

## Wife strangled, young man stabbed to death

By DMCH Correspondent

A housewife was reportedly strangled to death by her husband at their residence in Chankhali under Dhamrai thana in the early hours yesterday.

Acting on an information, Dhamrai thana police recovered the body of the housewife, Rashida Akhter, from the house at about 3 am yesterday. The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Mark of injury was found around her neck and chin, hospital sources said.

Police suspected that she was strangled. The husband, Jalal Uddin, is absconding since the incident.

The motive behind the murder was not known immediately.

Further details were not available till last night.

### Victim dies

In another incident a housewife, Rina Akhter Mala, who received serious burn injuries when her husband allegedly set her on fire on December 4 at the Babu Bazar area under Kotwali thana, died at the DMCH yesterday afternoon.

Relatives said that Mala's husband, Rafikul Islam, reportedly demanded Tk 20,000 from her as dowry few days before the incident. At one stage, Rafikul Islam allegedly set her on fire during a heated argument.

Mala was seriously injured and admitted to the DMCH.

In her statement at the hospital, given before her death, she said that her husband always pressed her for dowry and her mother-in-law supported her husband.

On December 4, her husband suddenly set her on fire according to his mother's order at about 10 pm, she added in the statement, police said.

Mala succumbed to her injuries at about 4:30 pm yesterday.

Mala, who got married to

Rafikul Islam of 20/3 Sayed Hasan Ali Lane at Babu Bazar about three years back, has a one and a half years old daughter, Disha.

A murder case was filed with Kotwali thana against Rafikul Islam and his mother in this connection. No arrests have been made yet police said. Rafikul Islam is absconding since the incident, police added.

### Stabbed to death

A young man was stabbed to death by some unidentified youths at the Barabazar area near the Gabtoli cinema hall under Mirpur thana in the city yesterday afternoon.

The victim, identified as Ruhul Amin, aged about 18, received stab injuries in his chest and was rushed to the DMCH where the attending doctors declared him dead.

Relatives said that he was called up by a group of young men from his house at about 2 pm. He appears to have received the stab injuries few hours later, they added.

Ruhul Amin, son of one Momtaz Uddin, was working in a local auto garage.

Police said that he was murdered due to prior enmity. A case was filed with Mirpur thana in this regard. No arrests were made.

### Minor boy beaten to death in city

By DMCH Correspondent

A minor boy who was beaten by a vendor at Agargaon BNP Bazar two days ago died at the Shishu Hospital Saturday night.

Abdul Majid, father of the boy, said that on December 7 he went to the nearby BNP Bazar with one of his neighbours Noor Banu, Sohail Rana, 6, took a potato from a shop at the Bazar and was allegedly beaten by the owner, Selim.

Sohail was admitted to the Shishu Hospital where he succumbed to injuries Saturday night.



Garments workers brought out a procession in the city yesterday marking the Human Rights Day. — Star photo

## Protest against HR violation in garments sector

By Staff Correspondent

The National Garments Workers' Federation yesterday brought out a procession and held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club protesting the violation of human rights in the garments factories.

Addressing the rally, general secretary of the organisation Amirul Haq Amin said that more than one hundred workers were terminated from the garments factories last month for their involvement in the trade union activities. At the same time, five women workers were raped and ten factories were closed without giving the workers their due wages, he said.

He said that many factories were not paying due wages to workers for the last three to four months.

The speakers at the rally urged the human rights groups, women and workers' organisations to resist the violation of human rights in the garments sector.

The rally was also addressed by Shamsunnahar, Parul Begum, Safia Parvin, Sabana Rahman, Lovely Biswas and Jahangir Hossain.

## This day in 1971

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was achieved after intense guerrilla campaigns by the freedom fighters led by Kader Siddiqui. The final moment, however, came when some 2,000 Indian paratroopers landed at the north of Tangail town with the ground support from the Mukti Bahini.

Heavily damaged and demoralised, Pakistani soldiers deserted the town and started fleeing for Dhaka. The Mitra Bahini (allied force) entered the town early morning the next day.

Different political parties, clubs and social organisations of Tangail have planned programmes to mark the Tangail liberation day.

In Dhaka, the Sammilito Sangskritik Jote has planned elaborate programmes to celebrate the silver jubilee of the Independence starting from December 13.

The programmes, which will be inaugurated at the Central Shaheed Minar, include cultural functions, victory procession, exhibitions of historic documents, paintings and cartoons on the War of Independence.

Besides, a book fair and a folk fair will also be organised.

Naripakkha, a women's organisation, will hold a candlelight vigil tomorrow at the Central Shaheed Minar in honour of those women who stood up beside the men and actively took part in the struggle for independence.

