METROPOLITAN/NEWS

Five killed in road crashes

others injured in separate road accidents in Dhaka and Sirajganj yesterday.

Our Staff Correspondent adds: An

Police said Halima Khatun, 70, died on the spot.

Of the injured, three are now under treatment at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital and the rest are admitted after its driver lost control over the steering in an attempt to save a rickshaw at around 10:30am.

Akhter, 8, died on the spot at Shanirakhra in Demra at 2.00pm.

In another road accident Sumi

She was run over by a speeding covered van while crossing the road.

Our Correspondent from Sirajganj reports: At least three people were killed and six others injured in three separate road accidents in Sirajganj yesterday.

Shahzadpur Health Complex.

Islam, 40, was crushed under the wheels

of a speeding truck at Bordhul area in Kamarkhanda upazila on Dhaka-Bogra

spot when a Bogra-bound bus hit him from behind when he was crossing the road at Bhuiagati in Raiganj upazila at

Another accident occurred when a Hatikumrul-bound tempo turned turtle on the road at Dilruba Bus Stand area on Bogra-Nagorbari Road in Shahzadpur upazila, leaving one passenger dead on the spot and six injured.

hospital morgue for autopsy

Bomb making materials found at IMB den in Bogra STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members arrested a JMB member and recovered huge quantity of bomb making materials including detonator and bullets from Joynagar village in Sherpur upazila of the district yesterday.

Tipped off, the Rab members arrested a JMB member Saydul of the

On his confessional statement, the Rab members recovered explosives detonators, some transistors, indicator light, 2.5kg gunpowder, seven rounds of bullies, bomb making circuits and electric ware.

Rab members told newsmen that the bomb making materials were recovered from a maize field.

One killed as nor'wester lashes Rajshahi

RU CORRESPONDENT

PROF TAHER MURDER

demanded

killed on February 2.

of the killers.

paradedstreets on the campus.

Arrest of killers

Teachers and students of the

Department of Geology and Mining of

Rajshahi University (RU) took out a silent

procession on the campus yesterday

demanding arrest and punishment of the

killers of Prof S Taher Ahmed, founding

teacher of the department, who was

Department chairman Prof Syed

At the rally, the chairman said they

would continue their protests on the

campus every Saturday and Tuesday to

press the administration for their

The speakers said teachers, students

and employees are agitating for arrest of

the killers of Prof Taher and Prof Yunus,

but there has been little progress in

investigation into the murders and arrest

Meanwhile, RU unit of Bangladesh

Chhatra League (BCL) and Progotishil

Chhatra Jote (PCJ) also took out proces-

sions and held rallies on the campus

arresting Salehi, RU Shibir president.

They threatened tougher agitation

against the government if Salehi is not

They also demanded proper probe

into the murder and submission of the

DHAKA

The Federation of Bangladesh

Chambers of Commerce and Industry

(FBCCI) organises a seminar on 'Free

Frade Agreement with Pakistan:

Reaping benefits for Bangladesh'.

Venue: FBCCI conference room. Time:

National Association of Unesco Clubs

Bangladesh organises a discussion on

'Role of mass media to eradicate

poverty'. Venue: Banbais, Palashy-

Environment and Social Development

Organisation will hold a 'meet the

press' session on environmental

concerns. Venue: PIB. Time: 11:00am.

demanding trial of the killers.

arrested and punished.

Seminar

11:30am.

Discussion

Nilkhet. Time: 3:00pm.

Meet the press

Shamsuddin Ahmed led the procession that

One person was killed and several others injured as a nor'wester lashed Rajshahi city and Mohonpur and Paba upazilas last evening.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The victim was identified as Abdul Jalil, 40, of Raighati areas in Mohonpur upazila. He died as an uprooted tree fell on him during the Former adviser to the caretaker government Rokia Afzal Rahman, second from left, inaugurated a two-day Women storm that has raged for half an hour Entrepreneurs' Products Baishakhi Expo-2006 at the Business Lounge of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry since 7:00nm.

(DCCI) yesterday. On her left are DCCI President MA Momen and Senior Programme Officer for Eastern Europe and Mamun, an injured from the same tree-fall, was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital.

> Local met office told that the velocity of the nor'wester ranged at 30 nautical miles per hour.

Uprooting of trees and damage of standing crops and mud houses were reported from various other areas in and around the city.

The storm also damaged electric poles and disrupted power supply in

Appeal for Help

Haider Hossain has been suffering from serious kidney ailments and his two kidneys are currently dysfunctional, says a press release.

