

Trial of Shihab Murder Case begins

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The trial of the sensational schoolboy Khandaker Shihab Ahmed Abduction and Killing Case began at the Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka, yesterday.

Biraj Bhusan Bakshi, assistant head master of Motijheel Model School and College in the city was cross-examined yesterday.

After an hour-long cross-examination Judge Hossain Shahid Ahmed, adjourned the hearing till 10.30 am today.

During the cross-examination, Biraj Bhusan told the court that on February 7 he came to know from Shihab's father, office-in-charge and some other people that Shihab was abducted.

The witness also told the court that he came to know the death of

Shihab through newspapers. DB police inspector and investigation officer (IO) of the case Nazrul Islam submitted the charge sheet to the CMM's Court, Dhaka on April 18 against six people. Of the accused, Monir Hossain Liton and Abu Syed were arrested. The four other accused Raju, Sabuj, Nasim and Rubel have been absconding since the incident.

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

Victim's father Khandaker Dildar Ahmed filed a general diary (GD) with Motijheel thana on February 7 in this connection.

It was turned into a regular case on February 10.



(Left) The distinguished guests inaugurated 'The Daily Star-Dutch Bangla Bank 2nd Inter-School English Debate Competition, 2002' by lighting candles at the Shishu Academy auditorium in Chittagong yesterday. (Right) The best debater of the opening debate session, Ziaul Hossain Chowdhury of North South International School.



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UAP seminar on dengue fever

Pharmacy Department of the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) held a seminar on "Dengue Fever; Present Crisis and its Solution" at its auditorium in the city on May 15, says a press release.

UAP Vice-Chancellor A S M Shahjahan was the chief guest at the seminar presided over by Head of Pharmacy Department Habib Abul Muntasir.

President of Bangladesh Zoological Society and Professor of Zoology Department of Dhaka University Dr. Mahmudul Amin made the key-note address.

Prof Nazrul Islam, Department of Virology, BSMMU, Dr. Manzur Akhter Chowdhury, entomologist and managing director of Safeway Pest Control and A K M Farooq, registrar of the UAP took part in the discussion.

Speakers at the seminar underscored the need for taking immediate measure to make people aware of this dangerous disease.

They also urged the UAP students to get themselves prepared to launch mass awareness campaign against the disease.

The seminar was followed by a grand rally.

Daily Star-Dutch Bangla Bank English debate begins in Ctg

8 schools qualify for second round

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Daily Star-Dutch Bangla Bank 2nd Inter-School English Debate Competition, 2002 began in Chittagong amid great enthusiasm yesterday.

At the inaugural ceremony, the speakers underscored the importance of such competition, saying that it would help children widen their knowledge to face the challenges of globalisation.

Organised by Dristy, a cultural organisation, the five-day event is taking place at the local Shishu Academy auditorium.

President and Managing Director of Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd. CM Koyes Sami, also the founder-president of Dristy, inaugurated the event while Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) President Farid Ahmed Chowdhury was present as chief guest.

Amir Ali Chowdhury, the founder advisor to Dristy, said participation in debate creates scopes of learning more and more to cope with the present-day world.

On behalf of The Daily Star, Nurul Alam, Chittagong bureau chief, thanked all for joining the competition and said the response to the competition was encouraging.

The Debate Committee Chairman Safia Rahman narrated the back-

ground of Dristy. Its objective is to help the children develop their mental strength and wisdom and establish their rights.

The Director of British Council, Chittagong, Julia M Crockett, Former CCCI President Ali Ahmed, Drishti president Bridget Dias and the Executive Vice-president of Arab Bangladesh Bank Ekram Hussein were also present at the ceremony presided over by Masud Bakul of Dristy.

Later, ten English medium schools took part in five sessions of the debate contest. Of them, eight qualified for the second round of the competition.

The winning schools are Sun Shine Grammar School, Bangladesh Elementary School, Bay View School, North South International School, Green Bell School, National Public School, Gems International School and Ox-Bridge International School.

The debates were presided over by Julia M Crockett, Ali Ahmed, Amir Ali Chowdhury, and Principal of Elementary School Nadira Banu.

The presenters of the debates were Syed Rifat Faruq, Proshun Pal, Devraj Sen, Mohiuddin Libu and Ranjan Sen.

The second round of the debate competition will start at the same venue at 10am today.

47 criminals arrested in Ctg: 10 arms seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The district police arrested 47 criminals and recovered ten firearms and some ammunition from different areas of the violence-prone Fatikchhari, Raozan and other upazilas in the 24 hours ending at 12noon yesterday.

