

Boatman commits suicide

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A boatman accused of stealing yarns worth about Tk four lakh committed suicide by taking poison at Baradi bazaar in Sonargoan thana of the district on Friday night.

Few months ago, a yarn trader filed a case against Ramiz Uddin, 60, a resident of Sonargoan thana, alleging that he stole the yarns while carrying those in his boat to Narayanganj.

But local people said a depressed Ramiz-uddin took his life as he was implicated in a false case.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Sonargoan thana said the trader filed the case after Ramiz told him that the yarns were looted on the

way to Narayanganj.

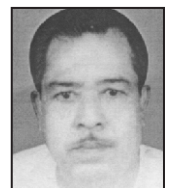
But during interrogation, Ramiz confessed that he had sold the yarns in connivance with four of his accomplices, the OC said, adding that Ramiz also paid Tk 47,000 in compensation.

Mahmuduzzaman new envoy to ROK

UNB, Dhaka

The government decided to appoint Maj. Gen. (ret.) AM Mahmuduzzaman as the ambassador of Bangladesh to the Republic of Korea, said a handout yesterday.

Obituary



Poet and journalist MA Mazid, president of Bangladesh Lekhak Samity, died on Friday at the age of 58 while travelling in a Dhaka-bound launch coming from Barisal, says a press release.

He had worked for the daily Azad and the Banglar Bani for long.

He is survived by his wife and three sons.

His body was sent to his village home at Kathalia under Bakerganj thana of Barisal district yesterday for burial.

Habiba Khandaker



Habiba Khandaker, wife of ABMH Khandaker, a retired member of the then Central Board of Revenue of Pakistan, died at

her residence on Friday at 84, says a press release.

She is survived by her husband, one son and two daughters.

Her qulhwani will be held at House # SE(E) 6, Road # 137, Gulshan after Maghrib prayers on Monday.

Salma Begum

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Salma Begum, mother of poet Amjad Hossain of Narayanganj, died at Shamarita Hospital in Dhaka on Friday at 75.

Wife of Haji Sirajuddin Mia, she is survived by three sons and three daughters.

She was buried at Masdair graveyard yesterday.

Her qulhwani will be held at her residence at 102 North Chasara on Tuesday.

Dharla Bridge opens today

UNB, Dhaka

The Dharla Bridge, country's first locally financed bridge, will open to traffic today, fulfilling a century-old demand of the people of four upazilas in Kurigram district.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will formally inaugurate the bridge, built at a cost of about Tk 100 crore.

Official sources in Kurigram said the inauguration of the bridge will bring some 700,000 people of Sadar, Bhurungamari, Nageswari and Fulbari upazilas under direct road communication network.

The 648-metre-long bridge has two lanes with 1.25-metre wide footpaths on both sides. It has 15 spans, 16 pillars and 6.4-metre approach road.

The initiative to construct the

bridge over Dharla was taken by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in 1995-96.

And the then prime minister Sheikh Hasina laid the foundation stone of the bridge on February 24, 2000.

The Al-Amin Construction Company Limited constructed the bridge according to a design prepared by Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.