

'71 holocaust only second to Hitler's
Says Indian journo

Leading Indian journalist Manosh Ghose has said the massacre of Bengalees in 1971 is the worst since the holocaust perpetrated by Hitler in the Second World War. The scenes and sites of the killing still horrify Ghose who extensively covered the War of Liberation of Bangladesh. One of the worst killings he had witnessed was at Chachor Rajbari in Jessore on March 30 when a number of Bengalees was slaughtered and their bodies piled up. Now the editor of India's newspaper The Statesman, Ghose, recently talked in an interview with the news agency ahead of Bangladesh's 39th Victory Day next week. The veteran journalist also welcomed the move to try the criminals who committed crimes against humanity in 1971. "Unless the war criminals are tried and punished, Bangladesh's social unrest and political turmoil and uncertainty will never come to a stop." Ghose was the first Indian journalist to enter Bangladesh on March 28 through Jessore frontiers, three days after Pakistani army's crackdown on Bengalees.



Dhaka Wasa is digging up roads in different parts of the city to install drainage pipes causing sufferings to the dwellers. These photos were taken from Dhanmondi, Road No 8.

1pc GDP loss a year for climate change

BSS, Cancun, Mexico
Bangladesh on Wednesday highlighted the areas of its vulnerability to climate change and extreme weather events to world media, revealing the fact that the country suffers from loss of at least one percent GDP due to climate hazards. Since mid 90s, Bangladesh is responding to climate change concerns mainly with resilience power of the people and limited resources. In next two years US \$ 500 million will be required to implement immediate actions and estimated US \$ 10 billion in next five years. An event was organised by Bangladesh on the sidelines of the 16th Conference of Parties (COP-16) here. Member of Bangladesh negotiating team and Vice Chancellor of Brac University Prof Ainnun Nishat presented a keynote paper titled "Climate change vulnerability in Bangladesh: National response and global responsibility". Head of Climate and Environment Department of British Development Agency DFID Mathew Wyatt and team leader of Global Climate Change of USAID and Gambia Fatou Ndeye Gaye attended the function as panel discussants. Bangladesh's State Minister for Environment and Forests Dr Hasan Mahmud said every accepted finding show that Bangladesh is losing more than one percent GDP every year due to climate change. Chair of All Party Parliamentary Group on Climate Change Saber Hossain Chowdhury and National Climate Change Negotiation Working Group Convener Prof QK Ahmed also focused on the vulnerability of Bangladesh to climate change. Secretary of the environment ministry Dr Mihir Kanti Majumder acted as moderator while parliament members arriving to attend COP 16 were present. Hasan said despite priority on food security, health, shelter and education, Bangladesh need to put emphasis on climate change for its development plan due to frequent and extreme natural disasters.

Mitigate climate impacts soon

FM urges int'l community
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday called upon the international community for immediate concerted efforts in mitigating the adverse impacts of climate change taking it an issue of justice. Addressing at the Third Bali Democracy Forum, she also urged everyone to face this challenge together before it is too late, before more and more people become marginalised and their deprivation and exclusion give rise to threats to the peace and stability of the entire world. Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yodhoyono inaugurated the 2-day event yesterday in Bali, known as the goddess island. This year's theme is "Democracy and Promotion of Peace and Stability." Speaking on the occasion, Dipu Moni called for an international order that is peaceful, stable and just where the rule of law set by the charters of United Nations, said a press release received here. The foreign minister urged for reforms in the global financial architecture and of the UN bodies, including the Security Council, leading to the decision making process with these bodies becoming more democratic and inclusive. Delegates are attending the forum from 44 countries, including four heads of state/government, including President of South Korea Lee Myung-bak, Sultan of Brunei Darussalam Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, and Prime Minister of Timor Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao. 23 ministers from Asia Pacific region are participating the forum.

