



Barrister Amirul Islam along with other lawyers coming out of the election tribunal in Rajshahi after filing a case on behalf of Fazle Hossain Badsa seeking cancellation of the RCC mayoral polls results.

### Local people to be involved in Tanguar haor management

UNB, Dhaka Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj yesterday said local people will be involved in the management of resources in Tanguar haor of Sunamganj district. He was presiding over an inter-ministerial meeting on Tanguar haor management at his ministry. The meeting decided to select investors for management of the haor immediately. It also decided to train up the local people so that they can preserve the environment and take a decisive role in the management of the resources of the haor, said an official handout.

The Land Ministry in February last year handed over the charge of the haor to the Environment and Forest Ministry for protecting its bio-diversity. Some 1,35 species of fish, 34 species of reptiles, 208 species of birds and 200 species of trees and plants are there in the haor in an area of 9,500 hectares. Present at the meeting were Nazir Hossain, MP, Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Additional Secretary Abdul Matin, Joint Secretary of Environment Ministry S M Lufullah, Joint Secretary of Land Ministry Tayebur Rahman and Chief Conservator of Forest Anwar Faruq.



Police prevented Awami League workers from going to Zia International Airport yesterday to receive their party Chief Sheikh Hasina on her return from abroad.

### Take healthcare programmes for the poor: President

BSS, Dhaka President A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday asked the Lions Clubs to undertake more and more healthcare programmes for the poor and under-privileged people to help the country overcome backwardness in health sector. "Ensuring health-care for the entire population is a difficult task for the government and extending a helping hand from philanthropic organisations like Lions Club would go a long way in addressing the need of the suffering humanity," he said. The President was speaking at the inauguration of the two-day 9th annual district convention of Lions Club International District 315 B-2 here at Hotel Sonargaon. Chaired by M Enayet Ullah, Governor of the District, it was also addressed by State Minister for Mineral Resources Lion A K M Mosharraf Hossain and Aminul Islam Mia, Vice District Governor. He said resource constraint are not the causes of most of the diseases people suffer from, but lack of awareness and ignorance about health and nutrition were the principal reasons for the incidence of diseases. He underlined the need for en-

couraging people to keep fruits, small fish and vegetables available locally in their diets which are good for nutrition and health. The people should also be encouraged to keep themselves clean and hygienic. The president asked the Lions Club to take up such programme like distribution of soap and other items for poor to keep them clean. He said expansion of such programmes would help greatly to reduce incidence of diseases like dysentery, worm and diarrhoea. He said through campaign and distribution of leaflets and booklets, the Lions Club can contribute greatly in health education. Referring to the serious problem posed by HIV-AIDS, B-Hepatitis, Malaria and TB, the president said HIV-AIDS has become the worst health problem around the world. He cautioned that unless precautionary steps were taken it could become a major human disaster here like other countries. He said in South Africa the longevity of the people have fallen by one-third in 15 years because of this disease. The president also asked Lions Clubs to train up the teens in such a manner that they can undertake programmes to raise people's consciousness about healthcare needs. He lauded Lions Clubs for their humanitarian and philanthropic works and requested all well off people to come forward in aid of elevating the less fortunate in the society for the common good of all. A nation cannot become strong leaving its sizeable population in poverty and with diseases. So efforts should be made to free them from the shackles of poverty and disease, the president said. State Minister for Energy Mosharraf Hossain said Lions Clubs have established a large number of healthcare establishments across the country to render services to the needy and the underprivileged. He said that being imbued with the spirit of Lionism, the member of Lions Clubs in Bangladesh, the number of which has crossed 8000, are working to create opportunities for the less fortunate. Earlier, M Enayet Ullah, Governor of Lions Club International District 15 B2 presented to President Chowdhury 600 nail cutters to be handed over to school children.

### DU Syndicate violates rules Driver promoted to post of technical officer

Staff CORRESPONDENT The Dhaka University Syndicate has approved the promotion of a class three employee of the university to technical officer violating its own regulations, campus sources said. Habibur Rahman, a driver of the DU Transport Pool, named, and a trade union activist backed by ruling BNP, was promoted to the post although he had no requisite qualifications for the post. Sources said a committee headed by former pro-VC and the current chairman of the Public Service Commission (PSC) at a meeting on May 7 recommended the promotion of Habibur Rahman. Later, the Syndicate, the highest decision making body of the university, approved the promotion on May 19. According to the university regulations made by the Syndicate in 1993, a candidate must have a Bachelor Degree or an undergraduate diploma in the relevant field to be promoted as an officer. Besides, recommendations of the section chief is also needed. But in the case of Habibur Rahman, none of the rules was followed. To give him the promotion, the authorities concerned violated all procedures by depriving other qualified candidates, sources added. Habibur Rahman, once a cleaner, did not even pass the SSC examination nor he has any diploma in the relevant field, campus sources said. "His only qualification is that he is a BNP-backed union leader", transport pool sources said. The decision has sparked anger among the officials of the administrative building in the university. When contacted, Registrar Mohammad Selim confirmed the syndicate approval. He, however, declined to comment on it. The chief of the transport pool said he did not recommend Habibur Rahman for the post.

