

## HAJJ LIKELY ON DEC 30 65,000 Bangladeshis to perform Hajj this year

**UNB, Dhaka**  
A total of 65,000 pilgrims from Bangladesh will perform Hajj, likely on December 30 this year, under the government management and through the approved agencies.  
An official announcement yesterday said willing Hajj pilgrims under the government management would have to deposit with the designated bank-

branches an amount of Tk 193,080 for 'Green Category' and Tk 173,080 for 'Blue Category' as overall service charge.  
However, the intending pilgrims under private management would have to deposit the money with the fixed bank accounts of the Hajj agencies approved by the Religious Affairs Ministry.  
"Intending pilgrims under both

categories will have to deposit money by September 25. Pilgrims under the government management would have to submit their applications to the respective Deputy Commissioner's Office by September 25," said the headout.  
"The next Hajj will be held on December 30 subject to moon-sighting," it said.



Bangladesh Mohila Awami League takes out a procession at Dhanmondi in the city during Hartal hours yesterday. Awami League enforced the hartal to mark the National Mourning Day.

## BANGABANDHU MURDER Govt takes no step for hearing case

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Speakers at a discussion yesterday said it is quite regrettable that the hearing of Bangabandhu Murder Case was not held for a single day in last five years.  
The memorial discussion on the founder of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was organised by Jatiya Party (JP-Manju) at the auditorium of Diploma Engineers' Institute in the city.  
Speaking at the programme, Vice-chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council Barrister Rokonuddin Mahmud refuted the allegation that the Awami League is responsible for delaying the case.  
He questioned the role of the Chief Justice regarding the case that has been left unheard in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for last five years.  
He said the Attorney General's office that runs under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs had not taken any step to put the case for hearing during the coalition rule.  
Speaking about the stature of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the history of Bangladesh, JP Chairman Anwar Hossain Manju said those who want to defame Bangabandhu should be aware of their own limitations.  
"Now a section may feel shy in recognising his contribution to the creation of Bangladesh, but after hundred years things would be totally different," he added.  
JP Secretary General Sheikh Shahidul Islam, Editor of the Bangladesh Observer Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, acting editor of the daily Ittefaq Rahat Khan, eminent actor Prof Mamtazuddin Ahmed and Prof Mostafa Chowdhury of Dhaka University also took part in the discussion.

## BPATC seminar on knowledge management

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) organised a daylong international seminar on 'Knowledge Management' at its International Training Complex (ITC) at Savar on Monday. Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed attended the opening session as the chief guest.  
Japanese Ambassador Masayuki Inoue and Cabinet Secretary ASM Abdul Halim were present as special guests, chaired by BPATC Rector M. Abdus Salam Khan. Prof Dr M Nazrul Islam of School of Management of Asian Institute of Technology presented the keynote paper in the session, said a press release.

## Teenage girls rescued from Jamalpur brothel

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Police rescued two teenage girls from a brothel at Jamalpur Sadar area on Monday night and arrested the woman of the brothel, who allegedly forced the girls, both aged below 18, into prostitution.  
Tipped off that the under-aged girls were confined at the brothel, Additional District Magistrate of Jamalpur Dr Namita Haldar asked the district Superintendent of Police (SP) Hafizur Rahman to rescue the girls on Monday night.  
According to instruction, the local police carried out a raid at about 10:00pm and rescued the girls. Khodeza, the woman who controls the brothel girls, was also arrested for forcing the girls into prostitution.  
One of the girls, hailing from Netrokona, said she used to work at a house at Dhanmondi in the capital. She was on her way to village when she met a man, who took her to the brothel and sold her.  
The other girl, hailing from Comilla, said she also met a man on a railway station after she had come out of her house following a feud with her family. The man lured her into a job in a garment factory but sold her to Khodeza.  
Jamalpur police said as the girls refused to get engaged in prostitution, Khodeza beat them severely. They showed the bruises caused by torture, police added.

