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The poorest need public-private bids

Observes Star- Shiree- Water Aid roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Public-private collaboration is a must for boosting various income generating activities for the 25 million poor in the country.

And private sector businesses should provide the extreme poor with facilities for education and development of skills, and other supports to help them earn more.

Analysts came up with these suggestions yesterday at a roundtable where Shiree, a special fund for fighting extreme poverty, announced it would draw up a programme for the poorest by incorporating recommendations of various stakeholders.

The Daily Star in association with Shiree and Water Aid Bangladesh, an

NGO, organised the roundtable held at The Daily Star Centre. Editor and Publisher of the daily Mahfuz Anam welcomed the discussants.

The participants asked for greater attention of the government to urban and rural poverty along with emphasis on the households headed by women.

"The progress of an economy will be severely constrained if 25 percent of the available labour forces are malnourished, uneducated and highly unproductive relative to their potential," said Colin Risner, chief executive of Shiree.

Shiree is a challenge fund, supported by UK aid from the Department for International Development (DFID) in partnership with the Bangladesh government.

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WHAT WILL POLICE SAY NOW?



Rajshahi Metropolitan Police DC Shah Mahmud Hasan visits RU student Imran Hossain David, injured in an attack, at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital yesterday. The youth (marked in a circle) at David's bedside is Akheruzzaman Takim, one of the BCL activists caught on camera shooting away during a clash at RU on October 2. Police say that the gun-toting BCL men cannot be traced. How will they explain Takim's presence right next to a top RMP official?



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Oli Ahad no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Language movement hero and veteran politician Oli Ahad died of old age

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2ND PADMA BRIDGE

Khaleda seeks China's help

Goes to India Oct 28

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Top Chinese leaders assured BNP chief Khaleda Zia of extending to Bangladesh the cooperation in building the second Padma bridge and a deep seaport.

The assurance was given during BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's weeklong visit to China. She came home yesterday.

Addressing a press conference arranged on the outcome of Khaleda's visit to China, BNP Standing Committee member Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain said

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BAU ASSAULT

Students want judicial probe

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) yesterday replaced the head of the team to probe an assault on a female

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PRAYER TIMING		October 21
	Asan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-50	5-25
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-00	4-15
Maghrib	5-36	5-39
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

BDR mutiny trial ends

723 jawans sentenced to varying jail terms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sentencing 723 soldiers of erstwhile BDR to different terms of rigorous imprisonment, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday concluded trials in all 57 cases over the 2009 mutiny in the force.

The jail terms of the convicted ranged from four months to seven years

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BORAK HIGH RISE

Stop construction

Directs HC as writ petition filed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench stayed the construction work of a 30-storey commercial building in the capital's Banani until an appeal with the environment ministry is disposed of.

The court on Thursday also stayed a penalty order and a notice for disconnecting utility lines the Department of

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