

## Combing operation 742 arrested, eight firearms seized

Police seized eight firearms and seven other weapons along with three bullets - during the last twenty-four hours countrywide combing operation ending at 6 am yesterday, a police press release said.

Police also arrested 742 people, including three identified terrorists from across the country while 10 people were arrested in connection with the arms recovery and eight cases were filed under Arms Act against them during the drive.

Among the identified terrorists arrested during the drive included Zahidul Islam alias Liton from Dhaka City, Ashraf Alam from Feni and Mohammad Ismail from Gazipur district.

Police also arrested 299 wanted accused persons. The arrests also included 430 persons accused in cases under investigation, the press release added.



Devotees offer special prayers at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque yesterday seeking divine blessings for the peace and prosperity of the country following the landslide victory of the BNP-led four-party alliance in Monday's general election.

## Chittagong-13 AL candidate alleges rigging

CU CORRESPONDENT

Engineer Afsar Uddin Ahmed, a defeated candidate of Chittagong-13 constituency (Chandhanish-Sathkania) yesterday alleged massive vote rigging and manipulation in his constituency and demanded re-polling in his area.

At a press conference held at the local press club here he alleged that his opponent snatched his victory resorting to conspiracy and drawing a blue print.

He also alleged that minority voters were not able to cast their votes in 14 centres in his constituency due to the resistance by the BNP terrorists and they cast the fake votes in favour of the sheaf of the paddy.

## Mystery shrouds death of mother, daughter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mystery shrouds the death of a mother and her 10-year-old daughter who were allegedly run over by an inter-city train at the outer signal of Kamalapur rail station on Thursday morning.

There were different versions on the accident that took place when the 'Agaro Shindhu' left Kamalapur station and reached the 'outer signal' at about 7:10 am on its way to Kishoreganj. As the train reached the outer signal, the ill-fated mother and daughter were run over while crossing the rail track, railway police said.

The dead were identified as Farzana Hossain, wife of a traffic sergeant Delaware Hossain, 30, who is posted at the Mechanical Transport (MT) section of the Rajarbagh Police Line and their daughter Dina Hossain, 10.

The railway police could not say whether they lived in the city or in their native village at Baghachara of Sharishabari in Jamalpur district.

Another source said the wife was frustrated with her conjugal life and decided to commit suicide by jumping before the train along with her daughter.

Railway police recovered the bodies and sent them to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy.

## Seven-year-old crushed under wheels of bus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A seven-year-old girl was crushed under the wheels of a commercial bus at Shajahanpur on Paragoti Sarani in the city's Badda area yesterday morning.

Sonia daughter of Shamim Mian of Nurur Chala at Badda run over by the speeding bus in front of Pachtala building at Shajahanpur at about 9 am yesterday.

The incident took place while the minor girl was crossing the road. She died on the spot.

Her body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue for autopsy.

Badda police seized the bus and arrested its driver Mohammad Rezaul.

## Analogue phones to be converted into digital free of charge

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTB) will convert all its analogue telephones in Dhaka and Chittagong into digital phones free of charge by early next year, a BTB release said on Thursday.

The BTB would implement the government decision to convert all analogue telephones into digital with a view to providing better service to its subscribers, the release added.

An earlier BTB plan to convert all analogue telephones into digital by the year 2000 could not be implemented due to resource constraints and inadequate infrastructure.

Analogue telephone subscribers have often complained of bad service and ghost billing.

Out of a total of some 5.5 lakh phones all over the country, 40,000 are in Dhaka and Chittagong. Of them, 30,000 are in Dhaka under some old exchanges mainly under Nilkhet, Gulshan, and the central exchange.

## 23 receive BPATC Rector Awards

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) recently distributed "Rector Awards" among 23 recipients.

Establishment Secretary Anwarul Bari Chowdhury gave away the awards at a function at the BPATC at Savar, said a handout yesterday.

The 'Rector Awards' are given among the trainees who secured the first position in the training courses.

The recipients include 11 trainees from 8 general BSC Foundation Courses and 12 from 10 Special Foundation Courses.

The recipients are Md. Azizul Haque (Foreign cadre, 1st Foundation Course), Md. Moslem Uddin (Audit and Accounts, 2nd Foundation), Borhan Uddin Ahmed, AKM Jahangir, Md. Abdur Rob Howlader, and Begum Khurshida Khatun (Admn, 3rd Foundation), Akther Ahmed (Secretar-

iat, 4th Foundation), Nayem Ahmed (Police, 5th Foundation), Md. Mofazzal Hossain (Taxation, 6th Foundation), Imtiaz Ahmed (Foreign, 7th Foundation), Dr Md Hannan (Information, 8th Foundation), Md Saleh Ahmed (Admn, 2nd Special Foundation), T S Khalilur Rahman (Admn, 2nd Special Foundation) Md. Surut Zaman (Admn, 3rd Special Foundation), Banik Gour Sundar (BPATC, 4th Special Foundation), Md. Shameem Ahsan (Foreign, 5th Special Foundation), Masud Bin Momen (Foreign, 5th Special

Foundation), G M Moonsur Rahman (Admn, 6th Special Foundation), Md. Asadul Islam (Secretary, 7th Special Foundation), Md. Abdul Wadud (Admn, 8th Special Foundation), Md Zahidur Rahman (Admn, 9th Special Foundation), and Md. Benjir Ahmed (Police, 10th Special Foundation).

Abdul Kader, who secured the first position in the 27th Foundation Course, was also given the award.

## AAG Mahbubey Alam resigns

BSS, Dhaka

Additional attorney general advocate Mahbubey Alam resigned from his post on Thursday.

Advocate Alam has sent his resignation letter to the President's office. Advocate Mahbubey Alam joined as additional attorney general on November 15, 1998.

## Milad mahfil

BSS, Dhaka

A milad mahfil and discussion will be held at the Lions Bhavan at Agargaon in the city at 4.30 pm today in memory of late Dr Golam Mayeed, former district governor of Lions Club.



## Moderate rain forecast

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet divisions and one or two places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions in next 12 hours till 6 pm yesterday.

Moderately heavy falls is also expected at one or two places over Rajshahi division during the period, Met Office said.

Country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.8 degree Celsius at Sitakunda and lowest 23.2 degree at Dhaka.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.41 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.52 am.

Maximum and minimum 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	32.2	23.2	78	87
Chittagong	32.5	25.2	79	73
Rajshahi	30.8	25.5	89	92
Khulna	32.2	25.2	81	93
Barisal	32.5	24.6	80	85
Sylhet	27.5	23.9	100	95
Cox's Bazar	34.6	25.0	75	82

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## DHAKA TODAY

Milos Forman Retrospective

On the first day of the 3-day long Retrospective featuring 6 films by the Hollywood-based exponent of the Czech New Wave Film Movement Milos Forman, Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen 'Hair' (1979) and 'Man on the Moon' (1999) starring Jim Carrey and Danny Devito. Time: 5.00 pm and 7.15 pm. Venue: Goethe-Institut, Road No. 9, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.

## DHAKA TOMORROW

Milos Forman Retrospective

On the second day of the 3-day long Retrospective by Hollywood-based Czech filmmaker Milos Forman, Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen 'Valmont' (1989) starring Colin Firth and Annette Bening, and 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' (1975), based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Ken Kesey and starring Oscar-winning actor Jack Nicholson. Time: 5 pm and 7.30 pm respectively. Venue: Goethe-Institut, Road No. 9, Dhanmondi-1205.

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