

# AGRO-JOURNALISM

## University courses suggested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Agriculture being the mainstay of Bangladesh's economy needs to be well covered in the mainstream media and journalists having academic background on agriculture journalism can better cater that needs, said experts.

Stakeholders participating in a workshop on "Agriculture Journalism Curriculum Development" at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday also noted that mass media industry would benefit from the new entrants, who would join the industry with a better understanding of agricultural report writing.

Society for Media & Suitable Human-Communication Techniques (SoMaSHTE) with support from Katalyst, a market development project, organised the workshop to share views on the draft of agro-journalism course and curriculum developed by Prof Bill Allen of University of Missouri, USA.

The Department of Television and Film Studies of Dhaka University came forward in introducing the course on agriculture journalism. While moderating the workshop, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Daffodil International University Prof Dr M Golam Rahman also expressed willingness to introduce such course in his university.

Dr Rahman regretted that though journalism education started at the public university in the country in 1962, inclusion of such important courses like agriculture journalism in its curricula has been taken so many years.

Presenting the draft on agro-journalism course, Prof Bill Allen referred to the series of reports on food adulteration run by The Daily Star as an example of "guide dog" role played by media.

Channel-i Director (News) Shykh Siraj, a pioneer in practicing agriculture journalism in Bangladesh, emphasised balancing theories and classroom education with practical learning and field experiences while developing curriculum on agro-journalism.

Deputy Director of Agriculture Information Service Dr Jahangir Alam, Associate Editor of the daily Samakal, Ajay Dasgupta, Channel 71 Director (News) Syed Ishtiaq Reza, Chairman of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Information System of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dr Md Sekender Ali, Chairman of the Department of Television and Film Studies of Dhaka University, Dr Abu Jafar Md Shafiqul Alam, the Department of Livestock Service official, Dr MA Sabur, Katalyst consultants, Nafia Hussain, Nawshaba Rashid, AS Ansari, SoMaSHTE Directors Mir Masrur Zaman and Mir Shahidul Alam took part in the discussion.

A good number of students from the Department of Television and Film Studies at Dhaka University participated in the workshop and expressed eagerness to see agro-journalism course introduced in their department.



North South University Board of Trustees Chairman Benajir Ahmed and the university Vice Chancellor Dr Amin U Sarkar, among others, attended the orientation ceremony of the newly enrolled undergraduate students of NSU held on its Bashundhara campus in Dhaka yesterday.

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## 3-day int'l confce to

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Ministry of Environment and Forests at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the conference at 10:30am and Environment Minister Anwar Hossain Manju will chair it.

The conference also aims to review capacity and resources of conservation officers on the ground, energise and better coordinate flow of funds for GTRP's implementation, and enhance global support for conservation.

A Dhaka Declaration at the conference's end will state GTRP's next course of action, Environment Secretary Nojibur Rahman told a press conference at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday. Andrey V Kushlin, programme manager of Global Tiger Initiative, was present.

The 13 tiger range countries -- Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal,

Russia, Thailand and Vietnam -- are currently home to some 4,147 of the big cats.

Of them, approximately 1,706 are in India, 500 each in Indonesia and Malaysia and 440 in Bangladesh, states a brochure of the conference.

In November 2010, the 13 had met at an International Tiger Forum in St Petersburg where the GTRP was undertaken. As per the then St Petersburg Declaration on Tiger Conservation, the first stocktaking conference was held in New Delhi on May 2012.

On October 2012, officials and experts of the 13 met at Thimphu, formulating nine schemes, including strengthening capacity of field officers, conserving habitats, increasing coordination among the 13 and creating awareness.

The environment secretary yesterday listed different government conservation initiatives. Replying to journalists' queries, he said the Rampal power plant in Bagerhat would not affect tiger habitat or their movement.

## Quick disposal of convicts'

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Shamsul Islam Sumon, president of pro-JSD Chhatra League and brother of Momin, told The Daily Star that condemned convict former OC Rafique, and

lifers Habibur Rahman Taj and Thath Ucha Babu are in jail while other convicts remain absconding.

Sumon demanded security for his family members.

## Farashuddin receives Ahsanullah Gold Medal

CITY DESK

Dr Mohammad Farashuddin yesterday received Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Gold Medal 2013 for his contributions to education and macroeconomics.

Chief Justice Md Moazzam Hossain handed over the medal to Farashuddin in the capital's Ahsanullah University of Science & Technology.

President of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Kazi Rafiqul Alam, former NBR chairman Dr Mohammad Abdul Mazid and Vice-Chancellor of Jagannath University Prof Mizanur Rahman were present.

