

Sutrapur double murder Hearing adjourned till December 10

COURT CORRESPONDENT The Speedy Trial Tribunal, Dhaka Division, on Sunday adjourned the hearing of the Sutrapur double murder case till December 10. Judge Mohammad Shahid Noor Uddin adjourned the hearing as one of the accused, now in the jail custody, was not produced in the court during the hearing. Meanwhile, three prosecution witnesses including the complainant of the case, appeared in the court to face cross-examination by the defence lawyers. The tribunal began its function taking up the case on November 27. In the case filed with Sutrapur police station, it has been alleged that Mohammad Mohsin, 18, and

Mohammad Saem, 19, of Sharat Kumar Das Lane under Sutrapur thana, were picked up from their houses by a gang allegedly led by Rahid Hasan Sumon, son of Nasibun Ahmed, former president of Dhaka city Mahila Awami League on September 15, 2000. The gang took the two to Gandraia Rifle Club and tortured them for Tk 50,000 ransom. Later, the gang killed the youths, slashed their bodies into 12 pieces and dumped those into a manhole. People recovered the pieces from the manhole the following day. Mohammad Amin Miah, father of Mohsin, one of the two victims, filed a murder case accusing 14 people including Rahid Hasan Sumon. The investigation officer (IO) of the case submitted a charge sheet against Rahid Hasan Sumon and 14 others on March 3 last year. But the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court, Dhaka, ordered further investigation into the sensational killing following a 'naraji' petition submitted by Amin Miah. The Detective Branch (DB) of police after investigation submitted a supplementary charge sheet to the CMM's Court against Rahid Hasan Sumon and 33 others on May 19 this year. Meanwhile, the District and Sessions Judge's Courts across the country will go on a month-long vacation from today. But the speedy trial tribunals set up at the six divisional headquarters will remain open.

Death anniversary

Today is the third death anniversary of Ashraf Uddin Ahmed, legal guardian of the family of the rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, in Bangladesh, says a press release. Founder of BIWTC Officers Association, and a founder member of Narayanjan Sudhjon Library, Ashraf was a Lion activist. He was also president of the Khulna Club. On the occasion, special prayers will be offered at his residences at 41/A, Purana Palatan and Pallabi in the city today.



Haphazard parking on the roadside at Naya Pallan in the city reduces the road space available, adding to the traffic congestion yesterday.

BNS Kapatakhaya to join navy fleet Jan 6

Bangladesh and United Kingdom signed a deal on June 23 to purchase five Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) in order to make naval operation in the vast sea area of Bangladesh (about 40,000 sq. miles) more effective, says an ISPR press release. Out of these five ships, Hms Shetland and Hms Alderney have already been named as BNS Kapatakhaya and Karotoa respectively. BNS Kapatakhaya sailed on November 20 from Portsmouth of UK to join Bangladesh Navy fleet. She has made her first stop over at Port Tangier of Morocco on November 26. The ship was given a warm reception on her arrival at port Tangier. The Commanding Officer of the ship and senior officer present on board called on the Governor and the Regional Military Commander of Tangier. The ship sailed from Tangier on November 28 for her next port of call. The ship will arrive in Bangladesh on January 6.

Mahmood Hassan new ambassador to Greece

The government has decided to appoint Bangladesh's present Ambassador to Egypt Mahmood Hassan to serve concurrently as country's Ambassador to Greece with residence in Cairo. He has also been concurrently accredited as the high commissioner of Bangladesh to Cyprus, said Foreign Ministry press release.



BNS Kapatakhaya, the newly procured offshore patrol vessel for Bangladesh Navy.

CU admission test form distribution from Jan 1

CU CORRESPONDENT The Chittagong University (CU) will start distribution of application forms for admission tests under the academic year 2002-2003 on January 1. No forms will be sold after January 30 and the deadline for submission of forms is February 3, university sources said. The price of each form has been fixed at Tk 250 and the forms will be available at different branches of the Agrani Bank - CU branch, New Market branch, Agrabad branch and Chawk Bazar branch at Kapashgola in the port city. However, the university authorities have not yet fixed the dates for admission tests which are likely to be held in March, according to sources. The CU will offer 4-year honours courses under its 30 departments and three institutes. The university is also likely to introduce a new department named 'International Relations' this academic session, sources added. 'Everything is ready for the opening of the new department.'

