



A procession brought out by the health ministry and National Service Programme in front of the capital's Bangladesh National Museum yesterday marking World AIDS Day-2016.

Efforts must continue for AIDS-free country

Nasim tells discussion
BSS, Dhaka

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday said Bangladesh has been successful in controlling HIV and AIDS and it must continue the existing efforts to end these sexually transmitted diseases by 2030.

"The government along with local and international organisations would be able to free the country from HIV and AIDS," he told a discussion in the capital's Osmani Memorial Auditorium.

Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Biman Kumar Saha, Director General of the Directorate General of Health Service Prof Abul Kalam Azad and Director General of the

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\$31m agreement signed for CHT dev

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Reaffirming its commitment to fully implement the Chittagong Hill Tract (CHT) Peace Accord-1997, the government yesterday signed a deal of over \$31 million for a new development project focusing on sustainable and inclusive development of the CHT.

The project "Strengthening Inclusive Development in the Chittagong Hill Tracts" will be implemented in the next five years.

This is a continuation of a very successful project "Promotion of Development and Confidence Building in the CHT" that has been implemented with significant results since 2003 in the three districts of the CHT area - Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban, said a UNDP press release yesterday.

The total cost of the project has been estimated at \$31,629,363, out of which about \$19.6 million will be provided by UNDP, Saarc, and governments of Bangladesh, Denmark and the US. The remaining \$12 million will be provided by other development partners.

"This new phase of development...addresses new and also the remaining development challenges in CHT. Its main focus will be inclusiveness of all communities in the area, and it will have a stronger impact on ecosystem, social development, and development of institutions," said Sudipto Mukerjee, UNDP country director in Bangladesh.

The CHT affairs ministry as the executing agency will assume overall ownership and responsibility for project activities and will be accountable for the results.

The project will be implemented under the framework of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility (CHTDF) programme.

SC gives seven days to finalise guidelines for judges
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday gave the government one week's time to finalise rules determining disciplines for lower court judges in line with its guidelines.

The apex court ordered the government to issue a gazette notification after finalising the rules and submit it to the court in seven days.

An eight-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha passed the order when hearing the Masdar Hossain case, known as judiciary separation case, and adjourned the hearing for a week.

During yesterday's hearing, Additional Attorney General Murad Reza prayed to the apex court to give

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DHAKA AIRPORT-GAZIPUR

Deal inked to build bus rapid transit route

UNB, Dhaka

The government yesterday signed a deal with a Chinese firm to construct the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route from Shahjalal International Airport to Gazipur.

Director of Greater Dhaka Sustainable Urban Transport Project Ekram Ullah and Managing Director of Chinese company Gezhouba Group Young Romen inked the deal on behalf of their respective sides at a hotel in the capital.

Gazhouba will construct a 16km BRT lane, 32km footpath and a separate lane for slow-moving vehicles for the 20.5km project at a cost of Tk 855.37 crore.

The construction work will end within the next 30 months.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader and Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq were present at the signing ceremony.

On June 26, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the construction

work on the Bus Rapid Transit route.

The BRT system was designed to reduce traffic jam in the capital and adjacent areas through a dedicated bus route on Gazipur-Airport-Jhilmil route.

There will be 25 stations, six flyovers, 4.5km elevated BRT lane from Uttara to Tongi and 16km flat grade on the route.

Eighteen metres long 100 buses will run on the route. There will be an electronic smart card system for collecting bus fare.

Apart from this, there will be construction of eight-lane Tongi bridge, development of eight markets, development of some 113 connecting roads and construction of four bus depots in Gazipur.

Once the project is completed, it would take 50 minutes to travel from Gazipur to airport with the frequency of buses from two to five minutes.

Some 25,000 passengers will be able to travel from both sides of the route in one hour.

NCC POLLS
EC asks home to ensure security

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) in a letter sent yesterday asked the home ministry to take necessary steps for ensuring security to minority communities ahead of the upcoming polls to district councils and Narayanganj City Corporation (NCC).

It is to ensure that none can destroy communal harmony using the district council election as a cover, it read. EC Secretary Muhammad Abdullah told The Daily Star last night that a similar letter was sent for the NCC polls a couple of days ago.

The EC sought special drives to recover illegal arms for holding the polls in a free and fair manner, the secretary informed.

