

Little Jewels School's 56th anniversary celebrated

METRO DESK
The Little Jewels Infant Nursery and Junior School celebrated its 56th anniversary and held a reunion at the Ladies' Club in the city yesterday, says a press release.

Sonia Imran, the administrator or director of the school, addressed the guests at the ceremony, expressing her honour of being an ex-student. She said, "This school is probably one of the oldest private institutions to have crossed 56 years and this was because of the relentless efforts of the administrative body and the teachers". She ended by congratulating the alumni of the 2000-2010 graduating batches for having organised and pulled off the entire event successfully.

The ex-students presented bouquets on behalf of the alumni association to Anwar Kabir, the founder principal; Sabera Syed, the adviser; and Yasmin Khan, the vice principal.

Anwar Kabir said, "It is the joy of my heart to have united with you in the celebration of the 56th year and the grand reunion of the Little Jewels School."

A prodigious group dance performance, marked the beginning of the cultural programme, which included a short drama and ended with a concert by bands of former students.

Little Jewels School was founded on August 8, 1956 with 56 students and six teachers by Anwar Kabir. The school now has two sections, English and Bangla, with over 1200 students and 120 teaching and non-teaching staff.



Participants in the grand reunion of Little Jewels Infant Nursery and Junior School pose for picture at the Ladies' Club in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

US-BANGLADESH FORCES Disaster response exercise ends

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The US Army Pacific (USARPAC) and the Bangladesh Armed Forces concluded their second annual exercise on disaster response in Dhaka yesterday, says a press release of the American Centre.

The four-day event fostered security cooperation and best practices in responding to and recovering from a catastrophic earthquake.

Over 130 participants from 35 different organisations participated in the programme "Pacific Resilience Disaster Response Exercise and Exchange (DREE)" led by the US Army Corps of Engineers' Civil-Military Emergency Preparedness (CMEP) programme.

They brought together civilian and military representatives from across all aspects of government and non-government organisations providing a comprehensive medium to work together towards achieving common emergency preparedness, response, and recovery goals.

The programme emphasised security cooperation, civil-military integration, and the impact of foreign humanitarian assistance on emergency response and featured three unique Subject Matter Expert Exchange (SMEE) activities focused on medical, logistics, and civil-military operations.

US Charge d' Affaires Nicholas Dean said, "The DREE is an effort to better prepare and enhance collaboration between the Bangladesh Armed Forces and the US Army Pacific in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. Programmes like this strengthen our partnership and ensure we are ready to respond in times of crisis."

Plot on to grab Darul Fazal Market, say FF leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Leaders of local Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad Command Council alleged that some influential locals backed by politicians are plotting to grab the building of Darul Fazal Market (Muktijoddha Bhaban) in the port city.

The council's Chittagong district unit leaders made the remark at a press conference in Chittagong Press Club on Tuesday alleging a businessmen group in the name of 'Darul Fazal Market Cooperative Society Limited' in this connection.

The building is being used as the council's district and city unit office through approval of the deputy commissioner (DC) of Chittagong,

said Md Sahab Uddin, the council's Chittagong unit commander.

Though former president Hussain Muhammad Ershad directed the DC to hand over the property to Muktijoddha Sangsad Command Council, it was undone despite completion of the official paperwork, he said.

The building, which has been a place of gathering for the freedom fighters for past 40 years, is now a property of the commerce ministry.

The leaders sought help to allot the land and building to the Muktijoddha council.

A rally and demonstration programme in this regard will be held on October 8 in front of the building, they added.

Rokeya Rashid's anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the first death anniversary of Rokeya Rashid, a retired officer of World Food Programme (WFP) and wife of Dr M Hafeezur Rashid, a former secretary, says a press release.

She was also the editor of the now defunct women's magazine Lalana.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at her residence at House No-2, Road No-7A, Sector No-3 of Uttara in the city.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Shamsul Alam

METRO DESK



Today is the second death anniversary of Shamsul Alam, a chartered accountant and a former chief executive of Burma Eastern Ltd and Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd, says a press release.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

MA Sattar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 13th death anniversary of Alhaj M A Sattar, a social worker, says

a press release.

