OMS OF RICE IN KHULNA

Dealer appointment questioned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

appointed allegedly on political consideration for Open Market Sale (OMS) of rice at 31 wards of Khulna City Corporation.

Khulna District Food Controller Mohammad Monirul Islam said the dealers were appointed outside of the 186 traders who had submitted applications to the authorities concerned.

President of Khulna Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Shaharuzzaman Martuza, however, said most of the 186 applicants are genuine rice traders while none of the 25 appointed dealers had ever

At least five dealers are required for five outlets at each of the 31 wards, he said.

godown last Wednesday at the rate of Tk20 per kg.

It was alleged that the dealers lifted rice under the fake shop names -- Barkat Store at Labonchora, Messrs Chand Mia Store on the Natun Bazar, Rumania Store on the Rupsha Stand Road, Molla Enterprise in Nirala Residential area and Paradise

& Company at Gallamari. Locals said they had seen no such Open Market Sale

(OMS) centres in those areas. None of the dealers have sold any rice at fair price outlets, said an official of district food controller's office seeking anonymity.

The OMS programme has completely failed to create any positive impact on the market in reining in prices of rice in Khulna city, said locals.

The coarse variety of rice was selling on Thursday in between Tk 29 and 30 a kg at the local markets while prices are learnt to have lifted their of fine variety fluctuated quotas of rice from CSD between Tk38 and Tk42 a kg.

might have been angry with

Faruk as he was coordinating

with local people to form an

'anti-terrorism' committee in

Manikdi and adjoining areas.

The committee was supposed

that internal feud over forma-

tion of local Chhatra League

committee might also be a

reason behind Faruk's murder.

police sources said local BCL

divided into seven to eight

factions, as there was no com-

mittee for the Thana unit in

became popular among local

people as he had been playing

an active role to form the local

locals and many activists of

the organisation was the envy

of some party leaders who

might have a hand behind the

killing of Faruk," said a police

nessed nine killings over drugs

trading, extortion and mug-

Climate fund

Secretary of the environment

and forest ministry Mihir Kanti

has allocated a total of Tk 700

current fiscal to deal with the

crore will have to be spent by

June 30 while the rest will

zation (NGO) will have an

allocation of at best Tk 5 crore

while a government one get Tk

the countries most vulnerable

to climate change impacts due

to high density of population

and low-lying coastal zone,

Climate change is set to

Bangladesh stands one of

A non-government organi-

Of the allocation, Tk 466

climate change impacts.

remain as a term deposit.

25 crore.

said Majumder.

ging since January last year.

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Manikdi area itself wit-

official wishing anonymity.

"His popularity among

anti-terrorism committee.

The source also said Faruk

Substantiating his claim,

Mobarak also suspected

to be formed today.

the last seven years.

BCL leader's murder

with the killing and interrogating them," Officer-in-Charge of Cantonment Police Station Hosne Ara told The Daily Star vesterday.

Asked about Shibir's nvolvement, she said, after investigation, they would be

The victim's relatives, however, denied Shibir's link with the killing and said if such political blame game continues, real killers might go unpunished.

three-day strike at Manikdi from yesterday protesting the killing of Faruk and demanding immediate arrest and punishment to the killers. The locals brought out processions in support of their demands while most business

and shops remained closed. Armed assailants shot at least 10 bullets on Faruk inside a local school on Friday killing

ther Mujibur Rahman, a resident of Badda in the capital, said he passed some time with him and witnessed four of dered -- around one hour before they heard about his

pected their involvement in the murder.

Faruk's father Haji Mobarak Ullah said local

criminals and drug peddlers

City dances

was broadcast live by different

The programme organisers and artistes started off the cultural functions after voicing their demand for the trial of

gravely affect Bangladesh's agriculture, water and infrastructures. Thousands of visitors

A number of researchers and development practitioners from home and abroad took part in the seminar. The seminar was aimed at

focusing on climate financing at multi-lateral and bi-lateral negotiations, national initiatives and implications on Bangladesh in the wake of donors group meeting scheduled to be held on February 15

Opposition

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"We will join the House, but will not participate in the day's business unless the speaker expunges the minister's indecent remarks, especially the word 'killer'," he added.

Earlier on Thursday night, Home Minister Sahara Khatun in a statement in parliament said, "Jamaat-Shibir, who got back their political rights under patronage of killers Zia-Mushtaque, are carrying out subversive activities to foil the trial of the war criminals."

