DEATH OF WORKER AT CHINESE EMBASSY

pressure to

BDNEWS, Dhaka

brother.

'Family under

withdraw case'

Some Chinese Embassy officials,

including Chinese national, are

allegedly pressuring the family

members of the slain day-labourer

Nur Nabi to withdraw the murder

case in exchange for money.

Victim's elder brother Mohsin

filed a murder case with the

Gulshan Police Station accusing

some people, including some

Chinese Embassy employees, in

connection with the killing of his

Balia in Bhola district.

to withdraw the case.

Nur Nabi hailed from village

Quoting Mohsin, Shakil Ahmed

a businessman who also hails from

Bhola, said an interpreter of

Chinese Embassy is pressuring the

family members of slain Nur Nabi

"The interpreter offered Tk one lakh to Mohsin and threatened him to withdraw the case," Shakil

During painting work at the Chinese Embassy on Saturday, a

drop of paint dripped on the body

of a Chinese from the pot of Nur

Nabi, sources said.
As a result, the Chinese national

became angry and beat and chased the Bangladeshi national, sources

said. At one stage, he threw the

unconscious body of the youth to

Seriously injured Nabi was rushed to the Apollo Hospitals where the attending doctors

Photo exhibition

A month-long photo exhibition title "My World, My Future" will begin at

British Council and Map Photo

Agency will jointly arrange the exhi-

bition where 48 photographs of 32

British Council on February 2.

change begins

the ground, sources added.

declared him dead.

on climate

February 2

METROPOLITAN/NEWS

passes away

Tahmidunnahar, mother of

Bangladesh ambassador to the USA

Shamser Mobin Chowdhury, passed

away due to old-age complications

at a city clinic yesterday evening at

Mobin Chowdhury, left behind her

three sons, one daughter, grandchil-

dren and a host of relatives to mourn

Independent University Vice-

Chancellor Prof Bazlul Mobin

Chowdhury and Vice-president of Beximco Shawkat Mobin Chowdhury (Shahan) and daughter

Rita Khan, wife of retired secretary

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held at Dhanmondi Satmasjid Road

Her qulkhwani will be held at her

residence at Water Lake Fortuna,

House No-31, Road No-12/A,

Dhanmondi in the city after Asr

Shaheen Choudhury, Head of Rangpur Regional Office of United Nations World

Food Programme (WFP) in Bangladesh, passed away due to cardiac arrest at a

hospital in Bangkok on Saturday at the

ken hundreds of his colleagues, rela-

tives and friends thronged the WFP

office at Agargaon to mourn his

Condoling Shaheen's death, Edward M Kallon, WFP Country

Director said with deep shock, "This is

indeed a great loss for WFP Bangladesh as he had been managing

our strategically most important

daughter, and a host of admirers to mourn his death.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Dhanmondi Eidgah Mosque after Zohr prayers today and he will be laid

to rest at Jurain graveyard, Postogola.

Shaheen was admitted to Bumrungrad Hospital, Bangkok, with

heart ailment on January 22. Son of

late Enamul Hoque Choudhury, he

hailed from Choudhury Bari of

the capital yesterday at the age of

He left behind his wife, one son

His namaz-e-janaza will be held

tomorrow on Baroiahat College

premises and will be buried at his

family graveyard at Hajishawrai in

Zahir Raihan's

anniversary of

death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mesbah Ul Alam,

principal of

Baroiahat College

of Mirsarai in

Chittagong, passed

away due to old age

complications in

Dewanganj under Jamalpurdistrict.

Mesbah Ul Alam

65, says a press release.

and one daughter.

He left behind his wife, a son and a

As soon as the sad news was bro-

Mosque after Zohr prayers today.

Nur Hossain Khan.

prayers on Februray 1.

BSS, Dhaka

untimely demise

Shaheen Choudhury

Her two other sons are

Tahmidunnahar, wife of Abdul

BSS, Dhaka

6 killed in road crashes Shamser Mobin's Mobin's mother

At least six people were killed in separate road accidents in Comilla, Khulna and Pabna yesterday.

A CORRESPONDENT from Comilla reports: Three female passengers, including one young girl, were killed and two others seriously injured in a road accident at Kalakachua area on Dhaka-Chittagong highway yesterday.

The victims were identified as Rahima Begum, 45, wife of Asmat Ali, Afia Khatun, 44, wife of Khorshed Alam and Shyamali, 14, daughter of Swapan Mia of village Doulatpur under Comilla Sadar upazila.

