Housewife

murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An elderly housewife was killed

apparently over second mar-

riage of her husband and some

valuables were allegedly looted

from her house at Demra area in

The dead identified as

Police sources said returning

home at around 10:45pm,

Fazilatunnesa's husband and

son found her lying on bed with

hands and legs tied with a rope

and blood coming out of her

The victim's husband Shoaib

Mamunur Rashid claimed that

Tk five lakh in cash, 18 tolas of

gold ornaments and other valu-

ables were looted from the

house but the victim's son

Monowar Rashid, victim's

son, who is a medicine whole

seller, alleged that Lipi, his

father's second wife, was

"A lot of anxiety had been

The body of the deceased

Based on the allegation of the

was taken to Sir Salimullah

Medical College Hospital

victim's son, police arrested Lipi

along with her mother and two

other relatives in the early hours

of yesterday and in the morning.

going on in the house since my

father married Lipi four months

denied the claim.

involved in the murder.

morque for autopsy.

Fazilatunnesa, 45, was alone

at her house when the incident

the city on Wednesday night.

in city

occurred.

METROPOLÎTAN/NEWS

New Building Construction Rules

Delay in implementation to serve vested interest

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

By the time the new Building Construction Rules 2006 (BCR 2006) is implemented in January 2007, the city will witness construction of thousands of buildings in the most 'casual' way under the old construction rules of 1996.

The BCR 2006 was gazetted in June but its implementation was mysteriously deferred until 31 December 2006 through an official letter issued by the Ministry of Housing and Public Works.

While the new rules remain inactive, thousands of landowners and developers are now queuing up at Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkhya (Rajuk) to submit their application for approval of building plans under the old rules, which hardly has any accountability

According to an official source, Rajuk has received 2,500 applications for approval of buildings plans within the last 15 days

ing the price hike of essentials.

One killed, 20

injured in road

One person was killed and 20 others

injured in road accidents across the

Mymensingh reports: At least one

person was killed and 10 others

were iniured in a road accident at

Hazir Bari area on Dhaka-

Mymensingh highway in Bhaluka

dent took place when a sand-laden

truck bound for Dhaka turned turtle

when the driver lost control over the

steering killing an unidentified mar

on the spot and injuring 10 others at

Bhaluka Upazila Health Complex.

The injured were admitted to

The body of the dead was sent to

A case was lodged with Bhaluka

Our correspondent from

Rangamati adds: At least ten people

were injured, five of them critically

when a jeep locally known as

Chandergari plunged into roadside

ditch after the driver had lost control

over the steering on the way to

Dighinala from Baghaichhari upazila

headquarters yesterday morning. Md Ali, 25, a critically injured

passenger, was admitted to

admitted to Baghaichhari upazila

health complex are Saki

The other injured who were

Khagrachhari sadar hospital.

Mymensingh Medical College and

Hospital (MMCH) morgue for

police station in this regard.

autopsy.

Police and locals said the acci-

upazila here yesterday morning.

correspondent from

accidents

STAR REPORT

The professionals of the con

new buildings, including many highrise structures, which have been recently approved or put under the process of approval under the old rules, are set to add to the chaotic landscape of the city and create an environmental nightmare.

The General Secretary of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB) Dr Mahbubur Rahman told The Daily Star 'a few identified quarters' are delaying the implementation of the new building rules. He said the quarters are playing the delay tactic out of ignorance and evil

Rahman said a vested quarter in Rajuk, fearing its profit-making days would be over if this new rule is implemented, is spreading misleading information and creating confu-

He said the government must stop approval of new building plans under the old rules immediately, "Or Rajuk can issue the approval of

Members of the Bangladesh Grameen O Nagar Daridra Federation line up at Muktangan in the city yesterday protest-

York recently said a blueprint has

been made by the BNP-Jamaat

alliance government to snatch the

voting rights of the people, says a

Community Development Initiative

organised the seminar on "Upcom-

ing Election: Role of Caretaker

violence might occur during the

election by the BNP-Jamaat cadres

as the Election Commission would

play as the tool of the BNP-Jamaat.

They emphasised strengthening of

Referring to the role of army

the caretaker government.

Bangladesh-America

The speakers said widespread

press release.

