

11 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

At least 11 people were killed and 11 others injured in separate road accidents in Dhaka, Narayanganj, Moulvibazar and Chittagong yesterday.

car near Mohammadpur embankment at around 10:00am while crossing the road. All the four bodies were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

UNB from Narayanganj says: A young man and his son were killed and two of his family members injured in a road accident at Kanchpur on Dhaka-Chittagong highway yesterday.

Police said Nurul Islam, 28, ward boy of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), and his son Joheb were killed, and his wife Nasima, 22, and their 13-month-old son Rahat injured as a truck ploughed through them in the morning.



Police club activists of Jatiya Party (Ershad) at Bijoy Nagar in the city yesterday during the blockade programme.

RU employees continue work; abstention

RU CORRESPONDENT

All the academic and administrative activities of Rajshahi University (RU) came to a halt as university officials and employees yesterday passed the 4th day of the five-day work abstention to press their five-point demand.

Resist conspiracy against polls

Professionals urge people

BSS, Dhaka. Leaders of Sammilita Nagarik Andolon and Peshajibi Samannaya Parishad yesterday called upon all to continue their movement for resisting any kind of conspiratorial election.

Accountable leadership vital

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programme on human rights. The traditional friendly nation can also provide more funds for human rights-related programmes, McCartney said, adding that the British businessmen can also contribute to the process.

the Middle East. The mainstream political parties of the country have compromising attitudes towards the religion-based political parties, he alleged adding, "We need a total reform of education system, including that of the curriculum."

noted that human trafficking is a significant problem in Bangladesh where the poor and the vulnerable groups are the victims of exploitation. He also suggested recognising river erosion as a natural disaster and take actions accordingly as a number of people become internally displaced every year due to this.

Ending the speech of Hamida Hossain, The New Age Editor Nurul Kabir said one of the major reasons behind the rise of Islamist militants in the region is Anglo-American foreign policy in

Ctg mayor's call to continue movement

UNB, Chittagong

Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury yesterday urged the 14-party workers to continue the current movement and take preparation to oust the caretaker government, if necessary.

Both the 14-party combine and the BNP-led four-party alliance peacefully held their rallies in the port city despite apprehension of violence. About the appointment of foreign operators for modern gantry cranes at the seaport, he demanded immediate cancellation of the agreement signed with Saif Power Tech to this effect.

Chandpur judge tenders resignation to contest polls

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

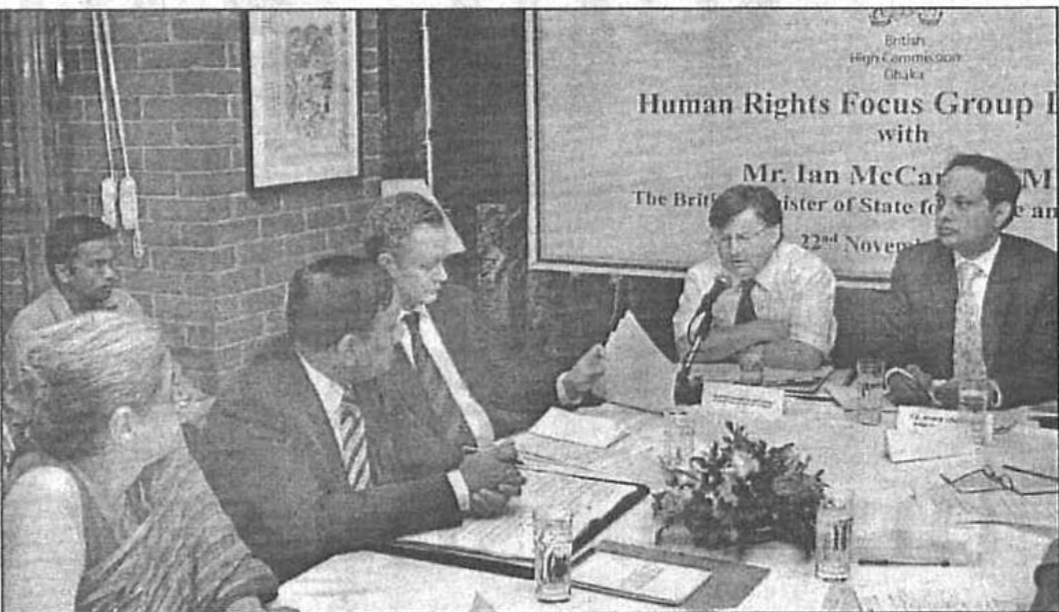
Deepan Dewan, a joint district judge in Chandpur, has tendered his resignation recently with a view to contesting the forthcoming general election from his hometown Rangamati, court sources said yesterday.

