

## NU admission process starts today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The admission process of master's final part (regular) for the academic session 2007-08 under National University (NU) starts today, said an NU press release.

The admission process will continue until June 8, but students will be able to get them admitted by paying late fees up to June 30.

The admission seekers, according to their subjects, will also be able to apply online by visiting different websites.

Students of MA and MSS will have to visit 'www.nu-ba.info', those of MBS 'www.nu-bba.info' and MSC 'www.nu-bsc.info' for their admission purpose.

They will have to pay registration fees and submit necessary documents along with printed copies of admission forms filled online to their respective colleges.

Detailed information about admission will be available at NU website 'www.nu.edu.bd'.



**Bhasha Andolon Smriti Rakkha Parishad led by Language Movement veteran Abdul Matin places wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday in memory of 11 language movement martyrs of Indian state of Assam. Eleven people sacrificed their lives at Shilchar in Assam on May 19 in 1961 during an agitation demanding recognition to Bangla language.**

PHOTO: STAR

## WB to help modernise land registration system

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World Bank (WB) Group will extend its cooperation to the government for modernisation of land registration system in Bangladesh, says a press release yesterday.

WB officials will prepare a concept paper of a project in this connection soon after negotiations with law ministry and department of land registration.

Edward C Cook, senior land administration specialist of WB, and Chapal Chowdhury, consultant of International Finance Corporation (IFC), expressed their interest to cooperate with the government.

They said this at a meeting with Law Minister Shafique Ahmed at his office the

same day.

Welcoming the proposal, the minister assured them of providing cooperation to prepare the concept paper of the project.

The government is working to digitise land registration and land record system, he said, adding that one-stop service has been introduced as part of this initiative.

Mohammad Shahidul Haque, acting secretary to legislative and parliament affairs division, Anwarul Haque, secretary to law and justice affairs division, Munshi Nazrul Islam, inspector general of registration department, and Aniruddha Sengupta, representative of Bangladesh Investment Climate Fund were present.

Meanwhile, Shafique also held a meeting with visiting Director of

International Centre for Transitional Justice Patrick Burgess and Deputy Director of Criminal Trial Programme Caitilin Reiger.

During the meeting, the minister informed them of different initiatives taken to try war criminals and expressed the government's determination for maintaining international standards and transparency in the trial process.

Trustee of Liberation War Museum Mafidul Haque was present at that time.

After the meeting, the minister told newsmen that they shared experience on what necessary initiatives can be taken for proper trial.

Cooperation from foreign organisations will help the government complete the trial process properly, he added.

## Azad urges S Arabia to recruit more manpower

BSS, Dhaka

Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad yesterday urged Saudi Arabia to recruit more doctors, engineers, paramedics, information technology experts and other skilled manpower from Bangladesh.

He made the call when Saudi Ambassador Dr Abdullah Bin Al Busairi

called on him at his office.

They discussed issues relating to bilateral interest during the meeting, said an official release.

The minister sought cooperation of the envoy for joint venture investments in trade and education sectors.

He appreciated the leading role of Saudi Arabia in establishing peace in the Muslim world.

The Saudi envoy said the friendly relations between the two countries are consolidating day by day. Saudi Arabia gives special importance to its ties with Bangladesh, he added.

He invited the minister to attend the first international conference on 'Architectural heritage in Islamic countries and its role in the cultural and economic development.'

## Rab-criminals gunfight Three injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three separate gunfights between Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members and criminals left three people injured in the city in the last two days.

The three criminals are Sirajul Islam, 30, and Monirul Islam, 26, and Mohammad Jilani, 44.

Rab-3 officials said Sirajul was arrested with bullet wounds after a gunfight at Balurmath in Mohanagar Project around 2:00am yesterday.

According to Rab officials, when a Rab team challenged the gang of criminals, they opened firing at the law enforcers forcing them to retaliate with gunshots.

At one stage, the criminals ran away, leaving Sirajul injured. Rab officials said they also seized a pistol from his possession.

Another gunfight took place at Banashree Project on early Tuesday as another gang of criminals made a gun attack on the Rab personnel after they challenged the criminals.

Rab officials said Monirul was also arrested with bullet wounds in the gunfight while his associates fled, leaving him injured.

Meanwhile, Jilani was injured in a gunfight with Rab-10 at Kajlar Par in Jatrabari at around 8:00pm yesterday.

He was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with bullet wound in his right leg.

## Probe Lanka rights violations AI urges UN

METRO DESK

The United Nations (UN) must set up an independent investigation into massive human rights violations committed by both the government and Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) forces during the country's civil war, said Amnesty International (AI) on the first anniversary of the end of the conflict, says a press release.

The failure to act rightly has left victims of human rights violations with no access to justice, truth or reparations while hundreds of thousands of Sri Lankans displaced at the end of decades-long conflict languish in camps or struggle to rebuild their shattered communities.

"The UN never revealed what it knew about the final days of the conflict, acknowl-

edged the scale of the abuse that took place, or pushed for accountability," said Madhu Malhotra, deputy director of AI for Asia and the Pacific.

Instead of investigating and prosecuting those suspected of violations during the war and providing reparations to victims, the Sri Lankan government has jailed critics and clamped down on dissent in the past 12 months.

One year on, the situation for civilian communities caught up in the conflict shows no sign of improvement. Some 80,000 people remain in camps and funds for their support are running out.

The rest of the 300,000 displaced civilians, who have tried to resettle remain vulnerable and struggle to survive in communities where homes and infrastructure, were destroyed.



PHOTO: KOICA

**KOICA Resident Representative Lee Jung Wook speaks at the inaugural ceremony of a project at Bhaluka on Monday.**

## KOICA project opens at Bhaluka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A South Korea-sponsored cooperation project styled 'Community Development by Empowerment in Bhaluka' was formally launched at Bhaluka upazila in Mymensingh on Monday.

Key objectives of the project are to create facilities for vocational and producing training for poor and helpless women. Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) will provide vocational training for next nine months to one year.

representative of KOICA in Bangladesh, and Humayun Khalid, director general (DG) of Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB), inaugurated the project.

Selected 45 women trainees have already started their journey towards empowerment. Sanitary education will also be provided to trainees as part of public awareness.

The KOICA representative underscored the importance of skilled manpower and denoted KOICA's intention to share Korea's development experience for the development of Bangladesh.

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