Government.'

once completed the owners will have to produce an occupancy certificate

In a joint statement recently, the experts from six top professional bodies urged the government to implement the new construction rules and save the city from becoming an urban nightmare. They said the intentional delay in implementing the new laws is unacceptable and against public interest.

The leaders said the BCR 2006 was framed through an intensive three-year effort by professional bodies in consultation with the government. The rules were formulated based on practical consideration of the land availability. population density and resource constraints in Bangladesh. The new rules dislodge the constraints of the highly inadequate previous rules and ensure accountability, bringing significant incentives and benefits to all the stakeholders.



Udichi forms a human chain in front of the High Court in the city yesterday demanding fresh investigation and trial of

Col Taher Day today

The Colonel Taher Day will be

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

observed today to mark the 30th death anniversary of Col Taher, Bir On the occasion, different

socio-political and cultural organisations have chalked out various

Colonel Taher Sangsad will organise a discussion titled 'Trial of Colonel Taher killing: Movement and legal procedure' at Teacher Student Centre (TSC) at Dhaka University at 4:00pm. Renowned Journalist Laurence

Lifschultz, Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain, Workers' Party President Rashed Khan Menon Vice President of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal Sharif Nurul Ambia and General Secretary of Colonel Taher Sangsad Ruhul Kuddus will attend the programme. The discussion will be followed

by prize giving ceremony of a painting competition and a play titled 'Kotha 71', a Dhaka Padatik production.

Besides, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal will hold a demonstration demanding trial of his killers at the graveyard of Colonel Taher ir Purbadhala, Mymensingh.

JSD expresses solidarity with RMG workers' demands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of 16 garment workers organisations yesterday exchanged views with the leaders of Jativatabadi Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) on the tripartite agreement signed recently among garment workers owners and the government.

During the view exchange meeting at Colonel Taher auditorium in the city JSD leaders expressed solidarity with the demands of the workers and said that if Awami League led 14 party is voted to power in the next election, they would form national minimum wage commission for the garment

The garment workers' demands included issuing appointment workers, provision of eight hours working day, over-time for the extra hours and minimum wage set by the wage board.

JSD President Hasanul Huq Inu said that any kind of procrastination in the implementation of the tripartite agreement is tantamount to

conspiracy He also urged the government to implement the agreement without any delay.

JSD General Secretary Syed Jafar Sazzad, Joint Secretary Sirin Akhter, Md Tawhidur Rahman, Salahuddin Swapan, Shiraiul Islam Rony, Shamima Nasrin and other leaders were present at the programme

Shahid gets Best Hotelier of the Year award



Bangladesh Hotel and Guest House Owners Association (BHGHOA) awarded Shahid Hamid, executive director of Hotel Sarina Dhaka, the Best

savs a press release Shahid, a veteran in hotel and

tourism industry, received the award from State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir at a function at a local hotel.

He has 28 years of colourful career with working experience at home and abroad.

Qulkhwani

Bss, Dhaka

Qulkhwani of Lutfunnesa Begum, mother of noted industrialist and chairman of Khan Son's Group AKM Muhit Uddin, will be held at House No. 45, Road No. 7, Block-G, Banani after Asr prayers today.

She died at Shahabuddin Medical College Hospital at Gulshan on July 17 at the age of 81. Prayers will also be held at

different mosques, madrasas and schools at Khulna village of Bux Mahmud Union in Feni on the same

'Involve mass people in anti-govt movement'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Row Over Deposition

