

SNAPS & snippets

Surya Sen Hall golden jubilee Jan 28

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The golden jubilee of Masterda Surya Sen Hall of Dhaka University will be held on January 28 next year, said a press release yesterday.
Registration forms are available at Surya Sen Hall office, TSC director's office and at www.surjasenhalldu.org or one can contact at 01781743012 and 01710956097.

Dhaka College '89 batch gets leaders

CITY DESK
Mahfuzur Rahman and Alamgir Hasibur Rahman were made president and general secretary respectively of the Dhaka College '89 Batch (HSC) Foundation.
A 16-member executive committee was formed at a reunion of the batch at a city convention centre on Friday, said a press release yesterday. Other office bearers include Nurul Islam Nayon, organising secretary and Naim Tarique, publicity secretary.



As part of their campaign for safe roads, members of Nirapad Sarak Chai (we demand safe road), wearing burial clothes, lie on the road in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, marking National Road Safety Day, to be observed on October 22.

WARRANT FOR TARIQUE BNP's demo today, tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
BNP Dhaka city unit yesterday announced to stage a demonstration in the capital today while the party across the country tomorrow protesting a warrant issued for the arrest of Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman in a sedition case.
Standing Committee Member Mirza Abbas and Vice President Shamsuzzaman Dudu made the announcement at separate press briefings at Nayapalton.
The court on September 29 issued the warrant for the arrest of Tarique and former ETV journalist after accepting charges against Tarique and three others previously involved with the private television channel. The case was filed against Tarique, former ETV chairman Abdus Salam and several other unknown persons on charge of broadcasting Tarique's "false, fabricated, and provocative" speech on January 5, 2015.



The tug-of-war between the vendors and the Chittagong City Corporation seems to have no end in sight since the former once again occupied the footpath of the port city's Jubilee Road in the Amtala area after the latter evicted them recently. This time the vendors not only occupied the footpath on the other side, they also invaded some part of the road. The photo was taken yesterday.

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Alienation leads to radicalisation

Speakers tell discussion marking Mahatma Gandhi's 147th birth anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The youth if remain alienated from the nation building process will be vulnerable to being drawn into radicalisation and violent extremism, said diplomats and young entrepreneurs at a discussion in the capital yesterday.
The top diplomats underscored the need for ensuring the rule of law to tackle such threats.
"They were disillusioned, disaffected and disfranchised and they expressed frustration in a destructive way," observed Maimuna N Ahmad, founder and chief executive officer of the Teach for Bangladesh, referring to the Holey Artisan carnage by some radicalised youths from the well-off section of society.
The youth have enthusiasm for playing constructive role in nation building, but their aspiration and self-esteem is thwarted in a staggering unemployment of innumerable graduates coming out every year from

both public and private universities, she observed.
Rafiqul Islam Khokan, executive director of Rupantar, an NGO, said violent extremism among the youth could be thwarted with the ideals of truth and non-violence of Gandhian philosophy.
Noakhali-based Gandhi Ashram Trust (GAT) which has been working since 1946 with the Gandhian philosophy, organised the discussion titled "Role of Youth in Social Change and Gandhian Philosophy" at Brac Centre Inn, marking Mahatma Gandhi's 147th birth anniversary and International Day of Non-Violence to be observed today.
Musharrat Sharmee Hossain, a North South University teacher, said, "Alienation of a large section of youths will be there, as the English-medium education hardly exposes them to the mainstream Bangladeshi culture and politics."
Korvi Rakshkand, founder of Jaago

Foundation, said, "Putting the youth on an ideal track will not work so long as we keep blaming them and not listening to them."
There remains a question whether the youth of Bangladesh are ready to embrace the three cardinal principles of Mahatma Gandhi -- Ahimsa (non-violence), Satya (truth) and Tapasya (perseverance), said Vidiya Amrit Khan, director of Desh Group.
Robaet Ferdous, an associate professor of Dhaka University, said, "We have seen youths [being] radicalised ideologically, not for hunger. It is not easy to fight such ideological motivation."
Nick Beresfor, acting country director of UNDP in Bangladesh, said the youths with all opportunities in their lives ensured carried out the Holey Artisan and Sholkia Eid congregation carnages.
He underlined the need for examining why it happened.
"Rule of law and good governance are the key to long-term solution to the violent