Lawmakers of BNP and allies staged a stormy walkout in protest at Sahara's comment. They did not get back to participate in the thanksgiving motion on the president's address that night.

Parliament is scheduled to sit at 3:00pm today. Before returning on

Thursday afternoon, the opposition had stayed off parliament for 64 consecutive

JOURNO ASSAULT

9 BCL men suspended

A CORRESPONDENT, RU

Rajshahi University unit Chhatra League yesterday suspended nine of its activists for Thursday's attack on journalists on the campus.

They are Jewel of Mass Communication and Journalism department, Rocky of Geography and Environmental Science, Minnath of Public Administration, Rony of Islamic History and Culture, Delwar Hossain and Bill of Anthropology, Masud and Nayan of Management and Monir of Applied Physics and Electronics Engineering departments

On February 11, unruly Chhatra League cadres severely beat up 11 journalists when Prothom Alo photojournalist Azaharuddin and Channel i cameraman Moin Hossain were shooting to capture the moments of Chhatra League attack on a suspected Shibir activist.

Following the incident, university correspondents issued Chhatra League a 24hour ultimatum to punish the culprits.

Meanwhile, RU Vicechancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan at a press conference yesterday censured the law enforcers for their role during the Shibir-Chhatra League clashes on the campus on February 9.

Replying to a question on the role of the university authorities Prof Sobhan said the university authorities did everything to bring the situation under control.

Amartya Sen

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Policy Dialogue (CPD) and Pratichi Trust in association with Unicef Bangladesh began yesterday at Brac Centre Inn.

Briefing journalists on the first day's programme, Prof Sen stressed the need for multiple efforts involving government and nongovernment organisations to address the problems in education and health sectors.

He said sex discrimination in getting health service is a severe problem in South Asia.

"Negligence on women health puts huge impact on children even when they grow up," he said, adding that it led to high rate of maternal mortality and malnutrition, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases among women and children.

Dr Sen suggested introducing meal system in schools especially for the poorer chil-

Prof Rehman Sobhan, chairman of CPD, said lack of good governance is one of the major problems in

Bangladesh and India. Later in an interview with The Daily Star, the noble laureate said Bangladesh could promote herbal medical treatment with modern medical facilities to ensure health service to all.

Dr Sen also said the govern ment can include the traditional medical system in the national health policy, so that the people, especially of the lower segment of the popula tion, can access the medical

facilities. "The government can include Hekimi (herbal medical treatment) system in the national health policy to ensure health facility to the

people," he said. Before the conference, Prof Sen launched Bangladesh Health Watch Report 2009. Prof Syed Modasser Ali, prime minister's health adviser, was present at the launching ceremony, among others.

Rejoinder

FROM PAGE 1 Professor M Abdus Sohhan took the charge of VC on February 26, 2009. Since then he has been trying to maintain a congenial atmosphere on the campus ideal for learning and research.

The reported links and

loyality of the VC and many 2010, which has been declared other persons in the adminisas the International Biodiversity Conservation Year. tration to Jamaat is "absolutely baseless." For long the official of the Department of VC, Pro-VC, treasurer, regis-Forest (DoF), Dhaka Division, trar, proctor, student adviser said the existing 300 industries and others in the administration are well known for their inside the National Park are of progressive ideology, it said several categories. Some industries are set up on occupied adding many of them were harassed in the past for their forest land, while some set up affiliation to progressive on private land are using roads ideology. None of them was through the forest. ever involved in any activities linked with Jamaat and any

such organisation. Authority of the university seeks more cooperation from The Daily Star for the interest of the university.

133 more picked up

Firoza Villa, a Shibir-controlled

student's mess, around 3:30am

and arrested the man and

men in Noakhali, where

Jamaat-Shibir brought out a

procession to protest against

Chhatra League chased and

dispersed the procession in

Maizdee and beat up some of

them. They were admitted to

Noakhali General Hospital from

where police detained the three

apprehending a law and order

slide, writes our Noakhali corre-

activists at Jamilnagar of Bogra

yesterday, adds our Bogra

police AKM Khalekuzzaman

said a case has been filed against

them on charge of committing

police Friday night arrested 11

Jamaat-Shibir activists in Sadar

and Palashbari upazilas, the

Police raided district Jamaat

huge brick chips preserved as

protective measures against

Shibir men conducting sepa-

rate raids in different areas of

the town, our Jessore corre-

test procession brought out by

Shibir against the countrywide

crackdown on Shibir men.