On the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held on Sarulia Fulmat Islamia Alim Madrasa premises after Juma prayers.

Relatives, friends, and the well wishers are requested to attend in the programme.

Nurul Islam Nuru

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the second death anniversary of Nurul Islam Nuru, a freedom

fighter and former Dighi union parishad chairman of Manikganj Sadar upazila, says a press release.

On the occasion, qurankhwani and doa mahfil will be held at his residence in Manikganj after Juma prayers.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the programmes and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Hannan has no right to retract statement State minister tells journos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Huji chief Mufti Abdul Hannan has no legal right to withdraw his additional confessional statement in the August 21 grenade attack case as he willingly made the statement before a magistrate, State Minister for Law Quamrul Islam said yesterday.

A confessional statement given by any accused before the magistrate cannot be withdrawn under section 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code, he pointed out while addressing the press at his secretariat office.

"The papers submitted by Hannan's lawyer before a Dhaka court on Tuesday for withdrawal of his statement is not a petition at all and the court has no scope to pass an order on such papers," he said.

Hannan gave an additional confessional statement on April 7 disclosing the involvement of Tarique Rahman, senior vice-chairman of BNP; Lutfozzaman Babar, former state minister for home; Harris Chowdhury, former prime minister Khaleda Zia's political secretary; and Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, in the grenade attack.

Following Hannan's prayer, some BNP leaders including its acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir are making falsehood by saying that Tarique Rahman was not involved in the grenade attack, claimed Quamrul. He said the allegation of Tarique's involvement was confirmed following confessional statements of other accused and statements of witnesses.

Truck torched for injuring a housewife

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Angry mob torched a mini truck after it hit a rickshaw leaving a housewife on board critically injured in the city's Dhanmondi area yesterday.

The victim, Sadia Ansar, 40, of Jigatola, was admitted to a private city hospital with head and chest injuries following the incident.

Meanwhile, a fire fighter unit put out the blaze within half an hour.

Jahidur Rahman, sub-inspector of Dhanmondi Police Station, said the truck loaded with tannery goods was going to Shahjalal International Airport.

On the way, it hit the rickshaw at Shankar around 2:30pm in which Sadia was taking her son to school, he said. The minor boy remained unhurt.

Locals caught the truck and torched it. They also blocked Dhanmondi-Mohammadpur road for around 20 minutes, he said.



Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP-Matin) Secretary General Abu Naser Mohammad Rahmatullah presents flowers to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia as more than a thousand leaders and activists of the party formally join BNP during a ceremony at the Institute of Diploma Engineers Bangladesh in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: BNP

Call for sharing knowledge among world universities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University Vice-chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique has said the cross-border relationship should be more strengthened for the entire development of the education sector.

Exchange of academic knowledge and views among the universities of different countries will help both the students and teachers flourish their talents more, he said.

He told the inaugural session of two-day NUFU-Noma Regional Conference at a city hotel on Tuesday. Both NUFU and NOMA are Norwegian programmes for development, research and education.

Because of advancement of information and technology, all the countries are heading forward for information technology based education. So, we should more emphasise such strategic education system, he said.

Praising Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for placing six-point multi-dimensional peace model at UN General Assembly, he said it would strengthen Bangladesh's diplomatic ties with the external world.

Addressing the function, Prof Dzulkifli Abdul Razak, vice-chancellor of Universiti Sains Malaysia, said sharing of findings from researches and research-based higher educations are the key way to achieve expected development in education sector.

Ragne Birte Lund, ambassador of Norway to Bangladesh, said international economic crisis, climate change and conflict resolution are top challenges to achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015.

So, a joint cooperation should be launched to address the issues, he said.

The regional conference ended on Wednesday with a concluding remark of Prof Shaikh Abdus Salam, former chairman of Mass Communication and Journalism department of Dhaka University.

Apart from Bangladesh, delegations from seven countries—Norway, Nepal, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Indonesia and Malaysia—attended the conference.



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