Two-thirds

Eminent

The signatories include Prof

Emeritus Serajul Islam

Choudhury of Dhaka

University; columnists Syed

Abul Maksud and Rahnuma

Ahmed; rights activist

Khushi Kabir; and profes-

sors Nasim Akhtar Hossain

and Anu Mohammad of

self as wanted criminal

Shahadat demanded Tk 1

lakh from Nurul Kabir's wife

Fauzia Sultana and asked

Nurul Kabir to stop "talking

tough" in talk-shows,

Kabir filed a general diary

In the evening, Nurul

reported New Age.

with police.

A caller introducing one-

Jahangirnagar University.

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realised fully.

locally, he added.

budget, we've to get permis-

man of a Mymensingh

upazila, said local bodies had a

huge scope to collect taxes but

this opportunity was not

government's finance comes

as grant from the government

and the rest is collected

taker government AMM

Shawkat Ali put stress on

administrative decentralisa-

tion and capacity building of

Democracywatch Taleya

Executive Director of

Nepal proposed Thapa's

name at an informal meeting

of Saarc Foreign Ministers on

the sidelines of the 68th UN

General Assembly in New York

Bangladesh was the first secre-

tary general (1987 to 1989).

The second Bangladeshi to

hold the post was QAMA

Meanwhile, diplomatic

sources said Nepal, which has

Saarc Summit, was waiting for

the long overdue Saarc

Council of Ministers Meeting.

Saarc, the Maldives will

organise the inter-summit, a

formal meeting of Saarc

foreign ministers to finalise

the host, date, venue and

theme of the next Saarc

Summit. It will also approve

Thapa's nomination. But due

to political turmoil in both

countries, the Maldives is yet

to convene the inter-summit.

The documents, photos

and letters, given to the

museum, would be disclosed

later, said Mafidul Haque, a

The couple currently lives

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বর্গফুট লাক্সারী ফ্ল্যাট কিস্তিতে বিক্রয়

trustee of the museum.

in the US, he added.

As incumbent chair of

Rahim (2002 to 2005).

Abul Ahsan from

last month.

local government bodies.

Former adviser to a care-

About 90 percent of local

Faizur Rahman Fakir, chair-

sion for implementation."

FROM PAGE 3 University, said these local bodies could not spend money without approval from the line ministry. "There is a blanket control on government funds. It goes against auton-

omy or decentralisation."

Efforts by municipalities to collect taxes are low, and tax default is another problem for these bodies, he added. "Government's institutions are the highest defaulters."

Prof Tofazzal Islam Chowdhury, mayor of Nabiganj municipality in Habiganj, urged autonomy for local government institutions to improve services.

"In every way, we're under control of government agencies. We can't buy a vehicle without approval. If we frame a

Council of Ministers, a body of

foreign ministers of the Saarc

countries, may approve the

appointment in its future meet-

ing. No member state has so far

objected to such proposals in its

three-decade history, said

Thapa will succeed incum-

bent Secretary General Ahmed

Saleem of the Maldives, who

took over on March 12 last

All member states nomi-

nate a diplomat for the post on

a rotational basis. This time, it

is the turn of Nepal, where the

Saarc Secretariat is headquar-

secretary on July 21, Thapa

may take over as the Saarc

secretary general for a three-

year term on March 1, 2014.

He will be the second secretary

general from Nepal after for-

mer foreign secretary Yadav

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Appointed Nepal's foreign

foreign ministry sources.

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Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Rehman and CMI Senior Research Odd-Helge Fjeldstad also spoke. Arjun Bahadur

Man held with cocaine worth Tk 1cr in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-7 arrested a man with 900gm of cocaine, worth around Tk 1 crore, in Rail Gate area of Chittagong city yesterday afternoon. The arrestee is

Mehedi Hasan, 22, of the area. Acting on a tip-off, a

Rab-7 team went to his residence in the guise of buyers and arrested him, said Rab sources.



(Front row from left) Ramendu Majumdar, Dr Sarwar Ali, Syed Shamsul Haque, AK Khandker, Sultana Kamal, Kamal Lohani and Ayesha Khanam alongside (back row) Abed Khan, Dr Baharul Alam and Nasir Uddin Yousuff sing the national anthem at a national convention organised by Bangladesh Rukhe Darao, a platform of progressive and pro-liberation forces, in the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

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of secularism.

The scholars from

Sri Lanka and Nepal partici-

pating in the conference

observed that religious

fundamentalism is spread-

ing in South Asian countries

and obstructing the progress

to prevent this menace is

escalating threat of commu-

Bangladeshi historian and

the sammilani Convener

Failure of secular forces

Insufficient learning resources fails when teachers do not get

FROM PAGE 5 He also recommended that the programme should not just aim to provide good learning materials but also the environment where the tools will be properly used.

