

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
**Kuwait emir to join celebration**

BSS, Dhaka

Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah has formally accepted the invitation of President Zillur Rahman to participate in the country's Independence and National Day celebration on March 26 next year.

Kuwait Ambassador to Bangladesh Ali Ahmad Ebraheem Al-Dafairi handed over the emir's "letter of acceptance" of the invitation to the president at Bangabhaban yesterday and apprised him that the Kuwait emir will visit Bangladesh in March to join the celebration events.

During his Kuwait visit last month, Zillur Rahman handed over the invitation card to the Kuwaiti emir while holding bilateral talks with him.

Through the Kuwaiti ambassador, Zillur Rahman conveyed his gratitude to the emir for accepting his invitation and said he is waiting to accord highest level of and warm hospitality to the emir during his visit to Bangladesh.

The president expressed the hope that Bangladesh visit of Kuwaiti emir would further strengthen and deepen the existing excellent bilateral relations between the two countries.

The Kuwait ambassador apprised the president that his emir conveyed gratitude to the president for visiting Kuwait twice and he (emir) would like to visit Bangladesh as a gesture of friendship.



**Kuwait Ambassador to Bangladesh Ali Ahmad Ebraheem Al-Dafairi hands over a letter from Kuwait Emir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah to President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban yesterday. In the letter, the emir accepted the president's invitation for him to participate in Bangladesh's Independence and National Day celebration on March 26, 2013.**

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**Gas supply to households in Rajshahi city demanded**

RU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a human chain yesterday demanded immediate gas supply to households in Rajshahi city.

Gas supply to the industrial units through pipelines was launched in the city in July this year.

The speakers also urged the government to establish an agriculture university in the city as per Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's assurance given at a public meeting two years ago.

Around 100 people under the banner of Rajshahi Rokkha Sangram Parisad (RRSP) formed the human chain at Shaheb Bazar Zero Point in the city.

They urged the government to restart the Rajshahi silk industry and implement the project of North Rajshahi Irrigation immediately.

They also threatened to go for a tougher programme if the authorities concerned did not meet their demands considering those urgent for the city dwellers.

Local lawmaker Fazley Hossain Badsha, RRSP Secretary Jamat Khan, local Awami League leader Prof Lutfor Rahman, BNP leader Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul, city unit JSD secretary Abdullah-Al-Masud Shebley, city unit Jatiya Party secretary MM Joha Sarkar, CPB city unit President Abul Kalam Azad, and journalist Mostafijur Rahman Khan Alam, also addressed the event.

RRSP President Liaquat Ali presided over the programme.

**UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY 2012**  
**Jaago Foundation to mark Nov 15**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Volunteer for Bangladesh (VBD), a wing of Jaago Foundation, will celebrate the Universal Children's Day (UCD) 2012 through a nationwide campaign on November 15.

The announcement came at a press conference organised by Jaago Foundation at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday.

The day will be celebrated in Bangladesh this year on the theme "Quality Education for All".

Around 10,000 VBD volunteers, mostly students of schools, colleges and universities, will participate in the campaign titled "UCD 2012", selling flowers and distributing brochures at the busiest traffic points in 21 districts, including Dhaka.

The volunteers will present a day of respite to around 1,200 disadvantaged street children by swapping places with them. "Our idea is to let them pass a day as children," said Korvi Rakshand, founder of Jaago Foundation.

Akku Chowdhury, executive director of Transcom Foods, said the spirit of the young volunteers reminded of the sacrifices made by freedom fighters during the Liberation War.

Wasfia Nazreen, the second Bangladeshi woman to conquer Mount Everest, said Jaago Foundation has been assisting underprivileged children in getting the benefits of education. The event is being sponsored by Transcom Foods Limited, Summit Power, Renata Limited, Unilever Bangladesh, Lifebuoy, Exim Bank and Elite Force while The Daily Star is among its media partners.

**Four accused of rape in Chittagong**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman yesterday accused four men of raping her on November 7 in Lohagara of Chittagong.

The accused are Abdul Mannan, 25, Md Mannan, 32, Md Rashed, 28 and Md Nazrul Islam, 26, all hailing from Jangle Padua village under Lohagara upazila.

In her case filed with Lohagara Police Station, the woman said the accused locked her husband inside a room in Jahed Fisheries, where he worked, and raped her there on the night of November

7, said Md Shahjahan, officer-in-charge of the police station.

Although the victim lodged the case yesterday, police arrested Md Rashed on Sunday following her verbal complaint, said police sources.

A village arbitration was held on November 9 but the accused were only fined Tk 6,000 for violating the woman, they added.

Failing to get proper justice, the victim later lodged the verbal complaint with the police station on Sunday and finally the case was lodged yesterday, police said.

**Army to get locally made vessel**

A CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna Shipyard Limited will handover a newly built Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel (LCVP) to Bangladesh Army today.

Army Chief General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan will receive the vessel, which measures at 19.75 metres in length and 7 metres in width, said Commander Monirul Ahsan, also the deputy general manager of Khulna Shipyard.

China Shipbuilding Offshore Company (CSOC) made the designs and provided the materials for construction of the vessel, the first of its kind built for Bangladesh Army.

Former army chief Abdul Mubin had inaugurated its construction works on June 29, 2011.

The ship is able to move at a speed of 12-20 nautical miles an hour, Monirul said, adding that the import of such a vessel would cost the country over Tk 50 crore.



(From left) Shaheen Khan, Nasima Akter, Selina Mustafa, Shahida Ahmad, Nilufer Zafrullah and Shahnaz Shahab at the celebration of the 93rd Zonta Foundation Day and United Nations Day, organised by Zonta Club of Dhaka III in the capital on November 10.

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**MIGRANT WORKERS TO MALAYSIA**  
**Interested will get enough time for registration: BMET**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Workers interested to go to Malaysia will get adequate time to complete their online registration after the government opens the registration process, said Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET) yesterday.

Some news reports published recently said that workers will get only a day to complete the online registration, thus creating confusion among workers.

BMET, however, issued a circular signed

by its director general to clarify the matter.

The government will declare a fixed date to start the online registration, following which the workers can register themselves from their own unions, upazilas and districts, said BMET officials.

BMET warned the workers not to give money to any brokers in this regard.

The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be held in Kuala Lumpur between the Bangladeshi and Malaysian governments to recruit workers through state arrangements.

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**Man 'kills' wife in capital**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A housewife was beaten and then strangled to death allegedly by her husband in Bhatara in the capital yesterday evening.

The victim was identified as Fatema Begum, 22. The husband Habibur Rahman Habib has been absconding, said Officer-in-Charge (OC) Ziauzzaman of Bhatara Police Station.

Fatema had an altercation with her husband Habibur Rahman Habib over a cellphone call in their Solmait residence around 6:00pm. At one stage, Habib beat Fatema up and finally strangled her, said the OC.

Habib informed the resident of a sublet of the residence, Nipa, a garment worker by profession, over phone that the condition of Fatema was serious. Nipa rushed to the house and found Fatema dead, said the OC quoting Nipa.

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