Witnesses and police said the accident occurred when an unidentified passenger bus hit a Chandina-bound auto-rickshaw from Comilla at Kalakachua area under Burichong upazila on

Dhaka-Chittagong highway at truckrammed their motorcycle. around 11.30am.

Rahima and Afia died on the spot while Shyamali succumbed to her injuries in Comilla Combined Military Hospital (CCMH). Ishaque, 25, son of Swapan Mia and Bhanu Bibi, 33, daughter of Iskendar Ali , of village Doulatpur were admitted to Comilla Medical College Hospital in critical condi-

Drivers of the auto-rickshaw and the bus managed to escape along with the vehicles.

A correspondent from Pabna adds: Two young brothers were killed in a road accident at Arambaria in Ishwardi upazila in the district on Saturday night.

Police and locals said Shadhin Kumar Pal, 34, and his younger brother Nikhil Kumar Pal, sons of Rishipada Pal of Arambaria village were injured when an overloaded

Osman Gani of Agamee Prokashani speaks at a press briefing at the Central Public Library seminar room in the city

'Fair should be fair of

publishers, not sellers'

and lighting from TSC to the Doyel

To attract the readers and dis-

AMAR EKUSHEY BOI MELA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

not that of sellers.

Report on

Electricity

(Amend) Bill

placed in JS

A report of the parliamentary

Sangsadyesterday.

Mohammad Shahidul Islam,

chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on the minis-

try of power, energy and mineral resources, placed the bill.

person shall be deemed to have

dishonestly abstracted consumed

or used energy if he is found to

connection of any meter on mea-

ment of penalty of both imprison-

ment and fine for such offences.

When passed, the bill will replace

State Minister for Electricity

Iqbal Hasan Mahmud piloted the

bill in the Jatiya Sangsad on

Moon Sighting

It has also proposed enhance-

suring apparatus.

the Electricity Act, 1910.

The bill has proposed that a

BSS, Dhaka

Ahead of 'Amar Ekushey Boi Mela'

group of publishers at a press

briefing yesterday urged the

authorities to implement the 'Boi-

Mela' policies formulated by the

The publishers under the ban-

ner of 'Creative Publishers'

Association, Dhaka' demanded

launching of a website, forming a

computerised media cell, taking

stringent security measures,

arranging four entrance gates

starting on February 1 in the city, a Chattar.

ति प्रच का वे सम्ब अकृति विदेशना

श्रिकां में मिल्ला अध्यान

They were returning home from Arambaria Bazar riding the motorcycle. Local people rushed them to Ishwardi Upazila Health Complex where the doctor declared them to

UNB from Khulna says: A minor boy was crushed under the wheels of a minibus at Gutudia village in Dumuria upazila on Khulna-Satkhira highway yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Omi, 7, son of Rabiul Islam of

Police said the accident took place at about 2:30pm when Omi was crossing the highway. The killer minibus managed to escape

Transport movement was disrupted on the highway for 30 minutes as angry people put up barricade on the road protesting the



Bangladesh Sangjukta Chat, Suta O Bastrakal Sramik Federation stages a fast-unto-death at Muktangan in the city yesterday to realise its ten-point demand, including announcement of minimum wages for its workers and payment of group insurance money for deceased workers of Adamjee Jute Mills.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abir Mahmud, a student of standard one at the city's Biam Laboratory School, has been suffering from cancer for last few

He was already treated at the hospitals in Kolkata and Mumbai in India where he underwent a surgery in his cancer-affected tumour on his throat and nose.

But doctors at Apollo Hospitals in Kolkata advised the guardians of Abir to take him to Singapore or Hong Kong for better treatment in last December when his condition started to deteriorate again.

Abir is now undergoing treatment at Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital in the city. On inquiry, Abir's parents came

to know that Tk 10 lakh is needed for his treatment. But as a low-income service-

holder they cannot afford it. It may be mentioned that they have already spent Tk 14 lakh for the treatment of their child.

So, Abir's parents have made fervent appeal to all to extend generous help to save the life of their only son.

Contributions can be sent to following address: Bibhor Aktar (Abir's mother), Savings Account No 8690, Sonali Bank, Moghbazar Branch, Dhaka or can contact them overphone 8361185, 0175-833045.



Entaj Ali

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Entaj Ali, a city day-labourer, has been suffering due to expansion of his prostate gland.

