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Visiting David Nabarro has sought Bangladesh's support for getting elected to the post of Director General of World Health Organization as the UK nominee.

He was talking to some journalists, including The Daily Star at the British High Commission yesterday.

"I worked... in Mymensingh, Khulna and Dhaka in 1982 under Save the Children. Many great things are done in Bangladesh on health issues. I'm really keen to encourage Bangladesh to vote for me. If Bangladesh supports me, others will pay attention," he said.

He said he is in the country as a part of his global campaign, and has a plan to visit 47 countries. The 194 member states will pick up a new DG through voting at the World Health Assembly in May. The new DG will take office on July 1.

Nabarro said lifestyle diseases, in medical term "non-communicable" diseases, are becoming a very serious challenge for the world, including Bangladesh.

Nabarro's top priorities are to transform how WHO responds to disease outbreaks and health emergencies, how better WHO can help member states dealing with non-communicable diseases such as cancer and diabetes and to increase efforts to ensure that people, especially women and children, get the healthcare they need. Nabarro is one of the three candidates for the post.

The other two are -- former Ethiopian minister Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus and former Pakistan minister Sania Nishtar.



Mango fruits begin to develop from buds as spring sets in. The photo was taken from Savar on the outskirts of Dhaka on Saturday.

## Govt wants to develop skilled manpower for overseas jobs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will put more focus on developing a skilled human resource as there is a huge demand for skilled migrant workers in the labour-receiving countries, said Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam yesterday.

"We are putting emphasis on producing skilled workers to fulfill the demand of labour markets," he said.

He made this remark after signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the expatriates' welfare ministry and International Manpower Development Organisation of Japan (IM Japan) at Probashi Kallyan Bhaban in the capital.

Minister Nurul Islam and Executive Chairman of IM Japan Kyoei Yanagisawa signed the deal on behalf of their respective sides.

A memorandum of understanding was signed with International Manpower Development Organisation of Japan (IM Japan), which will train Bangladeshis to develop skills in manufacturing and construction sectors

Under the agreement, Bangladeshis will receive a one-year training in Japan to develop technical skills in manufacturing and construction sectors, and get JPY (Japanese Yen) 80,000, an equivalent to TK 49,718, per month as a training allowance. Upon completion of the training,

the trainees, who will perform well, will be eligible to work for four years. The others, however, will have to return home after the end of the training.

Kyoei Yanagisawa said his country is receiving technical interns from different countries of Southeast Asia under technical intern training programme.

Japan will hire sufficient number of technical interns from Bangladesh, he added.

A five-member Japanese team led by Kyoei is visiting Bangladesh.

Earlier in 2015, another MoU was signed with IM Japan to train 500 Bangladeshis.

Expatriates' Welfare Secretary Begum Shamsun Nahar, additional secretaries Javed Ahmed and Mohammad Azharul Haque, Director General of Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training Selim Reza, and other senior officials were present.

## Two die from electrocution in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people died after being electrocuted in the capital yesterday.

In Tejgaon Industrial area, Enamul Haque, 20, a mechanical helper at a press, was electrocuted while returning home from his factory.

Locals took him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead, said Bachchu Mia, sub-inspector of DMCH police outpost.

Meanwhile, Anisur Rahman, 23, was electrocuted while handling a water pump at his residence at Muradnagar in Kodamtali area, said police. He was declared dead one hour after he was taken to DMCH.

## Governance in climate finance needs to improve

Suggests TIB survey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh needs to give more emphasis on good governance in spending climate funds, a new study suggested yesterday, upon evaluation of the country's performance in the area.

Bangladesh scored 3.09 on a 5.00 scale in climate change adaptation (CCA) finance, according to the survey report, made public at a workshop of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) at its office in the capital.

With support from Transparency International Secretariat in Berlin and Adaptation Watch, TIB conducted the online survey on 35 representatives of many government and non-government organisations involved with CCA financing, between January and

March this year. The study covered five governance indicators -- transparency, accountability, participation, coherence and integrity -- for prioritising, accessing, delivering and monitoring CCA finance.

Taking part in the workshop, ministry officials, development partners, and journalists stressed the need for strengthening collaboration among government, NGOs and donors for enhancing institutional abilities to improve the governance standard of CCA funds.

Dr Iftekharuzzaman, TIB's executive director; Prof Dr Sumaiya Khair, its deputy executive director; Ian Tellam, director of Adaptation Watch partner Adaptify, and Zakir Hossain Khan, senior programme manager of TIB, spoke at the programme.

