launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Daily Star.

Country's first

bone marrow

Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday

launched the country's first bone marrow/stem cell trans-

Situated on the 9th floor of the DMCH-2, the highly

Depending on the patient's state, it takes about Tk 10-12

The unit will eventually open opportunities to cure

plant facility, taking a giant leap in treating cancer patients.

specialised and technology-dependent medical unit will be

lakh in India and nearly Tk 1 crore in the US and Singapore.

thalassaemia (both major and minor), several types of

bone cancers, and other non-malignant and non-

cancerous diseases, the unit head's Prof MA Khan told The

people needing bone marrow transplants, we reckon that there

are several lakh, many of whom go abroad for treatment," he said.

Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), United States,

which for the past one year, provided the education and

training to physicians, technologists and nurses of the facility.

assistant professor at the Department of Medicine at MGH,

was one of the key figures who arranged the deal between

the simpler methods (autologous stem cell transplant).

the Bangladesh government and MGH.

Bimalangshu R Dey, a Bangladeshi doctor working as an

He said, "For the first six months, the unit will only try

"Although there is no official statistics on the number of

The unit was set up with technical support from

able to bring down the transplant costs to about Tk 5 lakh.

The defence of war crimes accused Motiur Rahman Nizami could not produce their witness for testimony at International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday.

Yesterday, the first day after vacation, was fixed for recording testimony of the defence witness but the defence filed a petition seeking

SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

Ctg court orders arrest of railway official Mridha

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday ordered the arrest of suspended Bangladesh Railway (east) general manager (GM) Yusuf Ali Mridha and seven other people in two cases filed on charges of corruption in recruitment to different

posts of the railway. SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

PHOTO: BSS

Jatiya Party (JP) Chairman HM Ershad meets Awami League (AL) President also Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Gono Bhaban in the capital yesterday to have a clear idea on the latter's proposal for forming an all-party election-time government, which he earlier found to be "vague". In late August, the chief of JP, a component of the AL-led grand alliance, had said all had to get rid of the present "unsuccessful" government. He had also refused to join any election under the present Election Commission.

Conduct study on climate-induced migration in Bangladesh

Demand 6 rights, civil society groups STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six rights groups and civil society networks yesterday demanded that the government conduct a survey and assessment on the internal climate-induced migration in Bangladesh before taking the issue to the upcoming international climate negotiations.

The Bangladesh delegation must demand a solid programme on climate migrants in the Poland conference due in November so that there is some agreement in Paris in 2015, said Qumrul Isalm Chowdhury of Forum of Environmental Journalists of Bangladesh (BEJF), addressing a seminar at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

Environment and Forest Minister Hasan Mahumd declared that Bangladesh Climate Change Strategic Action Plan would be revised and money would be allocated there for researches on climate migrants.

He said the developed countries had to take the responsibility of these migrants, and the definition of the UN refugee had to be revised to accommodate them.

At the seminar, "Climate-induced migrants: Responsibilities at national and international level", Dr Ahsanuddin of CGC said that if Bangladesh failed to present the estimated number of climate migrants, it would not get proper response at international level.

Bangladesh must tell the developed world that within its limited capacity, the country is spending almost \$1

hotel in capital

Police yesterday recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

the body of a young woman from a hotel in Ashkona of Dakkhin Khan in the capital.

The woman registered at Dhaka International Residential Hotel several days ago under the name Ruby with her alleged husband, whose name was registered as Rahul.

Their room was locked from outside since Saturday night and the man had not been seen since then.

Police, on information from the hotel management, broke into the room yesterday evening and found the body wrapped in a sheet on the bed and with ligature marks around the

Sub-inspector Nitta Chandra Das of Dakkhin Khan Police Station suspects she was strangled and told The Daily Star that the body would be sent to the Dhaka Medical College morgue for

Woman's body recovered from Tiger census thru camera trapping begins Thursday

BSS, Khulna

The census and monitoring of the Bengal Tiger population in the Sundarbans through the use of camera trapping method will kick off on Thursday.

More than 1,000 field workers will use 89 cameras to count the total tiger population in the Bangladesh part of the world's largest mangrove forest, which also covers part of India.

This is the first time that census of the Bengal tiger population and its monitoring will be done through camera trapping instead of the pugmarks (footprints) method.