He is now under the treatment of Dr Md Shahidul Selim and having weekly kidney dialysis which needs huge

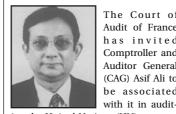
Earlier, Haider took treatment at the CMCA of Velour in India with the assistance of his brothers.

He hails from MP Dangi village under Charbhadrason upazila in Faridpur district.

Being unable to bear his treatment cost, Haider has sought financial assistance from benevolent people of

Contributions can be sent to Savings Account No: 34087851, Janata Bank, Topkhana Road Branch, Dhaka or he can be contacted over phones 7513282,0188202229,01716207685.

CAG invited to audit UN



Audit of France has invited Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Asif Ali to be associated with it in audit-

ing the United Nations (UN) systems says a press release.

The CAG has accordingly nominated two senior officials of the audit department to be part of the French audit teams to audit office of the UN Secretariat, New York, and headquarters of the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva, in September and November 2006 respectively.

This is a rare gesture aptly recognising the current strides achieved by CAG office in enhancing auditing capacity. Presently, France is a member of

the UN Board of Audit.

Medical College Hospital vesterday at the

Chief marketing officer of Radio Today



Khurshid has ioined Radio Today FM 89.6 as chief marketing officer and head of sales,

Aftab Mahmud

Radio Today is the first-ever stateof-the-art 24 hours FM radio station in

Aftab has a decade of experience in different capacities in various fields of marketing and branding.

He has a vast working track record in various national and multinational companies such as Siemens, Pride ACI, and WB and DFID-funded BEMAP marketing projects.



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different organisations yesterday held rally, formed human chain and brought out procession in the city protesting the arson in the house of former president AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury.

Prof Chowdhury and his family members including lawmaker son Mahi B Chowdhury narrowly escaped from the mysterious blaze at his Baridhara house on April 30 that gutted cash and valuables in three rooms.

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB), Jatiya Oikya Mancha and Bangladesh Tarikat Federation held a rally participated by hundreds of people at Muktangon. Speakers at the rally blamed the ruling

repeated attacks on BDB since its launching for setting fire to the house of its They demanded stern punishment to those who are responsible for the heinous

BNP cadres who has been carrying out

Party workers and supporters also chanted slogans against the BNP-led four-

BCL leaders alleged that Jamaat-Shibir leaders are trying to save Prof Taher's alleged killer Mahabub Alam Salehi. **Implementation** They also criticised police for no

of wage board demanded

Leaders of journalists at a discussion urged the authorities concerned to implement the wage board award in all newspapers, news agencies and TV channels immediately.

The demands were made at the discussion on the historic May Day at Jatiya Press Club on Monday organised jointly by the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ).

The journalist leaders also said the government should formulate a national policy for the newspapers immediately

BFUJ president Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, former General Secretary of Jatiya Press Club Shafiqur Rahman, newly-elected BFUI President Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul Secretary General Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, DUJ General Secretary Omar Faruk, former DUJ general secretaries Shah Alamgir and Mollah Jalal and Kartik Chatarji, Abdul Mannan, Md Enamul Haque Babul, Noore Jannat Akthar Shima, Poly Khan, Ataur Rahman, Monjusri Biswas and Altaf Chowdhury, spoke at the discussion. DUJ President Altaf Mahmud presided.

The rally was addressed by BDB

Mannan, Oikya Mancha membersecretary Abdur Rouf and Bangladesh Tarikat Federation Secretary General Alhaj Zakir Hossain. Bikalpa Chhatra Dhara formed a

Secretary General Major (Retd) Abdul

human chain in front of the High Court protesting the blaze. Later they brought out a procession that marched different city streets.

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal Central Committee Convener Khaleguzzaman expressed deep concern over the fire at Badruddoza'shouse.

Meanwhile, BDB will organise a press conferenceatitscentralofficetoday.

It is expected that BDB along with lativa Oikva Mancha and Bangladesh Tarikat Federation will announce at the press conference a detailed programme of their proposed long march towards Rajshahi protesting the price hike of electricity, water, fertiliser, diesel and other essentials

Memo submitted for publication of results

DU CORRESPONDENT

Third year students of the Department of Bangla, Dhaka University (DU), yesterday submitted a memorandum to the Vice Chancellor (VC) demanding immediate publication of the results of their second year course final examina-

The third year students completed their second year course final (2003-2004 academic sessions) examinations eight months ago but their result is yet to bepublished

They also demanded removal of examination committee chairman Prof SM Lutfar Rahman for his failure to publish the results in time.

When contacted, Prof Lutfar blamed the chairman of the department, as he (chairman) does not allow him to work as examination committee chairman. He added that he informed the matter to the VC Prof SMA Faiz

However, the chairman of the department Prof Mohammad Abu Zafar was not available for his comment in this regard.

