

VARENDRA RESEARCH MUSEUM US to give another grant

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Dan W Mozena yesterday declared that the US would provide another donation, this time \$ 85,000, to renovate Rajshahi city's Varendra Research Museum, run by Rajshahi University.

He was inaugurating the museum's revamped interior, including the display and lighting, carried out with a \$ 94,033 US donation.

Mozena said the donation would be used to renovate the building's exterior, boundary wall, guardroom, ticket counter and surrounding landscape and provide emergency power.

Road crashes kill six

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Four construction workers were killed and 25 others injured when a truck carrying them fell into a canal after colliding head-on with a pick-up van at Uttar Wapda Bazar in Sadar upazila yesterday, reports our Noakhali correspondent.

The deceased were Belal Hossain, Jahid, Nur Nabi, and Ajad. In Natore, a truck driver, Sarowar Hossain of Jhenidah, was killed and his helper injured when two trucks collided head-on at Koyen in Baraigram upazila.

In Chapainawabganj, Doli of Sadar upazila, died when a truck hit her in Ranihati Bazar area of Shibganj upazila.

Hearing on charges Feb 25

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the time as Mufti got bail from the High Court for eight weeks and did not appear before the lower court.

Of the nine accused, six who are in jail custody, were present before the court, said the PP.

A blast occurred at a room in a student dormitory of Al Jamiatul Ulum Al Islamia Madrasa run by Mufti Izharul Islam in the port city's Lalkhan Bazar area on October 7, 2013.

Following the incident, four handmade grenades and a good number of bomb making materials were recovered from the madrasa. Later, three people injured in the blast died in Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

On October 8, 2013, police filed two cases with Khulshi Police Station. The charge sheet was submitted on February 10 naming the nine.

JnU students boycott classes

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building this morning as part of their continuous agitation.

The university students started the movement on February 12, demanding the return of Tibet Hall, allegedly occupied by Awami League leader Haji Mohammad Selim.



PHOTO: STAR

Jagannath University students bring out a procession on the campus in the capital yesterday demanding recovery of 10 of their halls from illegal occupation. Their movement started on February 12, with the demand for the return of Tibet Hall, allegedly occupied by Awami League leader Haji Mohammad Selim. Story on page 3.

Death anniversary

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Today is the second death anniversary of Mohammad Faizullah, a former secretary to

the government and a member of the erstwhile CSP.

US officials

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Hefajat Secretary General Junaid Babunagari, Joint Secretary General Muinuddin Ruhi, and Organising Secretary Azizul Hoque Islamabadi, among others, were present on the occasion.

MJF condemns

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Her husband, Debaratan Chakma, later filed a case with Khagrachhari Police Station accusing one truck driver, Mohammad Nizam, and four others.

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examinees and O level candidates, who missed the first round or failed to get through, to compete again for the second round. For this, they have to log onto www.champs21.com.

Commonwealth again calls

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over the recent reports of continuing extra-judicial killings, disappearances, and repression of opposition activists, said sources.

BNP sources in London confirmed the meeting, but Commonwealth Spokesperson Richard Uku could not be contacted through e-mail and phone.

An official at the Bangladesh High Commission, who wanted not to be named, also confirmed the meeting that lasted about an hour.

Mwamba referred to Commonwealth's position, which was stated after the January 5 election and again on February 3. On both occasions, it expressed its readiness to support a purposeful dialogue towards a framework for future elections that fully reflects the will of the people and respects the principle of democratic constitutionalism.

Tarique told the Commonwealth official that there was no alternative to holding of elections under a neutral caretaker government to resolve the current political crisis.

2 more implicate Quasem

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Prova told him that Ranjit and Tuntu had been taken inside but there was no sign of them. Mridul then heard locals saying that both men had been killed by Quasem's followers, he said, adding that the two were never found.

Both witnesses refuted defence counsel Mizanul Islam's claims during their cross-examination that their deposition was dictated by the prosecution.

The tribunal adjourned the case proceedings till February 23 and hearing of a petition till today.