The organisation will also hold similar programmes in Jessore and Sardah, Rajshahi on December 13 and December 15 respectively.

The "Song of Freedom," a coloured documentary on the Liberation War in Bangladesh, is underway at the National Public Library.

The film directed by Tareq and Catherine Masud, is the only coloured documentary on the country's liberation struggle.

Shaheed Sahidullah Kaiser Smriti Pathagar has opened a photographic exhibition and discussion series from yesterday at the Nakhalpara Shaheed Minar.

The Sergei Bondarchuk Film Club and Gorky Theatre have jointly organised a discussion on December 16 on the role of Russia during the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

## People to resist one-party polls: Samad Azad

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League presidium member Abdus Samad Azad said yesterday a government can be changed only through peoples' vote and not by any other means.

He once again urged the Prime Minister to step down to enable the President to appoint a neutral caretaker government for holding a free and fair election.

"People of this country will not allow BNP to hold a one-party election," said Samad Azad while addressing a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

AL general secretary Zillur Rahman and some other party leaders also addressed the rally chaired by its city unit general secretary Mofazzal Hussain Chowdhury Maya.

Samad Azad alleged that the ruling party was institutionalising terrorism in the country. They (BNP) want to recover illegal arms keeping those in the hands of their activists.

Zillur Rahman demanded release of all Opposition activists arrested for anti-government agitations. They were arrested to suppress the spontaneous movement of the people, he said.

## Old man stabbed to death by wife

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Dec 10: An woman allegedly stabbed her businessman husband to death this afternoon in Khatunonaj area, police said.

Nur Nahar Begum, 32, was arrested immediately after the death of her husband Sultan Ahmed, 65.

Nur Nahar stabbed her husband at one stage of quarrel between them, police said.

Five marks of stab injury were found on the body of Sultan.

## Emeka's letter

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A spokesman of the Prime Minister's office denied receipt of any letter, but a BNP leader said "It is possible that a letter has arrived".

An AL source, on condition of anonymity, said that a similar letter had been sent to the Prime Minister, which was mentioned in the communication to Hasina.

In his brief letter dated December 7, Emeka expressed the hope that they would resolve the political impasse. The Secretary General also offered his cooperation in any efforts required to arrive at a settlement.

A top BNP leader said it was a courtesy to send a reply, if a letter has been received.

## A protest

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from the rally attacked them with sticks.

Bakul, who received injuries in his head, alleged that the Jamaat activists attacked them as he protested fixing the loud speakers towards the rest house.

Later, some people from the rest house along with local people chased the Jamaat activists. Some 10 people were reportedly injured in the incident.

The rally was marred as Jamaat activists were chased upto Shyamoli.

## MQM

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Elsewhere in Karachi, another six people were killed in overnight violence.

Heavily armed police were deployed throughout Karachi today, taking up defensive posts at all main intersections and strategic points in central and western portions of the city.

Witnesses reported gunfire from several parts of Karachi in the early hours of today. Traffic was thin. Most shops, businesses and schools were closed, with people staying at home for fear of violence.

Brokers said the Karachi Stock Exchange, Pakistan's largest bourse, was unlikely to open. Bankers said most bank branches in central, western and eastern districts would stay shut, but they expected interbank trading to continue as usual.

Meanwhile Pakistani authorities ordered a judicial inquiry today into the murders of the brother and nephew of Altaf Hussain.

Provincial senior minister Nisar Khuhro told a news conference that the Sindh provincial government had asked a high court judge to "find the true culprits of the double murder".

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto met her aides in Islamabad to discuss the case and the official APP news agency said she had told security agencies to "expose and arrest the real culprits".

## The Midnight File

### Radical DFLP to boycott Palestinian election

DAMASCUS, Dec 10: The radical Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) has called for a boycott of historic Palestinian elections due on January 20, the official Syrian news agency Sana has said. The leader of the group, Nayef Hawatmeh, said, "these elections are neither free nor democratic," and called for a referendum to discover the Palestinian people's view of the autonomy accords struck with Israel, reports AFP.

## CEC: Polls schedule

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lot papers and for other preparations.

As per the present schedule, the elections are to be held on January 18. All the major opposition parties have rejected it saying they will not participate in the elections unless a neutral caretaker government is formed. Moreover, some parties have even threatened to resist the elections.

"The EC had always expected a consensus among the political parties for a

Referring to the arson at the EC office in Chittagong on Saturday, Justice Sadeque said that it was intended to foil the coming general elections.

It is learnt that the damage caused by the fire that gutted some office rooms of the EC office included a total of 66,516 identity cards, 950 record books and 12 issue, diary and file registers.

