New Peruvian envoy presents credentials

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"Bangladesh is keen to

Paulinich told the president that Peru always supports Bangladesh in the international forum as active and the Group-77.

Peruvian president to visit nience.



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press release.

The command (a committee of journalist who participated in the War of Liberation) was formed at a meeting at Jatiya Press Club

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Towhid Samad chairman of the governing council

Independen (IUB), has been elected chairman of IUB's trustee board for two years, says a

governing council as its chairman since August 2008 till assuming the office of the

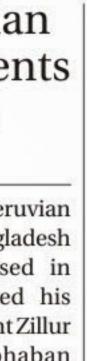
board. Under the Private University Act 2010, IUB recently formed a Board of

Trustees which unanimously chose Samad as its chairman.

Bangladesh General Insurance Company (BGIC), the Savar Group and the managing director of Holiday Publications Ltd.

Having honours and masters degree in economics, Samad was elected twice as the chairman of ESTCDT the Founding Trust of IUB in 2004 and 2006, each with a

two-year term.



Newly appointed Peruvian Ambassador to Bangladesh Javier Paulinich, based in New Delhi, presented his credentials to President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban yesterday. Welcoming the new Ambassador, Zillur emphasised improving the bilateral relations with Peru, a South American country, through increasing trade and commercial activities between the two countries.

improve bilateral relations with Peru," he said, adding that Peru can import more Bangladeshi products including readymade garments (RMG), jute and jute goods, leather and leather goods, ceramics, and pharmaceuticals.

member of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) The president, through the ambassador, invited

Bangladesh at his conve-



The High Court yesterday issued a contempt of court rule

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Bangladesh (HRPB).

market.

against the director general (DG) of Directorate of Drug

Administration (DDA) for allowing a pharmaceutical enterprise

In the rule, the court asked DG Abul Kalam Azad to explain

The HC bench of Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam and M Moazzam

Husain asked Azad to come up with the rule following a con-

tempt of court petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for

Based on a laboratory test report of 48 drugs, another HC

bench on January 27 directed the government to take steps to

stop production, sale, and marketing of eight substandard

medicines, including Diclofenac, and withdraw those from

DDA has taken steps to stop production and marketing of seven

other medicines, but allowed Inova Pharmaceutical Ltd to manu-

facture and sell Diclofenac, which is contemptuous for the court.

Petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshid told the court that the

within two weeks why he should not be punished on charge of

committing contempt of court for allowing Inova

Pharmaceutical Ltd to manufacture and sell Diclofenac (cap-

sule) defying its order that prohibited both the action.

to manufacture and sell substandard medicine.

Akram president,

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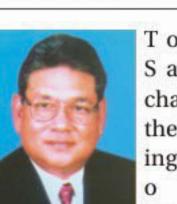
A 15-member Muktijoddha Sangbadik Command was formed with former chief reporter of the daily Ittefaq Akram Hossain Khan as president and Special Correspondent of the daily Sangbad Kartik Chatarjee as general secretary, says a

in the city on Sunday.

The other office-bearers are Vice President: Moazzem Hossain Chowdhury; Joint Secretary: Salimullah Selim, and Treasurer: Swapan Dasgupta.

Members are Samsuddin Ahammad Peyara, Monwar Ahmad, Mrinal Krishna Roy, Samsuddin Ahmed, Shafiqul Bashar Chapal, Shudhir Koibarta Das, Tarun Tapan Chakrabarty, Mafizul Islam, Abu Taher, and Shafiqur Rahman.

Towhid made IUB trustee board chair



Students of law department of Dhaka University stage a demonstration in front of Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday protesting proposed new rules to appoint assistant judge.

University, Bangladesh press release.

He has been serving the

He is also the chairman of

resume today.

Grameen Bank.

