

## Mokhlesur Rahman murder

# Wife demands arrest of accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Family members of the leading aviation businessman Mokhlesur Rahman, who was shot dead in the city in broad day light on October 6, have demanded immediate arrest of Abdul Matin Chowdhury, an accused in the murder case.

In a written statement, Nazma Rahman, wife of the deceased, alleged that Matin Chowdhury had been moving in the area for last one week along with some armed cadres in a private car.

She said they are afraid of the dubious movement of Matin Chowdhury who has a long record of criminal activities and he should be interrogated

by the police in connection with the murder.

Earlier, Nazma's son Abul Hasan Md Ashraf also filed a GD with the Kotwali police on November 25 after Matin Chowdhury accompanied by some four to five armed men had threatened him

with dire consequences.

Matin Chowdhury got an ad-interim bail from the Sessions Judge's Court on November 22. Meanwhile, the police are still in dark and failed to nab any of the killers.

## Five shops gutted in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fire gutted five shops on the Malibagh-DIT Road in the city yesterday.

The fire originated from an electric shot circuit in a shop at around 3.00pm and immediately engulfed nearby one cigarette and four cosmetic shops.

Fire fighting units from Khilgaon, Mohammadpur, Tejgaon and headquarters brought the fire under

control after an hour.

However, no injury was reported. Owners of the shops had estimated their losses at Tk 80,000.

## 1580 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1580 people, including four listed criminals, during their countrywide drive in last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.



## Clinic Diagnostic Owners' Assoc executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Moniruzzaman Bhuiyan and Dr Md Jahangir Alam have been elected president and secretary general respectively of the Bangladesh Private Clinic Diagnostic Owners' Association for 2003-04, says a press release.

Dr ABM Harun was elected senior vice president while Dr M Shahnewaz Chowdhury, Dr Moinul Islam Mahmud, Dr Gazi Mizanur Rahman and Dr SMA Mannan were elected vice president.

Other office-bearers are Dr Khandaker Rahat Hossain - joint secretary general and Dr MA Kashem - treasurer.

Dr M Mostafizur Rahman, Saiful Alam Khan, Dr A M Shamim, Dr Mokaddes Hossain, Dr M Ashraf Ali, Dr Tariqul Alam Chowdhury, Dr S M Monirul Haq, Dr K H M Anwarul Haq, Sanaul Haq, M Lutful Azam (Rana), Md Lutfi -al- Quayed and Mokaddes Ali Majumder were elected members.

The 21-member executive committee was elected at the annual general meeting of the association at a city hotel on Friday.



A man sleeps yesterday on a bench left by hawkers after doing brisk business at Paltan crossing before Eid. The capital remained in holiday mood even after the festival vacation ended on Friday.



## Dry weather to prevail

UNB, Dhaka

Dry weather will prevail over the country till 6pm today.

Light to moderate fog may occur over the river basins of the country during morning, Met Office said.

Night temperature may slightly fall over the northern part and remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country, it added.

Highest temperature 29.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and Rangamati and lowest 11.0 degree at Ishurdi and Dinajpur.

**The sun sets in the capital at 5:10pm today and rises at 6:24am tomorrow.**

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature In Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	27.2	14.0	48	49
Chittagong	29.4	16.0	55	50
Rajshahi	26.7	12.0	73	79
Khulna	28.0	14.8	74	67
Barisal	27.5	13.5	79	84
Sylhet	29.0	14.4	62	58
Cox's Bazar	29.0	17.5	77	67

# Two arrested in murder case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Police arrested two people in connection with the murder of one Sohel Molla, 25, over a land dispute at Karnakati village of Sadar upazila under Barisal district on Friday.

Two other persons Chunnu, 20, and Khokan (35) were also injured seriously in the incident.

The arrested are Atiqur Rahman, 26, and Mosharrif Hossain, 60.

Earlier, Selim Howlader, brother-in-law of Sohel lodged a case with Kotwali police station on Friday night accusing 15 persons in this connection.

Police said there were old disputes between Selim Howlader and Khokan Howlader over 34 acres of land.

Recently Selim won a case related to the disputed land and this infuriated the opponent who planned to take

revenge.

Under this situation, Sohel, his nephew Chunnu and another relative Khokan went there to visit the house of Selim on Friday morning.

The opponent group abducted Sohel, Chunnu and Khokan and chopped them and cut the tendons of their legs and hands.

Local people rushed them to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital where Sohel succumbed to his injuries in the afternoon.

The condition of Chunnu and Khokan is still critical.

## Obituary

Alhaj Md Abdur Razzak, khadem of Al-Amin Jame Mosque and Madrassah died of cardiac arrest while he was saying Maghrib prayers at the mosque at the Crescent Road in the city on November 26, says a press release.

He was 43. He left behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

## Death anniversary



Today is the 15th death anniversary of Begum Anwara Khatun who was a member of erstwhile Bengal Legislative Assembly and East Pakistan

Legislative Assembly, says a press release.

She was a pioneer in Muslim women's education campaign and one of the very few Bengali Muslim women to have obtained MA BT LLB in British India.

Begum Anwara Khatun was a close associate of Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy, Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

She was one of the founders of the Awami League and opposed the Muslim League government in the Assembly after the shooting of February 21, 1952.

She was actively involved in the historic Language Movement of 1952.

She represented Pakistan at the United Nations General Assembly and many other international forums and conferences.

## Qulkhwani

BSS, Dhaka

The qulkhwani of Khwaja Abdur Rahman Khan will be held today after Magrib prayers at 21/1, Ahsanullah Road, Nawab Bari.

Khwaja Rahman, a former Secretary in-charge of the ministry of religious affairs, died of cardiac arrest on Friday at the age of 59, an official source said.

He was buried at Azimpur graveyard after Asr prayers.