At present he is under the treatment of Dr Fakhrul Islam of Urology department at the Insaf Diagnostic and Consultation Centre at Eskaton. Ali needs immediate operation

which will costTk30,000. But his family is unable to afford

the expenses and therefore appealed to people for generous Contributions can be sent to

Account No 21031271, Prime Bank Eskaton Branch, Dhaka, or Phone 0189081980.

in last two years.

ment has turned the whole country into a "prison" through its repression on the opposition leaders and immediately. workers. WPB General Secretary Bimal He was speaking as chief guest Biswas urged the party members to at a reception accorded to 11 party gear up their agitation to oust the

Menon said the government has opposition leaders and workers to

He told the government leaders to reform the jails during their time, otherwise they have to suffer in the jail for their corruption.

against the opposition workers

ent jails across the country," he

Kumar Pal. WPB Polite-Bureau member

with due importance. Philosophy Department of Dhaka University (DU) and Gobinda Deb

10:00am tomorrow. DUVice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz. will inaugurate the two day at a func-

tion at TSC auditorium at 10:30am. Marking the day, a discussion titled

"Philosophy for Poverty Alleviation" will be held at Kalabhaban at 10:00am

meeting today

The biennial general meeting of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) will be held at the National Press Club auditorium in the city at

Veteran journalist Kamal Lohani will attend the meeting as Earlier, the employees of the hospital informed us about the

The election of the DUJ will be

DHAKA

Corporate Bazaar Executive Committee organises the First

Corporate Exhibition with Foreign

Bangladesh Quran Learning Society organises a seminar on 'Invitation and preaching of the prophets'. Venue: Hamdard auditorium, Bangla Motor. Time: 4:30pm.

Memorial meeting

Haldar Smriti Parishad will hold a meeting in memory of eminent lawyer

'hemlet', a film adapted from Shakespeare, Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Time: 4:30.

no publisher should be allowed to would organise the book fair.

Books to be sold at 30% discount

standing committee on a bill titled "The Electricity (Amendment) Bill 2005" was placed in the Jatiya

Patrolling BDR men chal-

lenged and held 'her' from the

During interrogation, the Indian man, who entered arrested Indian national gave his Bangladesh in the guise of a identity as Narayan Burman, 40, woman wearing saree, this morn- son of late Babu Lal Burman of ing from Tentulia frontier in village Merodaganj under Chopra police station of Uttar Dinajpur district in West Bengal.

After interrogation, BDR filed a case against him with Tentulia police and handed him over to

Light fog likely

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 12 hours till 6:00pm today.

Light fog may also occur over the river basins of the country during early morning, Met Office said, predicting slight rise in night temperature over the country.

Highest temperature 29.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chittagong and lowest 10.1 degree Celsius at Srimongal. The sun sets in the capital at 5:43pm today and rises at 6:40am

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

	City/Town	Temperature in Celsius				Humidity in percentage		
П		A	fax	Min		Morning	Evening	
н	Dhaka	2	7.5	16.6		52	4	
ш	Chittagong	2	9.8	14.3		74	7:	
ш	Rajshahi	2	6.7	11.0		71	5	
Ш	Khulna	. 2	7.7	12.9		65	5	
Ш	Barisal	2	8.0	12.0		78	7	
Н	Sylhet	2	9.0	14.0		68	5-	
ı	Cox's Bazar	2	9.2	16.0	-	60		

Indian in guise of woman held

seminarroom in the city.

Patrolling BDR men arrested an

The BDR also recovered a uniform of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) from his

police, the sources said. Mirpur Liberation Day. Bahini and wartime journalists will

Shaheed Lt Selim



Today is the 34th death anniversary of freedom fighter Shaheed Lt Selim Md Qamrul Hasan (Bir Pratik), says a press release.

On the occasion, Qurankhani, discussion meeting and milad mahfil will be held at Shahid Selim Shikshalaya, Moghbazar at 3:00pm and at Uttara at 9:00am in the city. A milad mahfil will also be held

Sufi Shah Jamal Uddin BSS, Dhaka

at Selim's village in Barisal.

The first death anniversary of founding secretary general of Mansur Uddin Folklore Institute (MFI) Sufi Shah Jamal Uddin will be observed on January 31.

safe water, sanitation in 2 yrs' technical assistance of 'Water Aid

Over one lakh slum dwellers in Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) and Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) that after successful implementahave been brought under the safe water and safe sanitation coverage Population Services and

Training Center (PSTC) took the initiative under its 'Poverty Reduction through Environmental Water Sanitation and Hygiene (PREWSH)' project with the financial support of Department for International Development (DFID) and the

the central office in the city yesterday.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested two

persons, including a Dhaka Medical College and Hospital

(DMCH), employee and recovered 4,000 pieces of X-ray films from

their possession.
Police challenged Mashiur

Rahman, a storekeeper of the

DMCH, when he was getting on a

CNG-run three-wheeler along with

flee leaving the films, worth around

'One lakh city slum dwellers get

Mashiur, however, managed to

two others with the booty.

