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(Left) Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina administers the oath to newly elected Chittagong City Corporation Mayor M Manjur Alam at her office in the city yesterday while Manjur Alam presents a bouquet to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Gulshan office (right). (Story on Page 1)

CORPORAL PUNISHMENTS AGAINST STUDENTS

HC asks govt to submit report on steps

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed the government to submit to it a report on what steps it has taken to prevent corporal punishments against the school students within two

The court issued a rule upon the authorities concerned to explain within 10 days why physical and mental punishment to the school students should not be declared against their fundamental rights and illegal.

In the rule it also asked the authorities to explain why their inaction to prevent corporal punishment against the school children should students. not be declared illegal.

Justice Obaidul Hasan came up with the order and rule following a writ petition jointly filed by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust and Ain O Salish Kendra.

The bench fixed August 4 for further hearing on the matter.

The rights organisations yesterday filed the petition as public interest litigation mentioning 13 reported incidents of punishment to some school children by their teachers.

The petition prayed to the court for necessary directives upon the authorities concerned of the government and educational institutions to desist from punishing school

Barrister Sara Hossain assisted by dvocate The HC bench of Justice Md Imman Ali and Abonti Nurul appeared for the petitioners.

No educational instt to be allowed Shut down illegal to run without govt approval

Kaspersky launches Int'l conference

Says education minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said no educational institution or university without government's approval will be allowed to continue their operation in the coun-

"The universities which are not approved by the government will not be allowed to do anything in the name of imparting education. Even they will also not be allowed to publish any advertisement," he said.

The minister made the remarks while talking to the newsmen after the inaugural session of the sixth two-day meeting of the heads of University

One stabbed

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to death in city

Unidentified miscreants

stabbed a man aged about 50

years to death and dumped

the body at Farmgate area on

deceased could not be known.

ered the body at around

3:00am vesterday and sent

the body to Dhaka Medical

College morgue for

autopsy. Morgue sources

said the body had stab

on a tip-off they recovered the

deceased was a drug addict.

Tejgaon police said acting

Police assume the

The body is lying in the

Md Shams-

uddin

Mridha, a

freedom

fighter and

Upazila

Anser-VDP

Officer,

morgue as nobody claimed

passed away due to cancer at

the age of 57 at Mirpur City

Hospital at 4:00am, says a

daughters and two sons and a

He left behind wife, two

marks on its chest.

Obituary

METRO DESK

press release.

The identity of the

Tejgaon police recov-

Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue.

Grants Commission (UGC) or equivalent bodies of the SAARC member countries at a city hotel.

University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC) organised the twoday meeting. Asked about snubbing the move to

empower the UGC to fix tuition fees of private universities, Nahid said the government let the private university authorities to fix the tuition fees with the hope that they would be considerate enough. "We hope that they would not put

us in trouble," he said. The minister, however, warned that

the government would not allow anyone to do business in education sector.

security solution

Kaspersky Lab, a globally leading anti-virus company, yesterday

launched its new and enhanced security solution--Kaspersky

Small Office Security (KSOS) -- for small and medium businesses

workstations and file servers running under the Windows oper-

growing number of small businesses in Bangladesh.

The software provides comprehensive protection for

The newly launched KSOS will be particularly useful for the

On this occasion, Suk Ling Gun, managing director of

Kaspersky Lab, South Asia notes, "Business owners now-a-days

are even more concerned about protecting their computer and

file server against malware, spam, Internet fraud and data leak-

age as many of the business owners have their own secret recipe

and would like to protect this asset from their staffs... Kaspersky

Lab's KSOS solution does all these things which will give the

threat detection rate, uses minimal system resources and is

easily updated, in addition to having a heuristic analyser

phishing websites hidden inside communications sent via IM

DHAKA

No change in temperature

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by

temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over all the

seven divisions with moderately heavy falls at places in next

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the

The sun sets in the capital at 6:48pm today and rises at

Country's highest temperature 35.2 degrees Celsius was

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded

Min

28.3

26.3

27.2

27.5

27.0

25.8

26.5

Humidity in

percentage

Morning

83

77

79

88

Evening

76

74

87

86

recorded yesterday at Jessore and Madaripur and lowest

in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Max

35.1

31.0

33.5

34.7

33.5

32.3

32.0

Temperature in

Celsius

three poetry books. Venue: Shawka

Osman auditorium, Central Public

BotTala will hold an open discussion

titled "Society, psyche and psychiatry

role of media". Venue: Shaheed Munii

Chowdhury conference centre, TSC

Library, Time: 5:30pm.

