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Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky till 6:00pm today. Moderate to thick fog may occur at places over the river basins and light to moderate fog may occur elsewhere. Mild cold wave may continue over Tangail, Srimangal, Pabna, Rajshahi, Dinajpur, Nilphamari and Chuadanga. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:30pm and rises on tomorrow at 06:44am.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE Issue notice asking Tarique to surrender: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



The High Court yesterday directed its registrar to issue a notice asking BNP leader Tarique Rahman, now in London, to surrender before the trial court by February 14 in a money laundering case, involv-

ing Tk 20.41 crore. It also asked the registrar to publish advertisements in at least two widely circulated English and Bangla dailies

the appeal filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission against his acquittal in the case. The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur

during this period about its accepting

Rahim and Justice Amir Hossain fixed February 14 for passing further orders in this regard. The bench passed the order during

hearing a prayer moved by ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan for fixing a date

State obliged to build uniform edu system

Experts tell PCCR-Save the Children discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although the constitution provides for a uniform and universal system of education, it is non-existent in the country and hence a violation of the charter, jurist M Amir-Ul Islam said yesterday.

The senior lawyer referred to Article 17, which asks the state to establish a uniform, mass oriented and universal system of education and extend free and compulsory education to all children and relate education to the needs of society.

"Have we ever addressed the needs?" Islam asked, saying if these were not addressed, everything would fall apart.

The constitution expert was addressing a roundtable on the "Right to Primary Education", organised jointly by the Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights (PCCR) and Save the Children, at a hotel in the capital.

The country has mainly three stipends for all. SEE PAGE 4 COL 4 types of education -- Bangla

medium, English medium, and madrasa.

Participants of the discussion called for amending the constitution and incorporating primary education as a right.

Deputy Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Advocate Md Fazle Rabbi Miah, however, did not see any necessity for a constitutional amendment.

If the Primary Education (Compulsory) Act, 1990 is updated, it will serve the purpose, he said.

He urged lawmakers to raise the issue in parliament.

Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman said progress was being made gradually. "Over the years, expectation has increased but we could not keep pace with the expectation," he said.

Regarding dropouts at the primary level of education, the minister claimed that many schools showed "fake enrolments" to ensure

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Saudi prince meets Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saudi Prince Turki bin Abdullah Aziz Al Saud and his brother Prince Badar bin Abdullah met BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night.

The 40-minute meeting, began around 7:50pm at the BNP chief's Gulshan residence in the capital.

President of Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Dr Ahmad Mohamed Ali Al-Madani and Saudi Ambassador in Dhaka Abdullah HM Al-Mutairi and BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, among others, were present at the meeting. However, there was no formal briefing about the outcome of the meeting.

PRO-AL UZ CHAIRMAN CANDIDATE MURDER Exec magistrate, two

BGB men face arrest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

A Bagerhat court has issued arrest warrants against an executive magistrate and two Border Guard Bangladesh men in a case filed for killing an Awami League-backed Fakirhat upazila chairman candidate in 2014.

The three are the then assistant commissioner (land) in Bagerhat Ariful Islam, who is currently serving as executive magistrate of Chapainawabganj Collectorate; BGB Habilder Mamun Ali and Jawan Babul Hossain, court sources said.

The court came up with the order on January 5 after taking cognisance of the murder charges against them.

According to court sources and case documents, the BGB men being instructed by Ariful kept pro-AL candidate Sardar Niyamat Hossain confined and beat him up with their rifle butts at Satsika Government Primary School over a trivial matter during the election on February 27, 2014.

The injured was left abandoned in a BGB pickup for around an hour. Following intervention of the deputy commissioner and the superintendent of police in Bagerhat,



Obituary CITY DESK

She was 76.

Mohsina Islam passed away at a hospital in Maryland, USA on Monday, said a press release yesterday.

She left behind her husband AM Nurul Islam Anu, former CSP and private secretary to prime minister Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and two sons and three grandchildren to mourn her death.



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