Action against

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

About a hundred officials and

employees of finance and accounts

section of Rajshahi University yester-

day protested the authority's decision

to punish an accounts official for what

they said not depositing the university

funds with the Islami Bank

The demonstrators observed a

work abstention programme yester-

day and threatened to bring all

demands in the next syndicate meet-

Earlier, the RU authorities had

decided to prohibit Assistant

Accounts Officer (AAO) Hasin

Ahmed Khan from all service bene-

fits, including promotion and incre-

the RU finance committee (FC), is

likely to be approved in the next

The decision, taken on July 18 by

The decision was taken as Hasin

did not deposit the university funds

with the IBBL, the demonstrators

said, adding that it is a heavy punish-

They also claimed the decision

Hasin Ahmed Khan deposited

was 'politically motivated' because

the treasurer and FC chairman had

over Tk 60 lakh from the provident

funds of RU staffs as fixed deposit

(FDR) to four private banks, approved

But during its approval in the FC,

Prof Nazrul, also one of the 13

members of IBBL board of directors,

alleged that Hasin has made the FDR

illegally in order to gain personal

Prof Nazrul told The Daily Starthat

Hasin has committed a grievous

crime by getting the deposits

approved by the RU registrar, who

was then acting as treasurer in the

absence of treasurer. "He didn't even

get the approval of the FC before

He denied the allegations that he

was angry with Hasin for not deposit-

ing the money with the IBBL and that

However, the three-member

nvestigation committee, headed by

Prof Raihana Ansari of Finance and

Banking department, found Prof

"The punitive measures taken

against Hasin is not recommended in

our (probe) report, but I can't com-

ment more than that", Prof Raihana

Ansari told The Daily Star yesterday.

One shot dead

Aman was shot dead by the cadres of

an extremist group at

Harinarayanpur village in Sadar

The dead was identified as Mofiz

Police said a gang of 10-12 armed

men stormed into the house of Begu

Mridha at about 5:00am and shot

A case was filed in this connec-

in Pabna

upazila early yesterday.

Mridha, son of Begu Mridha.

UNB, Pabna

Mofiz dead.

Nazrul's allegations baseless.

the punitive measures was inten-

making the deposit."

Prof Nazrul Islam, an FC member,

by the VC and acting treasurer.

ment for a 'modest mistake.

ng to be held on July 25.

ment for one year.

syndicate meeting.

overlooked it earlier

accounts-related activities to a halt.

Bangladesh Limited (IBBL).

RU official

protested

OF MONEY

Speaker at a discussion yesterday called on the progressive political parties to involve mass people in anti-government movement in order to establish a secular democratic Terming mass people the main

driving force behind all successes, they said it is time to launch a united movement to get rid of the misrule of BNP-Jamaat government.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) organised the discussion to mark Led by Deputy Director of the 30th death anniversary of Accounts Ashraf-ul Huda, the agita-Colonel Taher at the National Press tors collected the signatures of some Club in the city. 200 officials and employees in favour Speaking at the discussion,

of their demonstration and submitted Gono Forum President Dr Kamal a memorandum to the VC, giving a three-day ultimatum to withdraw the Hossain said the mass people are the source of all power and no VC Prof Altaf Hossain assured the achievement is possible without agitators of considering their their participation.

A secular democratic society will not be established unless the mass people are integrated into the movement, he said, adding that a united movement is a must to make the country free from terrorism, mili-

The dreams of Colonel Taher will not be fulfilled unless corruption and terrorism are eliminated from the country, he added.

Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil said, "We had fought in 1971 to establish a country free from all forms of exploitation and misrule, and now we have to fight for an end to the misrule of the government."

He said all the progressive political parties who believe in the spirit of the liberation war have to fight against the misrule of the government by uniting the people. The BNP-Jamaat is dillydallying

on the issue of reforms and wasting time on filmsy excuse in this regard, but the people will not accept any election without reforms, he said.

MAISINIA

Bangladesh Workers' Party stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city

yesterday protesting Israeli military offensive against Lebanon.

JSD President Hasanul Haque Inu, who presided over the discusof the trial of Taher be made public. Kamal Lohani, president of

Colonel Taher Srimity Sangsad, Communist Party of Bangladesh president Munjurul Ahsan Khan, Workers' Party General Secretary Bimal Biswas, JSD General Secretary Syed Jafar Sazzad, JSD Vice-President Sharif Nurul Ambia and Karmojibi Nari President Shirin Akhter were also present at the

Protest against power crisis in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Greater Khulna Development Action Coordination Committee (GKDACC) held a rally yesterday afternoon at the picture palace cinema hall square protesting severe power crisis in the southwestern region and non-allocation of fund in the current national budget for implementation of different ment projects Over one thousand people from

all walks of life, including leaders and activists of all political parties, attended the rally. Presided over by Vice President

of GKDACC Haider Gazi Salahuddin Runu, the protest rally was addressed by CPB leader Advocate Feroze Ahmed, GKDACC Secretary General Shaikh Ashrafuzzaman, Khulna Citizens' Forum Chairperson Shaikh Abdul Qayyum, Advocate Shaikh Enayet Ali, BNP leader Gazi Shahidullah, Workers' Party leader Hafizur Rahman and Rupantar Director Rafigul Islam.