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## Convocation of Eastern University held

CITY DESK

The fifth convocation of Eastern University (EU) was held at Basundhara Convention Centre in the capital yesterday.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid presided over the ceremony on behalf of President Abdul Hamid, also the chancellor of the university.

Canadian High Commissioner Benoit-Pierre Laramée graced the occasion as the convocation speaker.

Prof Abdul Rab, EU vice-chancellor; Prof Abdul Mannan, chairman of the University Grants Commission; and Azizul Islam, EU Board of Trustees chairman, also spoke on the occasion.

A total of 1,901 students were given certificates in the ceremony.



Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid speaks at the fifth convocation of Eastern University at Basundhara Convention Centre in the capital yesterday. Canadian High Commissioner Benoit-Pierre Laramée attended the event as the convocation speaker.

## Anniversary of photojournalist Jamil Khan's death today

CITY DESK

Today is the fifth death anniversary of Shawkat Jamil Khan, senior photojournalist of The Daily Star. Jamil suffered a massive stroke while he was on duty and breathed his last at Birdem Hospital in 2012 at the age of 56.

His family members requested all to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.



Participants at the inaugural ceremony of a three-day event titled "Chiefs of Police Conference on Regional Cooperation in Curbing Violent Extremism and Transnational Crime" at a hotel in the capital yesterday. From left, Home Secretary Dr Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Interpol Secretary-General Jurgen Stock, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan, Inspector General of Police (IGP) AKM Shahidul Hoque, Additional IGP Moklesur Rahman, were present. Top level police officials from 14 South Asian and neighbouring countries are taking part in the conference. PHOTO: STAR

## PM opens

FROM PAGE 3 Chittagong Wasa now can supply only 210 million litres of water a day against the daily demand of 500 million litres. With the launching of this plant, the city dwellers will get 143 million litres of water (MLD) more per day which will cover about 70 percent of the total demand.

Now the Chittagong Wasa has a total of 61,717 domestic connections and 7,387 commercial and industrial connections. It could not take any project after 1987.

Speaking at the function, BSS adds, Sheikh Hasina warned that none would be spared for negligence in work.

"If anybody undertakes work, he or she must finish the work within the stipulated time by maintaining its quality... any type of negligence in this regard won't be tolerated."

## NEWS IN brief

### Comilla night guard 'burnt to death'

UNB, Comilla A night guard was burnt to death allegedly by a gang of robbers at Gouripur Bazar in Daudkandi upazila early yesterday.

Traders of the Bazar said they found the charred body of night guard Safiqul Islam, 40, of Pacchim Huglia village, and informed police. Robbers might have set Safiqul on fire after pouring petrol on his body as he tried to obstruct them, said Mohidul Islam, superintendent of police in Comilla, quoting traders. The body was sent to a hospital for an autopsy.

### DU, JU students go wild

JU CORRESPONDENT Rowdy students of Dhaka and Jahangirnagar Universities have vandalised each other's buses over a trifling matter.

Nobody was hurt in the incidents. On Saturday, a JU bus was attacked in TSC area of DU. In retaliation, students vandalised a DU bus the next morning, leading to another attack on another JU bus that afternoon.

### Scrapping of Tuku's acquittal upheld

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The Supreme Court yesterday upheld its order scrapping the acquittal of former BNP state minister Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku in a corruption case filed in 2007 for amassing illegal wealth worth Tk 2.57 crore.

The SC dismissed a petition filed by Tuku seeking review of its 2014 order that cancelled the acquittal of Tuku. It also asked the High Court to rehear his appeal against the lower court verdict that sentenced him to nine years' imprisonment. Later, Tuku submitted the review petition to the Appellate Division against its 2014 order.

The ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star that the HC would further hear the appeal of Tuku challenging the lower court verdict. The HC on June 16, 2011 acquitted Tuku of the charges.

### Speaker Shirin leaves for London

UNB, Dhaka Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad and also Chairperson of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury yesterday left Dhaka for London to join the Commonwealth Day programme today, said a Parliament Secretariat handout.

Dr Shirin is expected to return on Friday after visiting CPA's Scotland branch on Wednesday.

### AWC event marking women's day held

CITY DESK Adhunik Women's Centre (AWC) organised a fund-raising event in the capital's Cadet College Club on Saturday, marking International Women's Day.

AWC was set up by Adhunik Foundation USA in 2003. Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, and Zahida Fizza Kabir, executive director of Sajida Foundation, were present at the event.



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