secretary

VERDICT ON BANGABANDHU MURDER CASE

Security beefed up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

the rank and file to remain alert for their own security yesterday as tight security has been beefed up across the country centring the trial of Bangabandhukilling case.

(IGP) Nur Mohammad at a press conference said security of some individuals and key installations has already been beefed up for the last few days and it would be tightened more ahead of the announcement of the verdict on untoward incident.

ensure tough security on that day," the IGP told the briefing at the police headquarters in the middle of the monthly crime conference where senior police meeting decided to instruct the officials attended.

ways for ensuring security of all, the senior police officials at the changing law and order situation, present security arrangement and security to their own and familymembers.

Replying to a query, the IGP Inspector General of Police said significant development has been made regarding the attack on Awami League lawmaker Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh and it would be disclosed later.

Asked whether any involve-

ment of former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar is November 19 to thwart any found in connection with the August 21, 2004 grenade attack "It's a significant matter. We'll case, he said an investigation is going on following a court order and a charge sheet will be sub-

The police chief said the asktheminister, not me, about the field-level policemen not to stop Sources said alongside finding any truck carrying sacrificial

cattle to the city, even though the particular truck or its driver does Police high-ups yesterday asked meeting also discussed the not have proper documents, ahead of the upcoming Eid unless they have any specific information of carrying any illegal things through it.

Police will take necessary steps so that no untoward incident centring the cattle hide can take place, he said, seeking cooperation from all concerned to stop toll collection and extor-Asked about the finance

part of the illegal small arms that are recovered went to the criminals again in subcontinent, the police chief blasted the minister for such comment. He said, "You journalist better

minister's recent remark that a

base of his information," adding that there is no chance of going back the seized firearms to the

hands of criminals as those are shown as evidence in the cases filed after recovery.

Nur Mohammad noted that they have assigned uniformed police and civvies so that no unrest in garment sector can take place ahead of the Eid.

About the outlaw-infested southwest region, he said the situation has improved a lot and the improvement would be even more enough manpower and vehicle could be provided to the camps there.

Asked about the execution of Tuesday's High Court directive to him to stop within 48 hours earth filling and encroachment on the river Turag, the IGP said he is yet to receive the order, but already instructed his forces concerned to take steps out of social responsibility.



Law enforcers stand guard in front of the main gate of the High Court in the city yesterday as part of beefed-up security.

tomorrow UNB, Dhaka

due in city

Indian Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao will arrive in Dhaka on November 14 on a two-day official visit at the invitation of his Bangladesh counterpart Mijarul Quayes.

Indian foreign

Director-General (South Asia) of the Foreign Ministry Muhammad Imran told UNB that the Indian foreign secretary will discuss with Mijarul-Quayes preparations for Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to New Delhi.

Hasina is likely to visit India in mid-December.

Nirupama Rao will also call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Foreign Minister Dipu Moni.

She is also expected to call on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

snatch

tender box

Some leaders of Bangladesh

Chhatra League (BCL) in

Kotalipara upazila of Gopalganj

district snatched tender box of

Local Government Engineering

sacked its office yesterday.

Department (LGED) and ran-

It was alleged that the local BCL

However, upazila BCL

denied the allegation in a press

conference held in front of

upazila Awami League office.

Moreover, upazila BCL presi-

dent Babul Hazra and general

secretary Nazrul Islam Monno

blamed the local contractors for

Police went to the spot on

information and brought the

situation under control but

failed to recover the snatched

tender box till filing of this

engineer Md Shafiqul Islam

filed a general diary (GD) with

Kotalipara Thana and the LGED

An LGED source said yester-

day was the date for tender

submission at the LGED office

for works worth Tk 2.54 crore.

About 20-25 youths entered the

office room of the upazila engi-

neer around 11:00am, ran-

sacked the office and snatched

the tender box, the source

cancelled the tender process.

Later, Kotalipara upazila

report in the evening.

the incident.

leaders were enraged as they were

not involved in tendersharing.

A CORRESPONDENT,

Kotalipara RESTORATION OF 1972 CONSTITUTION BCL men

SAFETY STANDARD OF CAAB

Dhaka seeks int'l pilot body's cooperation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh yesterday sought necessary cooperation from International Federation of Airline Pilots' Association (IFALPA) in improving safety standard of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB), which faces lack of

"We are concerned about the downgrading of CAAB to the significant safety concern marked by the International Civil Aviation Authority. We, therefore, seek necessary assistance from IFALPA to improve safety standard of CAAB," said Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister GM Quader.