Elections to NCC will be held on December 22,

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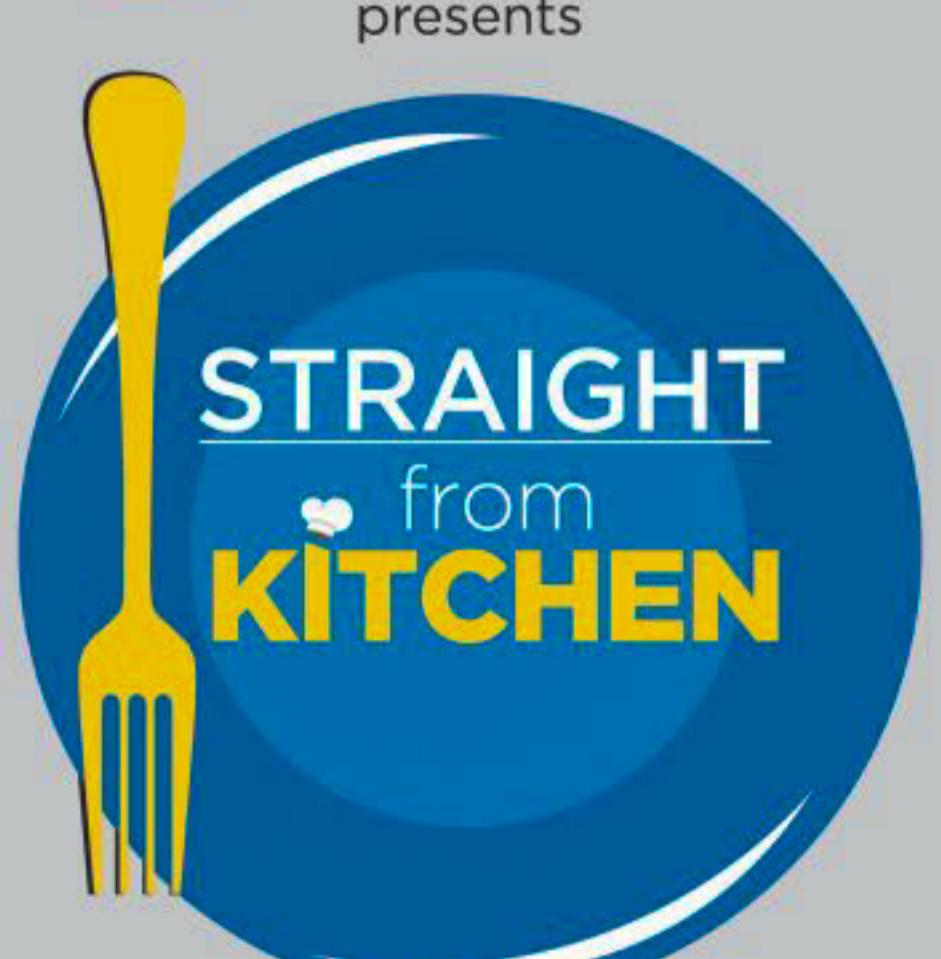
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NORTH AMERICAN GRILLED FAVOURITES



Grilled Chicken Salad

Ingredients

1/4 cup lemon juice
1 tbs olive oil
1 1/4 lbs chicken breast
Salt, white pepper and sugar to taste
2 heads of lettuce, chopped
2 tomatoes, cut into pieces
1 red pepper, chopped
Parmesan cheese
Oregano
Tabasco
BBQ sauce
Mustard paste
1/4 cup cashew nuts, chopped
Potato wedges

Procedure (Preparation)

In a small bowl, mix together the lemon juice, and olive oil. Place the chicken breasts in a shallow container and season generously with salt and pepper. Pour the juice mixture over the chicken. Cook the chicken on a grill or in a skillet over medium heat. Cook for about 5 minutes on each side, or until the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees in the middle of the chicken. Keep a close eye on the temperature so the chicken doesn't come out dry. Let the chicken cool a bit, and then cut it into thin strips. Set aside. Place the lettuce and tomato in a large bowl and mix with the mayonnaise and lemon juices. Transfer the lettuce to a serving platter. Top with the chicken, red pepper, Potato wedges and cashew nuts.



Grilled Rib Eye Steak

Ingredients

Main elements
1 Ribeye steak, 1.25 inches thick
Beef Bacon
For the Rub (Rubs are mixes of spices and seasoning that add flavour but don't tenderise.)
1/2 tbsp black peppercorns
1/2 tsp dried minced garlic
1/2 tsp mustard paste
1/2 tsp dried minced onion
1/2 tsp dried oregano
Rosemary leaf
1 tbsp kosher salt

Procedure (Preparation)

Take your steaks out of the refrigerator about an hour before you want to eat. Make the rub. Put the peppercorns, minced garlic, minced onion and oregano in a pepper mill and coarsely grind them into a small bowl. Add the salt in batches, tasting for balance, but 1 tablespoon is usually more than enough. Set up your grill for a two-zone fire and preheat to high (500 degrees Fahrenheit). Lightly brush your steaks with oil and season both sides with the rub. Grill directly over high heat for 4-5 minutes a side. Rotate the steaks a quarter turn halfway through each side to create a cross-hatched pattern. You want to pull the steaks off at 127-130 degrees Fahrenheit internal temperature for medium rare. If they aren't quite ready, move the steaks to the part of the grill that is not over direct heat, shut your grill lid and let the steaks roast for another minute or two until done. Plate the steak and serve with sautéed vegetables.