During the drive, the law

enforcers also recovered iron

men who were arrested at

Jamaat office Friday night were

sent to jail after they were

hauled before a court in con-

nection with rampage on MM

The BCL Chittagong University

unit submitted a memorandum

to Vice-chancellor Prof Dr Abu

Yusuf yesterday to press home

arrest and exemplary punish-

ment of Shibir cadres who killed

BCL activist Mohiuddin, ban-

ning Shibir politics perma-

nently, and removal of the

policemen recruited during the

BNP-Jamaat rule.

The demands included

their seven-point demand.

Meanwhile, the 29 Shibir

rods and four bombs.

College campus.

BCLmemorandum

Police also dispersed a pro-

In Jessore, police arrested 36

district correspondent reports.

Meanwhile in Gaibandha

Police arrested seven Shibir

Officer in-Charge of Sadar

spondent.

correspondent.

BCLactivists.

spondent says.

Members of Bangladesh

the arrests across the country.

The police held three Shibir

seized some books on jihad.

NEWS

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Babul Akhter of Hathazari circle. "We recovered over 50 books on jihad and a huge number of batons from their possession," Akhtersaid.

The Court of Judicial Magistrate Akhter Hossain sanctioned bail to Shibir cadre Masud Shahriar and sent the rest to jail. In another development, a

Chittagong court ordered two days' remand for 86 Jamaat-Shibir men in a case filed for attacking police, barring them from duties, and involving in destructive activities on Friday. Meanwhile, State Minister

for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku,

who arrived in Chittagong

Friday night for the wedding ceremony of his son, held a meeting with the Chittagong Metropolitan Police. He said Shibir killed students

in Rajshahi and Chittagong universities in an organised way to create unrest in the country. Tuku asked the police to

investigate the cases filed

against the Jamaat and Shibir men and continue the drives against them. In Nilphamari, district office Darul Aman Trust and Jamaat Ameer Muzammel recovered posters, leaflets and

Haque along with 20 others was arrested yesterday, writes our correspondent from Nilphamari, where at least 60 people including 10 policemen were injured in a series of clashes between BCL and Shibir yesterday.

Witnesses say the clash ensued when Shibir attacked a protest procession of BCL in Ukilpara.

During the attack, at least 30 BCL men including its district general secretary Wadud Rahman were injured. In Rajshahi city, 18 more

Shibir men were arrested, while six others were held in Panchagarh early yesterday, reports our staff correspondent in Rajshahi. Of them, 12 were produced

Rajshahi University on February 2. Police recovered two bombs and a sharp weapon on the premises of Sher-e-Bangla Hall

before a Rajshahi court in con-

nection with the killing at

of the university. In Kushtia, police arrested a Shibir activist at a students' mess in Talipara in Kushtia early in the morning, reports our

Kushtia correspondent.

a significant part of the 12,435-

genuine forest coverage of the

country has already reduced to

6 percent against the official

save the forest land when it was

illegal. This move will encour-

age the powerful industrialists

to degrade the forest further,'

said Rizwana Hasan, chief

executive of Bangladesh

Environment Lawyers

issued on December 6 the

government has yet to make it

Though the new gazette was

Earlier in 1999, the last AL

government issued an order

prohibiting any structures or

establishing industries, facto-

ries in the eight mouzas --

Araisho Prasad, Bon Khoria,

Bishoyakuribari, Baraipara,

Uttar Salna, Bau Para,

Bahadurpur and Mohana

Bhabanipur -- inside the

issued on November 22, 1999 by

then secretary Syed Margub

Morshed on behalf of the presi-

dent of the republic of

Bangladesh. The order said

anybody violating the order will

be treated as criminal and

declared the national park

under the Bangladesh Wildlife

Preservation Act, 1974 to pre-

serve environment and

The law does not allow

The Bhawal forest was

punished accordingly.

biodiversity of the forest.

ernment," the official added.

The presidential order was

"The government could not

claim of 16 percent.

Association (BELA).

public.

national park.

As the trend continues, the

acre forest.

CU Probe body The police say they raided CU authorities in a meeting

Green light does not permit use of forestland for purposes other

than planting trees without the

permission of the head of the

The government is now going to permit setting up new industries under the new government order. Though the DoE was earlier filing cases against owners of illegal industries, now the order is going to legalise around 300 industries set up

over the years illegally. Some cases against the illegal industries are yet to be resolved in the court.

