9 pro-BNP lawyers get

High Court yesterday granted a four-month anticipatory bail

to nine pro-BNP lawyers in an attempt to murder case filed

SM Zulfiqure Ali Junu filed the case earlier in the day with

The lawyers had kicked and slapped Zulfiqure for a few

The accused lawyers are Md Jafar Alam, Mamun alias

minutes near the office of Supreme Court Bar Association

(SCBA) president around 1:30pm on Wednesday after he

AHM Kamruzzaman, Gazi Kamrul Islam Sajal, Abdullah al

Mahbub, Gazi Touhidul Islam, Shahadat Hossain, SK Tahsin

Ali, Ariful Islam alias Arif and Nizamul Islam alias

Justice Md Habibul Gani granted the bail after hearing the

Badal appeared for the petitioners while Deputy Attorneys

General Biswajit Bebnath and Khondker Diliruzzaman

Bar Council, the licensing authority of the country's lawyers,

forum of pro-BNP lawyers, beat him, "...because I have good

relations with the forum President Rafiqul Islam Mia and

asking to take legal steps against the accused.

Secretary General Mahbub Uddin Khokon."

bar member, out of personal enmity.

Zulfiqure claimed he did not threaten anyone.

The HC bench of Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury and

Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar and Barrister Bodruddoza

Zulfiqure also submitted an application to Bangladesh

He said a group of lawyers of Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum, a

SCBA Secretary Bodruddoza Badal said Zulfiqure is not

an SCBA member and threatened Advocate Md Jafar Alam, a

allegedly threatened one of the accused lawyers.

anticipatory bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shahbagh Police Station.

Nizamuddin.

by an apprentice pro-BNP lawyer.

bail petition filed by the accused.

represented the government.

Unicef awards 29 media professionals

Bss, Dhaka

Unicef yesterday awarded the 7th Meena Media Award 2011 to 29 professionals from both print and electronic media for their excellence in promoting child rights through the media.

Carel de Rooy, Unicef representative in Bangladesh, spoke on the occasion marked by life-size animated characters of Meena cartoon and children's performance.

The first, second, and third award recipients of each category and agegroups received Tk 50,000, Tk 25,000 and Tk 15,000 in cash respectively in addition to a crest.

ACC to sue 41

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission last month decided to file 22 cases against 41 people including public representatives, government officials, and businessmen.

The charges include amassing wealth illegally, misappropriation, and money laundering among others, said Farrukh Ahmed, director general (admin and establishment) of the ACC. He was speaking during the monthly press briefing at its headquarters in the city Wednesday.

The public representatives include Saiful Haque Khan Chowdhury, mayor of Mirpur municipality in Kushtia; and Mohammad Abdur Rashid, councilor of the municipality.

The government officials include Mohammad Nazmul Haque, former executive engineer of Narayanganj Roads and Highway; and Badrul Alam, executive engineer of Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka; while the businessmen include Giasuddin Al Mamun.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Alhaj Khandakar Md Abu Bakar, former additional secretary of Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, passed away at a hospital in the city on Wednesday at the age of 70.

two sons and three daughters, says a press release. He was the founder edi-

He left behind his wife,

tor of Mainstream Law Reporters Journal.

Debate for Democracy, National Debate Federation and other socio-cultural organisations condoled his death.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the second death anniversary of Alhaj Khandaker Awal Kabir, one of the organisers of the War of Liberation in Pabna and a prominent politician, says a press release.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at Shahi Jame Mosque at Gabgachhi village of Sujanagar upazila in the district.

Doa mahfil STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A doa mahfil for Engr Laskar Khairul Basar, a freedom fighter, will be held at his Mirpur residence after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Engr Laskar passed away on October 7 at the age of 78.

Chehlum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chehlum of Sayem-ur-Rahman Sayem, son of State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanak, will be held today.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held on the premises of media centre at Jatiya Sangsad in the city at

4:00pm, says a press release. Sayem was the only son of Jahangir Kabir Nanak who died in a road accident at Bendi Bazar of Chakoria in Cox's Bazar on September 6.



21 AUG GRENADE ATTACK TRIAL

'Ejlash' shifted over security' concerns

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The counsel of former inspector general of police (IGP) Khoda Baksh Chowdhury yesterday appealed to a Dhaka court to discharge his client from the charges of August 21 grenade attack cases.

Meanwhile, the government has shifted the court "ejlash" of the cases from Dhaka Judges' Court area to Nazimuddin Road for easily and safely producing all the accused before the court from the jail, a law ministry official asking anonymity told The Daily Star yesterday.

The law ministry yesterday issued a statutory regulatory order (SRO) saying that the trial of August 21 grenade attack cases will now be held at Old Jailer Barrack Building near the main gate of Dhaka Central Jail on Nazimuddin Road in the city.

On August 21, 2004, grenade blasts at an Awami League rally on Bangabandhu Avenue killed 24 AL leaders and workers and maimed around 200 others.

