

# NEWS IN brief

## PM meets grassroots leaders today

BSS, Dhaka

Awami League President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina meets the grassroots leaders of Jessore, Tangail, Kishoreganj, Naogaon, Kurigram and Laxmipur in her official residence Gono Bhavan in the capital today.

To seek opinion on the probable party aspirants for the next parliamentary polls, she will meet the presidents and general secretaries of the district, thana, upazila and grade-I municipality units.

The meetings will continue with the leaders of the other regions till October 12, said a press release yesterday.

## Orientation for autumn semester freshers held at IUB

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Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) yesterday organised an orientation programme for the freshers admitted in the Autumn 2013 semester on its campus in the capital's Bashundhara Residential Area.

Vice-Chancellor Prof M Omar Rahman spoke among others while Lima Choudhury, deputy director of IUB Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid, conducted the programme.

## Criminal arrested in Khulna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Police arrested a listed criminal in his residence at Koyra village no-4 in Koyra upazila of Khulna on Friday night.

Kuddus Dhali, 26, is an accused in several cases, including extortion and illegal arms possession, filed with different police stations in Khulna and Satkhira, said police.

## Asia Foundation donates 4,000 books to 20 schools in capital

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The Asia Foundation Bangladesh yesterday at a function donated 4,000 books to 20 schools in Rayerbazar and Mohammadpur in the capital marking International Literacy Day 2013.

The event was held on Rayer Bazar Playground where a daylong book fair was also organised especially for the underprivileged children, said a press release.

Hasan Mazumdar, country representative of the foundation; Zaki Hasan, country director, Room to Read Bangladesh; Anwer Hossain, managing director of Sesame Workshop Bangladesh; Ehsanur Rahman, executive director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission; Korvi Rakshand, founder of Jaago Foundation; and Sukla Dey, programme coordinator of the foundation; were present at the event.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has a chat with former classmates and students of Azimpur Girls School and College, where she had her schooling, at the educational institution in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PMO

## Khaleda to address rally in Narsingdi today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As part of a two-month programme in seven divisional headquarters, BNP-led 18-party opposition alliance chief Khaleda Zia will address a rally in Narsingdi Municipality Sishu Park today afternoon to drum up people's support in favour of restoration of the caretaker government system.

The last rally is scheduled to be held in the capital after Eid-ul-Azha in the third week of October.

BNP sources said it has targeted to gather around 10 lakh people at the Narsingdi rally.

## CHILDREN UNDER 5 36pc underweight Discussion told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Almost 36 percent of the children under the age of five in Bangladesh are underweight, said speakers at a discussion at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

Citing data from Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey, 2011 they further said 41 percent of all children under the age of five show stunting as a result of malnutrition.

The roundtable titled "Multi-sectoral Approaches to Nutrition" was organised by Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI) in partnership with The Daily Star.

"Under-nutrition costs over Tk 7,000 crore in loss of productivity, because of the life-long impacts it bears," said Dr Rukhsana Haider, chairperson of Training and Assistance for Health and Nutrition Foundation.

Dr Ruhul Amin of Dhaka Shishu

Hospital lamented that no one gives medical treatment to children suffering from malnutrition.

"There is a link between malnourishment and cancer," said Prof Ferdousi Begum, obstetrician at Sir Salimullah Medical College.

A lot of this under-nutrition can be combated by ensuring that mothers give nothing but breast milk to the baby for the first six months, added Dr Rukhsana.

"However birth attendants do not tell this important bit of information to pregnant mothers," she said.

They also do not counsel them on the importance of taking zinc and iron supplements during pregnancy, added Rukhsana.

Dr Mohammad Anisul Haque, program coordinator at Brac, stated that most babies start losing weight during the period when solid food is given.

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## EDUCATION, BUSINESS UK relaxes immigration rules

CITY DESK

The United Kingdom has relaxed its immigration rules giving greater flexibility to students and businesses that employ and sponsor international migrants.

According to the new rules, visitors to the UK will be allowed a short period of study or training as part of their stay, stated a PTI report posted online by The Times of India yesterday.

Multinational firms will be able to bring their own auditors to the UK on business visitor visas. Business visitors will also be able to do a short course of study while they are here.

The changes, announced yesterday, will make the UK more attractive to international students by allowing them to take up corporate internships after completing their degree and making it easier for graduate entrepreneurs to take up skilled jobs, an official statement said.

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## Section 144 slapped to avert incidents over Rampal plant

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Bagerhat's Rampal Upazila Administration imposed Section 144, barring gatherings, at Faila Bus Stand intersection from 8:00am to 10:00pm yesterday after two groups declared simultaneous programmes centring construction of two coal-based thermal power plants.

The National Committee to Protect the Sundarbans on Friday afternoon declared to form a human chain and hold a public rally at 10:30am demanding the construction's cancellation. Within hours, the local Awami League called a rally supporting the construction.

Bangladesh Power Development Board and India's state-run National Thermal Power Company signed a deal late 2012 to set up the 1,320-megawatt

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## Cable operator shot dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A cable operator was shot dead and his two brothers were injured in an attack allegedly launched by their cousin in Barabai area of Gazipur city yesterday.

Joydevpur Police Station Officer-in-Charge SM Kamruzzaman said Shahadat had previous enmity with his cousin Mosharaf Hossain over the trade.

The deceased Shahadat Hossain, 25, was the owner of Rahat Cable Network.

The injured are Dipwar Hossain, 37, and Ripon, 32. Shahadat's wife Tahmina Akter, who claimed to have witnessed the incident, said around 10:00am her husband left home for Chandana Chourasta.

On the way, Mosharaf and his cohorts - Moin,

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Participants at a roundtable on "Multi-sectoral Approaches to Nutrition" at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI) in partnership with The Daily Star organised the event.

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## Arrest of Saoda's killer demanded She laid to rest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Saoda Begum, a first-year female accounting student of Barisal University (BU) who died after being knifed by a second-year management student on Thursday, was laid to rest at her family graveyard in Barguna district's Patharghata upazila yesterday.

Meanwhile, the university students brought out a procession and formed a human chain in Barisal city's Sadar Road demanding that the accused Russell Mia be arrested and punished.

Saoda's classmate, Bipul Baroi, son of Bijoy Baroi of Ramnagar village in Gopalganj's Kotalipara upazila, was arrested by police from his Jordan Road residence in the city on Thursday night and sent

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