**Concern over cop-RMG workers' clash**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Karmojibi Nari, an initiative for working women, yesterday expressed concern over the clashes between police and garment workers at Badda Progati Soroni and Airport intersections in the city.  
In a press release, President Shirin Akhter and General Secretary Sharmin Kabir said the workers of TRF and Limon garments were not given salary and allowances for last two months.  
"How will they concentrate on their jobs under such circumstances? The Karmojibi Nari leaders posed a question.  
They said police atrocity on workers must be stopped immediately, and at the same time vandalism and clash inside the factory should also be stopped.  
Shirin and Sharmin observed that the owners and workers should protect the promising sector through mutual cooperation.  
They called for immediate payment of arrear salary and allowances and execution of the tripartite agreement between the government, owners and workers.

## 3 die in road accidents

**STAR REPORT**  
Three people, including a college teacher, were killed in separate road accidents in Chittagong, Magura and Sirajganj yesterday.  
Our Chittagong correspondent adds: One minor boy was killed in a road accident in the port city yesterday.  
Victim Md Sowrav, 12, a tempo helper, was knocked by a covered van from the back at Kathgar area at around 4:00pm and received serious head injuries, sources said.  
Locals rushed him to Chittagong Medical College and Hospital where the doctors declared him dead at around 5:00pm.



Children greet Prime Minister Khaleda Zia with bouquets on her 62nd birthday at her office at Hare Road in the city yesterday.

## 3 die in road accidents

**OUR CORRESPONDENT**  
from Magura reports: A college teacher was killed in a road accident at Kechhuadubi area on Magura-Jessore highway in Magura Sadar upazila yesterday.  
The dead was identified as Dipankar Kundu 28, a teacher of Tangkhalhi Banasri Rabindra Saroni College.  
Police and witnesses said the accident occurred as a speeding truck hit him from behind at around 5:30pm when he was going to the district town riding a motorbike. He died on the spot.  
Our Correspondent from Sirajganj reports: A constable was killed and four other policemen were injured in a road accident on the Dhaka-Bogra highway at

Dadpur under Solonga Police Station in Sirajganj yesterday.  
The dead was identified as Prem Datta, 40, constable at Rajarbag Police lines in Dhaka.  
The injured were rushed to Sadar hospital.  
Police and witnesses said a Nilphamari-bound pick-up van with policemen from Rajarbag Police lines in Dhaka skidded off the road and fell into a roadside ditch when its driver lost control over the steering.  
On information, Solonga police rushed to the spot and sent the body to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

## No class held at JU due to hartal Execution of verdict in Bangabandhu murder case demanded

**JU CORRESPONDENT**  
Academic and administrative activities at Jahangirnagar University (JU) came to a halt yesterday, as the half-day hartal, called by Awami League, passed off peacefully.  
Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of JU brought out a silent procession on the campus to mark the 31st death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the National Mourning Day. BCL activists, pro-AL teachers, officers and employees of the university took part in the procession. Later, they held a rally in front of the Arts faculty (old).  
Addressing the rally, speakers demanded immediate execution of the verdict of Bangabandhu murder case. They also criticised the four-party ruling alliance for what they say a reign of misrule and corruption across the country.  
Prof Sharif Enamul Kabir, president of Bangabandhu Parishad, JU, Sohail Parvez, president of JU BCL and Mahub Naser Jony, general secretary of JU BCL, spoke at the rally.  
Leaders of BCL and AL from different parts of the capital also visited the campus in motorcade.  
Meanwhile, the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) celebrated the birthday of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia by cutting a cake at the cafeteria yesterday afternoon.

### DHAKA TODAY

**Film screening**  
Dhaka University Film Society will screen 'The Dreamers', directed by Bernardo Bertolucci and 'Man Bites Dog', directed by Remy Belvaux, as part of the 41st World Film Manifestation Programme. Venue: Goethe Institute. Time: 3:00pm.

**Seminar**  
Bangladesh Sanskriti Kendra organises a seminar to mark the 100th birth anniversary of poet Abdul Kadir. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4:00pm.

**View-exchange meeting**  
National Front of Teachers and Employees will hold a view-exchange meeting on Economic condition of private educational institutions: Depositing student fees to government exchequer'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11:00am.

**Token hunger strike**  
Secular Unity Bangladesh will observe a token hunger strike. Venue: Bangabandhu Memorial Museum premises. Time: 9:00am.

**Certificate distribution**  
Certificate distribution ceremony of a course on 'Oceanography: Principles and applications' organised by National Oceanographic and Maritime Institute (NAOMI), will be held. Venue: NAOMI office, Eastern Plaza. Time: 5:00pm.