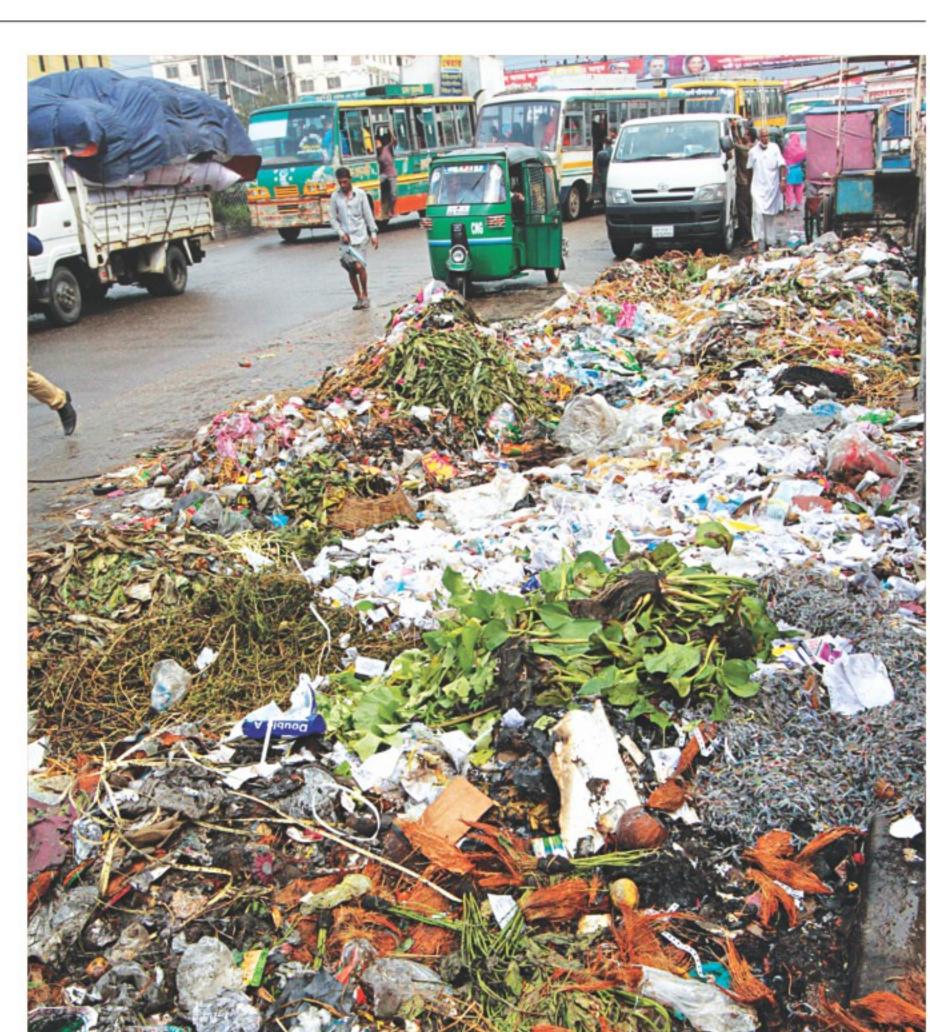
Funded by the World Bank under "Strengthening Regional Co-operation for Wildlife Protection Project", the census will continue till June 2014.

The one-year project will be implemented with the financial assistance of Tk 30 lakh, said Md Mobinul Hasan, assistant conservator of forests (ACF) in charge of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation, talking to the news agency.

He said 89 automatic infrared cameras would be planted at different points of the Sundarbans to capture movement and take pictures of tigers. One camera has a capacity to take pictures within an area of about 300 square kilometres for 20 days at a stretch.

Accordingly, the project cannot be implemented fully before June 2014 to take the snaps of tigers moving in the forest, which sprawls over an area of 6,000 sq-km in Bangladesh. The actual number of tigers can be ascertained after analysis of the pictures, he said.

"The major threats to the Bengal tiger are poaching of tigers and its prey, deer, and habitat loss." Bangladesh has taken several steps for tiger conservation including Tiger



SEE PAGE 4 COL 3

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAO Piled up garbage takes up nearly half the width of the Dhaka-Chittagong highway, before Hazi Nekbor Ali Supermarket under Siddhirganj, obstructing traffic. Moreover, the stench had drowned the whole area. The photo was taken yesterday.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia chairs a meeting of her party-led 18-party alliance at her office in the capital's **Gulshan last night** to discuss the alliance's next course of action regarding its face-off with the Awami Leagueled government over the process of the next

PHOTO: BNP

general election.