"The programme should not focus only on schools at divisional headquarters because there is a high regional imbalance in the extent of English taught and learnt at the schools in marginal commuproposed to host the 18th nities," he added.

> The training must note that even teachers can have different levels of aptitude, said Robi Vice-President (CRL Division) Mohiuddin Babar.

Training teachers in English might encourage some to seek out higher paid jobs in the cities, warned the speakers.

This interactive training

the support while trying to practice innovative methods within the classroom, said Shireen Hasan, founder and executive director of X-cel Institute of Interactive Learning.

Teachers can dedicate an extra class to use materials from the weekly page, recommended Nipa Nasrin, lecturer at Brac Institute of Languages. "Also, veteran teachers are

less likely to adapt to new be on younger teachers who can prove to be more flexible," she said. Manindra Nath Roy, direc-

tor of the Directorate of Primary Education, recommended that students be taught to speak English as well.

"In addition, the needs of

primary school students must be addressed too," advised Faizul Kabir, manager of Teach for Bangladesh. Robi Executive Vice

President Mahmudur Rahman suggested forming clubs that improve the practice of English. Alexandra Tyers, senior training and development consultant at British Council,

suggested that Robi provide

learning materials using partly responsible for the mobile services. Even the use of information nal violence, they said. technologies. So focus should communication technology needs a good grasp of English, said Robi acting chief executive

officer Matiul Islam Nowshad.

Our human resources often

Prof Muntassir Mamoon miss out on important global said the countries need to opportunities and cannot work as a single entity to compete in the international fight all forms of religious arena because of a lack of extremism. proficiency in English, he said. "Secularism has to be

there for the sake of economic and other developments," he said.

The scholars also opined it was the state's duty to recognise pluralism and

religious and lingual ethnic-

ity and assure minority communities a life without Bangladesh, India, Pakistan,

"In Bangladesh, we observe a serious practice of Islam as the state religion, ethnicity-based heasked, "How can you mix communalism. While the oil and water?" whole world is recognising our language, we are yet to of Sri Lanka made it clear recognise our own ethnic that the next generation languages," said Prof

Spread of religious extremism

University.

ferent languages in Former Indian cabinet Chairing the closing Bangladesh, he said, minister Mani Shankar session, eminent observing that unlike other parts of the world, cultural movements in this region have shaped political activi-

Historian Prof Syed |

Anwar Husain said politics

and religion have different purposes and should not be mixed, while democracy is secular by nature.

"If communalism rises in the name of religion then must say that we do not practice religion accordingly," he said.

Criticising Bangladesh's constitution which simultaneously states that the country is secular and recognises

Prof Rohan Gunaratna

would be grateful if the Mesbah Kamal of Dhaka present generation makes them believe in the need of There are at least 39 dif- a secular state.

Aiyar and Pakistani Islamic scholar and columnist Syed Haider Farooq Moudoodi also spoke.

Woman found

FROM PAGE 5

Mahfuzul told police that after getting up in the morning he saw his wife's body hanging from the ceiling fan with a scarf.

He said he had no quarrel

Govt tricked people

up of the plant, as it went against their interests. The plaque will be a symbol of "government trickery", he said. Ignoring experts' opinions, the government is trying to serve the purposes of vested quarters, he observed.

Abdullah Harun Chowdhury, a professor of

The Daily Star

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environmental science at Khulna University, said the plant would cause air and water pollution, soil erosion, human diseases, and raise temperature.

The project is physically, environmentally, biologically and sociologically unfit, he viewed.

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M Feroze Ahmed, vice chancel-

zoology at Dhaka University, and NCSS Member Secretary Abdul Matin also spoke among others.

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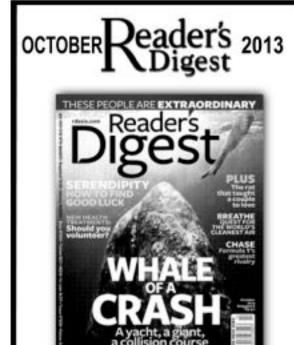
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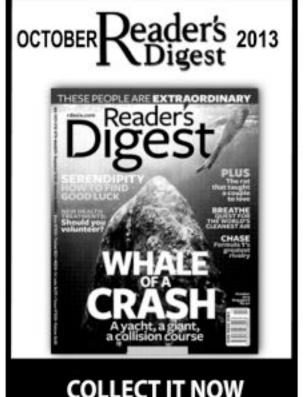
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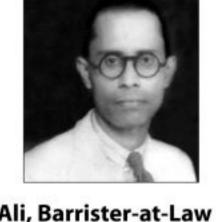
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Date of AGM Record Date

Time and Venue

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Dated: 5th October 2013

: November 16, 2013 for the years from 2005 to 2012 October 30, 2013 for the years from 2005 to 2012

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