A High Court lawyer filed the petition seeking a contempt of court rule against British journalist David Bergman for his analysis on two war crimes cases in his blog.

The tribunal told the petitioner to mention his name and that of his parents in the petition.

Akbar's counsel ends

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the statements of 61 prosecution witnesses.

Taher's lawyer told the court that the prosecution failed to prove any charges of blasting explosives and killing any people against his client.

The court fixed today for the next hearing.

During the traditional celebrations of Bangla New Year 1408 (April 1, 2001) in the capital's Ramna Batamul, a bomb blast killed 10 people and injured 50 others.

On February 6, the prosecution completed arguments and sought death for all 14 accused, including Harkat-ul Jihad (Huji) chief Mufti Abdul Hannan.



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It played role in country's agri

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Mati O Manush, have played a role in this transformation process,” Shykh Seraj, director and head of news of Channel-i, told a press conference at its office in the capital.

Seraj, also planner and presenter of the programme that marks its 10th anniversary on February 21, had presented “Mati O Manush”, a programme on agriculture, on Bangladesh Television since 1982.

“When we launched Hridoye Mati O Manush on February 21, 2004, the context was very different from that of the 80s. We took up issues like marketing on farm produce, farmers’ empowerment, and linking the urban youth to agriculture,” he said.

Seraj has won the UN Food and Agricultural Organization's AH Boerma Award and Ekushey Padak, among other awards, for his contributions to agricultural development.

The development activist said while farming sector had drawn substantial attention, a major concern now was that farmers were not getting due prices of their produce.

“This is because of middlemen on many levels eating up a major share of the profit. Also, we don't have adequate storage facilities for vegetables.” A price commission is also needed, he said.

Samakal Editor Golam Sarwar praised Seraj for his contributions.

CHANNEL-i AGRICULTURE AWARDS
Faridur Reza Sagar, managing director of Impress Telefilm Ltd and Channel-i, yesterday, announced the names of the winners of Channel-i Agriculture Awards for 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Channel-i will also confer Lifetime Honour Award 2014 on agriculturist Dr Motlur Rahman when the awards will be distributed on March 15, Sagar said.

Security beefed up at Shaheed Minar

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head for Jagannath Hall crossing the intersections at Palashi and Fuller Road.

From Shahbagh, people have to go to the intersection at Nilkhet, turn left there to go towards Jagannath Hall.

However, roads from TSC to Bakshi Bazar

intersection, including those going towards the Shaheed Minar, and from the VC's residence to Fuller Road intersection will be closed.

While leaving, people have to use roads leading to Doyel Chattar and Chankhar Pool intersection.

Three killed in capital

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youth aged around 25 from the third-floor staircase of a six-storey building. There were stab and strangulation marks on his chin and neck.

The building occupants could not tell how the body got there, said police.

Meanwhile, Uttara police found the body of an unidentified girl in a sack lodged in a sewer on Road-9. Police spotted strangulation marks on her neck.

All the three bodies were sent to the Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Working children's day out with ASK

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motivation to continue their education throughout the year,” said Gita Chakraborty, the unit's senior deputy director. “I got to ride a horse today,” said domestic worker Sumi Akhter pointing at a merry-

go-round and bubbling with contentment.

A class VI student in an ASK drop-in centre in Goran, she had taken a leave from her daily afternoon part-time job. “Our parents cannot bring us here. We are happy that ASK has given us this opportunity,” she said.

Govt assures language martyr Barkat's

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The ward councillor applied to the deputy commissioner and the assistant commissioner (land) requesting not to provide them Review Survey mutation although

they had applied for it, he added.

Ain Uddin lodged a complaint to the deputy commissioner Tuesday alleging that the ward councillor harassed them over the land.

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OUR APOLOGY

We regret to inform you that our daughter's Sabaah U Rab holud scheduled for Thursday 20th February 2014 at Saffron Club 7.30 PM Gulshan Dhaka and wedding reception scheduled for Sunday 23rd February 2014 at Club Amazon 7.30 PM Gulshan Dhaka have been postponed due to unavoidable circumstance. We are Extremely sorry for the inconvenience to all our guest and well wishers.

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