### Journalist Dwijendra Nath dead

BSS, Dhaka Dwijendra Nath Saha, a senior journalist of The Independent, died of a heart attack in the city yesterday afternoon at the age of 50. Dwijendra, a financial reporter of the daily, fell sick on way to his office from Jatabari residence and was rushed to the National Institute of Cardiovascular Disease (NICD) where the attending doctors declared him dead. He is survived by his wife, one minor son and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death. Dwijendra was also the General Secretary of Mahanagar Puja Committee of Dhaka. His body was taken first at the Dhakeshwari Mandir (Temple) and kept for some time at the Mela Angan premises of the mandir where the admirers including the puja committee members paid last respect to him. Later the body was taken to his city residence. The body will be cremated at his village home at Madhukhali upazila under Faridpur district. President of Bangladesh Puja Uddjan Committee Anil Nath and General Secretary Babudev Dhar and President of Mahanagar Puja Committee Nim Chandra Bhowmik and Acting General Secretary Mangal Chandra Ghose have expressed their deep shock at the death of Dwijendra. They conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the salvation of departed soul. General Secretary of Jatiya Press Club Swapn Kumar Saha also condoled the death. He expressed deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

### Working women demand law to establish dignity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Working women leaders at a discussion in the city yesterday urged the government to enact appropriate labour laws to establish their dignity in the society. They said the government must introduce widespread reforms in economic and social sectors to ensure their basic rights and welfare. The women leaders were speaking at a discussion on 'Globalisation, Economic Imbalance and Working Women of Bangladesh', organised by Kamajibi Nari at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium. They strongly criticised the globalisation policy terming it as a trap of the rich countries to make the poor nations more poorer through one way trade and commerce. Ali Azam Khan presented the key-note paper at the discussion chaired by Shirin Akhter, president of the organisation. In his article, Ali Azam said globalisation will increase poverty and unemployment in poor countries. Shirin Akhter said opinions are being strengthened across the world against the open market economy as it will hinder economic growth in developing countries. Sharmin Kabir, general secretary, Sitar Musa, finance secretary and Rokeya Rafiq, member of the organisation took part in the discussion.



Noted scientist Dr Jamal Nazrul Islam speaking at an exchange of views meeting in Chittagong yesterday convened by the Committee for Protection of Oil, Gas, Power and Port to protest against the construction of a proposed private container terminal by the SSA (Stevedoring Services of America).

### Police officer closed in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg One police officer was closed here yesterday for negligence to duty that helped the dacoits escape after a dacoity at Hazirpore area under Bayezid thana in the city on Tuesday night. The closed police officer Khorshed Alam, a sub-inspector, was leading a police patrol team in the area during the dacoity. The dacoits looted valuables including gold ornaments worth over Tk. 1.5 lakh after injuring the house-owner Abu Zafar, 42 and his wife Shamim Ara, 36. None could be arrested in this connection. Meanwhile, the CMP has decided to set up a police camp at Hazirpore in view of frequent dacoity incidents in the area.



Stamp vendors of Gulshan thana staged a sit-in in front of the Teigaon sub-registry office in the city yesterday to realise their seven-point demands.

### 'Find out strategy to stop violence against women'

BSS, Dhaka Organised by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the workshop was held at IDB Bhawan in city's Agargaon and participated by some 29 persons from print and electronic media, government officials and UNFPA staff members. Kama Bhasin said society creates gender inequalities in the misconception that man is superior while woman is inferior. But nature doesn't create inequalities. She said gender differences all over the world are mainly patriarchal and it can be addressed when man brings about change in their social outlook about the gender discrimination. Organised by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the workshop was held at IDB Bhawan in city's Agargaon and participated by some 29 persons from print and electronic media, government officials and UNFPA staff members. Kama Bhasin said society creates gender inequalities in the misconception that man is superior while woman is inferior. But nature doesn't create inequalities. She said gender differences all over the world are mainly patriarchal and it can be addressed when man brings about change in their social outlook about the gender discrimination.