extremism, as the rule of law strengthens all of us," added the UNDP official.
The nation's development vision must capture the youth's aspiration; or else they would feel alienated and marginalised, said Alison Blake, the British high commissioner to Bangladesh.
The youth will certainly be violent if the state, groups and individuals are violent and the society is oppressive, said GAT President Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya who chaired the discussion.
He added that there should also be a counter narrative of the violence among the youth.
Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal said that there are 29 million people unemployed in the country, with unemployed youths adding to the figure every year from 28 public and over 200 private universities.
Lawmaker Ushatan Talukdar and Indian High Commissioner Harsh Vardhan Shringla also spoke.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Strengthening Institutional Capacity to Reduce Short Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCPs) Project
Department of Environment
E-16, Agargaon, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Consultancy Service for Revision of National SLCP Planning Document & Development of a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan

The Department of Environment (DOE) is implementing the project titled "Strengthening Institutional Capacity to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCPs)" with the support of UNEP. The project aims to sustainably increase the level of action taken in Bangladesh to Reduce Short Lived Climate Pollutants by further promoting the coordination and the scaling-up of activities to reduce SLCPs at the national level.
One of the important areas of operation of this project is to revise the first version of the National SLCP planning document developed during the SNAP (Supporting SLCPs Action Plan) Phase I with the objective of strengthening and securing the national SLCP planning process and achieve endorsement of the report at a high political level. Once the plans have been developed, there will be a need to periodically evaluate progress in achieving these activities and also in achieving emissions reductions. Thus the project requires the services of a consulting firm to revise National SLCP Planning Document and to develop a plan for monitoring and evaluating the progress made in the planning, process and its implementation.
The project now invites eligible consulting firm to indicate their interests in providing services to revise National SLCP Planning Document and to develop a plan for monitoring and evaluating the progress made in the planning process and its implementation. Interested consulting firm should provide information indicating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The short-listing criteria are:
a) General experience of the firm;
b) Experience in similar projects of compatible size, complexity and technical specialty in the required area;
c) Financial soundness of the firm; and
d) Staffing and logistics of the firm.
A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the Public Procurement Rules, 2008 (PPR-2008). The interested Consulting firm may collect detailed EOI document (the ToR) from the address below during normal office hours (09:00 to 15:00 hours) from 03 October, 2016 & up to 19 October, 2016. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (9:00 to 15:00 hours). Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by 20 October, 2016, 15:00 and be clearly marked "Expressions of Interest for Consulting Services of Institutional Strengthening to Reduce SLCPs Project".
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Ashrafur for road, rail links with China

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Stating that a land route connected Bangladesh and China a long time ago, Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam yesterday stressed the need for re-establishing road and rail routes for mutual benefits and said this would be discussed during President Xi Jinping's October 14 visit.
The public administration minister was addressing a programme organised by Bangladesh Samyabadi Dal in the capital with its general secretary and former minister Dilip Barua in the chair, marking China's 67th National Day.

4 held for transmitting 'illegal TV channels'

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Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday detained four youths allegedly for transmitting two "unauthorised television channels" from Palash Tower in the capital's Badda.
They are Ibrahim Hawladar, Rashed Hossain Shapan, Shamim Ahmed, and Borhan Uddin.
Rab also seized huge collections of pirated CDs and other equipment, said Rab officials, claiming the detainees were involved in transmitting illegal channels--Channel H Bangla and Neha TV--which had been airing programmes from Singapore.

DHAKA TODAY

Discussion
UNDP Bangladesh and other will hold a discussion on "Scope of Adaptive Social Protection in Bangladesh: A Policy Institutional and Expenditure Review". Venue: BISS, Elephant Road Time: 9:00am

Seminar
Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) will hold a seminar of reports on Violence Against Women (VAW) Survey-2015. Venue: Planning Commission, Time: 11:00am

Discussion
Research and Development Collective (RDC) will hold a discussion on Dalit Community. Venue: CIRDA auditorium, Time: 10:00am

Exhibition
A solo exhibition by Sattajjit Razon will be inaugurated. Venue: Zainul Gallery 2, Time: 3:00pm

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