The hearing will

the central bank dismissed him as Grameen Bank Managing director saying he has violated the

illegal and went to the HC which ruled against him upholding the central Grameen Bank is the bank's order.

in the SC. The Nobel laureate

again appealed to the SC seeking a review and withdrawal of its decision. The apex court agreed to hear his arguments.

dismissal sparked criticisms at home and abroad. The United States joined supporters of Yunus in client filed the leave-tourging the government to reach a compromise with ing the HC verdict to pro-

honourable treatment. Washington warned that Yunus issue can affect its relations with Dhaka if a organisation's retirement mutually acceptable solution is not reached.

day, Dr Kamal said the Board of Directors of

Bangladesh Bank, he said, has no power to interfere in the jurisdiction of the board of directors, but it has removed Yunus acting beyond the

The HC judgment is Grameen Bank's manag-"full of error", the eminent jurist said, adding that his appeal petition challeng-

PHOTO: STAR

constitutional rights. summarily rejected the writ petition that challenged the Bangladesh Bank order, without issuing any rule, and therefore, the principles of natural justice have been violated.

has powers to recall (with-He also lost when he remove its managing draw) its unsigned order sought a leave-to-appeal director as per relevant on April 5 that dismissed the leave-to-appeal petition by Yunus.

Earlier in the morning, Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud, another counsel for Yunus, told the apex court that there is no age limit for retirement of ing director, according to the Service Rules.

Directors of Grameen Bank can remove its offi-

grains form the available land. We have

innovate more verities of high yielding

Develop more high yielding

A cloud of smoke billowing from a vehicle set alight by local people in Kaharol upazila of Dinajpur yesterday after alleged police involvement in a robbery sparked wave of protests and violence. Police firing

variety of food crops

food grains.

shots at the protesters. Villagers in front of the robbed house where some robber suspect policemen were kept confined. (Story on Page 1)

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PM asks agri scientists

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday

called upon the agriculturists to inno-

vate more high-yielding variety of crops

so that farmers can raise production to

elected leaders of Krishibid Institution

who met her at her office. Association

President Dr Nitish Chandra Debanath

and General Secretary AFM Bahauddin

tists that the government is eager to go

for all out measures to make the coun-

try self-reliant in food. They should

concentrate more in research works to

The PM told the agriculture scien-

Nasim led the delegation.

She was addressing the newly-

make the country self-reliant in food.

Hasina thanked the agriculturists for their contribution to increasing the food production. She mentioned that during the

fewer amount of lands," she said.

previous tenure of Awami League government they had achieved self-reliant in food production. "We always wanted to see the coun-

don't want to make the country depended on others," she said. She mentioned that the BNP-Jamaat

alliance government always wanted to

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against the unlawful killing.

present at the vigil.

Government.

the vigil from 8:00pm to 9:00pm.

try self-reliant in food production as

grains on others. "Because they wanted "We have to produce more food to make the country a beggar state," she Hasina noted with satisfaction that

salinity resilient paddy seeds have been

make the country depended on food

developed. Now the scientists should concentrate to find out drought resilient variety off paddy. She said the government has already

decoded the genome of jute. This would bring back the golden days of jute.

She also put emphasis on developing the food processing units in the country.

The Prime Minister said the government maintained a satisfactory economic growth despite worldwide recession.

Bangladeshi Americans

Bangladeshi Americans on April 30 protested the killings of

innocent Bangladeshis by India's Border Security Force (BSF).

Square Cambridge, Massachusetts, the US to demonstrate

They held an hour-long candlelight vigil at Harvard

Justice for Felani Committee, a forum of Bangladeshi

The protest programme was attended by local human

The committee members -- Tareque Ahmed (Ruben),

According to the committee, BSF killed 1,000 Bangladeshis

"BSF has done so with impunity. To date, not one BSF

The committee further said the attitude of the top BSF

Justice for Felani Committee has also sent a petition to

personnel is worrisome in regards to their "shoot to kill"

policy and the unapologetic manner by which they defend it.