### Hundi trading Five placed on 3-day remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg All the five persons, held in connection with illegal peddling of 'hundi' money worth Tk. 21 lakh, were placed on a three-day remand yesterday. Metropolitan Magistrate Shaiful Islam granted the remand. Police held two persons identified as Nazrul Islam and Imran Haq while they were carrying the 'hundi' money. Three others Abu Taher, Faruk Azam and Alam -- were held when they came to their aid at Probartak intersection of Panclash thana on Tuesday. Kiri Unnayan lottery Watch mechanic wins first prize

### Eastern borders safe way for drug trafficking

BSS, Dhaka The National Board on Narcotics Control at a meeting yesterday identified the borders of eastern part of the country as the safer way for drug trafficking. The board at its sixth meeting asked the law enforcers to beef up security along the eastern borders of Brahmanbaria, Comilla and Feni and control narcotics trafficking into Bangladesh from the neighbouring countries. It also underscored the need for sealing of other routes that are being considered as safe heavens for the drug traffickers across the country. Home Minister Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Altaf Hossain Chowdhury chaired the meeting at the Ministry of Home Affairs. The board, which expressed

### Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka A discussion meeting and Milad Mahfil will be held on Sunday at 3:30 pm to mark the 10th death anniversary of former Secretary and founder of Bangladesh Association for Community Education (BACE) Dr M A Sattar at BACE office, 140, Motijheel in the city. All his relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the function, says a press release.

### FF Siraj Ali laid to rest

BSS, Narsingdi Siraj Ali, a veteran freedom fighter was laid to rest in his family graveyard on Wednesday with state honour. Siraj Ali, 49, of village Gonar Goan under Sadar Upazila was gunned down by a group of assailants on Tuesday night near Sheikh Char Bazar. He left behind his wife, two sons, three daughters, a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death. His namaj-e-janaza was held at Gonar Goan Eid ground. A large number of people including freedom fighters, political leaders and officials of the upazila attended the janaza. Sadar Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mijanur Rahman and officials of Upazila administration attended the funeral on behalf of the state.

### SM Hall Old Students Assoc meet today

BSS, Dhaka The Welfare Trust of the Salmullah Hall Old Students Association will hold a meeting in the hall's auditorium at 4:30 pm today marking the distribution of scholarships and other materials to the students. Vice-chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury will be chief guest while association's president Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley will preside.



A colourful procession was brought out in the city yesterday on the occasion of the holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

### DHAKA TODAY

- Film show Under its weekly programme, Alliance Francaise will screen two films titled 'La vie est un ong fleuve tranquille' by Etienne Chatiliez and 'Le lieu du crime' by Andre Techine. Venue: Alliance Francaise auditorium. Time: 10:30am and 6:00pm respectively.
Seminar In observance of World No-tobacco Day, Students Anti Smoking Committee (SASC) organises a seminar on 'Children and Tobacco'. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 10:00am.
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National Council The biennial National Council of Swadhin Bangla Garment Labour-Employee Federation will be held. Venue: Dhaka District Sports Association auditorium. Time: 10:00am.
Workshop A two-day workshop on 'Development Studies' organised by the Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB) will begin. Venue: IUB campus, H-6, R-14, Baridhara. Time: 10:00am.
Launching ceremony The launching ceremony of Australia Fresh Apple Promotion, organised by the Australian Trade Commission, will be held. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 12:15pm.
Writers' conference A conference of writers of Kishorekantha and prize distribution ceremony will be held with Minister for Social Affairs Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid as chief guest. Venue: Engineer's Institution auditorium. Time: 10:00am.
Certificate award ceremony The certificate award ceremony of the fortnight-long workshop on drama, organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, will be held. Venue: Academy Gallery. Time: 6:00pm.

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- Art competition On the occasion of 30 years of its activities in Bangladesh, SOS Children's Village International organises a Children Art Competition with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman as chief guest. Venue: SOS Children's Village premises, 1 Shamoli, Mirpur Road. Time: 9:30am.
Rally In observance of 103rd birth anniversary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jole will bring out a colourful rally. Venue: 23, Bangabandhu Avenue. Time: 11:20am.
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### WEATHER TODAY

### Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Dhaka, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions today. Isolated hails and moderately heavy to heavy falls is also likely at one or two places over the country. Met Office said predicting slight fall in day temperature over the country. Country's highest temperature 37.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 21.4 degree Celsius at Rangamati. The sun sets in the capital today at 6.38 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.10 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	31.0	24.6	77	78
Chittagong	32.8	23.2	66	79
Rajshahi	33.4	24.5	80	77
Khulna	35.5	29.4	70	70
Barisal	33.5	24.5	81	80
Sylhet	26.0	22.4	-	80
Cox's Bazar	33.5	24.0	73	73