Now trial of two cases in this connection are pending with Speedy Trial Tribunal-1, Dhaka. During hearing yesterday, Abdur Rashid,

counsel for Khoda Baksh, said the former IGP was implicated in the cases though his client was out of the country during the attack in The judge fixed October 17 for next hearing.

Meanwhile, the prosecution drew the attention of the tribunal-1 to a report of Amader Shomoy on the confessional statement of detained Harkatul Jihad al Islami (Huji) chief Mufti Abdul Hannan.

The report on October 12 said it found some posters sticking on walls of several buildings in the capital's Mohakhali, which said Hannan was forced to give the statement involving Tarique Rahman, Harris Chowdhury, and Abdus Salam Pintu in the grenade attack cases.

In reply to the prosecution's step, Judge Shahed Nuruddin observed to be alert in making any comment or publishing any news on a matter when a trial on the issue is ongoing in a court.

BILLBOARD UNVEILED

The Disaster Management overit.

POST-DISASTER RESCUE

The government will procure more

equipment costing Tk 115 crore this

year for post-disaster rescue and

evacuation drives with a view to

"We've already procured

equipments worth Tk 70 crore. We'll

also procure more evacuation

equipment at Tk 115 crore this year

to face disasters," said Food and

Disaster Management Minister Dr

Abdur Razzaque at a discussion

Bureau and the Disaster

Management and Relief Division

jointly arranged the discussion at

the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in

UNB, Dhaka

yesterday.

minimising its loss.

Eye care for drivers to cut accidents urged

Children render a dance at a Meena award programme organised by Unicef at a city hotel yesterday.

Plan to procure Tk 115cr equipment

the city, marking the International

Minister Dr Afsarul Amin, UN

Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh

Neal Walker, Education Secretary Dr

Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury,

former UGC chairman Prof Dr

Nazrul Islam, director general of Fire

Service and Civil Defence Brig Gen

(retd) ANM Shahidullah and Buet

Prof Dr Rakib Ahsan spoke at the

meeting while Disaster

Management and Relief Division

Secretary Dr M Aslam Alam presided

Abdur Razzaque said Bangladesh is

one of the most disaster-prone

countries in the world due to its

Speaking as the chief guest, Dr

Primary and Mass Education

Day for Disaster Reduction-2011.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In observance of the World Sight Day 2011, a billboard on Dhaka Urban Comprehensive Eye Care Project was unveiled yesterday to mobilise people towards eye care service.

Prominent film star and Chairman of Nirapad Sarak Chai movement, Ilias Kanchan, unveiled the billboard on the Islamia Eye Hospital premises in the city.

Dhaka Urban Comprehensive Eye Care Project (DUCECP) developed the billboard, says a press release.

Addressing the ceremony, Ilias Kanchan stressed the need for adequate eye care services for all especially for the transport workers to reduce the frequency of road accidents.

The function was also addressed by Bitopi Das Chowdhury, head of Corporate Affairs, Standard Chartered Bank; Zahida Ispahani, adviser; Dr Steven Roy, chief executive officer; Dr Alamgir Hossain, management consultant of Islamia Eye Hospital; and Md Rafiqul Islam, senior project manager, Sightsavers; among others.

DUCECP project coordinator M Nurun Nabi moderated it. DUCECP is providing eye care to the slum dwellers and disadvantaged people in the city. So far it has provided the service to more than 300,000 people and conducted 37,000 cataract operations.



PHOTO: STAR

A policeman helps a visually impaired youth get to the other side of the road in front of the secretariat in the city when the World Sight Day was observed yesterday.

SITARA FELLOWSHIP Prothom Alo signs MoU with DU

geographical location where flood

and cyclone hit the country every

victims of any natural disaster, the

main objective of the government is

to enhance their standard of liveli-

hood to cope with the disasters, Dr

He said earthquake is the most

devastating disaster in the world

and Bangladesh is vulnerable to

Primary and Mass Education

Minister Dr Afsarul Amin stressed

bringing children and youths under

the disaster management

programme to address the natural

disasters and man-made disasters.

Razzaque said.

earthquake.

As the poor become the worst

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) between Dhaka University (DU) Bangla daily Prothom Alo was signed at DU vicechancellor (VC) office on Wednesday to launch Professor Sitara Parvin memorial speech and research fellowship from

next year. DU VC Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Sidique and **Prothom Alo Editor Matiur** Rahman signed the MoU on behalf of their respective side.

Sitara Parvin who was a professor of Mass Communication and Journalism department of DU died in a road accident in USA on June 23, 2005.

The two organisations will organise Prof Sitara Parvin memorial speech jointly from next year inviting a noted mass media expert from Saarc countries to deliver the speech.

Mass Communication and Journalism department and Prothom Alo will select the speaker and the newspaper will bear the expenditure, said the DU authorities.

Prothom Alo will also launch "Professor Sitara Pervin Research Fellowship" from the same year to recognise outstanding contribution in the field of mass media and mass communication research. The research fellow will

get Tk 15,000 each month for one year. Journalists and lecturers and assistant professors of Mass Communication and Journalism departments and young researchers having masters degree in the department will be eligible to get the fellowship.



