam Anu, acting editor of the daily Sokaler Khobor, presided over the meeting while Abdur Rouf Chowdhury, chairman of Rangs Group, Election Commissioner Brig Gen (ret'd) M Shakhawat Hossain, Kamal Uddin Sabuj, general secretary of National Press Club, and Pathik Saha, general secretary of Dhaka Reporters' Unity, also spoke.

Sebastian Roberts, paid a courtesy call on him at Bangabhaban.

Zillur expressed his gratitude to the British government along with its armed forces for extending support and cooperation to Bangladesh in deploying peacekeepers in various countries under the mandate of the United Nations.

Welcoming the delegation, he said, "Excellent bilateral relations exist between Bangladesh and the UK. The relations, particularly the issues of exchanging training for armed forces between two countries, would be further strengthened through this visit."

He also appreciated the role of Bangladesh Army

### Unilever starts tree plantation programme

METRO DESK

Unilever Bangladesh Limited yesterday kicked off its tree plantation programme with an aim to promote environmental care and raise environmental awareness.

The company is planting 10,000 trees this year that will be scaled to higher numbers in the coming years.

The initiative began at Taranagar union in Keraniganj on the outskirts of the capital, says a press release.

Naushad Chowdhury, brands and development director of Unilever, inaugurated the programme while Unilever managers also participated by planting saplings.

For the successful execution of this plantation programme, Unilever partnered with Thengamara Mahila Sabuj Sangha (TMSS), a well-known NGO.

Under this project, campaigns will also be run in the locality to raise the level of environmental awareness and educate the community so that they may take ownership and reap benefit from the plantation.

Unilever has been organising tree plantation drives in their Kalurghat factory area on an annual basis.

working under the mandates of the UN to establish peace around the world, saying that the British government has been playing a responsible role in this regard.

Expressing his gratitude to the president, the British delegation chief expressed their high satisfaction at the warm hospitality extended to them during their visit.

The delegation praised the excellence of National Defence College (NDC) of Bangladesh. It also expressed its positive opinion about visit to different organisations like Grameen Bank.

They also praised the role of Bangladeshi troops in the UN peacekeeping missions.

Other members of the delegation, acting British high commissioner to Bangladesh and defence attaché of the commission and secretaries concerned of the President Office were present at the meeting.

Meanwhile, Navy Chief Rear Admiral Zahir Uddin Ahmed also called on the president at Bangabhaban and apprised him of the regular activities of the naval forces.

During the meeting, the naval chief apprised Zillur of his upcoming visit to the United States of America at the invitation of the US naval chief from October 6 to 9.



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Naushad Chowdhury, brands and development director of Unilever, inaugurates a tree plantation programme at Taranagar union in Keraniganj on the outskirts of the capital yesterday.

### President, PM greet Chinese counterparts

BSS, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in separate messages yesterday extended their warm greetings and felicitation to their Chinese counterparts on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the People's Republic of China.

President Zillur Rahman in his message to Chinese President Hu Jintao expressed his firm conviction that the existing friendly bilateral relations between the two countries would be further expanded and diversified to the mutual benefit of the people of the two countries in the days ahead.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her message to Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on the eve of the day said, "Bangladesh highly praises the phenomenal progress achieved by China in all spheres of life over the last six decades. China is a source of inspiration for the developing countries of the world for her socio-economic achievement, technological advancement and the leading global combat against poverty."

Hasina said China is a consistent friend and a reliable development partner of Bangladesh. She also expressed her firm conviction that the close friendship and cooperation between the two countries and peoples would be further deepened, consolidated and expanded in the years to come.

## Road crashes kill 8

METRO DESK

Eight people were killed in separate road accidents in Shariatpur, Savar, Faridpur, Brahmanbaria and Gaibandha yesterday.

A correspondent in Shariatpur reports: Two people were killed in separate road accidents in Shariatpur yesterday.

The dead were identified as Alamgir Hossain, 30, and Sonia Akhtar, 8.

Witness said a bus and a tempo collided head-on at Andermanik on Shariatpur-Dhaka highway which left Alamgir dead on the spot.

In another accident at Koneksor village under Damudya upazila, schoolgirl Sonia was killed in a road mishap yesterday.

