NEWSIN

Munir given additional charge as Milk Vita managing director

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday gave BCS cadre officer Mohammad Munir Chowdhury additional charge of the managing director (MD) post of state-run dairy company Milk Vita.

Earlier, LGRD and cooperatives ministry appointed Munir as the 30th general manger of Milk Vita. He joined the post on Sunday, said an official press release. Previously, Munir served as a

3 RMG factories fined in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A mobile court yesterday fined three garment factories Tk 20,000 in Fatullah industrial area in Narayanganj for running their businesses without any fire extinguishing system and fire safety licence.

Shameem Embroidery was fined Tk 10,000 while Shybal Knitwear and Sagar Knit Fabrics were fined Tk 5,000 each, said Saiful Islam, deputy assistant director of Naraynganj Fire Service and Civil

Journos urged to attend Feb 11 rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalist leaders yesterday urged every journalist in the country to participate in their scheduled grand rally to press home their demand for arresting killers of journalist couple Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi.

The rally is scheduled for February 11 on Jatiya Press Club premises in the capital.

Leaders of four organisations -- Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, Dhaka Union of Journalists, Dhaka Reporters' Unity and Jatiya Press Club -- made the request at a view-exchange meeting held at Jaitya Press Club.

They said journalists will not feel secure in their profession if the killers of Sagar and Runi are not

Explain alleged vote rigging in BMA polls: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Discussion

Time: 9:30am.

UNB, Dhaka

at 6:37am.

Dhaka

Chittagong

Rajshahi

Rangpur

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

National Human Rights Commission,

Governance Coalition, and Oxfam

will jointly organise a discussion,

"Right to food and social safety net

programmes"; Venue: IDB Bhaban;

Drawing competition

Bangladesh Cancer Society and

Bangladesh Cancer Hospital &

Welfare Home will jointly hold a

Moderate fog likely

remain nearly unchanged over the country.

cities and towns yesterday were:

day at Sitakunda and lowest 10.7 degrees at Srimangal.

Temperature

in Celsius

28.7

27.8

26.7

29.2

29.0

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloud sky over the

country having chances of light rain or thundershowers at one or two place

elsewhere over the country during midnight till morning, Met Office said.

Moderate fog may occur over the river basins and light to moderate fog

Night day temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:48pm and rises tomorrow

Country's highest temperature 30.5 degree Celsius was recorded yester-

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major

Min:

16.2

14.5

13.8

14.5

13.5

15.5

Humidity in

percentage

Evening

54

51

70

Morning

79

60

over Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

The High Court yesterday asked the government to explain in two weeks why it should not be directed to investigate the allegations of irregularities occurred during Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) election held on November 29, 2012.

Following a writ petition filed on December 13, 2012, by Dr Syed Md Akram Hossain, a joint secretary of Doctors' Association of Bangladesh (DAB), an organisation of pro-BNP doctors, the court issued the rule. In the writ, he alleged that vote rigging, maladministration and manipulations took place in the BMA election.

In the poll, pro-Awami League Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad (Swachip) won all the 41 posts of the BMA central executive committee and DAB

drawing competition; Venue:

National Cancer Research Institute

Asian Journalist Human Rights and

Cultural Foundation will organise a

discussion marking International

Mother Language Day; Venue:

Central Public Library; Time: 5:00pm.

Shastho Andolon will organise a

memorial meeting on National Prof

Memorial meeting

and Hospital; Time: 11:00am.

Discussion



PHOTO: STAR

Speakers at a discussion on the second day of a weeklong "Boat Technology in Chittagong and in Bengal" festival in Chittagong city yesterday. The festival is a joint initiative of The Daily Star and Alliance Française de Chittagong.

RAJSHAHI-BAHARAMPUR BORDER

BGB, BSF agree to stop killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) yesterday agreed to stop killings and maintain peace at the border dividing Rajshahi and Baharampur, the headquarters of West Bengal's Murshidabad district.

The sector commander level meeting was held at Sardaha Cadet College in Rajshahi where Rajshahi sector commander Col Sarker Muhammad Shamsuddin and India's Baharampur sector commander DIG RC Dhoni talked to journalists later.

The issues of border killings, physical tortures on Bangladeshis, smuggling of drugs and goods, and intrusion came up at the three-hour discussion, said Col Shamsuddin, who led a 17-member BGB team.

Both the sides agreed to maintain peace at the border

and solve different border problems as per the India-Bangladesh border treaty, he added. The BSF commander, DIG Dhoni, said Rajshahi-

Baharampur border was becoming a model, as no killing took place there from December 2011 to January 2013. Dhoni, however, said BSF took stern actions against some cross-border smugglers who attacked and injured

BSF members during the said period. A 16-member BSF team took part in the meeting. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

No vote for MPs failing sees 446 to help enforce law

Say rights activists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women rights activists yesterday urged women not to re-elect the present parliamentarians if they fail to help ensure proper implementation of laws relating to violence against women.

Stating that they were ashamed of the MPs for remaining silent over the rise of such violence incidents, they demanded quick trial of rapists so that verdicts can be delivered within six months of filing of cases.

Political parties and the government should not protect rapists and legal measures should be taken to ensure their prompt arrest and sentencing, they said at a rally held opposite to Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

The rally and a preceding procession on Manik Mia Avenue were organised by various rights organisations, spearheaded by Shamajik Protirodh Committee.

"It is a shame that our prime minister,

opposition leader and MPs do not even : STAFF CORRESPONDENT acknowledge the issue of violence against women at parliamentary sessions," said . Around 446 incidents of Salma Ali, executive director of violence against women Bangladesh National Women Lawyers: occurred in the country Association.

She said, in Dhaka alone, around 10 : Bangladesh Mahila rape victims sought refuge at One-Stop: Parishad yesterday. Crisis Centre every week.

Last week, a memorandum was for- · were of rape, including 30 warded to Speaker Abdul Hamid at a rally, · of gang rape, while 14 demanding an end to violence against : women were murdered women. "We are yet to get any feedback from : after being raped. the Speaker," stated Advocate Sultana Kamal.

Later, a memorandum was forwarded ; women who were to the parliament, demanding parliamen- ; harassed or molested tary discussions for a solution to the issue. : committed suicide after-The memorandum was forwarded by, wards while another 25 among others, Bangladesh Mahila . women committed sui-Parishad President Ayesha Khanam, : cide due to different kinds Salma Khan of Women for Women, and Hunger Project Bangladesh Country: them. Director Badiul Alam Majumder.

January

Says Bangladesh Mahila Parishad

incidents

during last January, stated

Of the incidents, 125

Four from around 39 · of violence inflicted on

Two women were victims of acid attacks whilst 12 incidents of violence against domestic helps occurred where five women were mur-

dered. Four of seven victims of domestic fire attacks were burned alive, 12 out of 31 women tortured for dowry were killed, and eight girls were victims of child marriage. One woman also fell

victim to fatwa. Five incidents of police harassment, 27 incidents of kidnap and 24 incidents of different kinds of violence also occurred during this period. Apart from this, 62 women and children were murdered over

various reasons. The legal aid sub-

committee of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad collected these figures from reports in 14 newspapers, says a press release.

Obituary

METRO DESK



Dr AMA Rahim, former secretary of the government of

Bangladesh, passed away due to cardiac arrest at United Hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 76.

Rahim was also economic adviser to the president and managing director of Bangladesh Krishi Bank.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held today after Magrib prayers at Azad Mosque in Gulshan 2. He will be buried at Banani Graveyard.

Rahim left behind his wife, a son and two daughters to mourn his death.

Qulkhwani

METRO DESK



Qulkhwani of Motasim Billah former assistan genera

manager of Agrani Bank, will be held today.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be arranged at his residence after Maghrib prayers, says a press release. His friends, relatives,

colleague and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme.

Motasim died on

Saturday at the age of 53. He left behind his parents, wife, one daughter

and one son.



PHOTO: STAR

Communist Party of Bangladesh and Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal bring out a procession in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding cancellation of the recent decision to hike fuel prices.

Jamaat-Shibir gives flowers to police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

To everyone's surprise, the activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir presented flowers to on-duty police men in the city yesterday as they brought out a procession without resistance from the law enforcers.

They did it as it was the first time in two and a half years the party was officially allowed hold a rally, Jamaat's Sylhet city Assistant Secretary Fakhrul Islam told The Daily Star.

The party applied for the court point area but was given the registry maidan. About 2,000 Jamaat and Shibir activists brought out a

procession following the rally and handed over Rajanigandha sticks (tuberose) to the police men who were guarding the road on a one-and-a-half-kilometre stretch up to Ambarkhana. Some of the police men received the flower while a few

declined, all in bewilderment. Police could not say why they did it while they always made attacks on law enforcers.

Scientists must play an active role in making science education more attractive to younger generation, said Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday. Without investment in science, socio-

economic and human development is not possible, he also said at the inaugural session of a conference on "Legacy of S N Bose: Contemporary Advances in Physical Sciences."

Dhaka University (DU) Bose Centre for Advances Study and Research in Natural Sciences organised the conference at Senate Bhaban in the capital.

The education minister remembered

the enormous contributions of late Prof

Scientists must make

science edn attractive

Nahid tells conference at DU STAFF CORRESPONDENT

former director of DU Bose Center Dr M

ference.

Harun ur Rashid also addressed the conference. Physicists from United States, India, Nepal and Bangladesh attended the con-

Satyendra Nath Bose to quantum

quantum mechanics in the early 1920s.

He laid the foundation for Bose-Einstein

statistics and the theory of the

Siddique; former professor of DU physics

department Dr M Muhtasan Hossain; and

DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin

Bose is best known for his work on

mechanics and modern science.

Bose-Einstein condensate.

Monir again on remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday

placed Monir Uddin on a

three-day fresh remand on

charge of throwing acid on

marriage registrar's office in

the capital's Chankharpool

The court passed the

an Eden college girl at a

order after detective

Inspector Tapan Kumar

Saha, investigation officer

of the case, produced him

before it with a seven-day

The IO sought his fur-

ther remand for gathering

more information about

Earlier, Monir con-

Sharmin Akter Ankhi as

she refused his marriage

proposal at the registrar's

Ankhi's brother filed a

case against Monir and his

friend Masum. Monir was

arrested on January 24.

fessed to acid throwing on

on January 15.

remand prayer.

the incident.

office.

ACID ATTACK