



**3,000 get DBBL scholarship**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd (DBBL) provided scholarships to 3,021 poor, meritorious, and challenged students of different colleges from across the country on Saturday as part of its corporate social responsibility and social welfare programme.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid distributed the scholarship letters to the students, who passed Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations last year, at Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium in the city.

Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Atiur Rahman was present as the special guest while DBBL Executive Committee Chairman Sayem Ahmed presided over the occasion.

The minister in his speech praised the scholarship programme saying it would help move forward the government's education activities, said a press release.

He also urged the well-off people to extend help to the helpless and underprivileged students for the sake of proper development of the country.

Dr Aitun said this programme would be a unique example in economic sector for nurturing the poor and meritorious students.

Around 80 percent of the scholarship has been given to the rural students and 50 percent to female students, said Sayem Ahmed.

DBBL Managing Director KSTabrez also spoke.

**Sorptimist Int'l Club executives**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Nilufar Sultana and Dr Farida Hasan were elected president and general secretary of the Sorptimist International Club of Dhaka at its 28th annual general meeting held at a city restaurant on Saturday.

Prof Nilufar took over as president from the outgoing president Prof Suraiya Siddique at the meeting. Nargis Mannan was re-elected treasurer.

A view of Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd's (DBBL) scholarship distribution programme held at Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium in the city on Saturday.

PHOTO: DBBL

**College girl kills herself**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A college girl committed suicide at her bedroom in Saltgola area under Bandar Police Station in the port city yesterday.

The deceased, Tania Akhter, 16, daughter of Md Harun of Mistri Hat area in Bandar, was a first-year student of Patenga City Corporation Girls' High School and College.

Tania, after being found hanging from the ceiling fan around 5:00pm, was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where doctors declared her dead.

Sub-inspector Abul Kashem Bhuiyan of Bandar Police Station said Tania might have been committed suicide due to family feud.

The body was sent to CMCH morgue for autopsy.

**New JUAAB body meets Japanese envoy**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The newly elected executive committee members of Japanese University Alumni Association (JUAAB) along with the advisers met Japanese Ambassador Tamotsu Shinotsuka at his office at Baridhara in the city on Thursday.

JUAAB President Prof Dr Md Khurshed Alam Bhuiyan presents a flower bucket to the ambassador and expressed his confidence in maintaining the friendship and amity between the peoples of Bangladesh and Japan.

General Secretary Prof Dr Yahia Khandoker expressed grief and sorrow for the loss of lives and resources in Japan due to the recent earthquake and Tsunami devastations.

The JUAAB president also handed over a condolence message book and a cheque of Tk 3 lakh to the Japanese ambassador as a token donation for earthquake and Tsunami disaster in Japan.

**3 mugged by dope gangs in city**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three persons fell victim to dope gangs, popularly known as 'ogyan party', in two separate incidents in the city yesterday. The victims claimed to have lost a total of Tk 3.15 lakh to the gangs.

Mohammad Sulaiman, 30, an expatriate to Dubai, and his brother-in-law Mohammad Alauddin, 40, encountered the dope gang during a bus journey from their village home Matlab in Chandpur to the city.

Boarding a bus to Sayedabad, they were going to Rupganj in Gausia to buy a land property, said police.

The helper of the bus found the two in an unconscious state while the bus was crossing Matuail, added police.

A youth named Shakil took them to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) around 12:30pm.

The victims claimed that the criminals mugged Tk 2.8 lakh from them.

In another incident, Tanvir Ahmed, 25, a Master's student of Jagannath University, was doped and mugged Tk 35,000 by a dope gang.

He said, on a bus journey from Narayanganj to Motijheel in the city, he fell unconscious in the bus after eating some pickles from a hawker. The bus staffs took him to DMCH.

Interestingly, the victims in both incidents said the criminals didn't take their cell phones.

**Lab launched to test HIV for free**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Ahsania Mission launched a voluntary counseling and testing (VCT) laboratory for drug dependants at Ahsania Mission Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre, Gazipur yesterday.

Family Health International (FHI) supported the initiative for setting up the lab that will provide local people and other organisations an opportunity to test HIV free of cost.

During the launch Khandker Mohammad Ali, director general of Department of Narcotics Control (DNC), said there is a close relationship between HIV and drug abuse.

HIV infection rate among the injecting drug users is 7.1 percent in some areas of the country, he said.

Therefore it becomes imperative to accelerate HIV prevention programme alongside its cure, he added.

DNC Additional Director Abu Taleb, Gazipur Unit Superintendent Subodh Kumar Biswas, FHI Technical Officer Dr Borhan Uddin, and Dhaka Ahsania Mission Coordinator Iqbal Masud were also present at the programme.

Till now over 1,600 drug dependants have received free counseling and HIV testing under Dhaka Ahsania Mission's Modhumita Project since 2006.

**SAYEDEE'S TREATMENT ICT directive to jail authorities**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) yesterday directed the jail authorities to arrange treatment for Jamaat-e-Islami Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayedee at Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital alongside Birdem Hospital.