UNB in Savar adds: Two people were killed in a triangular collision among a truck, car and rickshaw on Dhaka-Aricha highway at Dhamrai yesterday morning.

The dead were identified as Montasir Billah, 28, a final-year student of Enam Medical College and Hospital, and Sohail Khan, 38, rickshaw driver.

Police and witnesses said a private car hit a rickshaw from behind after being rammed by a rashly driven truck at about 9:30am.

"Both the car and the rickshaw got twisted and crashed into roadside trees, killing car-driver Montasir and van-driver Sohail on the spot," says a spot account of the accident.

Knocking down the two smaller vehicles into perils, the truck driver fled away the scene hurriedly with his lorry.

Montasir was going to Savar from his Dhamrai house driving the car when the tragedy took place.

Our correspondent in Faridpur adds: Two people were killed in separate road accidents at Bhanga and Modhukhali upazila in Faridpur yesterday.

The dead were identified as Sipon Chowdhury, 31, of Kotailpara in Gopalganj and Zahidul, 40, a farmer of Raipur in Modhukhali.

Police said Sipon was killed in the accident at Solidia under Bhanga upazila on Dhaka-Khulna highway at about 11:30am when a

passenger bus rammed his motorcycle, leaving him dead on the spot.

In another accident, Zahidul was run over by a bus on Dhaka-Khulna highway at Dighulia under Modhukhali upazila while he was crossing the road.

Our correspondent in Brahmanbaria adds: One person was killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Bastala village under Sarail upazila in Brahmanbaria yesterday.

The dead was identified as Suruz Ali, 55, of Suhagpur village.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when Suruz was crossing the road a speeding microbus knocked him down, leaving him dead on the spot.

Our correspondent in Gaibandha adds: One person was killed and three others were injured in a road accident at Tulshighat on Gaibandha-Palashbari road yesterday.

The dead was identified as Anisur Rahman, 35.

Police said Anisur crushed under wheels of a running bus as he fell down from the bus hitting by branches of a tree.



### Channel i steps into 11 today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Channel i is going to step into the 11th year of its operation today, said a press release.

On the occasion, the satellite channel will air some special programmes, including drama and talk show.

The head office of the channel will also be shifted to 40 Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani at Tejgaon in the city today.

Channel i started its operation in 1996 with the slogan 'Hridoye Bangladesh' (Bangladesh in the Heart).

### Lions Service Week begins tomorrow

METRO DESK

Lions Clubs International is going to observe its weeklong service activities from tomorrow.

Khondoker Abu Ashfaq, district governor of Lions District 315A1, formed a committee on September 28 to perform October Service Week smoothly, says a press release.

The committee includes VDG-2 Mirza Khorshed Alam, Engr Akram Uz Zaman, Shamsun Nahar Swapna, KMA Martin, Dr MA Halim Patwary, Arct Nikhil Chandra Guha, Taslim Sultana Alam Dora, Saidur Rahman, Md Aziz Ullah, Imtiaz Ahmed Martin and Chairman of SARA International School and College and SARA Advertising Ltd Alhaj Md Nazrul Islam Saikder while VDG-1 Rezaul Haque Jhunu is the chairman of the committee.

A wide-range of service activities have been taken, including grand rally, blood donation, children's art competition, essay writing, tree plantation and food, cloths and medicine distribution among the orphans.

### JCD demands release of Aman

DU CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) yesterday demanded unconditional release of arrested BNP leader Amanullah Aman.

JCD and BNP leaders made this demand at a rally in front of the party's central office at Paltan in the city.

Police arrested Aman on Tuesday at Zia International Airport in an attempt-to-murder case filed by one of his party colleagues.

JCD men at the rally threatened to forge a tougher movement alongside BNP if Aman is not released immediately.

Terming the arrest an injustice, speakers at the rally said the government wants to establish one-party rule in the country and so it has arrested Aman as he always raise his voice against this government's irregularities and autocratic rule.

Sultan Salauddin Tuku presided over the rally, which was addressed, among others, by BNP leaders Mirza Abbas, Fazul Haq Milon, Nazim Uddin Alam, JCD leaders Amirul Islam Alim and Obaidul Haq Nasir.



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Lions Clubs International holds a meeting at Ln Humayun Zahir auditorium in the city on September 28.

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