The DoE and the DoF jointly made a list of illegal industries in 2007 and all of them are going to be legalised now.

The newly issued gazette does not say anything about the existing industries, but officials from the DoE say those who have already set industries will also get clearance certificates.

The industries are mostly of dyeing, spinning, steel, ceramics, pharmaceuticals, agroproducts, composites, food products, knitwear, soap, and rubber, many of which are polluting environment for

Since declared as National Park in 1982, around 1,900 people have so far occupied its 618 acres and constructed over 3,500 structures illegally.

During the BNP-Jamaat rule the environment and forest ministry itself helped lease out forest land to Gias-Al-Mamun, friend of Tarique Rahman, son of former prime minister Khaleda Zia.

The ministry also changed anyone to do anything, be it on status of the forest to Khas land forest or private land, which and later the Office of the may hamper biodiversity. Now Deputy Commissioner, Gazipur the government itself puts leased out the land to Orion biodiversity at stake in the year Group to establish a farm of medicinal plants. Later, Orion handed over the

land to One Group to establish Speaking anonymously, an Denim Composite Ltd and One Spinning Mills. In May 2008, the Anti-Corruption Commission filed

two cases against some lawmakers and leaders of BNP. Asked, Chief Conservator of Forest Abdul Motaleb said the

permission will be given only to the industries set up on private "The move to issue environmental clearance would faciliproperty, not on forest land. The chief conservator tate the industrialists to get all

sorts of facilities including believes the forest department obtaining loans from the govwill be able to protect the Bhawal forest despite the The Forest Policy of 1994 also government's latest move.

Friday night formed a threemember committee to investigate the murder of political science student AAM

The committee headed by Prof Dr AF Imam Ali of sociology department was also asked to submit a probe report in seven

300 sued for assaulting cops

Mohiuddin.

Sylhet Kotwali police Friday night started a case against 300 people including former lawmaker Jamaat's Moulana Farid Uddin Chowdhury, central Assistant secretary Shafiqur Rahman and Sylhet city Ameer Ehsanul Mahbub Zobayer in connection with chasing the police and clash between police and Jamaat-Shibir Friday afternoon.

Saarc summit

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invitation letter from Prime Minister Jigme Yoser Thinley this afternoon, official sources

The summit venue has been changed to the Bhutanese capital after the Maldives' refusal to host the event citing the impact of global recession.

Thimphu is hosting a Saarc summit since inception of the grouping in Dhaka in 1985. Officials said Wangchuk would inform Hasina about the

main item on the agenda of the

This is the first time that

summit--climate change. Wangchuk, himself a former premier of the landlocked country at the eastern end of the Himalayas, is also expected to meet Commerce Minister Faruk Khan today and Foreign Minister Dipu Moni on

He is due to leave Dhaka on February 17.

Tuesday.

Foreign ministers of the member countries will meet in Thimphu on April 26-27, foreign secretaries on April 24-25 and senior officials on April 22-

Besides, there will be a series of preparatory meetings among the member states including Bangladesh, foreign ministry sources said.

Khaleda pulls

bilateral relationship will

strengthen in the future. "President Gul said Bangladesh and Turkey had established a rapport during the regime of late president Ziaur Rahman and that is why a road in Ankara was named after him," Shamser Mobin Chowdhury, vice-chairman of BNP and former foreign secretary, said after the meeting.

"He [Gul] said opportunities to enhance relations between the two countries were also created during Khaleda Zia's tenures, Shamsher Mobin said.

Abdullah Gul also said Turkey has decided to offer a huge number of scholarships to Bangladeshi students and set up direct air link with Bangladesh soon to help bring the countries closer.

In response Khaleda said political, economic, cultural and educational relations between Bangladesh and Turkey were strong during her tenures and she expected that the same would continue.

Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, M Morshed Khan, Reaz Rahman and Shamser Mobin Chowdhury accompanied Khaleda in her 45-minute meeting with the Turkish president while with Gul Turkish high officials including the foreign minister were.

Tarique's cases **FROM PAGE 16**

the matter into direct cogni-

According to the complaint, Hasina at a public rally on November 3, 2006, said the son of the four-party alliance chief [Khaleda Zia] drives a car worth Tk 2 crore, wears a suit worth Tk 1 lakh and squanders hefty sums gambling abroad.