When contacted, Pro-VC Prof AFM Yusuf Haider told journalists that the responsibility lies with the department concerned, so the department should deal with the matter. As the students submitted a memorandum, he may look into the matter, he added.

Management of NCT, congestion of vessels discussed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg The first meeting of Chittagong Port

Maritime Council formed last month to enhance efficiency at both Chittagong Port and underconstruction New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT) was held here yesterday.

The meeting mainly focused on management and operating system of NCT and the congestion of vessels at Chittagong port.

At the meeting the congestion of vessels at Chittagong port drew flaks from the port users who proposed for making handling of bulk cargo at the nearby privately run Inland Container Depots (ICD) to ease the congestion.

The port users demanded exemption from lift-on/lift-off charges of Chittagong Port if the stuffing and un-stuffing works were done in the ICDs outside the port.

The meeting chaired by Shipping Minister Lieutenant Colonel (retd) AkbAr Hossain agreed on principle to go for un-stuffing the bulk cargoes in the nearby private ICDs on condition of maintaining strong vigilances against any sort of of pilferage or smuggling of the cargoes.

Shipping Secretary Md Rafiqul Islam, Chittagong Port Authority Chairman AMM Shahadat Hossain, Bangladesh Shipping Corporation Managing Director Zulfigar Haider Chowdhury and Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Saifuzzaman Chowdhury $addressed\,the\,meeting\,among\,others.$

Obituary



Khatun, mother o Nurul Islam Babul, chairman of Jamuna Group and owner of the daily Jugantor, passed away at Shikder Women's

Alhaj Jamila

age of 92, says a press release She left behind four sons, one daughter, a number of grandchildren

and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn her death. Her first namaz-e-janaza was held at

Babul's Gulshan residence after Zohr prayers. She was buried at Kamarkhola village in Nawabganj after a second Her qulkhwani will be held at her

home at Kamarkhola after Asr prayers

on Friday. Milad mahfil. Ourankhwani and a special prayer will also be held at Babul's

residence at House #8, Road #67, Gulshan #2 after Asr prayers on Saturday Oulkhwani

Oulkhwani of eminent educationist Prof Husna Banu Khanam will be held at the Vice-Chancellor Bhaban of Dhaka University at 5:00pm tomorrow.

Cab driver murdered by muggers in Gazipur OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A taxicab driver was slaughtered by a

of Pakundia in Kishoreganj.

gang of muggers on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway near Kumar Khada in Gazipur Sadar on Monday. The victim was identified as Anisur Rahman Navon, 25, son of Safir Uddin

Sources said four muggers in the guise of passengers hired the taxicab from Tongi in the evening. After wandering some areas in

Gazipur town they took him to Kumarkhada jungle and tried to slaughter Navon. But hearing his scream locals rushed to the scene and caught

Sumon red-handed. Three other muggers managed to escape. Nayon however died on the spot. The locals handed over Sumon to

Sumon hails from Kuddapara under Shibpur upazila in Narsingdi

He admitted that they indented to mug the cab after slaughtering Nayon.

the ACD meetings since its inception in Bangkok Cab owner Monwar Hossain has filed a case with Joydevpur Police The body of Nayon has been kept in the morgue of Gazipur Sadar

held in Kuala Lumpur between May 28 and 30, the sources said.

As already reported, another cab driver Nur Mohammad, 26, was murdered by some miscreants at Jogitola area in Gazipur town on On the same night, the locals

caught a group of muggers from the same area when they tried to mug a taxicab by throwing away the driver from the running cab.

ACD foreign ministers meet begins May 22

BSS, Dhaka

The two-day fifth meeting of foreign ministers of Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) in Qatari capital of Doha from May 22.

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan will attend the meeting, foreign ministry sources said here yesterday. Bangladesh has been attending

Meanwhile, the Foreign Minister is also expected to attend the NAM ministerial meeting scheduled to be

Abdullahpur fell into the roadside ditch

At least five people were killed and 12

old woman and a minor girl were killed and six others injured in two separate $road\,accidents\,in\,the\,city\,yesterday.$

Jahanara Imam's

Today is the 77th birth anniversary of

Jahanara Imam, a renowned writer and

(mother of martyr), she spearheaded a

 $movement in 1992 \, seeking \, the \, trial \, of \, war \,$

criminals and banning communal

single-handedly led the unprecedented

movement that gained widespread

 $popular \, support \, within \, a \, very \, short \, \bar{time}.$

named 'Ekatturer Dinguli' (Of Blood and

Fire) is widely claimed as one of the best

publications on the country's liberation

To mark the occasion, the Forum for

The forum will also hold a discussion

Secular Bangladesh will place wreaths at

the graveyard of Jahanara Imam at

titled 'Violation of human rights by the

government" at WVA auditorium a

chair the meeting, said a press release.

of the forum, will deliver the address of

member Tofail Ahmed, Workers' Party

President Rashed Khan Menon, and

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President

Hena Das will take part in the discus-

The publication of her diary as a book

As a leading organiser Jahanara Imam

Known as iconic Shaheed Janani

anniversary of

birth today

human rights activist.

politics in the country.

