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# Women's greater role to help tackle challenges

South Asian women leaders tell regional conference

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ensuring greater role of women in development policy-making and equal access to resources can help address the challenges of poverty, ecology and extremism, observed South Asian experts yesterday.

As South Asians, women must forge cooperation and learn from each other's best practices to uphold their rights and create opportunities

to use their potential the best way, they said.

The observations came at the third conference of South Asian Women's Network (SWAN) styled "Women of South Asia and the Green Economy". South Asia Foundation, Manusher Jonno Foundation and Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi organised the two-day conference that began yesterday at BIAM auditorium in the capital. Around 70

participants from South Asian countries are attending the programme.

"In South Asia, inequality is holding us back. Without women having equal resources, poverty cannot be alleviated," said Prof Veena Sikri, convener of SWAN, in her inauguration speech.

There are many good practices and women are capable of doing amazing things in solving social and

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Sky Lark Point at Bijoynagar in the capital. Fire ravaged the west side of the 5th, 6th and 7th floors of the building early yesterday claiming three lives. Inset, Fire-fighters inspecting one of the floors.

PHOTO:  
STAR

## Tannery relocation faces further delay

Govt seeks 2 yrs more to set up central ETP

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The government has sought two more years from the High Court to set up a central Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) in Savar and move the tanneries there from the capital.

The deadline to set up the central ETP and shift the environmentally hazardous tanneries from city's Hazaribagh ended on April 30 this year.

Before the deadline expired, the industries ministry filed a petition asking for two years' time to complete the job. The court is

yet to fix any date for hearing of the petition.

Earlier, the government twice sought two years from the court for the relocation, but the court granted six months.

Rais Uddin Ahmed, counsel for the ministry, told The Daily Star that the government is sincere about setting up ETP and move the tanneries from Hazaribagh but so far it could not do this for lack of expertise.

There is no shortage of fund for the task, he said.

The HC in June 2009 asked the

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6 students killed in road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Noakhali

Six students including two siblings and a tempo driver were killed while two others injured when a passenger bus collided head-on with a three wheeler auto rickshaw in

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BORDER, ENCLAVES  
Indo-Bangla deal likely this month

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
New Delhi

India and Bangladesh are expected to enter a deal later this month on border demarcation and adversely possessed enclaves during Indian

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Wimbledon title goes to Kvitova

AFP, London

Petra Kvitova stunned favourite Maria Sharapova to win her first Grand Slam title with a 6-3, 6-4 victory in the women's

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The sorry state of the road and the pavement has made locals suffer for quite a long. Now that the monsoon has set in, traffic and pedestrians are equally exposed to accidents here. The photo has been taken recently on Mazar Road in the capital.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Govt should have talked with BNP

Say Menon, Inu on caretaker scrapping

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

President of Workers Party Rashed Khan Menon and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday said it was not

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Dyeing factory shut, fined for pollution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Department of Environment (DoE) team yesterday ordered a dyeing factory in Munshiganj to keep it shut until it installs an effluent treatment plant and fined it Tk 38.40 lakh for polluting

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## 3 burnt alive in high-rise fire in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three people were burnt to death yesterday in a fire at a multi-storey building at the city's Bijoynagar.

They were identified as Minarul Islam, 28, Yakub Ali, 30, and Rahat, 26. All of them were office assistants of Step Media Ltd which uses the building's four floors from the fifth.

The fire burnt western parts of the fifth, sixth and seventh floors of 12-storey Sky Lark Point at Syed Nazrul Islam Sarani of Bijoynagar. The office assistants used to stay on the fifth floor at night and they were trapped during the incident, said Forkan Fakir, manager (marketing) of the company.

"We could not ascertain how the fire was originated and when. We rushed here being informed through media," said Forkan.

Monir Hossain, assistant director of Fire Service and Civil Defence (FSCD) said 10 of their units from different parts of the capital rushed to the spot and doused the fire with their joint efforts for over two and a half hours from 5:00am.

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## BCL leader murdered

Man's body found on city road

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered two bodies, including one of a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader, from the city's Tejgaon Industrial Area early yesterday, three days after they went missing.

The deceased are Mizanur Rahman, 32, Tejgaon unit joint convener of BCL, and Akbar Ali, 50, a boutique worker of Mirpur.

Police found the bodies -- hands tied up with ropes -- on the roadside at Tejgaon truck stand around 3:00am.

Family members of Mizan claimed that he was a presidential candidate of his unit in the BCL's upcoming committee. He was also a contractor of WASA and traded fruits and scrap garment in Tejgaon area.

However, neither police nor the family of the deceased could ascertain the relationship between Mizan and Akbar.



Aug 21 attack charge sheets likely today

Fakhrul sees govt 'conspiracy' to implicate Tarique

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Criminal Investigation Department is expected to file the supplementary charge sheets in a Dhaka court today in the August 21 grenade attack cases.

On June 22, the court asked the CID to submit the charge sheets by today. Sources in the CID said they completed further investigations into the cases.

Meanwhile, BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir

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