Time: 11:00am.

Open discussion

KSOS includes a new antivirus engine with an increased

It is equipped to check for malicious code and links to

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ating system, says a press release.

peace of mind to the business owners."

systems (ICQ and MSN).

Fellowship

Discussion

UNB, Dhaka

12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

country, Met Office said.

25.8 degrees Celsius at Sylhet.

5:22am tomorrow.

City/Town

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Dhaka

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Touching Souls International (USA) in

association with the Water Fellowship

Committee (Dhaka) will hold a

fellowship distribution ceremony

Venue: Conference Lounge, National

Bangladesh Chhatra League wil

Press Club, Time: 10:30am.

designed to block new malware as it emerges.

in Bangladesh.

"We are firmly committed that we will not let education turn into a busi-ful. ness firm," he said.

private universities, he said the government in the private university act asked them to fix the fees according to the country's socio-economic condition and keep it within the reach of general people.

"We gave the thing onto the conscience of the governing bodies of the private universities. We must look into it if they don't follow the directives," he added.

He said the main aim of enacting the "Private University Act" is to ensure the quality education in every univer-

on Afghanistan

tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Afghanistan will bring

together representatives of

more than 70 partner coun-

tries, international and

regional organisations and

financial institutions in Kabul

tomorrow to deliberate and

endorse an Afghan govern-

ment-led plan for improving

development, governance,

by Afghan embassy in Dhaka,

the international conference

on Afghanistan will mark the

culmination of several

months of intensive study and

rigorous policy debate on

government priorities imple-

mented through national

programmes, to deliver on the

key goals of economic growth

made at the recent interna-

tional London Conference,

tomorrow's conference aims

to support a peaceful, stable

Afghanistan President

Hamid Karzai and UN

Secretary General Ban Ki-

Moon are scheduled to open

the conference, to be co-

chaired by Afghan Foreign

Minister Rassoul and UN

Special Representative Staffan

new phase in Afghanistan's

engagement with the interna-

tional community, says the

release adding that a key goal

of the conference is to mobi-

lise international confidence

and resources for a new gener-

ation of "bankable" national

programmes, in accordance

with the Afghanistan National

Development Strategy and

President Karzai's inaugural

speech of November 2009.

The conference marks a

and prosperous Afghanistan.

Building on commitments

and job creation.

de Mistura.

According to a release sent

and stability.

sities as well as making them success-

Speaking at the function, Nahid Asked about the tuition fees in the said the new education policy which is in the process of implementation would bring qualitative changes in the country's education sector.

Speaking as guest of honour, National Professor Kabir Chowdhury said the government of all the countries in the world should allocate adequate funds for higher education.

Chaired by UGC Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam, the meeting was also addressed by RD Rajapakse, director of SAARC secretariat, Kathmandu and UGC member Dr Atful Hye

shipbreaking yard

Demand environmentalists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some environmentalists yesterday demanded neutral investigation into the fire incident at Sultana Ship Breaking Yard in Chittagong on July 12 that left a number of workers injured.

They also demanded punishment to the people responsible for the incident and to shut down the shipbreaking yard completely, said a press release.

They placed the demand through a letter to the high powered technical committee formed following the direction of High Court to take necessary measures against unapproved and environment polluters shipbreaking yard.

Representatives of Ain O Salish Kendro (ASK), Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association (BELA), Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (BAPA), Paribesh Bachao Andolon (POBA), Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) jointly sent the letter.

Because of poor implementation of existing law, the shipbreaking sector is running without any control causing workers' death and permanent disabilities. So the illegal ship and yard owners should be punished.

Death anniversary of Hena Das today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the first death anniversary of Comrade Hena Das, veteran leader of women's rights and leftist movement, says a press release.

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) will organise a discussion on her life and political career at 5:00pm at Mukti Bhaban in the city.

Hena, an anti-British activist got involved with Nikhil Bharat Chhatra Federation, a progressive student organisation, in 1938 and became a member of the Communist Party in 1942.She actively worked with the refugees of the Liberation War of 1971 and was a life long dedicated member of CPB.