When his attention was drawn to the criticism made against the current voters' list, the former judge claimed that no voters' list was fairer than the current one. "We have taken every measure to ensure that all the voters are enlisted," he said. There is still time to get enlisted as voter, in case of any omission, the CEC pointed out.

It is learnt that the final voters' list was "90 per cent completed" but could not be printed because of some difficulties.

The EC, Justice Sadeque pointed out, on every occasion tried to involve the opposition political parties but they did not fully cooperate. This non-participation by the Opposition led to lack of communication. Many of their complaints could have been cleared up, if discussion took place, he added.

## Charles

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lyst who had helped Diana come to terms with nightmares as the marriage broke down.

Amid tight security, Britain's future monarch was rushed out of Lan Mc-Glashan's central London consulting rooms after a one-hour visit to the 90-year-old specialist last week.

A passing photographer told The News of The World he was bowled over by an unmarked police car as he tried to photograph the prince leaving the building.

Buckingham Palace spokesmen were unavailable to comment.

The Sunday Mirror newspaper quoted one royal aide saying the visit had come after McGlashan — who has known the heir for around 10 years — asked the prince to call to discuss some new work he was doing.

McGlashan, a follower of the Jungian School of Analysis, has acknowledged in interviews to helping Diana after she reported nightmares about stormy seas and sea monsters.

The news of The World quoted another unnamed confidant of the prince saying: "These are difficult times for the prince and princess of Wales. Alan McGlashan is someone the prince has held in high regard for several years."

"...it's fair to say that Alan McGlashan understands the feelings and problems of both Charles and Diana very well."

It also quoted "royal insiders" saying Charles had been deeply wounded and worried by Diana's television interview in which she cast doubt on his commitment to the throne and his ability to handle a kingly role.

## PM's resignation can only solve crisis: Jamaat

Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Maulana Matur Rahman Nizami yesterday reiterated that resignation of the Prime Minister can only resolve the current political crisis, reports UNB.

Addressing a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club during hartal hours, Nizami said after the resignation of Begum Khaleda Zia the President could not work out a formula under the Constitution to hold a free and fair election.

"Such a course of action will help give the democracy an institutional shape in Bangladesh and enhance our dignity abroad," he told the rally.

## ADB projects

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tion Division of the government to provide effective non-formal education.

The 332 crore taka Secondary Towns Infrastructure Development II project will cover improvement of roads, sanitation and water supply system, slums and town centres in 21 towns. The ADB will provide Tk 260 crore for the project which also includes land development work in two towns for housing.

The ADB, in the meantime, has completed the feasibility study on a Tk 400 crore "Ninth Power Project" enlisted in 1990.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

We are sorry to announce that, due to some unavoidable circumstances we have to shift our Inauguration Ceremony from 11th of December to 13th of December 95 Wednesday, at the same time, same venue.

We regret the inconvenience.

Thanking you and looking forward to your participation.

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## First US marines fly into Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Dec 10: The first US marines to arrive in Bosnia flew into the Bosnian capital today on a US air force C-17 transport plane, reports AFP.

The 22 marines who stepped off the aircraft short after 2:00 pm (1300 GMT) are members of an advance party of NATO troops making preparations for the eventual arrival of some 60,000 alliance troops including 20,000 US soldiers.

One of the soldiers explained that their group was to set up security for headquarters of the implementation force, NATO's 60,000 strong force responsible for overseeing the US brokered Dayton peace agreement.

An earlier C-17 flight at 12:00 pm (11:00 GMT) brought in military equipment supplies.

## Poster size

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the persons or organisations who would violate the directives.

Meanwhile, the commission has called upon the persons concerned to erase all wall writings in favour of prospective candidates by December 15. It also directed the police to lodge cases against those indulging in wall writings in favour of their candidates after December 15.

## CMC closed

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cocktails and lethal weapons during raids.

Campus sources said activists of both the groups blasted a series of cocktails and they were about to be locked in a violent clash. The clash was averted by intervention of police, the sources said.

Shibir had been agitating for cancellation of the election date while supporters of Chhatra Dal and other student bodies brought out processions for holding the election on December 26.

Shibir supporters had called a students' strike on the campus today to enforce cancellation of the polls date.

The situation turned violent when the supporters of Chhatra Dal and other parties entered the campus in a procession ignoring the strike call, sources said.

The rival groups took positions at the two sides of the campus. Both JCD and Shibir blamed each other for the trouble. Police has been deployed on the college campus to maintain law and order.

Earlier on Thursday, the office of Vice-principal of the college was ransacked by some agitating students protesting against the announcement of election date.