PHOTO: COURTESY

Prof Dr Hafiz GA Siddiqi, vice chancellor, North South University (NSU), Bangladesh and Dr Kamal Kitsawad, registrar, Assumption University, Thailand, sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on behalf of their respective organisations at NSU on October 8. The agreement is aimed at sharing resources to mutually enhance the quality education.



গত ইং ১২/১০/২০১১ তারিখে ইসলামিক বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, কুষ্টিয়ার ২১৫ তম সিন্ডিকেট সভায় কুষ্টিয়ার বিশিষ্ট চিকিৎসক ও সমাজ সেবক ডাঃ এ.কে.এম. মুনীর কে পিএইচ.ডি. ডিগ্রী প্রদান করা হয়। ডাঃ মুনীর এর গবেষণার প্রতিপাদ্য বিষয় ছিল "The Prevalence of Arsenic Related Disease and Occurrence of As (III) in Groundwater of Some Areas of Western Bangladesh and the Development of an Arsenic Filter for Arsenic Mitigation" তাঁর গবেষণার তত্ত্বধায়ক ছিলেন, ইসলামিক বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ফলিত রসায়ন ও কেমিকেল টেকনোলজি বিভাগের অধ্যাপক ও বর্তমান ভাইস চ্যান্সেলর ড. এম. আলাউদ্দিন।

১৯৮২ সালে রাজশাহী মেডিকেল কলেজ থেকে এমবিবিএস পাশ করার পর ১৯৮৬ সালে কুষ্টিয়া সদরে তিনি তার চিকিৎসক জীবনের সুচনা করেন। ১৯৮৫ সালে ইন্ডিয়ান অ্যাকাডেমি অব্ জেনারেল প্রাকটিস থেকে তিনি ফেলোশিপ অর্জন

করেন। বাংলাদেশে আর্সেনিক দৃষণের সূচনা লগ্ন থেকেই তিনি এ বিষয়ে গবেষণা করে আসছেন। তিনি ১৯৭৯ তে জাতীয় বিজ্ঞান মেলায় তাঁর উদ্ভাবনের জন্য রোপ্য পদক লাভ করেন। এছাড়াও আর্সেনিক গবেষণার জন্য তিনি দেশ ও বিদেশ হতেও একাধিক সম্মমনা অর্জন করেছেন। দেশী বিদেশী গবেষকের সাথে মিলিতভাবে ডাঃ মুনীরের বিশটিরও অধিক গবেষণাপত্র আন্তর্জাতিকভাবে স্বীকৃত জার্নালে ইতিমধ্যে প্রকাশিত হয়েছে এবং দেশী বিদেশী অসংখ্য বৈজ্ঞানিক সভা-কর্মশালায় তিনি বৈজ্ঞানিক প্রবন্ধ উপস্থাপন করেছেন। **ডাঃ মুনীর, ভু-গর্ভস্থ পানির আর্সেনিক** দুরীকরনের বিশ্বখ্যাত বিশায়কর প্রযুক্তি, আন্তর্জাতিকভাবে স্বীকৃত ও পুরষ্কার প্রাপ্ত "সনো ফিল্টার" এর সহ উদ্ভাবক। ডাঃ মুনীর বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এ্যাসোসিয়েসন কুষ্টিয়া, কুষ্টিয়া হাই স্কুল, কুষ্টিয়া, মুকুল সংঘ উচ্চ বালিকা বিদ্যালয় এর সভাপতি ও বাংলাদেশ রেডক্রিসেন্ট সোসাইটির আজীবন সদস্য।

ডাঃ মুনীর এর পিতা ছিলেন বিশিষ্ট চিকিৎসক মরহুম ডাঃ এম.এ. কাশেম এবং মাতা মরহুম নুরুনাহার বেগম । মরহুম ডাঃ এম.এ. কাশেম বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল এ্যাসোসিয়েসন, কুষ্টিয়া -এর একযুগের অধীক সময় সভাপতি ছিলেন এবং তিনি কুষ্টিয়া শিশু হাসপাতাল এর প্রতিষ্ঠতা সভাপতি। ডাঃ মুনীর এর সহধর্মীনি ডাঃ তাহমিনা বেগম পেশায় একজন চিকিৎসক। তারা দুই সন্তানের পিতা-মাতা। বড় সন্তান ডাঃ তাইসির শাহরিয়ার এবং কন্যা শাওকী মুনীর বাংলাদেশ মেডিকেল কলেজের তৃতীয় র্বষের ছাত্রী।

সৌজন্যেঃ হিউম্যান ডিভেলপমেন্ট রিসার্চ সেন্টার (এইচডিআরসি)

মানব শক্তি উন্নয়ন কেন্দ্র (মাশউক), সনো ডায়গনস্টিক সেন্টার ও হাসপাতাল জেনাস ফার্মাসিউটিক্যাল এবং ফাস্টট্রাক এনোটেক্স লিমিটেড।