The minister said this at IFALPA's three-day Asia/Pacific regional confer-

N'GANJ AL OFFICE ATTACK

Salam Pintu

shown

Narayanganj

arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Detained former deputy

Salam Pintu was shown

arrested in connection with the

bomb attack on the Awami

League office at Chasara in

case Assistant Superintendent

of Police (ASP) Yusuf Ali Mollah

said Pintu has been shown

arrested in the case on

remand for Pintu and the Chief

Judicial Magistrate's Court of

CID also sought a 10-day

Pintu is now arrested in

Harkatul Jihad chief Mufti

connection with the August 21

Abdul Hannan and Dhaka City

Corporation (DCC) Ward

Commissioner Ariful Islam Arif

were also shown arrested in the

case and they were taken on

Awami League office took

place on June 16 in 2001 that

left 20 people dead and a num-

ber of people, including former

AL lawmaker Shamim Osman,

injured.

The bomb attack on the

remand on several times.

Investigation officer of the

Narayanganjin 2001.

November 10.

15 for the hearing.

grenade attack case.

ence organised by Bangladesh Airlines Pilots' Association (BAPA) at Sonargaon Hotel in the city.

Quader's call came at a time when the International Civil Aviation Authority (ICAO) recently levelled CAAB as 'significant safety concern list' due to poor maintenance of aircraft and

He, however, said the authority concerned has already taken steps to overcome the deficiencies of the civil aviation authority and improve the aviation safety.

"The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) of the USA earlier levelled CAAB as Category 2... By this time, we have improved a lot and CAAB will hopefully return to the FAA," the minister told report ers after the opening ceremony of the event.

He also informed that the national flag carrier would soon resume its New York flight which was suspended in

IFALPA President Carlos Limon said improvement of CAAB is imperative for safe and comfortable transport for passengers.

He said, "We are here to help you and work together to upgrade CAAB into Category

The main objective of the conference is to address aviation safety issues as well as to work out solutions to the technical problems through discussions by aviation experts from home and

Category 1 if it approaches abroad.

Legal notice on DCC mayor for failure to comply with HC order

DHANMONDI PLAYGROUND

minister and BNP leader Abdus | STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) Tuesday served a legal notice upon the city Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka for having failed to comply with a High Court order to preserve the Dhanmondi playground.

A High Court (HC) division bench on 24 April 2004, following a writ petition No 1814 of 2004 filed jointly by Bapa and IAB, issued the order to DCC Narayanganj fixed November

The HC division bench directed the mayor to submit a report on whether Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has taken over the Dhanmondi playground, located between roads N08 and 9 to the west of Mirpur road, and what steps it has taken to maintain and preserve it in accordance with the Open Space Protection Act 2000.

The HC bench also asked the mayor to clarify what actions DCC has taken to evict the unauthorised semi-pucca structures the Dhanmondi Club built on the said playground violating the Building

Construction Act. Notice of the court order was served on April 25, 2004 and the court asked the city mayor to submit the report within twenty days.

Apparently, the city mayor has not taken any steps during five and half a years till date to submit the report to the High Court, said the legal notice.

Barrister Sara Hossain of Dr Kamal Hossain and Associates in the legal notice called upon the mayor on behalf of the petitioners to comply with the HC order within one week.

In the event of failure to comply with the request, the petitioners would move an application for contempt proceedings, said the notice.

Bapa General Secretary Dr Md Abdul Matin and IAB President Mubasshar Hussein served the legal notice on November 10.

Regarding how Dhan mondi Club has been illegally occupying the playfield for five decades and renting it out for commercial purposes under the very nose of DCC, Khoka told The Daily Star yesterday, "I do not know about it."

Humidityin

percentage

Evening

91

76

Morning

FM apprises US envoy of women empowerment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

US Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Melanne Verveer called on Foreign Minister Dipu Moni at her ministry office in the city yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed President Obama's recent speech in Cairo and his reference to Bangladesh in relation to the empowerment of women, says a press release.

Dipu welcomed the idea expressed by President Obama in his Cairo speech that the US would work in partnership with any Muslimmajority country to support expanded literacy for girls and help young women pursue employment through micro-

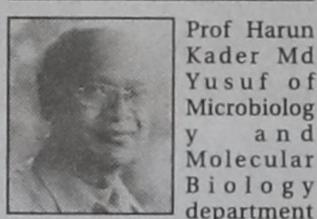
The foreign minister mentioned the first UN resolution on 'Women, Peace and Security' which was conceived by Bangladesh and was adopted unanimously at the UN in 2000.

Dipu expressed her happiness that Bangladedesh had attained almost 100 percent achievement in enrolment of girls in primary education. Women constitute the major workforce in our principal export-earning sector -apparel industry.

She also said that the home-grown ideas such as micro-credit have changed indeed the whole society -making them primary bread earners of the family.

Prof Harun Kader passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Prof Harun Kader Md Yusuf of Microbiolog and Molecular

department at Dhaka University passed away due to cancer at Square Hospital in the city early yesterday at the age of 63.

