

Manzurul Imam Murder Case transferred to DB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

City Awami League president Manzurul Imam Murder Case has been made investigation officer (IO).

Inspector Shajahan Howlader of the Khulna Metropolitan Police has been transferred to the Detective Branch.

Police arrested a top armed cadre of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (Janajuddho) on Saturday night from Tootpara under Khulna thana in this connection. The arrested was identified as Ripon, 30.

OC Shibli Noman said PBCP (J) outlaw Shukurgazi arrested from Tootpara on the night of August 25 named Ripon as a member of the killing mission who fired on Manzurul Imam. Ripon has a criminal background, Noman said.

# Children demand proper housing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 300 students from different schools in and around the capital demanded proper housing for all children at a daylong children's summit yesterday.

They voiced the right to a safe habitat in various ways like painting, open discussion, debate, and theatrical presentation.

The students gathered under the banner of children's summit on 'Our housing right will give us a better life', jointly organised by the Working for Batter Life (WBL) and Habitat for Humanity International at the British Council auditorium.

"Proper housing is a right. Today's programme has helped raise awareness about acute housing crisis facing the worse off in the society,"

said Nafis Md Irfan, a class nine student of Pallabi MI Model High School.

"This is an occasion to enrich us sharing each other's ideas about the housing issue,"he added.

Rukshat Ahmed, a class six student of Uttara Model School, said, "I feel happy that senior people worry about the wellbeing of adolescents like us. Today's occasion will motivate us to do something for the homeless children."

Md Shakil Khan of class seven from Uttara High School said the summit inspired the belief that all the deprived children around us have a right to a safe housing.

Representatives of 16 schools took part in the painting competition to "convey their respective ideas and imagination on the concept of a

proper housing on a 50-yard long canvas," said WBL Senior Programme Officer Haider Ali. "The canvas will be handed over to the minister concerned."

Badda Alatunnessa School stood first in the competition while Mirpur Adarsha High School and Pallabi MI School secured second and third positions.

"The summit has twofold objectives: one is to make the children aware that a decent housing is a right without which other rights will prove futile. And the second is to prepare the children to voice their right to housing to the policy-makers," said the HHI National Affiliate Development Co-ordinator Benedict Poresh Sardar.

The participating institutions included Sher-e-Bangla Nagar High School, Kurmitola High School, and Rampura Ekramunnessa High School of Dhaka and ATM High School and Sataish High School of Gazipur.

Tk 10 lakh worth cell phone haul at ZIA

UNB, *Dhaka*

Customs officials seized mobile phone sets reportedly worth Tk 10 lakh at Zia International Airport from two passengers on Friday.

Officials recovered 139 cell phone sets of different brands from the luggage of Emirates Airlines passengers Mohammad Abdus Sabur and Jahangir Alam. Both hail from Sultanpur of Raozan upazila in Chittagong.

However, Sabur and Alam denied the allegation.

## Write-up invited

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka-based Sherpur Zila Samity will publish a souvenir on the occasion of a reception to be accorded to the students of Sherpur who have secured A+ (GPA 5) in the SSC or Dakhil examinations this year.

Interested persons have been requested to send poems, articles and short stories for publication by October 5 to the following address: Sherpur Zila Samity head office, Speed Group, House # 13/A, Road #3, Dhanmondi.

Suspension of shuttle train service

## CU students vandalise Ctg railway station

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

Agitated students of Chittagong University (CU) vandalised the Chittagong Railway Station and put up a road barricade in Sholoshahar station area on Saturday night protesting suspension of shuttle train service.

The students launched the attack for the second time in 48 hours demanding immediate resumption of the university-bound shuttle train service in the evening.

The shuttle train service was expected to resume on Saturday evening. Earlier on Thursday, the engine of the train went out of order, sources said.

The students who gathered at the Chittagong railway station to go to university on Saturday soon got agitated after knowing that the shuttle train's evening schedule has been suspended since Friday.

The agitated students allegedly assaulted the platform master and ransacked his office.

Earlier, the students launched an attack on the station on Thursday

evening after the engine of the university-bound shuttle train failed, leaving the students stranded at Jhautala station. After waiting for long, they marched towards the station and vandalised it.

A case was filed with GRP on the day and the evening schedule of the shuttle train was suspended on Friday.

Station Manager Saidul Haq said the operation of the shuttle train in the evening was suspended at the directive of higher authority and under the pressure from different railway workers' and employees' unions.

The loco-masters, guards and other staff of this section refused to operate the train protesting the Thursday's attack, he said.

Besides, the students assault them or make threats to them often, he added.

The station manager, however, said that the higher authorities gave a directive to resume the train service at 8.00pm after they had talks with the university authorities.