Senator Kerry to take up the issue with the Indian

Americans living in New England area of the US, organised

rights activists, Harvard University students, and local

Rezaul Karim, Quazi Nuruzzaman, Badrul Alam Sunny, Kazi

Masum, Bazlul Wahab Shahin, and Munir Ahamed -- were

Bangladeshi Americans, says a message received here.

and tortured more than 3,000 others in the last 10 years.

personnel has been prosecuted for any crime," it said.

protest BSF killing



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Launch

portal. Time: 11:00am, Venue: Cirdap auditorium.

Nagorikkontho will launch a web

Seminar The Bangladesh Institute of

seminar. Time: 11:00am, Venue: BIDS conference room. Meeting

Election Commission will hold a

Development Studies (BIDS) will hold a

meeting. Time: 11:00am, Venue: NEC auditorium.

Roundtable Bangladesh Reconditioned Vehicles Importers & Dealers Association (Barvida) will hold a roundtable. Time:

11:00am, Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Discussion

Protibesh Andolan will hold a discussion. Time: 4:30pm, Venue: Business Studies Faculty auditorium,

Dhaka University.

Seminar Asthma Association Bangladesh will organise a scientific seminar. Time:

Discussion

Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDEB) will hold a discussion. Time: 4:00pm, Venue: IDEB

9:00am, Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

Unveiling

Global Study Research and Publications will hold an unveiling ceremony. Time: Best Western La Vinci

Discussion

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) will hold a discussion. Time: 3:00pm, Venue: Jatiya Press Club.

Seminar

Lions Clubs Int'l Dist 315A1 executives

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convention 2011 of Lions Clubs Internation al, District 315A1 was held at the Pan

Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in the city recently, says a press release. Lion Mirza Khorshed Alam

MJF was elected district governor for the year 2011-2012 at the convention while Lion Dr SM Jaglul A Mozumder MJF and Lion Mohammed Shamsuzzaman PMJF were elected first vice district governor and second vice district governor respectively.

New district governor also declared Lion Engr Akramuzzaman as cabinet secretary and Lion Md Nazrul Islam Sikder MJF as cabinet treasurer.

Yunus denied basic rights in verdict since early March when him so that he gets an tect his fundamental and cials as per the provisions

FROM PAGE 1 that in exercise of his con-

stitutional rights, Yunus challenged in the HC the Bangladesh Bank order dismissing him as managing director of Grameen Bank. But the HC failed to protect Yunus' rights as provided in Article 31 of the constitution that says every citizen of Bangladesh can seek the higher court's protection.

Dr Kamal's remarks came as a seven-member bench of the SC headed by Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque heard for the second day yesterday arguments on the latest petition by Yunus to stay in the top position of

Yunus, 71, has been

fighting the legal battle

Yunus called the order

Meanwhile, Yunus'

In his arguments yester-

authority to appoint or

Dr Kamal said the HC

He noted that the SC

appeal petition. April 5, he said. The attorney general

> before the SC and the HC. There is no scope for resumes today.

Ordinance 1983 under which the bank was established, he said. And Yunus was not given

any scope to defend himself, Rokanuddin added. Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said Yunus continues to hold the office of Grameen Bank managing

director despite the SC's

dismissal of his leave to

did not tell the court that said. they will place more arguments after it dismissed the leave to appeal petition on

said three senior lawyers for Dr Yunus repeatedly placed the same arguments as they Only the Board of had done earlier both

of the Grameen Bank recalling the SC order, he added. Advocate Tawfique Nawaz, lawyer for Bangladesh Bank, said Yunus has no right to hold

the office of Grameen

Yunus to move a petition for

Bank's MD, as he crossed 60, the age limit for retirement, 11 years ago. The central bank is not bound to issue any show cause notice to him for his

removal, as he was on the The lawyers for Yunus wrong side for 11 years, he Barrister Sara Hossain yesterday started her arguments on behalf of nine

directors of Grameen Bank, who filed another leave-toappeal petition with the apex court against the HC verdict.

She will continue her arguments when hearing