

# 4 Bangladeshis to join IBO

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four Bangladeshi students will participate in the 28th International Biology Olympiad (IBO), scheduled to be held in the United Kingdom on July 29 and 30.

The participants are Nafis Ishmam Ahmed from St Francis Xavier's Green Herald International School, Md Baizid Mia from International Turkish Hope School, Maisha Munawara Prome from Oxford International School and Nazmus Sadat from Mangrove International School.

It is the second time that a Bangladeshi team will contest in the IBO, the biggest biology competition for the secondary and higher secondary school students, Bangladesh Biology Olympiad (BBO) told a press conference in an auditorium of Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday.

Prof Md Shahidur Rashid Bhuiyan, president of BBO, said students from 80 countries would participate in this year's Olympiad.



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## Obituary

CITY DESK

Firdousi Rahman, wife of late Muhammad Majedur Rahman, passed away on June 30.

She left behind three daughters, six grandchildren and a host of relatives and well-wishers, says a press release. She was buried at Uttara sector-12 graveyard. The family requested all to pray for the departed soul.

## Qulkhwani

CITY DESK

The qulkhwani of Kazi Nazrul Islam, a retired ambassador, will be held after the Asr prayers tomorrow at the Old DOHS Community Centre, Banani, Dhaka. Nazrul passed away on Wednesday at the age of 80. Nazrul played a significant role during the 1971 Liberation War in the Kolkata High Commission. He also served as an ambassador in Qatar in his career. All are requested all to attend the qulkhwani.

# Dogs on rampage bite 66 in a day

4,000 took treatment at Manikganj hospital in six months

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

At least 66 people including, six children and five women, were bitten by stray dogs in different areas of Manikganj town in one day yesterday.

They were given treatment and anti-rabies vaccines at Manikganj Sadar Hospital, said its sources.

The dogs attacked them in Bautha Ghat, Bus Stand and Gangadharpatti areas of Manikganj municipality between 11:30am and 12:30pm.

The injured persons and locals said a dog bit several people in Bautha Ghat area around 11:30am. Within 10 minutes, another dog bit other people, including school and college students, in Gangadharpatti area, they said.

Later, people were attacked by a black dog in Bus Stand area, they added.

While visiting the hospital, this correspondent found the victims -- including Rozina, Rumel, Khodeja, Rubel, Korban, Rafiqul, Nurul Islam and Haider Ali -- awaiting to be vaccinated at the emergency department.

Of them, five-year-old Rozina was crying as she was bitten in the leg.

Like Rozina, most of the patients were screaming in pain.

Anisur Rahman, a nurse at the hospital, said he alone gave vaccines to 50 patients from noon to 1:00pm.

Dr Lutfor rahman, resident medical officer at Manikganj Sadar Hospital, said each of the patients will be given three more doses in phases.

Replying a question, he said around 4,000 people took treatment at the hospital in the last six months due to dog bites.

Meanwhile, town dwellers, expressing their anger at the incident, said the number of stray dogs is increasing in Manikganj day by day.

People, especially schoolboys and schoolgirls, walk outside homes in fear as dogs can bite them anytime, they said.

Elderly people stopped their morning walks, they said.

Many dogs get crazy during monsoon, said Saifuddin Ahmed Nannu, a local college teacher. Necessary steps should be taken to prevent such menace at this time, he added.

A politician, Azaharul Islam Arzu, said they saw the municipal authorities culled stray dogs in the past but now it does not happen.

Locals expressed concern over inaction against the menace.

Acknowledging the facts, Manikganj municipality Mayor Gazi Kamrul Huda Selim said due to a ban on culling of dogs they cannot take actions.

He urged the higher authorities concerned to take necessary steps in this regard.

## 19,500 schools to get new buildings

Says education minister

BSS, Dhaka



Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said around 19,500 school buildings would be constructed during the current fiscal.

"Four-storied buildings would be constructed at upazila level while it will be eight-storey buildings at district level and ten-storey buildings at divisional level," he said while addressing a function held at Dhaka Reporters' Unity as the chief guest.

DRU organised the function on the occasion of an award-giving ceremony for the meritorious students who passed in primary education completion (PEC) and junior school certificate (JSC).

Nahid said the future of a nation is dependent on how to build the new generation.

"We have to change our thoughts, values and mentality in building a developed Bangladesh," he said.

DRU President Shakhawat Hossain Badsha presided over the meeting while DRU General Secretary Mursalin Nomani conducted the function.

## SNAPS & snippets

### Four Pabna forest officers sued over misappropriating Tk 17.5 lakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed three cases against three divisional forest officers and a forest ranger with Pabna police on Thursday for misappropriating Tk 17.51 lakh.

During 2009 to 2013, different forest officers of Pabna division -- Ajit Kumar Rudra, Md Sayed Ali and Md Harunur Rashid -- along with forest ranger Md Mokhesur Rahman misappropriated the government fund allocated for Gaznaar Bill Development Project.

The accused were found guilty of misappropriating the money by not conducting the forestation programme properly, said Sheikh Golam Moula, assistant director of ACC, Pabna.

### CID police officer's wife found dead in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

The wife of a police officer was found dead in their Ragurampur residence of Sadar upazila in Jessore on Thursday.

Police recovered the body of Marium Begum Parul, 30, wife of sub-inspector of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police Azizul Islam, currently posted at Police Headquarters in Dhaka, from their residence and sent to Jessore Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Parul's uncle Masudur Rahman alleged that Azizul hanged his wife from their ceiling fan after killing her.

Parul was brought dead, said doctors at the hospital. An unnatural death case was filed.



**Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury pays a call on Vietnam President Tran Dai Quang at his office in Hanoi yesterday. The Speaker is on a seven-day visit to the country at the invitation of Vietnam National Assembly.**

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## Bangladesh

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embassy on Thursday and had an interactive session on their current campaign. Officers at the embassy attended the session.

Dr Asif M Shahan, associate professor of development studies at Dhaka University, led the team of students. The members are Imran Ahsan of development studies, Monzurul Alam Munna of health economics, DM Rohis Uz Zaman of social welfare, and AKM Tousif Tanzim Ahmed and Sousan Suah of international relations.

The team campaigned for promoting tolerance and empathy through the development of critical thinking skills and extra-curricular activities among the youth of Bangladesh encouraging them to think twice when interacting with others. They call it "Think Twice, Act Wise" campaign. It is accessible in Facebook and they have their own website also -- think2act.org.

## Govt, EC

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[the government and EC] intentions have been surfacing gradually.

"The government has appointed a pro-Awami League person in the election commission as its acting secretary. It has started to become clear that the government and the EC have been jointly moving forward to hold a one-sided election," he said.

The BNP leader alleged that the Awami League has appointed the incumbent CEC to implement its agenda.

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