



Participants perform at a programme celebrating the Unesco's recognition of the historic March 7 speech of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as a world documentary heritage. Bangladesh Army organised the event at the capital's Army Stadium on Tuesday. Prime Minister's Security Adviser Major General (ret'd) Tariq Ahmed Siddique and Army Chief General Abu Belal Muhammad Shafiu Huq were present among others, according to a press release of the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR).

Lower courts come under govt control

Allege pro-BNP SCBA lawyers; demand cancellation of gazette on rules for judges by Jan 7

movement after January 7. Under the constitution, the president will formulate the rules in consultation with the SC, he said. But, without involving the president, the law minister has formulated the rules in consultation with the SC, he said, adding that the law minister cannot play the role of the president. Zainul said the government has damaged the independence of the lower court judge by incorporating different provisions in the gazette notification. Barrister AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon, SCBA secretary and a BNP leader, also alleged that the government has issued the gazette notification to take the lower courts under its wing. On the other hand, pro-Awami League SCBA leaders, led by its Vice President Md Ozi Ullah, at another press conference on SCBA premises, said the statements of Zainul and Mahbub are unexpected and unwanted. SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

Raze illegal structures on Turag

HC asks Gazipur chief judicial magistrate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to demolish the structures set up unlawfully along the foreshore of the Turag at different places in Gazipur. The chief judicial magistrate of Gazipur will take necessary steps to knock down the illegal structures with the help of government agencies including law enforcers after installing demarcation pillars on the foreshore, the court said. The bench of Justice Quazi Ull-Hoque and Justice Mohammad Raza passed the order after holding hearing on a petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB), seeking necessary orders on the authorities to save Turag river from encroachment. The chief judicial magistrate of Gazipur in October this year submitted a probe report before the HC, saying that 30 structures have been set up illegally along the foreshore of the Turag at different places in Gazipur, HRPB lawyer Advocate Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star yesterday. The HRPB had filed a writ petition with the HC on November 7 last year, a day after The Daily Star ran a report under the headline "Time to declare Turag dead". Following the petition, the HC on November 9 last year directed the government to stop earth-filling, encroachment and construction of structures

Create environment for safe return of Rohingya

UN official calls upon Myanmar leaders

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT A top UN official has said repatriation and reconciliation policies will fail without accountability and non-discriminatory rule of law and public safety measures to address the fears and distrust among communities in Rakhine. "But the origins and solutions to the Rohingya crisis rest in Myanmar," UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs Jeffrey Feltman told the Security Council in his briefing on developments in Myanmar on Tuesday. He said the UN was grateful for the continued generosity of the government and people of Bangladesh, and called on the international community to continue to support these efforts. "We urge all Myanmar leaders, including in the military, to condemn incitement to racial hatred and violence. We encourage them to adopt measures to defuse tensions between communities and create an environment for safe and dignified repatriation, including through inter-faith initiatives," he said.



Dr Carmen Z Lamagna, vice-chancellor of American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB), and Rizwan Bin Farouq, managing director of X-Gen Solutions Ltd, exchange documents after signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at a programme at the university yesterday. High officials from both the sides were present. X-Gen Solution Ltd is game development partner of UNITY and provides game development training programme using UNITY platform. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Effective diplomacy a must: Speakers

FROM PAGE 4 Creating new overseas job markets is also a big challenge, they added. Debate for Democracy (DFD) arranged the discussion on "Migration Diplomacy: Success, Limitation, and Way-forward" at The Daily Star Centre in the capital. Reading out a keynote paper, DFD Chairman Hasan Ahmed Chowdhury said opportunity for new job markets was created in Russia, China and Hong Kong due to a successful diplomatic role. Bangladesh has also initiated labour attachés in several countries over the years. However, a limitation in successful negotiation has been apparent as those officials lack adequate diplomatic skills, he said. Also, migration cost is high in Bangladesh than that in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and the Philippines. Although Bangladeshis are working in 161 countries, labour attachés have been initiated in 29 countries, which made it difficult to deal with workers' problems. M Humayun Kabir, former Bangladesh ambassador to the US, said alongside developing working skills, Bangladeshi workers need to develop communication skills. It will help enhance their performances in overseas jobs. Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam said Bangladesh's labour market is limited to a few countries and the ministry is working to expand the market, especially in Europe.

VC empowered to hold Ducsu

Adopt new

FROM PAGE 3 President Mujahidul Islam Selim, a former Ducsu vice-president, said, "Some claim that violence will increase if the Ducsu election is held. But it is completely baseless." Dr Mostaq Hossain, a former Ducsu general secretary, said Ducsu election is not being held as it has become an "equation of power". Sultan Muhammad Monsur, a former Ducsu vice-president, said, "Many students do not know what Ducsu is and what role it had played..." Democratic environment in the public universities has been destroyed as there is no coexistence of student organisations. Election to central students' unions can ensure that. DU student Walid Ahsraf, who observed a 15-day hunger strike demanding Ducsu polls, said the students' basic demands could only be realised if Ducsu election is held on a regular basis. Former vice-president of Rucsu (Rajshahi) Rageeb Ahsan Munna and former vice-president of Cucus (Chittagong) Shafiquzzaman Hira also spoke.

Laurels for war heroes

FROM PAGE 3 are in the pipeline. Responding to the demand of freedom fighters to rename different roads and establishments of Dhaka after them, the mayor said they would consider the proposal if the war heroes submit it formally. Khokon said militancy and communalism are spreading fast; therefore, freedom fighters would have to take a lead in fighting the menace. Over a thousand freedom fighters including sector commanders and sub-sector commanders joined the event. DNCC panel mayor Osman Gani chaired the event.

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Remembered, rarely

FROM PAGE 3 Hammersmith Hospital and then Middlesex Hospital in England. Despite a chequered career there, Dr Rabbi came back to his motherland and joined Dhaka Medical College as an associate professor in 1963. An advocate of equitable rights of the Bangladeshis during the Pakistan period, Dr Rabbi extended all sorts of cooperation to the freedom fighters and victims of torture by the Pakistan army and their aides during the Liberation War. On December 15, 1971, the Pakistani occupation army and its auxiliary force Al-Badr picked up Dr Rabbi from his Siddheswari residence in the capital and killed him that night. His body was recovered from Rayerbazar mass grave on December 18.

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