

Manzurul Imam
Murder Case
transferred
to DB

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City Awami League president
Manzurul Imam Murder Case has
been transferred to the Detective
Branch.

Inspector Shahjahan Howlader of
the Khulna Metropolitan Police has
been made investigation officer (IO).

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 back-
ground, Noman said.

Children demand proper housing

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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
Better 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
Porosh 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.

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, Dhamondi.

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 Raiganj upazila in
Chittagong.

However, Sabur and Alam denied
the allegation.

Write-up invited

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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.

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

Suspension of shuttle train service
CU students vandalise
Ctg railway station

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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.