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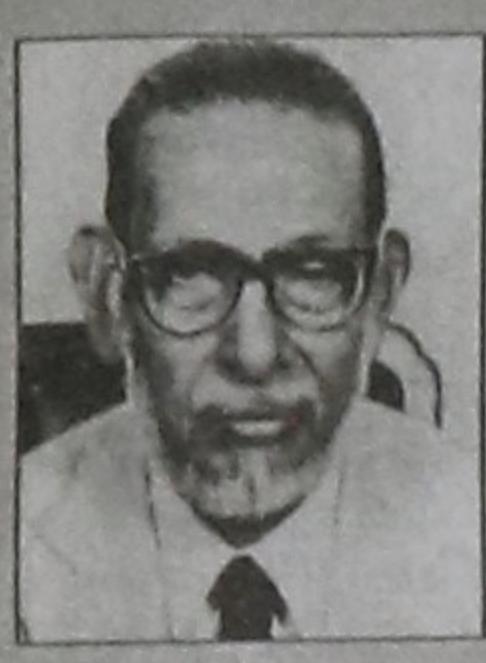
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## Mirza Golam Hafiz dead

Mirza Golam Hafiz, a veteran politician and former Speaker died of cardiac arrest yesterday morning at the National Heart Foundation. He was 82, reports UNB.

Mirza Hafiz was also law minister in Khaleda Zia's cabinet and an advisor to the BNP chairperson.

He left behind one son, three daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

In his chequered political career Mirza Hafiz was several times elected Member of Parliament from Panchagarh constituency.

BNP has declared a three-day mourning. During the period, the party flag will fly half-mast atop party offices.

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	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
Dec 21		5.16 pm
Dec 22	6.37 am	

### Prayer Timings

December 21

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-11	5-19
Zuhr	12-45	1-20
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-14	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation



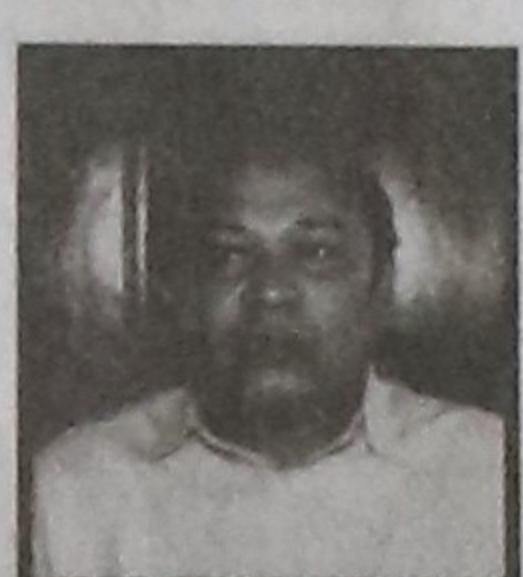
### Sehri, Iftar timings

Ramadan	Dec	Sehri	Iftar
24	21		5-20
25	22	5-12	5-20
26	23	5-13	5-21

An oil tanker burst into flames while refilling a reserve tank at the Malibagh petrol pump yesterday. Both the tanker and the reservoir were burnt to ashes. Six fire-fighting vans did show up but late as usual. Fortunately, no one was hurt. As Eid shoppers ran helter-skelter and shop-owners pulled down shutters, panic prevailed for quite a while. The police blocked the three busy roads in the area for safety reasons, which caused miserable traffic jams prior to iftar.

—Star photo

### OBITUARY



With deepest grief and sorrow we announce the sudden death of Mr. Jasimuddin Khan (Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Elahe Rajeun), Director, Pacific Group of Companies, on Wednesday, December 20, 2000 at Chittagong. He was the younger brother of Mr. M. Morshed Khan M.P and Chairman of Pacific Group of Companies.

We at Pacific Group deeply mourn his premature demise and pray to the Almighty Allah to grant eternal bliss to the departed soul in heaven.

We share the sorrow with the bereaved members of his family and may the Almighty Allah give them the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

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### WE MOURN



We are deeply shocked and grieved at the sudden and untimely death of our Director Mr. Jasimuddin Khan, son of Late Salamat Ali Khan, who breathed his last at his Chittagong residence on December, 20, 2000 (Innalillahi Wa Inna Elayhe Rajewun).

Late Mr. Jasimuddin Khan is the only brother of Mr. M. Morshed Khan, M.P. and Chairman of Arab Bangladesh Bank Ltd.

We are praying to almighty Allah for eternal peace of the noble soul. We also express our heartfelt condolences to all the members of the bereaved family and pray to almighty Allah to give them enough strength to bear this irreparable loss. AMEEN.

Members of the Board of Directors,  
Management and all Staff Members of  
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## Major changes in Army underway

By M Anwarul Haq

Some major changes are underway in Bangladesh Army following the appointment of Major General Harun-ar-Rashid, BIR Pratik, as the next Chief of Army Staff.

Major General Ahsan Nazmul Amin, Adjutant General, will replace Gen Harun-ar-Rashid as Chief of General Staff (CGS).

Placement of three major generals, who are senior in service to the newly appointed army chief, is being reviewed as they have been bypassed, highly placed sources said.

Although it is the prerogative of the government to appoint as army chief one who it thinks is qualified and capable for the position, other serving generals by-passed or superseded in the process choose to retire or con-

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## BB suspends two for illegal trade of polymer notes

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Bank (BB) yesterday temporarily suspended two of its staff on charge of involvement in illegal trading of new Tk 10 polymer bills at premium rates.

The two suspended BB employees are Md Humayun Kabir, officer of cash department and Sheikh Mohammad Alauddin, a caretaker of the same department, according to BB officials.

Amid widespread allegations that some BB officials are involved in illegal trading of new polymer notes, the central bank has also taken steps to find out which officials are involved in such unlawful practice. BB sources said.

According to BB officials, the security guards on Tuesday caught Humayun and Alauddin red-handed while they were tak-

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## Microbus driver shot dead, owner stabbed

By Staff Correspondent

Miscreants shot dead the driver of a microbus and stabbed its owner in front of the WASA Bhaban at Karwan Bazar in the city yesterday afternoon, police and hospital sources said.

The deceased was identified as Sirajul Islam Selim, 38.

Hospital sources said Ibrahim Khalil, a contractor of Jadiu Spinning Mills, came to the WASA Bhaban in his microbus. He then went to the second floor of the building and returned with Tk 60,000.

When Khalil was about to board the microbus, four muggers stopped him and demanded

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