

AUG 17 BLASTS

## Bail petition of JMB leader Saifullah's wife rejected

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected the bail petition of Taslima Begum, wife of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) Majlish-e-Shura member Khaled Saifullah arrested in connection with the August 17 bomb blasts across the country.

Metropolitan Magistrate Gagannath Das Khokan issued the order following a petition filed by defence lawyer Abul Bashar for Saifullah's wife.

Moving the bail petition, the defence lawyer told the court that his client was involved in the incident as part of a conspiracy to harass her falsely. So he prayed for bail. The prosecution opposed the petition saying that the investigation has found her involvement as female JMB member.

After hearing both the sides, the court rejected the petition for bail.

The elite force Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested Saifullah along with his wife and three daughters from a house at Demra in the city on April 25.

## Rajshahi Forum meets

A meeting of Rajshahi Divisional Development Forum was held at a restaurant at Maghbazar in the city on May 13, says a press release.

Shad Ahmed, M A Salam, Dr K B Chowdhury, Md Mushfiqur Rahman, Misbahul Islam Zepu, Shamsul Alam Setu, Faruk Ahmed, Engr Shahadat Ali Mircha and Nuruzzaman Khan spoke at the meeting. Md Monowarul Haque Chowdhury, convenor of the Forum, presided.



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14-party opposition combine stages a demonstration at Chawkbazar in old city yesterday demanding supply of adequate water and uninterrupted electricity.

## Dr Kamal visits injured SUST students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gono Forum (GF) and Jatiya Oikya Mancha (JOM) President Dr Kamal Hossain along with General Secretary of Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) Maj (ret) Abdul Mannan went to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) yesterday to visit the bullet-hit students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST), says a press release.

## Mobile sets worth Tk 61 lakh seized at ZIA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs officials at the Zia International Airport (ZIA) seized mobile sets worth about Tk 61 lakh from incoming passengers of Bangladesh Airlines yesterday.

Officials recovered 700 cell phone sets of different brands from three luggages of Bangladesh Airlines coming from New York via

London and Dubai while another 723 sets were recovered after scanning two bags of a flight from Kolkata.

In another drive, the customs officials seized 99 mobile sets from a luggage coming from Singapore.

Departmental cases were filed in this connection and the seized mobile phone sets were sent to the customs warehouse.

## Seminar on Henrik Ibsen begins

A two-day international seminar on life and work of Henrik Ibsen began at Dhaka University (DU) yesterday, a DU press release said.

The Department of English, DU, organised the seminar at RC Mojumdar auditorium of the University to mark the death centennial of Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen.

DU Vice-chancellor Prof SMA Faiz, Norwegian Ambassador to Bangladesh Aud Lise Norheim and Prof Niaz Zaman addressed the seminar with English department chairman Prof Sadrul Amin in the chair.

## Buet exams begin June 3

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The term final examinations of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) will begin on June 3 instead of May 27.

The examinations have been postponed for one week responding to the appeal made by students for a longer preparatory leave. Buet sources said yesterday.