

## CHEHLUM



Sabrina Ahmed, Joint District Judge Comilla, died in a tragic road accident on her way to the office, on 17-03-2002. She completed her LLB (Hons) and LLM from Dhaka University and subsequently joined the Bangladesh Civil Service (Judicial) as Assistant Judge.

During her successful career, she carried out her duties, with extreme dedication and utmost sincerity, which earned for her the admiration and respect of her superiors and colleagues as well.

Sabrina belonged to a very aristocratic and educated family of Chittagong.

Her father, late Hasibuddin Ahmed was a member of Bengal Civil Service (Judicial) in undivided India and a District and Sessions Judge (Rtd). Khan Bahadur, Jalaluddin Ahmed a close associate of Sher-e Bangla A.K.M. Fazlul Huq and Minister for Health and Education in his cabinet, was her eldest paternal uncle.

Late Mr. Ahmed Ali Khan, M.A. (Cambridge) Tripos Wrangler, and Bar-At-Law, a barrister of repute and renowned intellectual personality from Sylhet, was her maternal grandfather. He had immense contributions in the freedom struggle, in British India.

Her maternal uncle Dr. S. A. Khan was a distinguished and renowned physician. His daughter, Ms Irene Khan, is the present Secretary General of Amnesty International.

Rear Admiral Mahbub Ali Khan, ex-navy chief and subsequently minister for communications and agriculture was her younger uncle. Bangabir M. A. G. Osmany was also her maternal uncle.

She left behind a three-year old daughter, her husband, four elder sisters and also a large number of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Her Chehlum will be held on Thursday, 2nd May, at her residence 67, Purana Paltan Line, Dhaka and a Milad Mahfil has been arranged after Maghrib prayers.

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Students of K-54 batch of Dhaka Medical College brought out a colourful procession in the city yesterday to mark the end of their academic session.

## Saudi defence team leaves for home

UNB, Dhaka

Visiting three-member military delegation of Saudi Arabia left Dhaka yesterday ending an eight-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh.

During their stay, the delegation led by Colonel Abdullah Bin Mohammad Mahmood called on Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Abu Taher.

They also met Principal Staff Officer of the Armed Forces Division Maj Gen AM Mahmuduzzaman, Chief of General Staff of Bangladesh Army Maj Gen Ahsan Nazmul Amin and Assistant Chief of Air Staff Air Commodore Rashid Ahmed.

## Prayer to screen Shahriar's video cassettes rejected

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Fourth Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka Monday rejected the petition for screening of the video cassettes seized from writer and columnist Shahriar Kabir in connection with a sedition case.

Judge Mohammad Habibur Rahman passed the order upon a criminal revision submitted by the defence lawyers, seeking permission for screening of the video cassettes.

The defence law years - Advocate Zead-Al-Malum and Khan-

## Shihab murder Next hearing tomorrow

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka Monday fixed May 2 for appearance of the accused in connection with the abduction and killing of schoolboy Khandaker Shihab Ahmed.

Judge Hossain Shahid Ahmed passed the order after the documents of the case were placed before the court for fixing date for its next hearing.

The CMM's Court, Dhaka on Sunday sent the case to the Judge's Court for trial.

Detective Branch (DB) Inspector Nazrul Islam, Investigation Officer of the case submitted a chargesheet to the CMM's Court on April 18 against six people. Of the accused, Monir Hossain Liton and Abu Syed were arrested. The four others have been absconding since the incident.

Shihab, 13, a student of class seven of Motijheel Model High School, was abducted from in front of his school on February 7. Later, he was killed as he allegedly recognised one of the abductors.

Victim's father Khondaker Dilder Ahmed filed a General Diary (GD) with Motijheel Thana on February 7 after his son was missing. Later, it was turned into a regular case on February 10.

## 12 arms seized, 1407 more held

BSS, Dhaka

Police seized 12 firearms, six other types of weapons and 117 bullets from across the country during the last 24 hours ending at 6 am yesterday.

They also arrested 1407 people, including six listed criminals during the period, a police headquarters press release said.

Of them, 804 were arrested under warrant and 579 in connection with cases under investigation.

Police arrested 14 persons with four firearms and lodged eight cases under the Arms Act.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) arrested four persons and seized 43 explosives from their possession and lodged a case in this connection.

Besides, CID police arrested two persons from the city's Mugdipara area and seized six firearms from their possession.

The arrested identified and listed criminals are Setu Biswas of Khulna district, Aslam of Narail, Abdul Wahab and Akkas Ali of Jhenidah, Anwar Hossain of Chittagong city and Mohammad Yar Hossain of Dhaka city.

## Compulsory retirement Hearing of writ stayed

BSS, Dhaka

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court Monday stayed till May 12 the hearing of the writ petitions filed in the High Court Division by officers sent on compulsory retirement by the government.

A bench of the Appellate Division comprising Chief Justice Mahmudul Amin Choudhury, Justice Mohammad Ruhul Amin and Justice K M Hasan passed the order upon hearing a petition filed by the government.

Some government officers were sent on compulsory retirement under section 9 of Public Service Retirement Act as they completed 25 years of service.

These officers filed writ petitions before the High Court Division challenging the legality of their compulsory retirement.

The hearing of 36 writ petitions started in a HC Division bench comprising Justice Mohammad Hamidul Haque and Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana last week.

On the second day of the hearing, the government submit-

ted that the petitions were not filed in the proper court, but the High Court Division passed an order and rejected the submission.

The government filed a civil miscellaneous petition before the Appellate Division challenging the High Court order.

After hearing the petition, the Appellate Division stayed the hearing till May 12 and directed the government to file leave to appeal before this date.

## Cabinet okays changes in 2 acts

BSS, Dhaka

The cabinet Monday approved in principle the proposals for amendments to Financial Establishment Act-1993 and Cooperatives Society Act-2001.

The approval was given at the regular meeting of the cabinet with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair, an official handout said.

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