New law to protect indigenous people likely, says minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Law Minister Shafiqe Ahmed yesterday said the government might enact a separate law to remove any discrimination against indigenous people, if they recommend, although the country's constitution has guaranteed their rights. "The government is sincere protecting the rights of people of all areas of the country, including of the indigenous," the minister said, adding that the government has already made a separate law to protect their culture. He said this while addressing as chief guest at a meeting on the occasion of Second Indigenous People Network Forum. Bangladesh Adivashi Forum organised the meeting in association with Asian Development Bank (ADB) at Sonargaon Hotel. National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman urged the government to sign International Labour Organisation Convention 169 to ensure the indigenous people's rights to their lands.

বানিজ্যিক ভবন বিক্রয়/ ভাড়া
শ্যামলী মিরপুর রোডে কর্ণার প্লটে অবস্থিত ১২ তলা বিশিষ্ট একটি নব নির্মিত বানিজ্যিক ভবন বিক্রয় ও ভাড়া হবে। প্রথম ৬টি ফ্লোরে ৮৭০০০ (সাতাশি হাজার) বর্গফুট বিক্রয় এবং পরবর্তী ৫টি ফ্লোরে ৯০০০০ (নব্বই হাজার) বর্গফুট (পৃথক এন্ট্রি ও গ্রাউন্ড ফ্লোরে গ্র্যান্ড রিসিপিশনসহ) ভাড়া দেওয়া হবে। হাসপাতাল, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, এনজিও ও অন্যান্য অফিসের জন্য প্রয়োজন অনুযায়ী পরিবর্তন করার সুবিধা রয়েছে।
মোবাইল
০১৯২৬৬৬৬১০২, ০১৯২৬৬৬৬১০৪

3.83-acre land to expand BSMMU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) received allotment of 3.83 acres of land adjacent to its premises yesterday to extend and modernise the country's lone medical university. The government decided to lease the land to the university for 99 years as the university applied for the land adjacent to the northern part of the Cabin Block last month. Deputy Collector (revenue) Abul Bashar Mohammad Fakhruzzaman formally handed over the land, under Ramna Police Station, on behalf of the deputy commissioner of Dhaka yesterday at 11:00am. Later illegal establishments in that area were evicted in a drive by Executive Magistrate Mohammad Al Amin. "The land will be used for building a minimum 1,500 bed hospital. A medical college for MBBS course and MD course will also be established here," said Vice Chancellor of BSMMU Prof Pran Gopal Datta. There is another plan to set up a BSC nursing institute here, he told The Daily Star.

Job Opportunity
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL (www.heifer.org) is a US-based non-profit, humanitarian INGO dedicated to working with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth by providing livestock, education and other resources to help poor families become self-reliant. Heifer is currently in the process of registering and opening an office in Bangladesh.
Heifer is seeking qualified Bangladeshi nationals to fill the following position in the Heifer International Country Program Office in Dhaka:
COUNTRY DIRECTOR: The Country Director is responsible for managing and directing all business affairs and operations of Heifer programs in the country.
For job details and application forms please go to www.heifernepal.org
Interested qualified candidates should apply with a complete **Application Form, Cover Letter with expected salary, and CV by Wednesday, 15 December, 2010** to the Asia/South Pacific Administrative Department via email at: asia-southpacific@list.heifer.org.
Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Know Bangladesh Better
Tomorrow's issue of Star Insight Magazine presents the winners of Celebrating Life 2010. Grab your copy to read all about the Award Giving Ceremony and the find out who won! Since 2008, Star Insight has been awarding film makers, photographers and lyricists of Bangladesh.
Send your comments & contribution to
Star Insight
Know Bangladesh Better
A weekly supplement of The Daily Star
DHAKA, BANGLADESH
November 11, 2010
Price: Tk. 110
Rafi Hossain
64-65 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka 1215, Bangladesh
Phone: 9124044, 8124955, 9124966
email: starinsight@thedailystar.net
www.thedailystar.net/insight

