

STUDIES ON SUNDARBANS WB providing assistance

UNB, Dhaka

The World Bank is providing technical assistance and grants for various studies to help the government develop a conservation and sustainable development programme for the Sundarbans, the world's largest mangrove forest. The studies, based on both primary and secondary data, will address the main challenges like poverty reduction, climate change adaptation, and biodiversity conservation in the forest, said a press release on Thursday.

The studies are grouped into four categories; i) socio-economic development, including a household survey; ii) bio-diversity conservation and environmental management; iii) disaster risk management; and iv) geomorphology and sea-level rise.

The studies are underway and expected to be completed by June 2012.

Meanwhile, a household survey has been completed and its summary statistics would be finalised by December 2011.

Student held for killing fellow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested a student of University of Alternative Development (UODA) from Lalmatia in the city for allegedly slaughtering a fellow student.

The body of the deceased Shamim Hasan, in his first year in the pharmacy department, was found behind a public toilet in the city's Chandrima Udyan on December 7.

Officer-in-Charge Zakir Hossain Mollah of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station said the arrested Mohammad Julkarnine alias Moni, 23, in his third year in the department, used to share a room with Shamim in Shekhertek.

Julkarnine told newsmen that he had squandered away his university fees and was planning to collect the money by selling Shamim's laptop. He added that he murdered Shamim on December 6 when the latter refused to comply.

Police recovered Shamim's laptop and cellphone from Julkarnine.

Cop-requisitioned bus rams rickshaws

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least eight people were injured as the driver of a bus requisitioned by police lost control over the steering and rammed through several rickshaws in the city's Moghbazar Dilu Road area yesterday.

Sub-Inspector Shafiu Alam of Ramna Police Station said the bus was going to Moghbazar from Bangla Motor and was supposed to transport policemen from Razarbagh Police Lines.

Six rickshaws were damaged and the injured, including rickshaw pullers, its passengers and pedestrians, were provided treatment at a local hospital, he added.



A police-requisitioned bus rammed through several rickshaws in the city's Moghbazar Dilu Road area yesterday, leaving at least eight people injured.

PHOTO: STAR

WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL 'Moudud should apologise to nation'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sampradikota-Jongibad Birodhi Mancha (SJB), a pro-liberation organisation, yesterday blasted BNP leader Barrister Moudud Ahmed for his recent remark on International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) and said Moudud should withdraw his remarks and seek apology to the nation on behalf of his party.

At a press conference at Liberation War Museum in the city, the representative of the organisation said in a written statement that Moudud's remark was not only a violation of the constitution but also contempt of the court.

On December 3, Moudud at a press conference at the party's Naya Paltan central office demanded that the government immediately stop the proceedings of the war crimes tribunal.

Moudud's remark is a new conspiracy against the nation, said Ajoy Roy, coordinator of the SJB.

He also said the BNP along with Jamaat-e-Islami had appointed lobbyist in the USA and had been expending huge amount of money to stop the proceedings of the ICT.

The SJB Co-coordinator Ziauddin Tarek Ali and member secretary Dr Nur Mohammad Talukdar also spoke.

Road crashes kill 4

Locals barricade highway

METRO DESK

Four people, including a student and a teacher, were killed in separate road accidents in Kishoreganj, Benapole, Khagrachhari and Thakurgaon yesterday.

Our Kishoreganj correspondent reports: One motorcycle rider was killed when he skidded off the Kishoreganj-Chamta highway after losing his control over the motorcycle steering and hit a roadside tree near Karimganj Cinema Hall in Karimganj yesterday.

The deceased was Sajib Ahmed Satil, 21, son of Gias Uddin of Uttar Ashutia Para village in Karimganj and a student of Mymensingh Polytechnic Institute.

After the accident, he was rushed to Kishoreganj Adhunik Sadar Hospital in critical condition where he was succumbed to his injuries.

Our Benapole correspondent says: A teacher was killed on the spot when a speedy Jessore-bound pickup van hit his motorcycle while he was crossing the Jessore-Khulna

highway at Ramnagar bazar yesterday.

The deceased was Habil Uddin, 42, son of Rahim Uddin, of Poddobila village of Sadar upazila and a teacher of Fazilatun Ulum Madrasa.

Our Khagrachhari correspondent adds: A woman was crashed under the wheels of a bus when she was crossing the road in Osmanpolli area of Manikchhari upazila in the district yesterday.

The deceased was Ambia Khatun, 50, wife of late Kasham Shikdar, of the area.

Police seized the bus but its driver managed to flee the scene.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent says: One man was killed when a Thakurgaon-bound bus hit him from behind while he was crossing the Panchagarh-Thakurgaon highway in Zem Jute Mill area of Boda upazila in Panchagarh yesterday.

The deceased was Somaru, 50, of Gaighata village of the upazila.

Local people barricaded the highway for an hour after the accident.