The tribunal on April 20 directed the prison authorities to provide treatment to Sayedee only at Birdem Hospital.

The court yesterday passed the order as Sayedee filed a petition with it recently, saying the doctors of Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital refused to give him treatment, as the court only mentioned the name of Birdem Hospital in its earlier order.

Meanwhile, the court directed the prisons authorities to use suitable transport while shifting the five Jamaat leaders, who are accused of war crimes charges, to other places from the jail, if necessary.

The five Jamaat leaders are Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami, General Secretary Ali Ahsan Mojahid, Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayedee, and Senior Assistant Secretaries General Muhammad Kamaruz-zaman and Abdul Quader Molla.

**RSF quiz results on May 20**

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The results of Paribesh Utsab quiz competition, organised by Rural Services Foundation (RSF), will be published on May 20, says a press release.

RSF, a non-profit social initiative of Rahimafrooz group, hosts the contest on the occasion of World Environment Day every year.

Candidates for Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations participate in the quiz on renewable energy, climate change, and 3R issues (reduce, reuse and recycle). This year SSC candidates from 30 upazilas took part in contest. Of them 450 students, 15 from each upazila, have been selected as awardees.

Among the awardees top 30 scorers, one from each upazila, will receive the grand prize of Tk 10,000, and the rest will be given Tk 7,000 each.

All 450 students will receive a crest and a certificate. The prize-giving ceremony will be held on June 5 at Mirpur Indoor Stadium in the city.

**Lawyer Murder Robber to die, 2 others get 31 years RI**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A robber was sentenced to death and two of his accomplices awarded 31 years' rigorous imprisonment yesterday for killing a lawyer in 2009.

Judge Mohammad Rezaul Islam of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 handed down the verdict in presence of the convicts at packed courtroom.

The convict with death is Moahammad Chand Miah while Mohammad Sohel and Shamsul Haque alias Maji were given 31 years' rigorous imprisonment for killing Advocate Shamsul Haque Rintu.

Rintu, a lawyer of Dhaka Judge's Court, was killed by a gang of robbers at his residence in the city's Jatrabari area on December 27, 2009.

During the judgment, victim's father, mother and wife were present at the court and expressed their satisfaction over it.

Earlier, the prosecution and defence had completed their arguments and the court recorded statements of 13 prosecution witnesses.

According to the prosecution, a gang of robbers led by Chand Miah entered the victim's house. Rintu caught hold of one of the robbers Chand Miah while the other members of the gang stabbed the victim indiscriminately, leaving him dead on the spot.

Victim's wife Advocate Aklima Khatun filed a case against Chand Miah and two others. Sub-Inspector Abdur Rahman pressed charges against the three on April 12 last year.

During the investigation, Chand Miah gave a confessional statement before a magistrate admitting his guilt and disclosed names of his accomplices.

Special Public Prosecutor SM Rafiqul Islam stood on behalf of the state while Advocate Setara Begum appeared for the accused.



Sammitita Buddha Purnima Udjapan Parishad takes out a colourful procession in the city yesterday on the occasion of the Buddha Purnima to be observed today.

PHOTO: STAR

**Experts collect samples from anthrax patients**

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, from Santhia, Pabna

A team of experts from Institute of Epidemiology, Disease, Control and Research (IEDCR) visited anthrax affected Chinanari village of Santhia upazila in the district to collect samples from the infected yesterday.

The team confirmed it as Cutaneous anthrax that spreads due to direct contact with the bacteria Bacillus Anthracis through the animal's hide and hair. In this case, an itchy sore develops in human body between 1 to 12 days after exposure.

"We collected blood samples from the patients' body for clinical diagnosis," said Dr Apurba Chakrabarti, outbreak investigation officer of IEDCR.

Pabna Civil Surgeon Dr Md Khalilur Rahman said the three infected with anthrax last week are quickly improving.

"The livestock department already completed 90 percent coverage of vaccination target in Santhia upazila because this is the most vulnerable area for anthrax.

"Vaccination coverage was 100 percent in the affected Chinanari village last month," said Dr Saiful Islam, district livestock officer, quoting the livestock department's investigation report.

The anthrax spore (germ) can exist for even 50 years in the environment, so Santhia upazila and adjoining areas are still vulnerable, said Prof Mahamudur Rahman of IEDCR, adding that the disease outbreak is during the rainy season.

**AL leader hurt in bomb attack in Khulna**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A local leader of Awami League was injured in a bomb attack in Fultali upazila of Khulna Sunday night.

The victim, Advocate Golam Mostafa Nabi, 55, assistant public prosecutor of Khulna Judge's Court and AL law secretary of Fultali unit, was admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital.

Unknown miscreants hurled six bombs at Mostafa. The last one bomb hit him, leaving him critically injured.



University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Prof Dr AK Azad Chowdhury addresses a meeting of Rotary Club of Dhaka Cosmopolitan on Sunday. Eastern University Vice Chancellor Dr AKM Saiful Mazid and Rotary Governor elect (2013-14) Golam Mustafa were present.

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