He has submitted the resignation letter to the government through the District & Sessions Judge, Chandpur and the letter has already been forwarded to the higher authorities.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Social worker Golam Sarwar Mintu, son of former chairman of greater Bakalia Ward Mostafizur Rahman, passed away due to old age complications at his residence at around 12:30am yesterday at the age of 63.



British Minister of State for Trade and Investment Ian McCartney speaks at a discussion titled "Violence, Vulnerable Group and the Future of Human Rights in Bangladesh" at the residence of British High Commissioner in the city yesterday.

Taliban vow fresh attack after Afghan winter

REUTERS, Spin Boldak

The Taliban are plotting a fresh offensive against foreign troops in Afghanistan when the bitter winter ends early next year, a top Taliban commander said yesterday.

summer... The suicide and other attacks will intensify as the weather gets warmer," Dadullah told Reuters by telephone from an undisclosed location.

Afghanistan says Omar and other top Taliban members are directing the insurgency from sanctuaries across the border in Pakistan, Pakistan says no Taliban leaders are there.



Bangladesh Economic Association President Dr Kholiqzaman Ahmad speaks at a press conference at National Press Club in the city yesterday.

Tamin's solo exhibition starts tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

The first solo painting exhibition of young artist Jalilur Rabbi Tamin will begin tomorrow at Alliance Francaise in the city.

Blockade relaxed at Chittagong port

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Meanwhile, the port became almost inactive due to the ongoing blockade. Handling of goods continued on a limited scale yesterday but no goods were delivered.

cent of the cargoes are Dhaka bound. Ship owners and shipping agents are disappointed with the continuous blockade on the port.

for handling goods and they do not care how and through whom it handles the cargo. "We just want the containers handled quickly," he said.

Changes in local admin important

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The BEA, however, said there is still possibility of holding a free and fair election and it depends on the neutral activities of chief adviser of the caretaker government.

tions with immediate past government while most of the deputy commissioners who will become returning officers during the election also have the party affiliation.

Barakat said seven important ministries will come under the Election Commission after the announcement of the election schedule and five secretaries of these seven ministries have party connections.

One killed in boiler blast in Feni

BSS, Feni

A man was killed and four others injured as a boiler of a rice mill exploded at Dudhukha Bazar under Dagonbhuiyan upazila of the district in the early hours of yesterday.

Valuables worth Tk 8.5 lakh gutted in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 houses, a candle factory and valuables worth Tk 8.5 lakh were gutted in a fire at city's Chaktai area early yesterday.

Death anniversary

Today is the fifth death anniversary of H A S I N A Faruque, former teacher of Tejgaon Govt Girls' High School and Shaheed Anwar Girls' High School, says a press release.



She was the wife of Dr ASM Humayun Faruque, former director of Miford Hospital and the Institute of Public Health.

Masudur Rahman

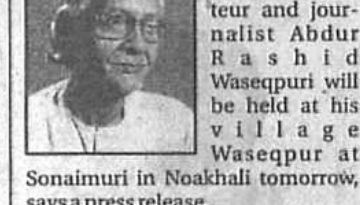
Today is the 11th death anniversary of Masudur Rahman of Ghorasal Miah Bari, former controller of Kolkata Rationing Department and ex-headmaster of Ghorasal Pilot High School, says a press release.



On the occasion, a milad mahfil, Qurankhwani and discussion will be held at Ghorasal.

Chehlum

Chehlum of poet, litterateur and journalist Abdur Rashid Wasequri will be held at his village Waseqpur at Sonaimuri in Noakhali tomorrow, says a press release.



He passed away at the National Cardiac Institute and Hospital at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city on October 13.

DHAKA TODAY

- Annual general meeting: 19th annual general meeting of National Polymer Industries Limited will be held. Venue: BETS Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 11:00am.
Blue for peace: Family members of slain former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria and civil society members will stage a demonstration as part of their 'Blue for Peace' programme. Venue: Rajuk Avenue. Time: 4:00pm.
Human chain: Campaign for Good Governance will form a human chain demanding electoral reforms. Venue: Manik Mia Avenue. Time: 10:00am.
Workshop: Bangladesh Homeworkers Women Association will organise a workshop titled 'Identify cards of home based workers'. Venue: Shahnivara Bangladesh, Lalmitia. Time: 9:30am.
Medicine launch: ICDDR,B will launch a medicine for the treatment of diarrhoea named 'Baby Zinc'. Venue: China Bangladesh Conference Centre. Time: 12:30pm.