Blair greets Muslims on Eid-ul-Fitr

UNB, Dhaka British Prime Minister Tony Blair has greeted the Muslims on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. In a message, he said, 'Eid is a wonderful festival. It is a day of giving thanks and of joy. It is obviously and most importantly a festival celebrated by the Muslim community, marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan.' 'This month of daily fasting is a sacred duty for Muslims, but also contains a message for all of us, whatever our faith. It reminds us of a shared obligation to help those less fortunate than ourselves,' Blair observed. He said, 'I am proud to be the Prime Minister of a country of many cultures and many faiths. I strongly believe that Britain's diversity of backgrounds and experiences has brought tremendous strengths and benefits to our society. Festivals like Eid provide us with good opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate this diversity.'

Powell greets Morshed Khan

BSS, Dhaka US Secretary of State Colin L. Powell yesterday renewed his thanks for Bangladesh's continuing support for 'Operation Enduring Freedom'. In a letter to Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan yesterday on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, the US Secretary of State said: 'I extend my warm regards on the occasion of this holy day. I would also like to renew my thanks for your continuing support for Operation Enduring Freedom.' 'I remain committed to working on the shared priorities we discussed here in Washington and look forward to deepening our bilateral relation,' Powell said. US Secretary of State Colin L. Powell yesterday renewed his thanks for Bangladesh's continuing support for 'Operation Enduring Freedom'. Results of the examination for promotion of officers of the Bangladesh Civil Service have been published, said a PID handout on Sunday. A communiqué of the secretariat of the Bangladesh Public Service Commission informs that 324 candidates passed in the first, second and third papers, 102 in first and second papers, 104 in first and second papers, 38 in second and third papers, 52 in first paper, 37 in second paper and 43 in third paper.

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Weather Today

Table with 3 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.



Appeal for help

Habibur Rahman, a six-year old boy, has been suffering from serious ailment that has almost restricted his normal life due to abnormal growth in his brain. According to doctors, Habib needs immediate brain operation. So, his family has decided to take the boy to India, but the treatment will cost about Tk one lakh which his family could not afford. His father Abdul Malek Mia appeals to the generous and affluent people for financial assistance to save his son's life. Contributions can be sent to the following bank account: Abdul Malek Mia, Savings account No. 12268, Janata Bank, Shantinagar Branch, Dhaka.

Demolition of houses People of Keraniganj demand compensation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT People living on the bank of the river Buriganga in Keraniganj thana urged the prime minister to pay compensation or rehabilitate them. Md. Shajahan, joint convener of the organisation, read out a written statement at a press conference. Amirul Islam Lipu, Haji Md. Anwar Hossain, Haji Md. Rafiq Miah, Sree Kashinath Master, Atul Chandra Barman and Abdul Kader were present on the occasion. They alleged that the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) had evicted them from their own land and demolished their houses, rendering 20 thousand people homeless, to construct a flood protection embankment there. 'Amra Keraniganjibasi', a social organisation, made the appeal to the prime minister at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. The leaders of the organisation claimed that they did not encroach on the river. Rather, they were affected by the river erosion. They said the BIWTA has pulled down at least two thousand authorised structures during their recent drive against encroachers. The people of Keraniganj do want development of Keraniganj, the leaders said, adding that the flood protection embankment would surely raise their living standard. But they don't want the embankment to be built on their land as they have been paying tax since the British rule, the leaders said.

Nasrul Mobin Chy buried

BSS, Dhaka Nasrul Mobin Chowdhury, a former tea planter, who died in New York on November 29 after a prolonged illness, was buried at the Azampur new graveyard in the city yesterday. Earlier, his namaj-e-janaza was held at Mosji-ut-Takwa at Dhanmudi, family sources said. Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Riaz Rahman, Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury and a large number of relatives, friends and admirers of the deceased attended the janaza. His kulkhwani will be held at the residence of his brother, Foreign Secretary Shamsur Mobin Chowdhury, at House No-6, Road-89, Gulshan on December 4 at 3:00 pm. Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the kulkhwani.

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Advertisement for Bangladesh Power Development Board. Includes text: 'বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড Bangladesh Power Development Board Notice'. Details a bid closing date for a 450 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant Project.

Advertisement for Dhaka City Corporation. Includes text: 'ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন, ঢাকা www.dhaka city'. Lists bus routes and fares for various areas like Gulshan, Dhanmudi, etc.



The Bangladesh AIDS Prevention Society took out a colourful procession in the city on Sunday to mark the World AIDS Day.

Advertisement for Hill People Council. Includes text: 'The Council of Hill People formed a human chain in the city yesterday to press for their different demands.' A list of demands for the hill people.

Advertisement for the Bangladesh AIDS Prevention Society. Includes text: 'প্রধান প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ঢাকা-১০০০ টেন্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি'. Details a tender for a building project.