He left behind his wife, son, daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

He was buried at Azimpur graveyard after his namaz-e-

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Harun-or-Rashid and Treasurer Prof Mizanur Rahman expressed shock at his death.

Consumers Association of Bangladesh also expressed shock at his death.

Mother passes away Prof Harun's mother fell ill

hearing the news of her son's death. Later, she was admitted to a city hospital where she passed away around 1:45pm vesterday. Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky

Surayya Anis METRO DESK



Kushtia.

Anis, wife of Mir Anisuzzaman, former governor of Rotary Int-

ernational Tania, wife of Talat Imam, District 3280 (Bangladesh), passed away due to cancer at Apollo Hospitals in the city at

7:00pm yesterday, says a press release. mourn her death. Her namaz-e-janaza will be held at Gulshan Central Mosque after Juma prayers

She will be buried at her family graveyard at Bat-tail in

Wait till SC verdict: Suranjit Let politicians decide: SQ Chy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League leader Suranjit Sengupta yesterday said there is no alternative but to restore the 1972 constitution to unite the nation, but it would be wise to wait for the Supreme Court verdict in this regard.

On the other hand, BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury said the politicians, not judges, would have to take the decision on the issue, as people did not vote the lawmakers to implement the verdicts given by judges.

Both the parliamentarians, however, agreed that discussions should be held on some important issues concerning the constitution such as Article 70, which do not allow lawmakers to vote against their party in parliament. "There are a lot of scopes to

update the constitution. I am a parliament member but cannot vote according to my own judgment," said Salauddin. Suranjit echoed his views, saying that such issues should

be discussed. The two lawmakers said this at the 'Meet the reporters' programme organised by Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) at its auditorium.

Suranjit, one of the memthe fate of ruler women and | bers of the constituent assembly that prepared the constitu- tem, Suranjit said the Election of the schedule will remain tion in 1972 but did not sign it Commission has become unchanged.

UNICEF REPORT

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most of the world's chronically

undernourished under-fives --

8.3 crore children -- are in South

Asia, according to a Unicef

report titled 'Improving Child

and Maternal Nutrition',

young children are undernour-

ished in Afghanistan, Nepal,

India, Bangladesh and Pakistan,

the five countries hit hardest by

survey-based data on global

prevalence of under-nutrition

(stunting, wasting, under-

weight) but highlights stunting

in particular as it is closely

linked to child mortality,

chronic disease in adult life and

a predictor of a child's brain

under fives in Bangladesh are

moderately or severely stunted,

49 percent in Nepal, 48 percent

in India, 42 percent in Pakistan

South Asia makes up nearly

8.3 crore undernourished

and 59 percent in Afghanistan.

Some 43 percent of the

The report presents recent

More than 40 percent of

released yesterday.

the problem, it said.

development.

40pc children suffer

from malnutrition

over some difference of opin- independent and stronger and ion, said that he would sign the constitution this time after restoration of the 1972 constitution with necessary changes.

Suranjit, also chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on law ministry, said independence is incomplete without the '72 constitution while Salauddin, a member of the same committee, said those who framed the constitution were not elected in independent Bangladesh.

Suranjit said people voted to return to the '72 constitution, as it was his party's election pledge and that the court also declared illegal the fifth amendment to the constitution as well as the martial law. Salauddin said the govern-

ment should restore the constitution with the first four amendments, as Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman himself brought those amendments.

But Suranjit said it is the Awami League and the grand alliance government who will decide on the issue.

Salauddin said the four pillars of the constitution were not in the 1970 election manifesto of the Awami League.

Asked about the provision of caretaker government sys-

children in total and rest of the

feeding within one hour of birth

and exclusively for at least six

months, is the single interven-

tion with the largest impact on

child survival, potentially

reducing under-five child

mortality by 12-15 percent in

cultural and traditional prac-

tices such as child marriage lead

to many women giving birth

young. They are told to eat less

during pregnancy -- for easier

delivery -- they're anemic and

undernourished, and as a result

have low birthweight babies

who may survive but not thrive,

to proper care and feeding of

children between six months

and two years. This is not just

about food. It is about giving the

right kinds of food and care at

the right age -- promoting

immediate and exclusive

breastfeeding, the report

It called for equal attention

the report said.

Across South Asia, harmful

developing countries.

The report also said breast-

world 7.2 crore.

it can be strengthened further before scrapping the provision. Salauddin said all the par-

ties first have to be respectful to each other. DRU president Shamim

Ahmed presided over the programme while its general secretary Pathik Saha gave a welcome address.

New NU exam timing METRO DESK

The second year honours examinations-2008 under National University (NU) will begin at 10:00am instead of 1:00pm on November 16, says a press release.