Support climate migrants

Rights activists urge rich states

UNB, Dhaka

Rights activists at a seminar in Durban have said the developed countries must provide support to the climate-induced migrants, shouldering their responsibility for carbon emission.

They said although the least developed countries are not responsible for global warming, the people of these countries have become the worst victims of climate change.

The seminar titled 'Climate Induced Migrants and Human Right Perspective' was held at the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN) on Wednesday, according to a message received here on Thursday.

A five-point demand was placed at the seminar. The demands include relocation and resettlement of the climate-induced migrants, replication of Australian Migration Law 2007, framing a legal regime by the UN in view of the term Universal Natural Person, and elaboration of Cancun agreement clause section 14 (F).

Six Bangladeshi climate networks - Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, Bangladesh Indigenous People Network on Climate Change and Biodiversity, Climate Change Development Forum, Campaign for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods, Equity and Justice Working Group Bangladesh, and Network on Climate Change in Bangladesh, and six other international networks jointly organised the seminar.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur



Aysha Siddika Khanom, mother of Moinar Mahmud, editor of the

weekly Bichinta and mother of Moshir Rahman Khokon, Faridpur district correspondent of Desh TV, passed away at her Alipur residence in the town yesterday at the age of 86.

She left behind her husband, four sons and two daughters to mourn her death.

She was buried at Alipur graveyard after Asr prayers.

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

Qulkhwani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Qulkhwani of Prof Dr Md Kaysar Hussain, former pro-vice chancellor of

Asian University, will be held at his residence at 34, Lake Drive Road of Sector No-7 in Uttara after Asr prayers today.

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

He passed away at a city hospital on December 1 due to old age complications at the age of 90, says a press release.

He was the founder chairman of agri economics department of Mymensingh Agriculture University and chairman of economics department of Jahangirnagar University.



Municipal Association of Bangladesh forms a human chain before Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday demanding the arrest and trial of the killers of Narsingdi mayor Lokman Hossain.

PHOTO: STAR

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 40th death anniversary of Shaheed Nazrul Islam, a freedom fighter.

Different socio-political organisations including Shaheed Nazrul Islam Smriti Parishad, Muktijoddha Sangsad of Gazaria Upazila unit, Gazaria Upazila Muktijoddha Kalyan Samity have chalked out elaborate programmes marking the day, said a press release.

The programmes include placing floral wreaths at his mazar, quarkhani, food distribution among poor people and discussion.

Nazrul sacrificed his life on this day in a battle against the Pakistani occupation forces during the Liberation War in 1971 at Boushia in Gazaria upazila in Munshiganj.

Ctg court summons Oli again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday summoned Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) chief Col (ret) Oli Ahmed to appear before it within December 29 in another defamation case for his derogatory comment about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Jubo League Chandanaish upazila unit convener Abu Ahammad Junu filed the case with Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate of Chittagong Nurul Islam yesterday.

According to the case statement, Oli while addressing a rally said, "When I started talking against Awami League, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina sent a minister to my residence requesting me not to speak about the corruption committed by Awami League. I have also been offered money and ministry."

"Then I said you (Awami League) are betrayer, I am not with you in exchange for the whole Bangladesh," Oli added.

Oli made the comment while addressing the rally of his party at Keochia union in Satkania upazila on November 17.

The plaintiff's lawyer Additional Public Prosecutor advocate Nazrul Islam Sentu said the comment was published in a local Bengali daily the Dainik Azadi on the following day.

Earlier, local businessman Aftab Mahmud Shimul filed a defamation case against Oli with the Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate's court on November 20 for his derogatory remarks about the prime minister and a local woman lawmaker.

He made the comment at a conference at a school playground in Chandnaish upazila of Chittagong on November 18.

DHAKA TODAY

Roundtable
Bangabandhu Academy will hold a roundtable. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity, Time: 10:30am.

Day
Dhaka University will observe Begum Rokeya Day. Venue: University campus, Time: 10:00am.

Human chain
Bangabandhu Smriti Parishad will form a human chain. Venue: Before Jatiya Press Club, Time: 10:00am.

Award
The Commonwealth Society of Bangladesh will organise an award giving ceremony. Venue: Dhaka Club, Time: 3:30pm.

Exhibition
Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will arrange a joint art and crafts exhibition. Venue: 5, Old Secretariat Road, Time: 12:00pm.

Photo exhibition
A photo exhibition of the Mount Everest conqueror M A Mohit will be held. Venue: Drik Gallery, Dhanmondi, Time: 4:00pm.

Seminar
Faculty of Business Studies of Jahangirnagar University will hold a seminar. Venue: Zahir Raihan auditorium, Time: 9:00am.

Human chain
Textile Garments Workers Unions Federation will form human chain. Venue: Before Jatiya Press Club, Time: 11:00am.

Council
Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement will hold a national council. Venue: WVA auditorium, Dhanmondi, Time: 9:30am.

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