The Daily Star
12th 'O' & 'A' Level
Award Presentation Ceremony, 2009-2010
Announcement for 'O' & 'A' Level
Private Candidates and Schools
Private Candidates
Private candidates who fulfill the criteria described below are requested to register their names at The Daily Star office for inclusion as awardees. The criteria to be fulfilled are as follows:
Criteria for 'O' Level
Minimum 6 (six) 'A' grades in two consecutive sittings within May/June 2009 to May/June 2010
Criteria for 'A' Level
Minimum 3 (three) 'A' grades within 1 academic year (May/June 2009 to May/June 2010)
Eligible candidates are requested to contact Mr. Khairul Islam at The Daily Star office, 64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka - 1215 with their original Results Certificates along with a photocopy and 2 (two) passport-size photographs in person on 12, 13, 14 or 15 December 2010 between 11:30 am to 3:30 pm.
Schools
Any school that has students meeting the above criteria but has not been contacted by The Daily Star (i.e. has not been informed of the first scheduled meeting through regular post, email or phone) is requested to contact Mr. Khairul Islam at The Daily Star Office (64-65, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215) at the aforementioned dates and times or email him at abeer@thedailystar.net by December 20, 2010 with:
• The name of the school, phone number of a responsible representative (who will attend the meetings) and a valid email address that is checked regularly.
The schools are also requested to promptly prepare a list of the candidates meeting the above criteria, the number of 'A' grades achieved by each candidate, and photocopies of results certificates for each candidate.
NOTE: If you know of any private candidate(s) or school(s) that may be unaware of this, please communicate the above information to them so that we may include them in this ceremony as well.

সুন্দরবনকে অন লাইনে/ইন্টারনেট এর মাধ্যমে ভোট দিয়ে প্রাকৃতিক সপ্তাচার্য নির্বাচন করুন
ইন্টারনেট এর মাধ্যমে ভোটদানের জন্য -
ওয়েব পেজ www.new7wonders.com এ প্রবেশ করুন।
"Vote Now for the new7wonders of Nature" আইকনটিতে click করুন।
Step-1 এ ২৮ টি finalist এর নাম ও ছবি রয়েছে সেখান থেকে গটি খুনকে মনোনীত করুন।
Step-2 এ আপনার ব্যক্তিগত তথ্যাদি প্রদান এবং এর সকল বন্ধ পূরণ করে Register করুন।
আপনি একটি email পাবেন info@new7wonders.com ওয়েবসাইট থেকে।
ভোট প্রদান নিশ্চিত করতে আপনার email account ও login করে info@new7wonders.com থেকে প্রেরিত link এ click করুন।
আপনি voting confirmed message পাবেন।
নোটঃ প্রতি email address এর জন্য কেবলমাত্র একটি ভোট প্রদান গ্রহণীয়।
বন আশিষ্টগুরু, পরিবেশ ও বন মন্ত্রণালয়।
GD-5181

New working, visiting hours at museums

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh National Museum authorities yesterday announced new schedule of working hours of the officials and visiting hours of galleries of different museums across the country during the winter (October to March). For the museums officials, working hours will be between 9:30am and 5:00pm from Saturday to Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will be considered weekly holidays, said a statement of the authorities. The galleries will remain open for the visitors from 9:30am to 4:30pm from Saturday to Wednesday and from 2:30pm to 7:30pm on Friday. Galleries will remain closed on Thursday. The new schedule will be effective from today and will be applicable for Bangladesh National Museum and Ahasan Manjil in Dhaka, Zia Memorial Museum in Chittagong, Osmani Museum in Sylhet, and Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Sangrahashala (art gallery) in Mymensingh.



টেকসইদের মাধ্যমে ভোট প্রদান -
২৪ ঘণ্টা ইন্টারন্যাশনাল টেকসই বন্যপ্রাণী বন্য জীবন রক্ষা কর্মসূচী
+৯৮৪২১৮৪০০০৭ অর্থাৎ +৯৪২০৩৩৪৭০০০১ বন্য জীবন রক্ষা কর্মসূচী
অটোমেটিক মায়েক পোনার পর সুন্দরবন বন্যপ্রাণী কেন্দ্র
৭৭২৪ নাম্বারটি প্রবেশ করুন/ভাওয়াল করুন।
যদি সফলভাবে ভোট প্রদান সম্পন্ন করতে পারেন,
তবে একটি Thank You মায়েক ভাবতে পারেন।