5 killed, 65 injured in 'Help children grow as road accidents

METRO DESK

war criminals.

UNB, Dhaka

among children.

for last 24 months.

AFP, Kabul

Expert physicians at a seminar yesterday

emphasised the need for motivating

mothers through proper communica-

tion strategy to only breastfeed babies

until six months to reduce malnutrition

They also stressed the need for

creating awareness among the moth-

ers and guardians to give the babies

particularly homemade foods, in

addition to continued breastfeeding

"There's no scope to separately see

breastfeeding and complementary

feeding as both are related to the infant

and young child feeding," said Prof Dr

Fatima Parveen Chowdhury, director of

the Institute of Public Health and

Afghanistan's president and the com-

mander of foreign forces in the country are

trying to reach agreement on the creation of

controversial grass-roots militias to fight the

US media have reported that US General

David Petraeus, who took over command of

140,000 US and Nato troops on July 4, has

been pushing for the establishment of Iraq-

style tribal militia to fight militants in

The reports have said that President

Karzai's spokesman yesterday con-

Hamid Karzai had opposed the plan

because of its potential to weaken his gov-

firmed that talks have been going on

Taliban, an official said yesterday.

remote Afghan villages.

Afghan militias

semi-solid complementary feedings,

At least five people were killed and 65 others injured in separate road accidents in Jhenidah and Gaibandha yesterday.

Our correspondent, Gaibandha reports: At least three people were killed and 15 others injured when a speeding passenger bus collided with a tractor trolley at Heluban Bridge on the Gobindaganj-Joypurhat road yesterday

The deceased were identified as helper of the bus Sohel, 17, Shakawat Hossain, 45

and Milon, 20. The injured were admitted to Bogra Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital and Gobindaganj Health Complex.

A correspondent from Munshiganj says: One person was killed and 50 others were injured when two passenger buses collided head-on at Srinagar upazila on the Dhaka-Mawa highway.

The deceased was identified as Alauddin, 48. The injured were taken to different local hospitals and clinics in

Police said the accident occurred

Jatra Shilpi Unnayan Parishad forms a human chain in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday demanding speedy trial of

'Motivate mothers to breastfeed

babies to reduce malnutrition'

styled 'Dissemination Meeting of

National Communication Plan for Infant

and Young Child Feeding at the IPHN in

the city, attended by Director General of

Health Services Prof Dr Shah Monir

representatives from the development

ment prepared communication frame-

work and plan aiming at delivering a

same message about infant and young

child feeding by the government and

said physicians or health workers should

properly motivate those mothers, who

between the two men but he played down

sure that if these forces are developed that

they are developed with all the necessary

checks and balances required by the consti-

tution,"Waheed Omar told reporters.

all agree," he said.

Eikenberry.

"Everybody agrees that we have to make

"The good point is that on most of it we

"But we have to agree on some other

He said the discussions between

issues," he said without giving further detail.

between Karzai and Petraeus were continu-

ing, and they met again on Tuesday, along

with the US ambassador to Kabul, Karl

Tuesday meeting would be the ninth time

Karzai and Petraeus had met since the US

Afghan and NATO officials have said the

any difference of opinion on the militias.

partners took part in the seminar.

non-government organisations.

Karzai, Petraeus in talks on

Health officials, NGO officials and

The IPHN director said the govern-

Nutrition (IPHN).

Hossain.

when a Mawa-bound bus of Ananda Express collided with a Dhaka-bound bus of DM Express and fell into roadside ditches.

Our correspondent Jhenidah adds: A youth was killed when a Jhenidah-bound truck ran him over at the main bus stop of Kaliganj upazila town in Jhenidah.

The deceased was identified as Rasel, 22, son of Shariful Islam of Balidapara village of Kaliganj upazila.

On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

say that they have not enough breast

Dr Talukder, a pioneer in promoting

breast feeding in Bangladesh, also said if

the children found suffering from ane-

mia should have to give iron rich food -

prescribing iron substitute medicine.

milk, liver and green vegetables without

"Apart from compulsory breastfeeding

for six months, countrymen should be

given right message to select comple-

mentary foods available around their

homes to give their babies after six

sented separate keynote papers at the

Omar said a final decision on setting up

Afghan officials fear that militias could

Omar conceded there were wide-

village militias was likely as early as

further destabilise the war-torn country as it

tries to quell a Taliban insurgency, now in its

spread concerns about repeating the

mistakes of the 1980s, where local militias

were set up during the Soviet occupation

to fight mujahideen, but then morphed

well as some threats. We're discussing

jointly how to remove those threats before

taking a decision," he said.

"We all know that it has good points as

into private armies. "There are concerns,"

Wednesday, and said it could go either way.

Dr. Tina G. Sanghvi, country director

Prof Dr Shah Monir Hossain said,

She was presiding over the seminar milk, to initiate breastfeeding just after

birth of the child.

months.

function.

ninth year.

he said.

general took command.

Prof Dr MQK Talukder, adviser to the of Alive & Thrive and Mira Mitra, com-

Bangladesh Breastfeeding Foundation munication specialist of UNICEF pre-

human resources'

UNB, Dhaka

Social Welfare Minister Enamul Huq Mostafa Shaheed yesterday stressed the need for comprehensive measures to help the children grow into human

"One-fourth of the country's population is children. They need to become responsible citizens. The state has to take all responsibilities to make them grow into human resources," the minister said while addressing a workshop at Sonargaon Hotel in the city.