Besides, she said, Hawa Bhaban, Khaleda Zia's then political office in Banani, was involved with a syndicate running businesses worth crores of taka. As per the charges against

Obaidul Quader, the AL leader at a press briefing on November 4, 2006 said the New York Stock Exchange had awarded Tarique a medal. He said he wonders how much money one needs to get such a medal, and that people want to know the source of that money. In the complaint against

Jalil, he was quoted as telling newsmen on November 16, 2006 that Apu, APS to Tarique, had met the inspector general of police and persuaded him to give 15 BNP men posting as officers-in-charge of police stations in Gopalganj, Faridpur, Shariatpur and Madaripur districts.

Dhaka seeks help

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When she informed the Turkish president of the prevailing investment-friendly environment in the country, Gul expressed the desire to invest in various sectors in Bangladesh.

Sheikh Hasina also sought Turkish cooperation to set up more power plants in the country to address power crisis in Bangladesh and in the country's shipbuilding, agriculture and electricity sectors.

The prime minister called upon the Turkish authorities to import the international standard pharmaceuticals, leather and leather goods and apparels from Bangladesh.

Emphasising the need for increasing people-to-people contact and business cooperation between the two brotherly Muslim countries, Sheikh Hasina said Turkish aircraft could make stopovers in the international airports of Bangladesh for the benefit of the two countries.

Both the Turkish president and the Bangladesh premier underscored the need for expediting activities and intercountry relationship in the United Nations, NAM, OIC and other international and regional forums to this end.

About the existing bilateral relations between the two countries, Sheikh Hasina said both the countries are enjoying excellent relations based on historic and cultural ties.

The two leaders recalled the contribution of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to achieving independence of Bangladesh and of Kemal Ataturk to building today's modern Turkey. The prime minister greeted

the Turkish president for his visit to Bangladesh, the first by a head of state since her government assumed office following her party's landslide victory in the December 29 election of 2008.

During the 40-minute meeting followed by lunch, the Turkish president highly praised the strong role and visionary leadership of Sheikh Hasina in different international forums, especially in the climate change conferences in establishing a safe

globe for the civilisation. Abdullah Gul termed Sheikh Hasina's role in the last Copenhagen Climate Change Summit as "excellent" and said that her (Sheikh Hasina) prudent leadership in the conference would immensely benefit the most vulnerable countries (MVCs) of the global

warming. In reply, Sheikh Hasina thanked the Turkish president for his appreciation and renewed her call for combined international efforts to protect people of the MVCs to face grim challenges of climate change caused by global

warming.

Abdullah Gul congratulated Hasina as people of Bangladesh have got their democracy back under her able and prudent leadership. She thanked the Turkish government and other European countries for their supports and cooperation in holding the December 29 general election in a free, fair, neutral

and acceptable manner. In this context, she said her government is now giving maximum efforts to expedite socio-economic development of the country's people. Sheikh Hasina thanked the

Turkish president for his stand saying that Turkey is a development partner of Bangladesh since its independence in 1971 under the leadership of Father of the mentfactory.

Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Terming poverty and illiter-

acy as two of the biggest enemies of Bangladesh and South Asian countries to achieve development, she said her government is working relentlessly to improve fate of the people through poverty eradication and ensuring cent percent literacy.

The Bangladesh Prime Minister further said her government is giving priority to agriculture, education and health sectors to build up an educated, prosperous and healthy nation.

The Turkish president and the Bangladesh Premier also discussed the much-expected Padma Bridge and modernisation of Chittagong and Mongla sea ports. Saying that her govern-

ment has a plan to build a deep sea port in Chittagong, the prime minister observed that by using the sea port, neighbouring countries including India, Nepal and Bhutan will be highly benefited. The Alliance of

Civilization Meets held in

April, 2009 in Turkey and Bangladesh-Turkey Military Grant, agreement and the bilateral trade and commerce between the two countries during the world economic recession also came up for discussion. Both the leaders expressed satisfaction over the volume of

bilateral trade between the

two countries during the global economic meltdown. Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, Commerce Minister Faruk Khan, Ambassador-at-Large M Ziauddin, Principal Secretary to the Prime

Minister MA Karim, Prime

Minister's Office Secretary

Mollah Waheeduzzaman and

Press Secretary to the Prime

Minister Abul Kalam Azad

were present on the occasion. Fire at Ctg

FROM PAGE 16 about 2:45am and soon it engulfed 35 other adjacent

Three fire fighting units from the city's Bayezid Fire Station rushed to the spot and doused the fire after one and a

half hours' frantic effort. Property loss caused by the fire was estimated at Tk 3 lakh,

fire service sources said. Hosne Ara, who lost four of her seven children in the fire, had married off her eldest daughter Rozina, 18, the same

"I left my mother and five siblings at around 12.30am as they bid me farewell after the marriage and I heard the news of the fire late at night," said

Rozina. "One of my sisters escaped the death as I took her with me," she said.

