

NEWS IN *brief*

300 shanties gutted in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least 300 shanties were gutted in a devastating fire at a slum in the port city's Hafeznagar last night. Fire Service and Civil Defence officials of the city said the fire originated from a cattle house around 7:30pm under Bakalia Police Station. Eight units of the firefighters put out it with their joint efforts for two and a half hours at around

Clash over public toilet: 10 hurt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two groups of people clashed over control of a public toilet at the city's Rainkhola of Mirpur last night, leaving at least 10 people injured, three of them seriously. Of the injured, Habib Chowdhury, 70, and his son-in-law Mamun Hossain alias Swapan, 35, were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with stab injuries. Injured Habib said one Lutfor Rahman of Rainkhola along with his followers swooped on them at around 8:00pm and forced them out of control of the public toilet that they took lease from the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC). Shah Ali police said the clash took place between the former lease holder and new lease holder of the

Begum Rokeya Day today

BSS, Dhaka

Begum Rokeya Day will be observed in the country today to pay glowing tributes to the memory of the pioneer of women renaissance of this sub-continent. The nation will recall with deep respect the contribution of Begum Rokeya, who had played a pioneering role in establishing the rights of women and promoting education among the Muslim women. President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages on the occasion.



Quality fish output stressed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A workshop on "Improving production and supply of quality fish seed in hatcheries and nurseries" was held at Jessore District Fisheries Office on Sunday. District Fisheries Office, Arabpur, Jessore, Cereal Systems Initiative for South Asia (CSISA-BD), and WorldFish Center, Jessore jointly organised the workshop with the financial assistance of USAID, says a press release. Md Ramjan Ali, district fisheries officer, Jessore presided over the workshop while Prof Samsul Alam of Genetics department of Bangladesh Agriculture University, and Ashoke Kumar Sarker, hub manager, WorldFish Center, Jessore presented the key note paper. About 40 representatives of the hatcheries in Jessore, fish farmers and fisheries officers of DoF and different NGOs took part in the workshop. WorldFish Center has been working for ensuring food security of the country through improving quality

Rokeya Award giving ceremony postponed

BSS, Dhaka

The Begum Rokeya Award-2011 giving ceremony scheduled to be held at Osmani Memorial Auditorium today has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. The changed schedule of the function would be

Edn ministry gets 2 e-Asia awards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ministry of Education has been conferred with two best awards in building capacity category in e-Asia conference and exhibition-2011 recently for its contribution to information technology sector. Directorate of Technical Education (DTE), under the ministry, has been awarded in the best ICT initiatives for education administration and governance sub-category for introducing online admission system in diploma-engineering of the directorate, said an official handout. On the other hand, one of the ministry's projects received another award in the sub-category of best innovation in educational content for building



Cherie Blair poses with the winners of Cherie Blair fellowships on Asian University for Women campus in Chittagong yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Cherie Blair Fellowships for 10 AUW students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Cherie Blair, a leading international lawyer and wife of former British prime minister Tony Blair, awarded fellowships named after her to 10 outstanding students of the Asian University for Women (AUW) yesterday. She awarded the fellowships at a formal function on AUW's permanent campus at Pahartali in Chittagong. Cherie Blair, who has been the Chancellor of AUW since January this year, arrived in Chittagong yesterday for a two-day visit to the university. The Cherie Blair Fellowships were launched in January 2010 and are awarded annually by AUW to 10 outstanding students who demonstrate superior academic ability and outstanding leadership skills. Since the university's establishment in 2008, Cherie Blair has been actively involved in its development.

BANGLA-MYANMAR MARITIME BOUNDARY DISPUTE Int'l court's judgment in March

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) is expected to give its judgment in March next year on the dispute concerning delimitation of maritime boundary between Bangladesh and Myanmar in the Bay of Bengal.

"The judgment on the case concerning delimitation of the territorial sea, the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf within and beyond 200 nautical miles (NM) is expected in March 2012", said Judge Shunji Yanai, newly elected President of ITLOS, while addressing the UN

General Assembly on December 6. Yanai, in his annual speech, referred this case as the tribunal's first delimitation case, said a press release of ITLOS.

He described the two-year period from inception to judgment on the case as a "reasonable duration for a maritime delimitation case."

India and Myanmar have unlawfully cut off a significant portion of Bangladesh's maritime area in the Bay of Bengal. The two neighbours have drawn line in the Bay in such a way that they apparently sandwiched Bangladesh, sources in Dhaka said. Having disputes with the two

countries on "natural prolongation of the continental shelf and the baseline", Bangladesh lodged objections with the UN regarding the claims of India and Myanmar on October 8, 2009.

The objection to Myanmar's claim was lodged with ITLOS headquartered in Hamburg, Germany.

In the final hearing on the case in September, Bangladesh claimed delimitation of the exclusive economic zone and the continental shelf within 200 NM (1 NM = 1.852 kilometers) and the shelf extending up to 400-460 NM southwards from the country's coastline.

Cops foil BNP rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday foiled a rally of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) that was scheduled in front of Krishi Market in the city's Mohammadpur area.

The rally was called to protest the split of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC). As BNP men gathered for the rally in the area, police intercepted them, party leaders said.

Later, the BNP men again gathered in Adabar area, but police charged batons on them and foiled the rally, they added.

Moazzam Hossain Alal, former BNP candidate in the Mohammadpur-Adabar constituency, told The Daily Star that police and the ruling party men had foiled their rally.

He said the party had earlier taken permission from police to hold the rally in front of Krishi Market, but police denied this yesterday.

Contacted, Biplab Sarkar, assistant commissioner of police of Mohammadpur zone, denied charging batons on the BNP men and foiling their rally.

RESERVED JS SEATS FOR WOMEN EC declares five AL candidates elected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday declared five Awami League (AL)-nominated candidates elected uncontested to the reserved seats for women in the parliament.

The new elected lawmakers are journalist AN Mahfuza Khatun known as Baby Maudud, AL's Women Affairs Secretary Fazilatunnesa Indira, acting Secretary of Mahila AL Pinu Khan, AL Chittagong unit chief Hasina Mannan, and Deputy Attorney General Fazilatunnesa Bappy.

The returning officer Mihir Sarwar Morshed declared their names uncontested after none of them withdrew their nomination papers as of Wednesday the last date for withdrawing of the nomination papers.

On Dec 1, the EC declared the nomination papers of the five candidates valid after scrutiny.

Awami League Parliamentary Board (ALPB) chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina finalised the five candidates for women's reserved seats in the parliament on November 26.

A total of 179 aspirants bought the party's nomination papers to contest for the reserved seats.

The Jatiya Sangsad passed the Fifteenth Amendment to the constitution on June 30, increasing the number of reserved seats for women from the existing 45 to 50.



No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Moderate to thick fog may occur over the river basins and adjoining area of Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions and light to moderate fog may occur over the river basins elsewhere over the country, Met office said.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:11pm today and rises at 6:30am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 32.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 14.1 degrees Celsius at Sirimongal.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

| City/Town | Temperature in Celsius | | Humidity in percentage | |
|------------|------------------------|------|------------------------|---------|
| | Max | Min | Morning | Evening |
| Dhaka | 29.2 | 17.2 | 69 | 68 |
| Chittagong | 29.3 | 18.4 | 81 | 66 |
| Rajshahi | 27.6 | 17.4 | 91 | 84 |
| Rangpur | 28.8 | 16.6 | 80 | 72 |
| Khulna 2 | 9.5 | 17.5 | 88 | 89 |
| Barisal | 29.5 | 15.9 | 85 | 91 |

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