Ministry of Social Welfare with support of Unicef and Legal Education and

Training Institute organised the workshop on the proposed draft law on chil-

Chaired by Social Welfare Secretary Quomaran Nessa Khanam, the workshop was also addressed by Begum Meher Afroz MP, Mozammel Hossain MP, Chief of Child Protection Section of Unicef Rose-Anne Papavero and Social Welfare Joint Secretary Nasima

Enamul said to make law is easy but to implement and abide by the law difficult. In many cases, the laws are abused and misused, he added.

He underscored the need for reconsid-

ering age limit of children putting the question, "If an 18-year-old boy or girl is really a child."

Recalling the contribution of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to preserving children's rights, the minister said, "When the United Nations and other human rights forums failed to raise voice against violation of children's rights, Bangabandhu had announced Children Act, 1974."

The children are not only future of a nation but also future of the mankind, said Enamul adding that the government has to consider the proposed law in the context of social condition.

Alleged 'mafia boss' among suspects arrested in Italy

BBC ONLINE

The man believed to be the "top boss" of an alleged Italian crime family is among those arrested in a police sweep.

At least 300 people were arrested yesterday on suspicion of crimes including murder, money laundering and belonging to a criminal organisation.

The Calabrian mafia, known as 'Ndrangheta, is one of Italy's major criminal organisations.

Domenico Oppedisano, 80, said by police to be the family head, was arrested a small coastal town in Calabria.

Police also arrested the organisation's manager in Milan, northern Italy, among 160 others in the Lombardy region.

Those held include businessmen and a public health official.

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head, was arrested a small

coastal town in Calabria. Bangladesh replaces contingents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

in Ivory Coast

Bangladesh army is replacing a total of 430 members of its own army personnel at UN operations in Ivory Coast, a press release said.

Under the United Nations Operations for Cote d' Ivoire (UNOIC), 215 army personnel including officers led by Colonel Abu Mohammad Munir Alim left for Ivory Coast by a UN chartered plane on Monday night.

An eight-member military delegation led by the director of Personnel Service Directorate of Army Headquarters Brigadier General Md Moazzem Hossain joined them to visit Bangladesh Contingents deployed in the Ivory Coast.

The remaining members are expected to leave on July 25. Bangladesh Army has been deployed in the UN peacekeeping mission in Ivory Cost since 2004.

New York man claims ownership of Facebook

IANS, New York

A judge here has issued a temporary restraining order on the transfer of Facebook Inc.'s assets, after a suit by a New York man who claims to own an 84 percent stake in the socialnetworking company, a media report said yesterday. Paul D Ceglia filed a suit in the Supreme

Court of New York's Allegany County June 30, claiming that a 2003 contract he signed with Facebook founder and Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg entitles him to ownership of the company and monetary damages, Wall Street Journal reported on its website. Judge Thomas Brown, who issued the tem-

porary restraining order earlier this month, is hearing the suit. Facebook has requested that the case be moved to federal court.

In his suit, Ceglia claims he signed a contract with Zuckerberg on April 28, 2003, to develop and design a website, paying a \$1,000

fee but getting a 50 percent stake in the prod-

The contract stipulated that Ceglia would get an additional one percent interest in the business for every day after Jan 1, 2004, until it was completed.

In a statement, a spokesman for closely held Facebook said, "We believe this suit is completely frivolous and we will fight it vigor-Ceglia didnot return calls seeking com-

ment. His lawyer, Paul A Argentieri, also didnot return a call for comment.

It is unclear how Ceglia might have become involved with Zuckerberg.

A copy of the contract seen by The Wall Street Journal said "it is for the purchase and design of a suitable website for the project. Seller (Zuckerberg) has already initiated that is designed to offer the students of Harvard university access to a website similar to a live functioning yearbook with the working title of 'The Face Book'."



A total of 215 army personnel leave for Ivory Cost on Monday to join UNOCI by a UN chartered plane from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the city.

Media enjoying freedom

Azad tells NY meeting

BSS, Dhaka

The media in Bangladesh is enjoying maximum freedom, said Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad.

"Press freedom has been ensured. The government has enacted the Right to Information Act and all are enjoying freedom in the media," the minister said. He was addressing a meeting organised

by the US unit of Swechchhasebak League at 'Ananta Dhaka Club' in New York on Saturday, according to a message received here yesterday from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations. Azad urged journalists to maintain

objective journalism and constructive criticism.

Leaders of Awami League and its associate

organisations Solaiman Ali, Mamtaj Shahnaj, Ayub Khan, Nizam Chowdhury, Farooq Ahmed, Shamsuddin Azad, Haji Enam, Sajjadur Rahman Sajjad and Haji Shafi also spoke at the meeting. Convenor of Swechchasebak League Mohiuddin Dewan presided over the function.

The minister sought cooperation from the expatriate leaders of AL and its associate organisations to complete the trial of war criminals smoothly and urged all to send information in this regard.

He also called all to work unitedly for development of the country.

Later, the US based Jamalpur Association accorded a reception to the minister where he exchanged views with the expatriates. They appealed the minister to solve various problems of Jamalpur district.

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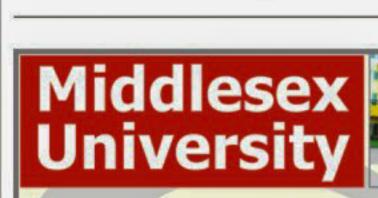
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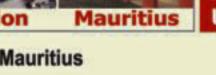












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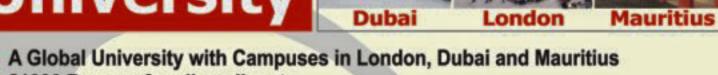
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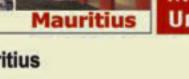
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