Pass amended CHT land

Chittagong Hill Tracts Commission

(CHTC) yesterday called upon the govern-

ment to pass the bill containing amend-

ments to the CHT Land Dispute Resolution

Commission Act 2001 during the parlia-

In a letter sent to Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina, CHTC also expressed concern on

the recent arson attack on houses of 30

indigenous families in Khagrachhari's

It also expressed concern on attempts by

Bangalee settlers to grab lands of around 50

Mro families in Bandarban's Lama and

plans to deploy a Border Guard Bangladesh

battalion in Khagrachhari's Dighinala on a

31-acre land, which would evict another 50

The letter was signed by three co-chairs of

SEE PAGE 4 COL 8

dispute resolution act

CHTC urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ment's current session.

Matiranga upazila.

families.



BILATERAL RELATIONS Bangladesh, India must fight challenges

Pankaj Saran tells Bangladeshi youths who leave for India today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pankaj Saran yesterday stressed the need for facing the challenges between the two neighbours to achieve common development. "We are neighbours--that's a matter of fact. How we can

be good neighbours--that's the challenge," he told a Bangladeshi youth delegation at Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre in the capital.

female doctors, engineers, management graduates, busi-

The 100-member team including young male and ness people, entrepreneurs, journalists, musicians and students will leave for India today on a weeklong visit at the

invitation of India's government. The initiative is part of India's policy to further peopleto-people contacts and exchanges between India and Bangladesh. This is the second 100-member Bangladesh

SEE PAGE 4 COL 5

BEATING OF TWO OVER COW PURCHASE

9 more accused get bail, victims don't

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A magistrate's court of Rangpur yesterday granted bail to nine more accused including two village police of Badarganj upazila in a case filed for beating two villagers over a cow

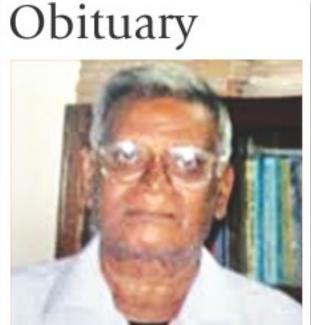
The court, however, rejected the bail prayer of the main accused, Shahidul Haque, chairman of Kalupara Union

Parishad. Meanwhile, another magistrate court denied bail to Amjad Hossain and Sahirul

Islam, the two victims, and fixed today for hearing the remand prayer for them. On Thursday, Abdul Gofur, father of

Amjad Hossain, a victim, lodged a case against 12 persons, including the chairman and four village police. The next day, police arrested two village police--Abdul Mannan and Abdur Rahim.

Later in the same day, a magistrate's court SEE PAGE 4 COL 8



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

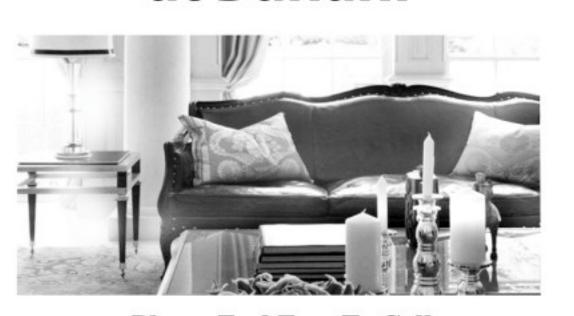
Monoranjan Saha, former deputy chief of Water Resources Planning Organisation, died of a cardiac arrest at the upazila health complex in Daudkandi of Comilla on Wednesday.

He was cremated at Postogola on the same day. Monoranjan is survived by his son Sanjay Kumar Saha, a teacher of Habibullah Bahar College in Dhaka.

Fabercrest **

Exclusive Single Unit Apartment of 2058 sft in Full 3rd Floor

at Banani



Please Feel Free To Call Tel: 9857230 - 4 01713 048556, 01714 040457, 01714 039844



MASTERMIND VACANCY

[All candidates must have a minimum of 2 (two) years experience]

FOR IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT

1. FACULTY POSITIONS: (For Uttara & Dhanmondi Branch) Physics, Mathematics, Economics, English, Chemistry, Accounting, B. Studies, Commerce (Male/Female)

Candidates must be smart, fluent in English and capable of teaching up to A-Level. Minimum qualification : Masters

2. ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Female only English Medium

background, smart and willing to work hard. Excellent A pay package (For Uttara & Dhanmondi Branch)

NGO experience will be preferred. Qualification: Masters (Age not above 45 years.)

Interested candidates are requested to drop their C.V

in the school drop box before 30th October 2013.

Place: House # 5, Road # 12 (New) 31 (Old), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka.