

INCREASING STUDENTS' ENGLISH SKILL DIU signs deal with Daily Star

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Daffodil International University (DIU) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with The Daily Star yesterday to enhance English skills of the university students by developing their habit of reading English newspapers.

Under this agreement, signed at DIU in the capital's Sobhanbagh, the university will subscribe to 8,000 copies of The Daily Star every Sunday, when the supplement Star Campus comes out, for the next one year from June 1.

The authorities will distribute the copies among DIU students at a subsidised rate. The university currently has around 11,000 students.

The idea of this project was developed by DIU Chairman Md Sabur Khan, also president of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industries. He said Bangladeshis were losing opportunities of foreign jobs because of their poor English communication skills.

Addressing the students, Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam said, "The challenge of the 21st century is to be an informed citizen so that you can make intelligent decisions." Newspapers provide news and well-researched scholarly opinions to help readers form their own views, he added.

The MoU was signed by DIU Vice Chancellor Prof M Lutfar Rahman and The Daily Star Managing Editor Dr Salehuddin Ahmed on behalf of their respective institutions.

DIU Registrar Dr Md Fokhray Hossain and General Manager (Admin) of The Daily Star ASM Jamaluddin witnessed the signing.



Prof M Lutfar Rahman, vice-chancellor of Daffodil International University (DIU), centre left, shakes hands with Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, managing editor of The Daily Star, after signing a memorandum of understanding which stipulates that the university will subscribe to 8,000 copies of the English daily every Sunday, when the supplement Star Campus comes out, for one year from June 1 to enhance the English skill of the students. Md Sabur Khan, chairman of DIU Board of Trustees and president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industries, and Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, were also present at the event in DIU auditorium in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Ahsanullah Master's anniversary of death today

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Today is the ninth death anniversary of Ahsanullah Master, a freedom

fighter and former Awami League lawmaker.

On the occasion, different organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes in Dhaka, Gazipur and other places across the country, says a press release.

The programmes include placing wreaths at his grave, organising milad mahfil, distributing food among the destitute and holding discussion on his life and works.

Ahsanullah Master was shot dead on May 7, 2004 by criminals at a rally on Noagaon MA Mazid School ground in Tongi, Gazipur.

Makbul Hasan Moni

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Today is the 32nd death anniversary of Makbul Hasan Moni, FCA

(England and Wales).

A Qurankhwani and a milad mahfil will be held at his Bakshi Bazar residence at 6:30pm today.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh



Language Movement veteran Prof Sara Taifur Mahmud died

of a cardiac arrest at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital on Sunday afternoon. She was 82.

Sara retired as a principal from Mymensingh Teachers' Training College (Women).

Swachhasebak Dal, JCD call 36-hour hartal in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Swachhasebak Dal yesterday called a 36-hour hartal from tomorrow morning in Sylhet district protesting the law enforcers' action killing and injuring Hefajat-e-Islam activists.

The shutdown was called after a meeting between the two organisations last night.

Earlier in the evening, a procession was brought out in the city's court point area protesting the action.

The law enforcers, comprising police, Rab and Border Guard Bangladesh, conducted drives to disperse the Islamist activists during their rally in the capital's Motijheel early yesterday.

CTG ARMS HAUL CASES

11 more included in charge sheets: IO

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two supplementary charge sheets accusing 11 more people were provided as circumstantial evidence and interrogation of a substantial number of witnesses indicated that they were involved in smuggling arms, seized in Chittagong in 2004.

This was stated by the fifth and final investigation officer (IO) Moniruzzaman Chowdhury of the two arms haul cases at the end of his deposition as a prosecution witness before Chittagong Metropolitan Special Tribunal No-1 yesterday.

The addition, including former state minister for home Lutfuzzaman Babar and Jamaat-e-Islami chief Motiur Rahman Nizami, took the number of accused in the two cases, one for smuggling firearms and the other under the arms act, to 50 and 52 respectively, he said.

The cases were filed a day after seven truckloads of arms and ammunitions were seized at a jetty of Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd (CUFL) in Chittagong city on April 2, 2004.

Apart from Babar and Nizami, Ulfa

leader Paresh Barua, former NSI director general Brig Gen (retd) Abdur Rahim and DGFI director Maj Gen (retd) Rezaqul Haider Chowdhury are on both charge sheets.

The others are ex-NSI director wing commander (retd) Shahab Uddin, deputy director Maj (retd) Liakat Hossain and field officer Akbar Hossain Khan, former additional secretary of industries ministry Nurul Amin, and ex-CUFL managing director Mohsin Talukder and general manager (admin) Enamul Hoque.

Babar and Nizami, behind bars in a third case, were later shown arrested in the two cases. Nurul Amin and Paresh Barua are still absconding, said the IO, now additional superintendent of police of Criminal Investigation Department.

After the deposition, Judge SM Mojibur Rahman allowed defence lawyers to start cross-examining Moniruzzaman.

The defence lawyers, however, wanted to further cross-examine Ahadur Rahman, the then officer-in-charge of Karphuli Police Station who filed the cases. The court stated that an order in this regard has already been passed.

6hrs transport strike makes commuters suffer in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka city dwellers faced immense sufferings due to shortage of public transports as the transport workers went on a six-hour strike yesterday.

Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samik Federation enforced the strike protesting the death of transport worker Siddiqur Rahman and vandalism of vehicles during clashes between Hefajat-e-Islam activists and law enforcers on Sunday.

Office going people were seen waiting for long at different bus stoppages due to sparse presence of public transport.

"I have been waiting here for an hour, but could not get any bus. One or two buses come intermittently," said Faisal Imtiaz, an NGO employee.

Many passengers alleged that rickshaw-pullers and CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers were charging higher fare, even double in some cases.

"Usually I travel on rickshaw from Khilgaon to Moghbazar at Tk 40. Today, I had to pay Tk 70 for the same route," said Shakil Mahmood, a private medical college student.

Many people had to walk several kilometres to their offices.

Meanwhile, the transport workers will also bring out processions across the country today morning.

RCC MAYORAL POLLS Nagorik Committee backs Liton

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Nagorik Committee (RNC), a non-political body of pro-liberation and progressive people, has decided to back incumbent Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton as its favoured candidate in the upcoming Rajshahi City Corporation elections on June 15.

Dr Sayed Shafikul Alam, member secretary of RNC, an influential group which successfully nominated Liton in the last election too, made the announcement at a press conference at a city community centre yesterday.

"His (Liton's) activities have already started becoming visible as he turned Rajshahi into a beautiful and clean city through modern infrastructural development programmes," he said. "But he would need some more time to make the development process of a big city like Rajshahi into a real success."

Dr Alam said most of the 23 promises made by the RNC during the 2008 elections were almost fulfilled. He added that the main promise for providing natural gas supply to households and business establishments would only take a few more weeks to be fulfilled.

Announcement Written Test for the post of Trainee Junior Officer (Cash)

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For any assistance or query regarding online Admit Card please contact: **01730-002728**

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