## Obituary

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Service Commission, died in Toronto on Friday. He was 74.

He was also a teacher of Political Science at Dhaka University. He would be buried at his village graveyard in Feni. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina condoled the death, says UNB.

## N'GANJ 7-MURDER CASE

# Another Rab-11 official confesses

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Another official of Rapid Action Battalion-11 yesterday confessed before a court to his involvement in the sensational seven-murder in Narayanganj.

Sub-Inspector Purnendu Bala gave the confessional statements before the court of Narayanganj Senior Judicial Magistrate KM Mohiuddin, said Officer-in-Charge of Narayanganj Detective Branch Mamunur Rashid Mandal, also the investigation officer of the case.

Purnendu was arrested on August 6 and later was placed on an eight-day remand. Yesterday was the seventh day of the remand.

With Purnendu, 11 arrestees, including three former Rab-11 officials, have given their confessional statements.

Rab-11 members allegedly abducted seven persons including Narayanganj city panel mayor Nazrul Islam and senior lawyer Chandan Sarker, in Narayanganj on April 27. Three days later, police recovered their bodies from the Shitalakkhya river.

## BAU admission test on Nov 8

BAU CORRESPONDENT

Admission test of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) in Mymensingh under 2014-15 academic session will be held on November 8.

Applicants are asked to apply online within September 30 and visit [www.admission.bau.edu.bd](http://www.admission.bau.edu.bd).

## No need to consult

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the minister said to err is human, and that the mistakes have been noted. The minister attended the "National Conference on Access to Justice through Partnerships with Government Legal Aid and NGOs" organised by National Legal Aid Services Organisation and Community Legal Services Programme at a city hotel.

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Notice is hereby given to all esteemed shareholders that the Seventeenth Annual General Meeting of TaeHung Packaging Bangladesh Ltd. will be held at 11.00 AM on Tuesday 30th September 2014 at 441-Howon-Dong Uijungbu-si, Gyeonggi-Do, Korea to transact the following businesses:  
1. To confirm the minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting.  
2. To receive, consider and adopt the audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2013 together with reports of the Auditors and the Directors thereon.  
3. To appoint Auditors for the year 2014 and to fix their remuneration.  
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All the esteemed shareholders are requested to attend the meeting in time and to feel free to contact us for more details on this meeting at 880-2-925-7068/9 (Office of TaeHung Packaging Bangladesh Ltd., Gazipur, Bangladesh)  
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**350 makeshift shops**  
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to remove their belongings from the area before morning.  
He said about 435 shops operating under the banner “Malibagh Bazar Small Trader Samity” were destroyed during the drive.  
“These shops are the only means of our livelihood. We demand that the government rehabilitate us,” said Oli.  
**DRIVE AT CHITTAGONG**  
Bangladesh Railway (East Zone) yesterday evicted about 70 to 80 makeshift shops of an illegal kitchen market in No-2 gate area of Chittagong city.  
“We warned the evicted traders of legal action if they come back here again,” said Assistant Estate Officer Abdul Bari of BR (East Zone).

**Form bodies**  
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youth Shimul and his friends from near her home.  
The stalker and his family, who lived in Khilgaon, had left the area following the incident and have not been arrested yet.  
Ritu had no other choice but to kill herself. Incidents like this repeat as the stalkers are not given exemplary punishment for harassing women and girls, said Atikul Haq Khan, secretary of the Khelaghar Ashar.

**Obituary**  
RU CORRESPONDENT  
M Anisur Rahman, former vice-chancellor of Rajshahi University (RU) and professor of Botany, died in Houston city of the USA yesterday. He was 75.

**Six more**  
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to work as an informer of Shibir and he informed the pro-Jamaat activists of the buses.  
On the day of the incident, police arrested 11 Shibir men.  
Meanwhile, demanding punishment for the attackers, Chittagong University Teachers' Association yesterday started a four-day work abstention for an hour.  
Cuta President Prof Benu Kumar Dey told The Daily Star that examinations were out of the purview of the abstention programme.  
At least 15 teachers of CU were injured when Shibir men allegedly hurled crude bombs at two university buses at Chhararkul in Hathazari upazila of Chittagong while the vehicles carrying the teachers were heading towards the campus on that day.  
Shbir men under the banner of general students have been observing an indefinite strike since August 31 demanding that two dormitories--Shah Amanat Hall and Suhrawardy Hall--be reopened. The dormitories controlled by Shbir were closed following gunfights between Shibir and Bangladesh Chhatra League on January 12 and on August 24, said CU sources.

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