

**Saskatchewan premier due tomorrow**

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Brad Wall, premier of Saskatchewan province of Canada, is scheduled to pay a 3-day visit to Bangladesh from tomorrow to explore cooperation with Bangladesh in areas of trade and investment, agriculture, education and human resources.

"We are giving top importance on the visit of Premier Brad Wall because Bangladesh has its strong trade relations with Saskatchewan province. Most of our imported items come from this province and majority of our exports go to Saskatchewan," said a high official at the foreign ministry.

Brad Wall will lead a big delegation, including a 30-member businessmen. The delegation is expected to meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, foreign minister, agriculture minister, commerce minister and labour, Manpower and Expatriates' welfare minister. They will also hold meetings with business bodies.

A general nature Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed initially.



**Ecstatic fans at TSC of Dhaka University last night after Bangladesh won against England in their World Cup match at Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong.**

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**Country lacks specialists to fight cancer: Experts**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh needs scores of specialist doctors, trained medical physicists, and radiotherapy machines to cope with the rising number of cancer patients.

Experts told this to the opening session of a three-day international conference on "medical physics in radiation oncology and imaging" at Gano Shastha Kendra in Savar yesterday.

Some 200 specialists of cancer, radiation oncology, and medical physics from China, UK, Germany, India, Indonesia, Lebanon, Japan, Nepal, Nigeria, and Pakistan are participating in the conference.

The conference is organised by medical

physics and biomedical engineering department of Gano University in Savar, in association with Bangladesh Medical Physics Society (BMPS) and Bangladesh Society of Radiation Oncologists (BSRO).

BSRO President Hafizur Rahman Ansari said at least 150 radiotherapy machines, 700 medical physicists, and 300 radio oncologists are necessary against 150-million people.

Now the country has only 10 percent of its requirement, he added.

Prof Emeritus ABMF Karim inaugurated the conference while Prof Mesbahuddin Ahmed, VC of Gano University, Prof Golam Abu Zakaria and Farid Uddin Ahmed, chairman of BAEC also were present.

**One hurt in sewerage pipe blast**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A barber's shop employee was injured in a sewerage pipe explosion in city's Uttara yesterday.

Jewel, 20, was rushed to DMCH in critical condition.

Anis, owner "Anie Hair Fashion" shop, said the shop floor has three metal lids, connected to a sewerage pipe directly below. Trapped gas inside the pipe exploded with a big bang and one lid hit Jewel while he was cleaning the shop.

**ROOMS ON SCBA BUILDING SC prohibits further construction**

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday prohibited Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) from any further construction on the roof of its office building and adjacent areas.

SCBA, dominated by pro-BNP lawyers, already constructed some unauthorised tin-shed rooms on the roof, defying objection from Public Works Department (PWD).

SC authorities yesterday sent a letter to SCBA president, saying the SCBA, which is a dignified organisation, should not be encouraged to make any unauthorised or unapproved structure there.

Deputy Registrar of High Court division of SC Badrul Alam Bhuiyan signed the letter.

SCBA President Khandaker Mahub Hossain told The Daily Star that they would not continue construction following the prohibition.

"The decision of making the rooms was taken at a general meeting of the supreme court lawyers. Earlier in 2008, the executive committee of SCBA led by Barrister Shafique Ahmed constructed around 100 shops," he said.

He said they already built the rooms to solve accommodation crisis of lawyers and would not remove them or the shops.

Earlier on March 6, the High Court (HC) in a suo moto order directed PWD to stop the construction immediately. It also issued a rule upon SCBA authorities and PWD on why the construction should not be declared illegal.

The HC passed the order following a report published on The Daily Star that day.

PWD authorities on March 9 along with police went to the building to stop the construction but a section of pro-BNP lawyers obstructed them.

PWD then informed SC authorities about the fact. Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque on March 10 directed officials concerned to issue a letter to SCBA president to stop the construction.

**Preserve evidence of War of Liberation Urges planning minister**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Planning Minister AK Khandker yesterday urged countrymen to conserve evidence and memorabilia of the War of Liberation, as a moral obligation, to teach country's history to young generation and raise patriotism in them.

He told a function styled "Muktir Utshab" organised by Liberation War Museum at Dhaka University. Over 2,000 students of 185 schools of the city attended the function, aimed at raising awareness on the war.

Construction work of the museum's permanent building at city's Agargon would begin very soon, he said.

State Minister for Liberation War Affairs AB Tajul Islam, lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor, Museum Trustee Dr Sarwar Ali and a number of cultural personalities, politicians and academicians were also present.

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