

British Secretary of State for International Development Andrew Mitchell addresses a discussion in the city office of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) yesterday. On his right is Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, and on his left is Gwen Hines, country representative of Department for International Development (DfID). PHOTO: MJF

# UK to help improve quality of primary education

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The United Kingdom will help improve the quality of education of 16.5 million children, recruit and train 35,000 new teachers and construct 30,000 new classrooms in Bangladesh, UK's Secretary of State for International Development Andrew Mitchell announced yesterday.

The support will be provided over a period of 5 years up to 2016.

"I am delighted to announce today Britain's support for the Bangladesh govern-Development Programme, which will deliver effective and relevant child-friendly learning to 16.5 million girls and boys in Bangladesh," he said after a meeting with Finance Minister AMA Muhith at the secretariat in Dhaka.

quality of education in Bangladesh and bring long-term economic benefits.

visit to Bangladesh, also re-affirmed Britain's support to the health sector programme in aiming to strengthen democracy and rule of Bangladesh that will help over 6 million the law in the country.

women to give birth safely, 2.4 million pregnant women to have access to antenatal care and over 16 million children to be immunised.

He appreciated Bangladesh's progress on the Millennium Development Goals including the achievement of 96% enrolment in primary education and gender parity. "These are fantastic results. But learning

efficiency, quality and achievement in schools remain low. Only 60% of the children who enroll complete primary education," he observed.

Meanwhile, Mitchell at a meeting with ment's third Primary Education Foreign Minister Dipu Moni at the latter's office lauded Bangladesh for her leadership in global climate change negotiations and assured Bangladesh of development cooperation expansion from the next year.

Acknowledging the UK as one of the key He added that this support will improve the bilateral development and trade partners, Dipu said the government had taken numerous steps, including operationalisation of Mitchell, who is now on a three-day official the National Human Rights Commission and the Right to Information Commission

Cold claims

Six people died in Kurigram in

the last 72 hours ending 6:00am on Sunday due to cold

related complications, said

Parvin, 25, Asia Beowa, 65,

Aymona Beowa, 62,

Nuruzzamn, 40, Fazlul Haque,

55, and Deldar, 46, hailing from

remained stuck inside their

homes as rain and dense fog

disrupted normal life.

Mohammad Majnur Rahman,

the upazila agriculture official,

said the minimum tempera-

ture recorded in the town was

president, secy

Abdullah Al Kafi Ratan and

Hasan Hafizur Rahman

Sohel were elected president

and general secretary of

Bangladesh Jubo Union, the

youth front of Communist

Masum was elected organis-

ing secretary of a 61-member

central committee of the

organisation at a two-day

long convention on Saturday.

Parishad was also formed.

A 151-member National

Khan Asaduzzaman

Party of Bangladesh.

Ratan, Sohel

Jubo Union

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10 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, people

different parts of the district.

The deceased are Buraburir

hospital and family sources.

six lives in

Kurigram

UNB, Dhaka



Summit Group Chairman Muhammad Aziz Khan hands over a cheque for Tk 25 lakh to Biswa Sahitya Kendra President Abdullah Abu Sayeed at Biswa Sahitya Kendra in the city yesterday for the Kendra's mobile libraries. PHOTO: COURTESY

## Road crashes have gone up: PM

### Hasina condoles loss of lives in Bandarban

Bss, Dhaka

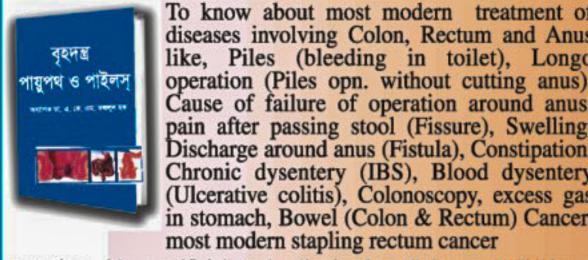
Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of president of Thanchi Sadar union unit of the party Ula Ching Marma and 16 others in a road accident at Bandarban on Saturday.

Deputy Office Secretary of Awami League Mrinal Kanti Das in a release said the premier in a message of condolence observed that the number of road accidents has increased in recent times causing death of many people and leaving many others crippled for lifelong.

Hasina asked drivers, owners, transport workers, law enforcing agencies and passengers to become careful and take necessary steps to check such fatal accidents.

She prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed profound sympathy to the members of the bereaved families.