She died in 1994.

Mirpur in the morning.

Dhanmondi at 4:00pm.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eurasia, CIPE, Andrew Wilson and on her right is DCCI Sr. Vice-President Hossain Khaled.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajgan

people injured in two days.

Siraigani town clinics.

Sporadic clashes between two groups

of people over distribution of a con-

struction work of the pour asava left 120 $\,$

Sirajganj General Hospital and Bogra

Mohammad Ali Hospital while 50

others including Additional

Superintendent of Police Safiqul Islam

and Sub-Inspector Arif were treated in

At least eight shops and 17 houses

Two groups of people of Bhangabari

were damaged during the clashes. The

Police arrested 19 people.

attackers also set fire to five houses.

Sixty of the injured were admitted to

to other hospitals

The accident occurred when a Mirpur-bound human hauler from

The injured were admitted to

Police and witnesses said, Nazrul

An unidentified old man died on the

Police sent the bodies to Sadar

and Diardhanghora villages got locked

into a three-hour long clash over

distribution of a construction work of

Sirajganj pourasava on Monday noon,

police said. About 50 people were

firearms and other weapons, engaged

in further clashes yesterday. The

clashes spread throughout the town,

Police charged batons and lobbed

A tense situation is prevailing in the

Humidity in

percentage

Evening

Morning

25 rounds of teargas shells to disperse

town. Police and Rapid Action

Battalion have been deployed at

 $leaving some\,70\,more\,people\,injured.$

The two groups, equipped with

injured at the time.

important spots.

Ensure expats'

voting right

Labour leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Labour leaders at a May Day discus-

sion urged the government to ensure

expatriate workers' right to vote

They said the expatriate workers

send a huge amount of remittance to

the country through their hard work,

but the government has no attention

to their welfare, as they do not have

They were speaking at a discus-

sion organised by Welfare

Association of Repatriated

Bangladeshi Employees (Warbe), in

association with Migrant Forum in

Asia, at the National Press Club on

"The Election Commission must

take immediate steps to ensure

expatriate's votes," said Warbe

He said Bangladeshi expatriate

workers are deprived of their due

salaries in absence of agreements

between Bangladesh and the receiv-

ments on labour issues and ratifica-

tion of UN Convention on migrant

They demanded bilateral agree-

He also demanded repatriation

Bangladeshi Obhibashi Mohila

of the Bangladeshi workers arrested

Sramik Association Sheikh Roman

demanded government steps to

ensure security of the women

Bangladesh Krishak-Sramik

Federation Coordinator Zahid Iqbal,

Sammilita Sramik Federation

President Abul Hossain, Warbe

Secretary General Anisur Rahman

Khan and Nahid Sultan, executive

director of Shasti, an NGO, also

in many countries of the world.

Chairman Syed Saiful Haque.

before the next general elections.

urge govt

voting power.

ing countries.

workers.

migrant workers.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia addresses a huge public meeting at the Bhuapur Ibrahim Khan School and College ground in Tangail yesterday.

fundamentalist-communal alliance Fall in temperature likely Prof Kabir Chowdhury, president of the advisory council of the forum, will Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Sylhet division and at one or two places Shahriar Kabir, acting vice-president over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Comilla and Noakhlai in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today. welcome while its advisor Justice KM Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere Sobhan, Awami League presidium over the country, Met Office said predicting slight fall in day tempera-

Highest temperature 38.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at

The sun sets in the capital at 6:28pm today and rises at 5:22am

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

in Celsius

Max

Mongla and lowest 20.5 degree Celsius at Sylhet.

major cities and towns yesterday were:

120 hurt in Sirajganj clashes

sion.		
Saarc fo	ood ministers'	

meet in August Bss, Dhaka

The first Saarc food ministers' meeting is scheduled to be held in Islamabad in

Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf is expected to attend the meeting, sources in the ministry of foreign affairs



Veteran journalist Kamal Lohani speaks at a roundtable on 'Press Council and Accountability of Newspapers' organised by BCDJC at National Press Club in the city yesterday to mark World Press Freedom Day