Hosne Ara and one of her daughters Nabila but failed to rescue four others since the main gate of the colony was locked.

Locals managed to save

The owner of the slum Md Ali said they usually keep the main gate locked at night to prevent theft. "Due to poverty my mother

came to Chittagong from our village home at Goainghat in Sylhet one year ago with high hopes," said Rozina through On her arrival a

Chittagong, Hosne Ara took a job in a jhut (garment byproduct) sorting factory at Aturer Depot for only Tk 40 a day and Rozina joined a gar-

Book fair

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Readers mostly browsed the books of Syed Shamsul Haq, Rafiq Azad, Nirmalendu Goon, Al Mahmud, Humayan Ahmed, Ahsan Habib, Selina Hossain, Kabir Chowdhury, Mohit Kamal and Muhammad Zafar Iqbal.

It was difficult to get inside the fair venue in the afternoon as the fair became overcrowded. The visitors stood in long queue from TSC and Doyel Chattar to enter into the fair. The stalls especially Anwesha, Anyaprakash, Bishwa Sahitya Kenra, Sahitya Prokash and the sales corner of the Bangla Academy were noticed much crowded.

Security measures were taken aiming at tackling flow of visitors on the day of Pohela Falgun (the first day of the autumn). The stalls witnessed a high

their dear one on the occasion

sale and sellers passed a busy day fulfilling buyer's demands. Many couple were seen to buy love stories of noted writers for

Valentine day. In the afternoon, the Bangla Academy authority accorded reception ceremony

of Falgun and ahead of the

to language hero Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury and Prof Sardar Fazlul Karim for their outstanding contribution to the language movement. One hundred and twenty seven titles hit the fair on the 13th day of the month-long

event with collections of

poems dominating the list.

The day's arrival included 27 collections of poems, 23 collections of novels, 19 collections of stories. A number of books were launched at the writers' corner.

The new titles included Beporoa by Sharier Sharif, Fera by Shahinur Reza,

Mathematical Magic by Shadat Hossain, Golpe Golpe Gaspalar Katha by Dr. Nishit Kumar Pal, Hizon Das Kabi by Drubo Esh, Pranto Prachir by Ahmed Musa, Eka by Dr Zillur Kamal and Postmortem by Fahim Mohammad Azad.

Khulna Twenty-five dealers have been

been involved in this business.

Of the 25 dealers only five

persons suspecting their link

able to say who the killers are.

Meanwhile, locals called a

him on the spot. Faruk's maternal grandfa-

Faruk's close friends at the school ground -- the same place where Faruk was mur-

Majumder said Bangladesh grandson's death. Mujibur Rahman suscrore as a trust fund in the

In the second phase, a cultural programme sponsored by a mobile phone operating company was held around 3:30pm at Bakultala. The programme

elevision channels.

war criminals. thronged Dhaka University campus in celebration of the day and enjoyed various events including chorus songs, folk dance, folk music, dance of

indigenous people, recitation of poems, drama, etc. and procession. Girls in Bashonti (yellow) sharees with floral ornaments. and boys in colourful panjabis were seen on the campus

participating in various events in jovial mood. Many bands performed

concerts at different points of the campus. As the programme intensified, the queue at the entrance of Fine Arts institute grew longer and TSC compound became more and more crowded.

stepped up to manage the gathering. The huge crowd caused severe tailbacks in the areas adjacent to the university campus.

Security at the entrance was

programme organised by the parishad was held at Robindra Sharobor of the city's Dhanmondi in the morning. Working-class people also joined the celebration. Women

Another cultural

and children of this underprivileged section were found selling bangles, flower garlands, etc. Students of the institute were seen painting motifs on visitors' cheeks and hands. Different private universities and colleges also arranged

programmes marking the day. sittings since June.