Of the arrested, seven were listed criminals.

Raozan police in a drive arrested Bashkiya a listed criminal of the district from Chikdair village under Raozan thana on Saturday night.

Bashkiya was arrested in connection with five criminal cases. According to his confessional statement, police arrested four of his accomplices from the same area and recovered one saved-off gun, a foreign made revolver and one magazine loaded with eight rounds of bullets from their possession the same night.

The arrested were identified as

Mostafa, Azizul Haq, Rahim and Nazrul. They are also listed criminals.

In another raid, Fatikchhari police arrested two listed criminals identified as Galeuta Ismail and Nazim Uddin from Bhujpur area under the thana yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, district police in several raids arrested 40 other criminals and recovered seven firearms and 12 rounds of bullets from different areas of Fatikchhari and Hathazari upazila.

Replication of Sonali Barta demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalist union leaders yesterday demanded replication of Sonali Barta, a Bangla daily, within next two days.

The leaders of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) and Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) made the demand in a protest rally at the Sonali Barta office premises.

Presided over by Khandaker Araul Haque, chief of Sonali Barta unit of DUJ, the rally was addressed by BFUJ vice president Amirul Momenin and acting general secretary Shah Alamgir and DUJ president Kazi Rafiq and general secretary Molla Jalal.

JCD observes hartal at Fulpur

UNB, Mymensingh

A half-day hartal was observed peacefully in Fulpur upazila yesterday at the call of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) protesting the killing of its two activists in a road accident here on Saturday.



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A tempo crossing the broken road divider at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday, which is one of the reasons for traffic chaos.

Move to recover forest lands

BSS, Dhaka

The government has taken initiatives to recover huge forest lands from the illegal occupants across the country.

The government has already formed "Forests Management Unit" in this regard, Forests and Environment Minister Shahjahan Siraj stated this while talking to BSS here yesterday.

Shahjahan Siraj said in the first phase of the project decision has been taken to recover forest lands in Dhaka, Tangail and Mymensingh areas from illegal occupants. The project cost in the areas has been estimated at Tk 820.64 crore.

Some 38,691.34 hectares out of nearly 10.04 lakh of total forest areas under Dhaka, Tangail and Mymensingh districts are occupied by some 36,945 illegal occupants, he said.

A retired judge would be appointed as consultant to give legal support regarding land of the forest department, he added.

Apart from forming the "Forest Management Unit" to recover the occupied forests land, another six important decisions were taken at a meeting on Saturday at the Ministry of Forest and Environment with Minister Shahjahan Siraj in the chair.

The decisions are: Collection of records and other necessary papers under the department of

forest, conducting survey on forests, identification of boundary and setting up pillars, reorganising maps identifying the forest land, taking appropriate measures against illegal occupants, identifying all occupied forest, conducting regular activities for establishing data base and introducing effective forest land management system.

The illegal occupants are using these huge forest lands in Dhaka, Tangail, Mymensingh, Dinajpur, Sylhet and Chittagong districts for agricultural purpose, it said.

Of the total, 25,506 hectares of forest land out of 49,747.73 hectares remained occupied only in Tangail district, 9,465.74 hectares out of 28,485.83 hectares in Mymensingh district and 3,719.60 hectares out of 26,220.71 hectares in Dhaka district have been illegally occupied.

Travel Art Exhibition begins May 23

BSS, Ctg

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will hold a week-long Travel Art Exhibition at the Academy Bhaban beginning May 23.

The exhibition is part of a countrywide programme aimed at promoting art and culture.

Renowned artist of the country Aminul Islam will inaugurate the exhibition.

WEATHER TODAY

Temperature may fall

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at few places over Chittagong, Barisal, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna and Barisal divisions with moderately heavy falls at one or two places over Chittagong division today.

Day temperature may fall slightly over the country, Met Office said. Country's highest temperature 38.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 19.5 degree Celsius at Mymensingh.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.36 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:13 am.

Highest and lowest 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	33.0	26.5	79	77
Chittagong	32.6	24.4	77	83
Rajshahi	32.6	25.8	70	74
Khulna	37.2	28.4	76	-
Barisal	34.5	25.7	81	77
Sylhet	27.5	21.9	100	89
Cox's Bazar	33.4	24.7	89	90

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Obituary



Ashrafur Rahman, former deputy general manager of Janata Bank, Head Office, died on May 17, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

His kulkhwani will be held at the residence of his elder brother at House-90, Road-17/A, Block-E, Banani at 7 pm today.

Friends and relatives have been requested to attend the kulkhwani.

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