AK Faizul Haque

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

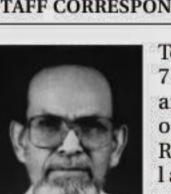
Today is the 3rd death anniversary of AK Faizul Haque, former state minister for Ministry of Jute, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held after Maghrib prayer at house no-32, road no-6, block-c, Banani,

Dhaka. Relatives and well wishers have been requested to join the programme to pray for the

salvation of the departed soul. Mizanur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



of Mizanur Rahman, language movement veteran and

business editor from Bangladesh Sangbad

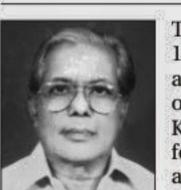
Sangstha. On the occasion, a milad mahfil and a discussion will be held by Journalist Mizanur

Rahman Smriti Parishad at Tongi Press Club at 3:00 pm.

A milad mahfil will also be held at the National Press Club after Asr prayer on Tuesday.

Fazlul Karim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



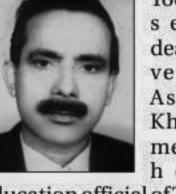
16th death anniversary of Fazlul Karim,

says a press release.

wishers have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Ashraf Ali Khan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Khan, former senior health

destitute will be organised.

Relatives, friends and wellwishers are requested to pray

BNP nat'l executive body meets July 31

July 31 at Diploma Engineers' Institution auditorium in the city with party chairperson Khaleda Zia in the chair Party leaders said, mem-

bers of the executive committee and presidents and general secretaries of district units will attend the meeting to discuss the latest organizational matters and the political developments in the country.

As per the BNP constitution, the meeting of the national executive committee will be held at least once in every six months. But the meeting can be convened anytime, if necessary, with the permission of the chairperson. The party announced

names of 386 members of the executive committee on January 1 this year -- 22 days after holding the national council that re-elected Khaleda Zia the chairperson and elected her elder son Tarique Rahman the senior vice-chairman of the party.

4 BCL bodies dissolved

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday dissolved four committees of the organisa-

Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) in Sylhet, Chittagong (South), Bhola and Pataukhali district.

DOHAJARI-GUNDUM RLY LINES China, ADB to help

BSS, Dhaka

Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain said China and Asian Development Bank expressed keenness to provide assistance for construction of railway lines from Dohajari in Chittagong to Gundum in Myanmar.

The Executive Committee of National Economic Council (Ecnec) approved the project this month, he added. Through the construction of the railway route, the government

wants to establish direct rail communication with the northern and eastern countries and join the Trans-Asian Railway. The minister said the economic relations division (ERD) under

the finance ministry would decide from which country or agency the assistance would be taken for construction of the railway lines from Dohajari to Ramu to Gundum. He said a feasibility study has already been done by a

Canadian firm in this regard. Besides, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) will also conduct a feasibility study. Abul Hossain said there would be no problem of fund to

construct the railway route and the construction would begin during the tenure of this government.

The estimated cost for construction of the railway lines is Tk 1,852 crore, of which the government will give Tk 670 crore and the remaining 1182 crore will come as project assistance. The 128-kilometre route will link the tourist destination

Cox's Bazar with railway connectivity and join the country with Trans-Asian Railway corridor. Besides, the project would include construction of stations at Satkania, Lohagara, Chakaria, Dulahajra, Eidgaon, Ramu, Cox's

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The National Executive Committee of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) will hold its maiden meeting on

The unit committees are

parole for treatment abroad. COURT CORRESPONDENT The ACC filed the case against Koko on March 17 in A Dhaka court yesterday fixed 2009 under the Money August 18 for hearing on a Laundering Prevention Act on petition seeking a court order charge of siphoning off Tk 19.7 to bring back Tk 19.7 crore that crore to Singapore. Arafat Rahman Koko, Khaleda

the USA.

Terminal.

12 last year.

of the ACC, a portion of the

money deposited to Koko's

bank account was from an

account of China Harbour

Engineering Company Ltd in

ing in Bangladesh during the

time of the transfer of the

money as it was constructing

the New Mooring Container

charge sheet to the Chief

Metropolitan Magistrate's

Court of Dhaka on November

court accepted the charge sheet

KOKO'S TAX EVASION CASE

The same court yesterday

asked Officer-in-Charge (OC)

of Kafrul Police Station to

submit report by August 18 to

against Koko and Saimon.

