

## Chef beheaded in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals yesterday beheaded a youth and dumped the head in a canal and the body on a sand field at West Rampura in the city.

The deceased was identified as Mohammad Shaheen, 25, a chef with a decorator company in Malibagh area.

Manju Begum, Shaheen's mother, said he went missing after he went out home for work on November 11 and did not return home since then.

She identified her son's body at the Khilgaon Police Station when the police brought the body to the police station.

Police recovered the body at 1:00pm yesterday.

## Remove CEC to save nation Citizens urge caretaker govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the Combined Citizens Movement (CCM) and Peshajibi Samonnoy Parishad again urged the caretaker government (CG) to remove the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) MA Aziz and his associates to save the nation from crisis and violence.

The CMM and the Parishad have been observing the rally for the fourth consecutive day at the Institution of Engineers of Bangladesh (IEB) in the city where 24 other front organisations also participated.

In a threatening voice, the

leaders said the CG should not be the rival of people by implementing the blueprint of a particular party.

Chief adviser to the caretaker government created anger in the minds of agitating people by promoting the officials appointed on political consideration instead of removing them, they said.

They urged the CG to refrain from committing such provoking activities.

Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Prof Abdul Ahad Chowdhury, Dr Kazi Faruk Ahmed, Nasir Uddin Yusuf, Dr Atiur Rahman, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, AAMS Arefin Siddique, Dr Kamrul

Hasan Khan, Dr Iqbal Arsalan, Awami League Central Leader Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Dr Abdur Razzak and others spoke at the rally.

Different cultural organisations, including Udichi, Kranti, Rishiz Shilpi Goshthi and Sangskritik Oikya Jote performed songs during the intervals of the discussion.

Later CCM and Parishad brought out a procession from IEB and marched through Shegunbagicha, Bijoy Nagar, Muktagan and Bangabandhu Avenue in the city.

## Chhatra Jubo Oikya Parishad leader shot

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals shot and injured a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra Jubo Oikya Parishad at Mohammadpur in the city yesterday.

The victim, Jayanta Sarkar, 33, is now undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

His relatives said that a gang of local hoodlums who are trying to grab the land of Jayanta, also a businessman, made the attack on him at around 12:30pm.

Police and Rab members arrested Mohammad Alam and his four accomplices in this connection.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Hindu Boudha Christian Oikya Parishad and Chhatra Jubo Oikya Parishad strongly condemned the attack and demanded punishment to the persons responsible.

In a statement, they said the gang has long been trying to force the family members of Jayanta out of their land through harassment and repression.



Eminent citizens held a press conference on current political impasse and the responsibility of the caretaker government to hold a free and fair election at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. From right are Laila Kabir, Dr Hamida Hossain, Ajoy Roy, Dr Ajoy Roy and Khushi Kabir.



Paltan area becomes gridlocked with rickshaws yesterday during the countrywide blockade programme enforced by the 14-paty alliance.

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## Verdict in journo Gaus murder case today

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court will deliver today the verdict against a man in a case filed for killing his elder brother journalist GM Gaus in July, 2004.

Judge Mohammad Nazrul Islam of the Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court will give the judgment at 11:30am, court sources said.

GM Gaus, a journalist of the Weekly Janakantha, was hampered to death by his younger brother Ashraf Uddin as he (Gaus) protested his brother grabbing construction materials from his Motijheel residence at about 3:30pm on July 24, 2004.

Earlier, the prosecution and the defence had completed their arguments and the court recorded statements of 21 prosecution witnesses.

Following the incident, victim's wife Feroza Begum filed a murder case against Ashraf with Motijheel Police Station the same day.

The investigation officer pressed charges against Ashraf on April 22 last year and the court framed charge against him on May 22 this year.

Earlier, Ashraf was given 40 years' rigorous imprisonment in three criminal cases.