**Meet the director**  
Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies will screen the film 'Shankhanad' followed by a 'Meet the director' session with Abu Saeed. Venue: Alamgir Kabir Chalachitra Kendra auditorium. Time: 5:30pm.

**Inaugural ceremony**  
The inaugural ceremony of Motel Atlantis, the first ever water theme motel of the country, will be held. Venue: Water Kingdom, Ashulia. Time: 6:00pm.

**Seminar**  
Bangladesh Society of Environmental Scientist will organise a seminar on 'Status of environment and environmental education in Bangladesh'. Venue: Agriculture Extension Directorate auditorium. Time: 9:30am.

**Consultation meeting**  
The sixth expert group consultation meeting on 'Vision 2021 for Bangladesh' organised by Nagork Committee 2006, will be held.

**Discussion**  
Bangladesh Awami Jubo League will hold a discussion to mark the death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on August 15. Venue: In front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum. Time: 3:00pm.

**Annual partners' meet**  
Annual partners' meet 2006 of AIESEC Bangladesh will be held. Venue: Bashundhara Convention Centre. Time: 7:15pm.

**Annual general meeting**  
Annual general meeting of Habitat Council Bangladesh will be held. Venue: WVA auditorium. Time: 10:00am.

**Premier**  
The premier of 'Payer Tole Ban Bhasi', directed by Sadek Siddiki, will be held. Venue: Liberation War Museum. Time: 4:30pm.

## CU student beaten up by shibir men

**CU CORRESPONDENT**  
Activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) allegedly assaulted a student of Chittagong University (CU) on Monday night.  
The injured student was identified as Mohammad Shahadat Hossain, a third year student of political science department.  
Sources said a group of ICS cadre knocked the door of Shahadat at Padma Cottage in front of Shah Amanat Hall on the campus at around 11:00pm and quizzed him about an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) who, as they claimed, was in the room.  
At one stage of altercation they beat Shahadat with iron rods and hockey sticks, sources said.  
He was rushed to University Medical Centre and later shifted to National Hospital in the city.  
The incident has created resentment among the general students on the campus.  
ICS CU unit President Mezbah Uddin Nayeem has however denied the allegation.

## DECOMPOSED BODY IN JUTE SACK Two suspects held

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**  
Police last night arrested two suspects and picked up six others from Upashahar areas after retrieving the identity of the youth whose decomposed body was found in jute sacks on August 1.  
The young man was identified as Priti Ranjan Sarker Sumon, 22, son of Kartik Chandra Sarker of Patchpakhia village under Naldanga thana of Natore district.  
Police arrested Komol Kumar, an HSC student of Rajshahi New Degree College and Abdul Hamid, a fine arts student of Rajshahi University.  
Police also picked up the house owner's son Mintu and five other students of Rajshahi College for interrogation. Police also recovered Sumon's identity card, clothings and blood stained bed sheets from the house.  
With hands and legs tied behind, Sumon's body was found at an abandoned corner in front of Yunus Ali Memorial School.  
Aslam Iqbal, officer-in-charge (OC) of Boalia Police Station, said that the inquest report suggests the youth was strangled to death.

### WEATHER TODAY

## Thundershowers likely

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Khulna, Sylhet, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka and Rajshahi divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.  
Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places during the period, Met Office said, predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.  
Highest temperature 36.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 24.5 degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar.  
**The sun sets in the capital at 6:31pm today and rises at 5:34am tomorrow.**  
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.3	27.5	65	57
Chittagong	33.5	25.2	69	73
Rajshahi	34.2	26.1	79	66
Khulna	32.6	26.0	86	75
Barisal	31.5	26.0	97	92
Sylhet	36.3	25.2	71	92
Cox's Bazar	31.0	24.5	76	80

## Appeal for help

**Ataul Haque Raju**, a meritorious student of class nine at Begumganj Government Technical School and College, has been suffering from hepatitis B, says a press release.  
He is now under the treatment of Prof Salimur Rahman of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital.  
As the treatment is very expensive, his father Mohammad Aminullah, a low-paid employee of Bangladesh Railway, has appealed to the generous people to extend a helping hand to save the life of his only son.  
He has already spent all his savings on the treatment.  
Contributions can be sent to Savings Account No. 8593, Pubali Bank, Kamalapur Station Branch, Dhaka or Savings A/C No. 2941, Pubali Bank, Feni Road Branch, Chowmuhani.  
Interested persons can also call at 9564330 or 01711691613 for any information.