Earlier, the university authorities set the beginning time of examinations at 1:00pm aiming not to disturb class teaching in the colleges where examination centres

Principals, guardians and students of different colleges across the country raised objections about the new timing and demanded its change. Considering their demand the university authorities reset the timetable of examinations at 10:00am instead of 1:00pm. Rest

> added. Upazila Nirbahi Officer Kabir Mahmud expressed surprise at the filing of GD instead of lodging a case.

Scottish writer Dalrymple to deliver lecture at IUB today

METRO DESK

William Dalrymple, an eminent Scottish historian and writer, will deliver a lecture on his latest book 'Nine Lives: in Search of the Sacred in Modern India' at the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB)

During his sojourn, Dalrymple will be invested as the second scholar in residence of IUB and presented with a sash. He will be conducting a creative writing workshop with the faculty and students of Independent University. Bangladesh. William Dalrymple is the

author of the critically acclaimed The Last Mughal, the Fall of a

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Tania Jesmin (Moni), daughter of Alhaj Mohammad Sirajul Islam, will be held at her father's residence at 12/13 Lalmohon Poddar Lane at Faridabad in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

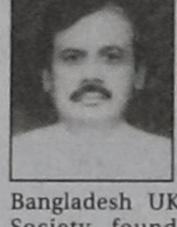
passed away at the Apollo Hospitals in the early hours of Tuesday at the age of 41. She left behind her husband, a son and a host of relatives to

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will also be held at the Banani Chairmanbari Mosque after Asr prayers tomorrow (Saturday).

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the doa mahfils and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Today is the 2nd death anniversary of Pro Matilal (ML)

Death anniversary



METRO DESK

secretary general of Bangladesh UK Friendship Society, founder of Khila College Netrakona and viceprincipal of Bangabashi (Tejgaon) College, says a press release.

On the occasion, a religious

Chowdhury,

Today is the

first death

anniversary

of Fazer

Rahman, a

programme will be held at Loknath Brahmachary Ashram in the city. Fazer Rahman

METRO DESK



freedom fighter and worker, says a press release.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil and qulkhwani will be held at Pirgachha Annada Nagar Nabuchalunia residence in Rangpur district.

Dynasty, Delhi 1857', an account of the last Mughal Emperor of Delhi during the Indian Mutiny, and 'White Mughals', which tells the story of a love affair between a colonial British officer and an Indian princess.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

णिको छक अञ्चट छ नि: ঢাকা স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জ এর সাবেক চেয়ারম্যান ও ইমতিয়াজ

হোসেন সিকিউরিটিজ লিমিটেড এর প্রতিষ্ঠাতা চেয়ারম্যান মরহুম ইমতিয়াজ হোসেন গত ২৯ অক্টোবর'০৯ সকালে ৬৮ বছর বয়সে হদরোগে আক্রান্ত হয়ে ইন্তেকাল করেছেন।

মরহুমের বিদেহী আত্মার মাগফেরাত কামনার উদ্দেশ্যে আজ ১৩ নভেম্বর শুক্রবার বাদ-আসর বারিধারা জামে মসজিদে (রোড নং-০১ বৃটিশ হাইকমিশন-এর নিকটে) দোয়া-মাহ্ফিল অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। উক্ত দোয়া মাহ্ফিলে তাঁর সহক্ষী, বন্ধু-বান্ধব ও সকল ভভানুধ্যায়ীদের উপস্থিত থাকতে বিশেষ ভাবে অনুরোধ করা হচ্ছে।

ঢাকা স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জ লি: এর পক্ষ থেকে

DHAKA TODAY Seminar Multiplan Centre Shop Owners

on role of ICT in building digital Bangladesh. Venue: Multiplan Centre. Time: 4:30pm.

meeting on Liberation War and war criminals. Venue: Dhaka University Senate Bhaban. Time: 4:00pm.

National Front of Teachers and Employees will form a human chain demanding incorporating them in the new national pay scale. Venue:

Roundtable

The weekly Ashey Din Jai organises a roundtable on 'One house one farm in building digital Bangladesh' Venue: National

Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

over the country.

City/Town

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Dhaka

7:13am tomorrow.

17.2 degrees Celsius at Srimangal.

in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

32.3

31.5

32.2

32.3

32.0

30.9

33.4

Temperature in

Celsius

over the country in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Light to moderate fog may occur over the river basins of

It said night temperature may remain nearly unchanged

The sun sets in the capital at 6:13pm today and rises at

Country's highest temperature 33.4 degrees Celsius was

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded

Min

20.7

20.7

18.4

20.8

19.6

19.7

22.0

recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and Jessore and lowest

the country during late night till morning, Met Office said.

Association organises a seminar

View exchange meet Sector Commanders Forum organises a view exchange

Human chain

Muktangan, Time: 11:00am.

Press Club. Time: 10:00am.