Speakers said the government would be forced to accept the legitimate demands of the people of greater Khulna through tough

sion, demanded that the documents

Obituary Abdul Muid Bahar, father of Nafisa Banu, deputy chief accounts officer of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA), passed away yesterday at the age of 76, He left behind his wife, two sons and two daughters.

He was buried at Mohammadpur graveyard after namaz-e-janaza at Tara Masque in

Death anniversary



Shafaque Shahriar Ahmed (Ruben), says a oress release. He died on this day in 2001

in New York where he had been serving in Brookdale University On the occasion, a milad and doa

mahfil will be held at Ahsania Mission Orphanage, Mirpur-1 after Maghrib prayers

Dr Jakia Sultana Today is the 6th



minister late Ansar Ali Siddiqui, says a press release. On this day in 2000, Dr Jakia

wife of Deputy Secretary Nazmul Hai, died due to dengue fever.

On the occasion, recitation from the Holy Quran and milad mahfil have been arranged at her residence at Shajahan Road, Mohammadpur after Asr prayers today. Admirers are requested to attend the programmes.

DHÂKA T O D A

CD launch

Bangladesh Visually Impaired Peoples' Society will launch an audio CD by late Md Shah Alam, who was visually impaired. Venue: Bangladesh Lions' Foundation auditorium. Time:

Reception The Mirpur branch of Liberation War

Martyrs Memorial Library will accord a reception to 30 meritorious students who have achieved excellent results in 2006 SSC examinations. Venue: Hazrat Shah Ali Model High School auditorium. Time: 3:00pm.

Roundtable

Reporters' Forum for Election and Democracy (RFED) will hold a roundtable on 'Election 2007: Free flow of information and election commission'. Venue: National Press Club conference room. Time: 9:30am.

Human chain

form a human chain to protest corruption. Venue: In front of Fine Arts Institute. Time: 10:30am.

Save the Environment Movement will

Chakrabarty, 30, Md Yunus Ali, 45, Begum Diljahan, 30, Khalilur Rahman, 40, and Md Shafi Alam. The rest of the injured were released after they were given first Thundershowers likely aid, Baghaichhari police said.

Goods train derails

in Mymensingh OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Mymensingh

Rail communication between Jagannathganj Ghat and Dewanganj in Jamalpur and Mymensingh was suspended for about three hours due to derailment of two compartments of a goods train

at Minot College rail crossing in the district town. According to sources two compartments of a goods train bound for Tarakandi in Jamalpur from Mymensingh were derailed due to faulty railway track disrupting rail communication from 9:00am to 12:00noon yesterday.

The communications resumed when a relief train from Mymensingh station recovered the compartments

during the election, they said the army is under the prime minister and "Why should not be so in the case of Chief Advisor of the Caretaker Government? Journalist Sharif Shahab Uddin

Blueprint made to

snatch voting rights

Speakers tell seminar in New York

the seminar.

presented the key-note paper at Dr Dwijen Bhattacharva of Columbia University, journalist

ers at a seminar held in New Engineer Farashat Ali and Car Shachin Karmakar spoke at the seminar with Dr Pradip Kar in the

Sharif Shahab Uddin in his paper said widespread corruption in the administration, nationwide terrorist activities and the rise of Islamic militancy posed a threat to holding a free and fair election. He said the entire administration should be brought under direct supervision of the caretaker government during its tenure for a free and fair election.

He said the election must be held free from the influence of the high officials, including deputy commissioners (DCs). He emphasised the withdrawal of legal and illegal arms much before the election across the country. The DCs, SPs and the local armed cadres can seriously influence the election and even they can change the election results, he

The caretaker government



UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at most places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said,

predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country. Highest temperature 33.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dinajpur and Bogra and lowest 22.6 degree Celsius at Sandwip.

major cities and towns yesterday were:

The sun sets in the capital at 6:47pm today and rises at Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

City/Town Humidity in Temperature in Celsius percentage Max Morning Evening 75 31.5 Dhaka 26.5 31.0 Chittagong 25.0 75 74 89 26.0 Raishahi 31.8 25.6 90 31.0 Khulna 95 Barisal 30.5 25.5 98 50 77 32.9 25.3 76 Svlhet Cox's Bazar