

PRESIDENT'S PARADE HELD

'Remain vigilant to protect sovereignty'

UNB, Chittagong

Summer Graduation President's Parade marking the commissioning of Midshipmen 2008 'B' batch of Bangladesh Navy was held at Bangladesh Naval Academy (BNA) here yesterday.

Chief of the Naval Staff Vice Admiral ZU Ahmed attended the ceremony as the chief guest and reviewed the smartly turned-out parade and took salute at the impressive march past.

were commissioned in this batch, said an ISPR release. He also distributed trophies among the Midshipmen who came out with excellent performance and results during the training period.

Midshipman Raquibul Hasan, BN was adjudged as the best all round Midshipman and awarded with the coveted 'Sword of Honour' and also received 'Osmani Gold Medal' for his outstanding result in academic subject.

Besides, Midshipman Hasan Iqbal Roni BN received 'CNS Medal' for his outstanding performance in professional subjects.

The navy is the pioneer force to induct female officers in the Armed Forces. A total of 16 female officers and 36 female cadets have been trained at BNA since 2000.

Speaking on the occasion, the navy chief called upon all newly commissioned officers to be honest and remain vigilant to protect the sovereignty of our motherland, which was attained through the sacrifice of lakhs of martyrs.

The navy chief also said efforts are going on to build Bangladesh Navy to a three dimensional navy to keep pace with other contemporary world navies.

In this regard, he said soon two castle class OPV ship and one Ruebek class survey ship shall be added in Bangladesh Navy.



Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Z U Ahmed hands over 'Sword of Honour' to the best all round Midshipman Raquibul Hasan, BN in the Summer Graduation President's Parade marking the commissioning of Midshipmen 2008 'B' batch of Bangladesh Navy at the Bangladesh Naval Academy (BNA) yesterday.



Caught in clashes between garment workers and the police at Shewrapara in the city yesterday, a child holds her father tightly while some pedestrians burn papers in a bid to counteract the effects of tear gas the police used to disperse unruly workers. (Story on Page 1)

PILKHANA CARNAGE

CID gets more time for investigation

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to complete its investigation by July 27 into a case filed in connection with February 25-26 carnage at BDR Headquarters.

This is the 12th time that the court gave the CID a deadline for submission of the report.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate AKM Enamul Haque passed the order after the CID's Special Superintendent of Police Abdul Kahar Akand, also the investigation officer of the case, failed to submit the report by Wednesday, the scheduled date for submission of the report.

Earlier on May 19, the court asked the CID to submit the report by Wednesday.

The case was filed after at least 74 people, including 57 army officers, were killed by the Bangladesh Rifles members at Pilkhana headquarters on February 25-26 in 2009.

The CID has arrested 2,300 BDR men and civilians since the massacre took place at the Pilkhana.

11 new Japanese volunteers arrive

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Eleven new Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) have arrived in Dhaka to extend their cooperation in different sectors such as tourism, infection control, primary school education, handicrafts and basketball.

The volunteers will work with government and non-government organisations for the next two years, said a Japan embassy press release yesterday.

As many as 61 volunteers are currently engaged in various activities throughout the country, all of them fluent in Bangla language.

While talking with the new JOCV members on June 23, Japanese Ambassador in Dhaka Tamotsu Shinotsuka hoped that the volunteers would fully demonstrate their talents and skills for the benefit of the people of Bangladesh.

AILA-AFFECTED AREAS

EU support for rehabilitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Small farmers, fishermen, van pullers, small traders, homestead owners and landless labourers in cyclone Aila-affected areas in the country will be rehabilitated under a programme with support from the European Union (EU).

Brac will implement the programme in the next 18 months from today.

To this end, Brac and the EU signed a Tk 40 crore agreement on 'Restoring socio-economic stability and strengthening community resilience in areas affected by cyclone Aila' in the city yesterday, says a press release.

The EU support will help link the relief phase with the longer-term reconstruction and development of the affected areas in the south-western region of the country.

Dr Stefan Frowein, head of the EU Delegation to Bangladesh, and Dr Mahabub Hossain, executive director of Brac, signed the agreement.

The beneficiaries from the target group will be selected with emphasis on women-headed households, vulnerable children, disabled and elderly people with no income earning households members, ethnic minority and socially excluded groups.

DEFAMATION CASE

Mahmudur gets bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of the recently closed daily Amar Desh, in a defamation case filed against him for terming the family members of State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam 'razakars'.

Metropolitan Magistrate M Shahadat Hossain passed the order upon a bond of Tk 10,000 with two guarantors.

Morshedul Islam, younger brother of Qamrul, filed the case with the court on May 30 against Mahmudur, Amar Desh publisher Hasmat Ali and two reporters for publishing the story on May 27.

Advertisement for a luxurious apartment for sale in Uttara. It features a 34101112 size of 1241-2207 sft. Contact numbers are provided for inquiries.

Advertisement for bddl (Bangladesh Development and Design Ltd) featuring a 'প্লট/ফ্ল্যাট বিক্রয়' (Plot/Flat Sale) and 'আকর্ষণীয় মূল্যে' (Attractive Price) for 3 and 5 room flats.

Large advertisement for Bangladesh Navy recruitment. It includes the text 'বাংলাদেশ নৌবাহিনী' (Bangladesh Navy) and 'সরাসরি কমিশন্ড অফিসার (সাব লেফটেন্যান্ট) পদে নিয়োগ ২০১১-এ ব্যাচ' (Direct Commissioned Officer (Sub Lieutenant) Recruitment 2011-12 Batch). It lists various conditions and details for the recruitment process.

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