On November 15, 2009 the

The ACC submitted the

China Harbour was operat-

MOVE TO BRING BACK KOKO'S MONEY

Hearing on petition

edly siphoned off to Singapore. Judge (In charge) Mohammad Ismail Hossain of the Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after Koko's lawyer submitted a petition praying for adjourn-

Zia's younger son, had alleg-

ment of the hearing. On June 29 this year, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam sent letters to the governor of Bangladesh Bank and the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) chairman asking them to take necessary steps for bringing the money laundered by Koko and Saimon to Singapore.

In response to the letters, Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank Ziaul Hasan Siddique on July 12 this year submitted the petition with the same court seeking its permis-

sion to bring back the money. Koko's lawyers Masud Ahmed Talukder and Sanaullah Miah submitted a petition seeking adjournment

of the hearing. The co-accused in the case

is Ismail Hossain Saimon, son of former shipping minister late Akbar Hossain. Saimon has been absconding the since the case was filed.

The court directed the authorities concerned to publish an advertisement in

two Bangla national dailies asking Saimon to appear before it on the scheduled date. Koko was arrested on

tion with the Gatco graft case

and was later released on

September 2, 2007 in connec-

it on execution of arrest warrant against Koko in connection with a tax evasion case. The National Board of Revenue (NBR) filed the case against Koko on March 1 on charge of evading income tax

on his income of Tk 52.39 lakh between 2002-2003 and 2006-2007 fiscal years. Koko, who is now abroad for treatment, repeatedly provided false information about his real

income and expenditure, alleged the NBR statement.

Four other cases, including a graft and an extortion case, were also filed against him during the time when he was in jail.

submission for court order Aug 18 of Indian visa application introduced According to the deposition

Online

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

High Commission of India yesterday announced introduction of online submission of visa applications for nationals of all countries applying for visa with Indian Visa Application Centres (IVACs) in the city, says après release.

Online submission of visa applications will, however, be optional and not mandatory.

Persons desiring to apply for visa to travel to India may visit the website of High Commission of India (www.hcidhaka.org) and/or Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) at www.ivacbd.com and register their applications online.

Visa applications of Bangladeshi nationals who have already registered through the e-token system will continue to be accepted at the respective Indian Visa Application Centres on the dates and timings indicated in the e-tokens till further notifi-

Any queries regarding online submission of visa applications may be addressed Manager(Administration), Indian Visa Application Centre, Gulshan, Dhaka (Phone No.8833632/9893006

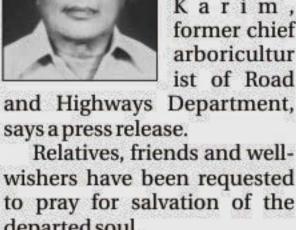
Fax.No.9863229 Email:

info@ivacbd.com)

Today is the 7th death anniversary

journalist, says a press release. Mizanur Rahman retired as

Today is the



Today is the second death anniversary of Ashraf Ali

education official of Tangail. On the occasion, a Quran khwani and feeding of the

for eternal peace of the departed soul. Bazar, Ukhiya and Gundum, and reconstruction of Dohajari station.

Regional Forum host of colleagues and relahold a discussion titled "Colonel The inaugural session of the Taher's politics and the future of His first namaz-e-janaza Regional Forum on Intellectual Bangladesh". Venue: Shaheed was held at Ansar-VDP Property for the Policy Makers of Munir Chowdhury conference Headquarter, Khilgaon, where the Least Developed Countries of centre, TSC, Time: 5:00pm. Additional Director General Asia and the Pacific Region will be **Book Launching** ABM Tayeful Islam and all held. Venue: Ball room, Sonargaor officers and staff along with Shomoy Prokashon will launch Hotel, Time: 9:00am. others attended the namaz-e-A bouquet of flower and WEATHER national flag were placed at

the coffin of dead body as an honour for the departed soul. The body has been sent to Muksedpur upazila,

Gopalganj where he would be buried with state-honour due to his contribution in the war of liberation.

Maulana Noor Mostafa

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Maulana Noor Mostafa Majumder, father of

passed away due to old age complications at his Banani residence on Saturday, at the age of 110 says a press release. He was buried at his village

e-janazas at Banani Jam-e-Mosque and Jam-e-Ulum Madrasa in Mirpur 14. Maulana Mostafa left behind his two sons and three

AL lawmaker Kamal Ahmed Majumder, in Feni yesterday after namaz-

Sylhet daughters to mourn his death.