Bangladesh'.

have been made in the area of hardware installation for safe water, promotion of households latrines, sanitation block, garbage van, soak point and hygiene pro-

member of National Sanitation Task Force under the Department privileged people.

The main focus of PREWSH is to repair or reconstruct the sewerage and drainage system, pit and cluster latrines at suitable places near their living areas to ensure the environmental health of the population in urban areas, PSTC sources

heist, said one of the security per-

Police caught Shafful Islam, an

X-ray operator of the hospital, and

a buyer Nanda Kumar red handed

and handed them over to the

Star that a section of dishonest

employees often steal materials

from the hospital and sell those to

A DMCH source told The Daily

DMCH authorities.

into prison: Menon STAFF CORRESPONDENT members to make the February 5 'long march' a success, Menon said Workers' Party President Rashed every member will have to be ready Khan Menon yesterday said the for going to jail. BNP-Jamaat- led coalition govern-He demanded of the government to withdraw the false cases

Govt turns country

members who were released from jail on Thursday at the central office at Topkhana Road in the city. They were arrested from a procession during a hartal called by

the opposition 14-party alliance on January 22. no respect for democratic practices and that's why it is sending the

jails without any fault.

"We shall have to struggle for the welfare of the political detainees also who are languishing in differ-

WPB city committee Secretary Kamrul Ahsan presided over the function addressed by Jubo Moitri leader Mostafa Alamgir Ratan, Abdullah Al Mamun and Tapos





4,000 X-ray films recovered

at DMCH, 2 arrested

Philosophy Research Center have jointly chalked out a two-day programme to observe the day.
As a part of the programme, teachers and students of DU Philosophy

Department will bring out a procession from Aparajeya Bangla at

DUJ general accorded to 11 party members who were released from jail on Thursday at

10:00am today.

held tomorrow.

Corporate exhibition

Minister M Morshed Khan as chief guest. Venue: BCFCC. Time: 4:00pm. Seminar

Sudhanshu Shekhor Haldar with Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: Institute of Engineers. Time: 3:00pm.

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen

body meets today The National Moon Sighting Committee will meet at the Islamic

Foundation auditorium in the city

today to review the news of sighting

the moon of Muharram month. On the tenth of this lunar month, holy Ashura, commemorating the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hossain @at Karbala, is observed.

courage the non-publisher sellers, Osman Gani of Agamee this year publishers will sell books at 30 percent discount, the associa-Prokashani appreciated the initia-Bangla Academy and stressed that tion leaders said. it should be the fair of publishers, Saeed Bari tives taken so far by the govern-

including a separate gate for the sell the books of other publishers.

intellectuals and authors at the fair The fair should not turn to a book

Saeed Bari of Shuchipatra ment and the Bangla Academy to Prokashani and executive director hold the fair smoothly. Robin Ahsan of Shrabon of the association read out a written statement at the press briefing held at the Central Public Library

Prokashani and Harunur Rashid of Mira Prokashani were also present K M Firoz Khan of Khan

The leaders expressed hope that Brothers and Co emphasised that in future publishers themselves

market like Nilkhet or New Market.

For this, only exclusive books

should be exhibited in the fair.' He

Today is the 34th death anniversary of renowned filmmaker and author Zahir Raihan who was murdered by Pakistani soldiers and collaborators when he went to search for his martyred brother Shahidullah Kaiser, an eminent writer and

journalist, on January 30, 1972. To search for his brother, Raihan tagged along with Bangladesh army and policemen who launched an operation to liberate Mirpur from the remnants of Pakistani forces who refused to surrender on December 16, 1971

and laid siege to Mirpur area. Hundreds of army soldiers and policemen were killed in the Mirpur operation and to commemorate their deaths along with Raihan's, January 31 is observed as

The Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee will hold a rally tomorrow at the Mirpur National Stadium in the city and take out a procession to mark the day. Some sector commanders of the Mukti



On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at the residence of Sufi Shah at 19, Sheikh Shaheb Bazar in the city on the day after Asr prayers.

Project Direction of PSTC Fayez Mohammad Mostaque told BSS

tion of the project at a cost of Taka nine crore, a total of 3.6 lakhs slum dwellers in DCC and CCC will come under safe water and sanitation coverage by 2009. So far, significant achievements

of Public Health and Engineering (DPHE) aiming to improve health status, livelihood and physical living condition of the people especially to the poor and under-