## Bomb blasts rock DU campus

Hartal campaigners yesterday rocked the Dhaka University campus by exploding home-made bombs and firing gunshots, reports UNB.

They blasted at least 30 bombs and fired several gunshots soon after a rally of pro-Awami League Chhatra League (S-P) in TSC area yesterday evening. Panicky students ran helter-skelter for safety, witnesses said.

Earlier, in the morning, they also exploded several crackers on the campus near Palassey Bazar. Police lobbed tear gas shells to disperse the angry activists.

## Nasim's house

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Dhanmondi Road No. 13 at around 9 pm. They fled the scene after being chased by the security man.

One bomb exploded, but the other didn't. Tamal said. Md Nasim was not at home at that time.

When contacted, the duty officer of Dhanmondi thana Yunus denied having any such report at 11:20 last night. The OC, Noor Ahmed was not available.

## Iran expels Jordanian diplomat

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Dec 10: Iran has ordered the expulsion of a Jordanian diplomat after Jordan asked an Iranian diplomat to leave the kingdom, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported, says AP.

The agency, in a dispatch late Saturday night, said Ahmed Faisal al-Sabagh was given one week to leave Iran, citing "activities...inconsistent with the nature of his diplomatic office." It gave no further details.

Earlier Saturday, Saeid Bateni, a deputy chief of mission at the Iranian Embassy in Amman, was declared persona non grata. Jordanian government sources said.

## Illegal arms

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warned.

The government expressed sincere hope that good sense would prevail and the concerned persons, would avail the opportunities and assist the government in its endeavours to procure illegal arms and explosives, in the greater interest of the nation.

The press release pointed out that it is learnt from various sources that huge quantities of illegal arms and explosives are now under possession of different persons. It has become essential to recover those for maintaining peace and discipline in public life and to ensure the holding of fair and impartial elections.

Bosnian army soldiers walking from their barracks to a training field outside Tuzla city yesterday. Tuzla will be the home-base and regional headquarters for some 20,000 American NATO troops in the area. — AFP/UNB photo

## Peres in US to restart peace talks with Syria

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NEW YORK, Dec 10: Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres arrived in the United States today on a mission to restart Israeli-Syrian peace talks, reports Reuters.

Peres, on his first US visit since his predecessor Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated on November 4 by a Jew opposed to his peace policies, said he was considering stating publicly for the first time the price that Israel would be willing to pay for a peace accord with Syria.

Peres noted a Syrian willingness to listen to new Israeli ideas on peace, but asked to clarify earlier comments he made on the price Israel was willing to pay on his arrival in New York. Peres told reporters.

"I said I would tell the Knesset (Israeli parliament) the price I think Israel should pay only after I know what Israel will get back. I will not make unilateral statements about the price," he said, referring to the scope of a future Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Israel has never stated publicly how far it would pull back on the Golan. Syria has made peace conditional on a total Israeli withdrawal from the strategic plateau captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

Peres declined to spell out the new Israeli proposals he said he would present to US President Bill Clinton on Monday.

## Hartal: Second day

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Imamuddin, a 10-year old boy, was injured when a tear gas shell hit him near Ranna Bhavan. He was given first aid at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

At some places pickets forced passengers to get down from rickshaws and harassed them, according to eyewitnesses.

Two rickshawpullers received minor injuries when some crackers went off near the Dainik Bangla crossing. An autorickshaw of the Dainik Bangla was damaged near Sayedabad Bus Terminal in the early hours of yesterday.

Two persons — Shah Alam and Jainal — were injured at Kathalbagan while carrying explosives. The two with explosives in their hands tried to climb on a wall but fell down. The consequent explosion injured them, police said.

Shops and business houses remained closed while all modes of transports except rickshaws and rickshaw vans were remained off the roads. Attendance in government offices was relatively thin.

Inter-district buses services to and from the city were suspended and train communication was badly affected for the second day yesterday.

Out of nine inter-city trains, five left Kamapur station in the city but only two could reach their destinations. Trains which left the Sylhet station were stopped at Kularia by the pickets, added our Sylhet Correspondent.

Train communication between Sarishabari and Tarakandi in Jamalpur remained suspended due to damage of rail tracks.

## 10 injured in Barguna clash

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Dec 10: At least 10 persons were injured, four of them seriously, when two groups — one led by Quasem Gazi and the other by Nasir Gazi clashed over a disputed land at Matia village under Amtali thana of Barguna district this morning. The seriously injured — Chan Gazi, 50, Quasem Gazi, 45, Ayub, 25, and Jalil, 22 — were admitted to thana health complex.