**Md Abdul Latif**  
Md Abdul Latif who has been suffering from blood cancer for the last 11 months has sought financial help from the affluent people for his treatment, says a press release.  
Latif, an employee at District Family Planning Office, Brahmanbaria, is now undergoing treatment at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital.  
Father of two daughters aged 8 and 3, he has spent all his savings on his treatment which is very expensive.  
He now appeals to the generous people to extend a helping hand to save his life.  
Contributions can be sent to Md Abdul Latif, Current Account No. - 767, Sonali Bank, Medda Upazila Complex Branch, Brahmanbaria.  
Interested persons can also contact him at 0851-52612 (office) or 01720108076.



Brother of Awami League activist Moniruddin Monu wails for his brother who was shot dead at Mirpur in the city yesterday.

## PM celebrates 62nd birthday

**BSS, Dhaka**  
People from all walks of life yesterday greeted Prime Minister Khaleda Zia on her 62nd birthday.  
Thousands of leaders and workers of BNP and its front organisations, representatives of socio-political bodies, women, children and elderly people thronged into the Hare Road office of the Prime Minister in the afternoon, stood in a long queue and wished her a long and active life.  
Many of them presented her with bouquets and flowers.  
Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Jamir Uddin Sircar, Ministers, Mayor of Dhaka City Sadeq Hossain Khoka and lawmakers were among those who greeted the PM with bouquets.  
The PM stood for a long time before the queue and exchanged greetings with all. She sought 'do'a' from the countrymen so that she can serve the nation.  
Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khondakar Mosharrar Hossain and Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed and Political Secretary to the Prime Minister Harris Chowdhury, among others, were present on the occasion.  
Earlier, on arrival at the office, Begum Zia was greeted by the officers of different wings of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) who presented her with bouquets.  
They wished the PM a happy birthday and prayed to Almighty Allah so that she can contribute more to development and welfare of the country and her people.  
The PM thanked all who greeted her on her birthday.  
Meanwhile, our DU Correspondent adds: Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of ruling BNP, yesterday celebrated the 62nd birthday of the Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at Modhur Canteen on Dhaka University (DU) campus.  
The leaders and activists of JCD started to throng into the Modhur Canteen since morning.  
The cake was cut at 12:00noon.  
Former JCD president and BNP Student Affairs Secretary Fazlul Haq Milon was present at the function as the chief guest.  
JCD President Azizul Bari Helal, General Secretary Shafiqul Bari Babu, DU unit President Hasan Mamun and other leaders and activists were present.

**Obituary**  
**BSS, Dhaka**  
Mohammad Mojibul Hoque Chowdhury, a former official of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), passed away due to old age complications at a New York hospital in the US on August 7 at the age of 70.  
He left behind his wife, three sons and a daughter to mourn his death, family sources said in the city yesterday.  
His body arrived in the city yesterday morning from New York by a British Airways flight and was taken to his Daudpur residence in Feni town.  
He was buried at his family graveyard at Daudpur after Asr prayers.  
His kulkhwani will be held at his Daudpur Chowdhury Bari residence in Feni on August 19.  
Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the kulkhwani and pray for eternal peace of the departed soul.

**Death anniversary**  
Today is the third death anniversary of A m e n a M a s h i u r R a h m a n (Shanti Bhabi), wife of late senior minister Mashur Rahman (Jadu Mia), says a press release.  
On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at 107, Park Road, New DOHS at Mohakhali in the city after Asr prayers today.  
Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will also be held at her village home at Sundarkhata in Dimla. Food will be distributed among the destitute.  
Relative and admirers have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

**FF Dr Jahangir hospitalised**  
Dr SM Jahangir Alam, vice-chairman of Central Command Council of Bangladesh Mukti Joddha Sangsad, has been undergoing treatment at Dhaka Central Hospital since August 9, says a press release.  
He has been suffering from typhoid and Pneumonia.  
The ailing Dr Jahangir, also general secretary of Mukti Joddha Kriachakra, sought prayer from all for his recovery.