## Piles, Constipation, Dysentery, Cancer



diseases involving Colon, Rectum and Anus like, Piles (bleeding in toilet), Longo operation (Piles opn. without cutting anus), Cause of failure of operation around anus, pain after passing stool (Fissure), Swelling, Discharge around anus (Fistula), Constipation, Chronic dysentery (IBS), Blood dysentery (Ulcerative colitis), Colonoscopy, excess gas in stomach, Bowel (Colon & Rectum) Cancer, most modern stapling rectum cancer

operation without artificial stool collecting bag (Colostomy), Children's bleeding in toilet (Polyp), you may read the book written by: Pioneer Colorectal Surgeon of Bangladesh & the Sub-Continent

Prof. Dr. AKM Fazlul Haque International Scholar (USA); Fellow, Colorectal Surgery (Singapore) Founder Chairman (Retd.), Dept. of Colorectal Surgery Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Dhaka

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#### The National Committee to Protect Oil, The committee announced the programme protesting the police attack on the leaders and activists on

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Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports will hold rallies in front of all power offices across the country at 11:00am on January 18, including

Power Development Board in the city, says a press release.

Rallies before power offices Jan 18

December 29 during their march towards energy ministry.

The committee is charting different programmes to realise its seven-point demand, including cancellation of rental power plant agreements and gas export deal with ConocoPhillips, and implementation of Phulbari agreement.







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এসো সঞ্চয় করি সুন্দর জীবনের জন্য

#### একাউন্টের বৈশিষ্ট্য

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**UK** minister

visits MJF

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The UK Secretary of State for

International Development

Andrew Mitchell visited the

city office of Manusher

Jonno Foundation (MJF)

yesterday as part of his

three-day official visit to

During a discussion

there, leaders and mem-

bers of the Dalit commu-

nity briefed Andrew

Mitchell on the problems

they face and how UKaid

funding is helping to

MJF representatives also

Shaheen Anam, executive

elaborated the programmes

being carried out by the

director of MJF, moderated

the discussion where Gwen

Hines, country representa-

tive of the Department for

International Development,

was present, says a press

MJF, a non-government

organisation funding 113

organisations working on

human rights and

governance all over

Bangladesh, is supported by

UKaid and the Royal

Norwegian Embassy in

release.

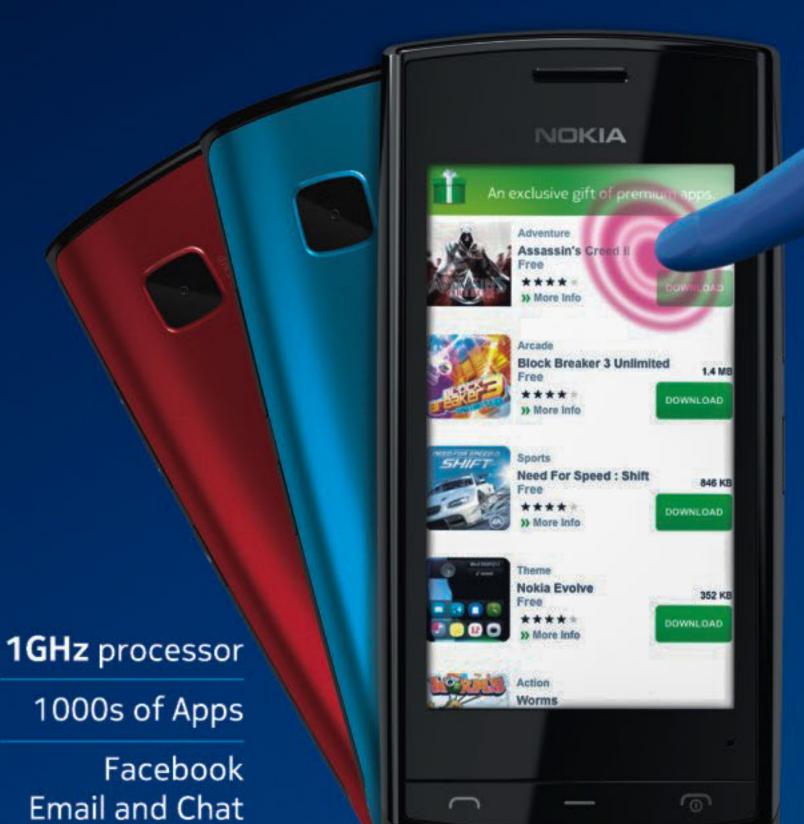
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