

Two killed in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth was killed and the body of a teenaged boy was recovered in the city on Sunday.

Unidentified assailants gunned down the youth at Kawla near a headwater reservoir.

A gang of four called Mohiuddin Badal, 32, an electrician, out of his Ashoknagar residence on Saturday night and his bloodstained body was found by the locals near a graveyard at Kawla next morning.

On information, Airport police recovered the body and sent it to

Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue for autopsy.

Victim's wife Moriam identified the body at the hospital morgue.

Meanwhile, Ramma police recovered the body of a teenaged boy, 14, from the top of an over-head water reservoir.

Police said there were marks of injuries in the head while both hands were tied up with rope.

They suspected that he might have been killed two days ago.

The body was sent to DMCH morgue for autopsy.

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Art competition

Centre for Services and Information on Disability (CSID) organises an art competition with the participation of street and working children with disabilities. Venue: CSID premises, Baitul Aman Housing Society, Shyamoli. Time: 10.00am.

Street drama

On the occasion of World AIDS Day, Aparajeo Bangladesh will stage street drama and puppet show. Venue: Mohammadpur Town Hall Market, and Gabtoli Bus Terminal. Time: 9.30am and 10.00am respectively.

Get-together

Concern Worldwide organises a get-together marking the World AIDS Day. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 2.30pm.

Seminar

A seminar on 'Strategies for the development of Bangladesh' will be held. Venue: National Institute for Mass Communication, Mirpur. Time: 11.00am.

Discussion

Association for Realisation of Basic Needs organises a discussion marking the sixth year of Chittagong Hill Tracts Agreement. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 3.00pm.

BMA discussion

Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) will hold a discussion to commemorate the 13th death anniversary of Shaheed Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon with LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: Dhaka Medical College Hospital premises. Time: 11.00am.

Kidney seminar

An international seminar on Kidney diseases, organised by Bangladesh Renal Association, will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9.30am.

Painting exhibition

The inaugural ceremony of an exhibition of paintings, collected from Contemporary Asian Art Workshop, will be held with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman as chief guest. Venue: National Art Gallery of Shilpakala Academy. Time: 6.00pm. The exhibition will remain open till December 16 from 11.00am to 7.00pm daily except on Friday from 3.00pm to 7.00pm.

Inauguration

The inaugural ceremony of the International Disabled Day will be held with Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid as chief guest. It will be followed by a handicraft exhibition. Venue: Directorate of Social Service, Agargaon. Time: 10.00am.

Lecture

A special lecture on 'The emergence and early development of Islamic Course of Law' will be held with Prof Ibrahim Surty of Birmingham University as guest speaker. Venue: Centre for Advanced Research in Humanities of Dhaka University (434, Lecture Theatre). Time: 11.00am.

The 48th founding anniversary of Bangla Academy will be held. Venue: Seminar room of the academy. Time: 3.30pm.

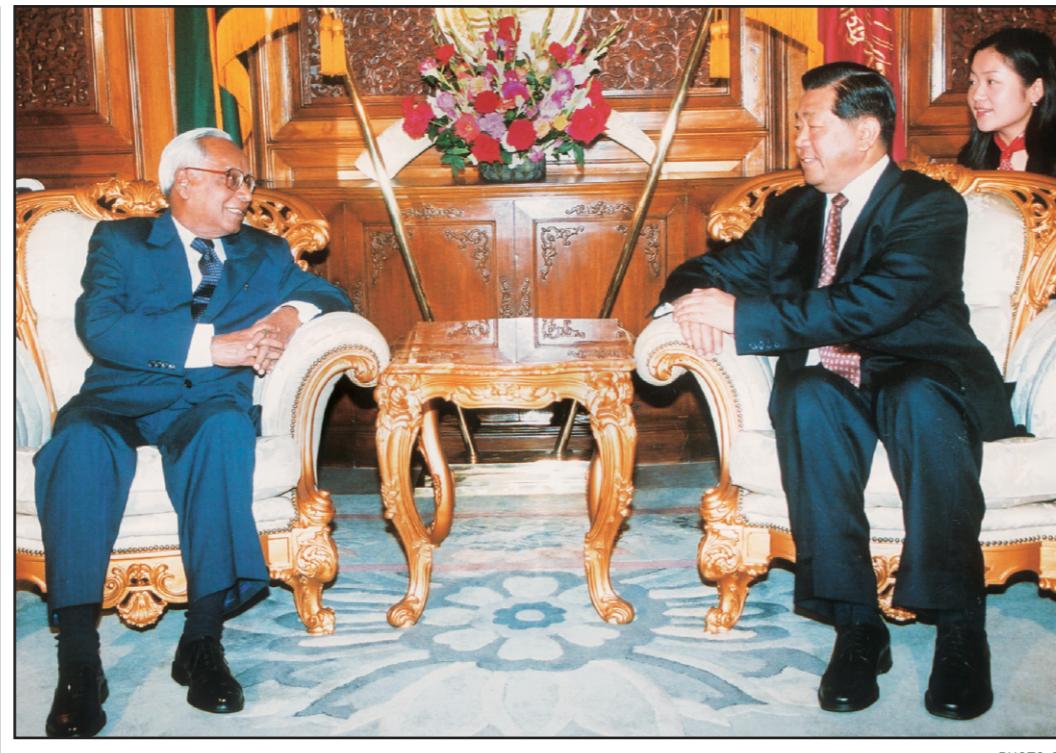


PHOTO: PID
Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Jia Qinglin paid a courtesy call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at the Bangabhaban yesterday.

President for expansion of trade ties with China

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed said Bangladesh and China could diversify their trade links for the mutual benefit of the two peoples.

He said this when the visiting Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Jia Qinglin paid a courtesy call on him at the Bangabhaban yesterday.

Welcoming the Chinese leader, the president hoped that his official visit to Bangladesh would have a positive impact on further strengthening and deepening of the excellent bilateral relations and close cooperation between Bangladesh

and China.

Stressing educational cooperation and exchange of cultural delegations, he said people-to-people contact would help know each other better.

"China is a tested friend and development partner of Bangladesh," the president said, appreciating Chinese assistance for the development of Bangladesh.

He also reiterated Bangladesh's support for 'One China Policy' and appreciated China's efforts for peace in the world. He also appreciated successful completion of the mission of first Chinese manned spacecraft.

Referring to excellent bilateral

relations, the visiting CPPCC chairman said there is further scope of developing trade and cultural relations.

He appreciated Bangladesh's socio-economic development over the years, saying that China would continue to cooperate with its development efforts.

Describing Bangladesh as a good friend of China, he hoped that the existing China-Bangladesh relations would be further developed and diversified in future.

Members of the Chinese delegation, high officials of the Bangabhaban and the Foreign Ministry and the Chinese ambassador in Dhaka were also present.



PHOTO: ISPR
Foreign Minister Morshed Khan speaking as chief guest at the Graduation Dinner of National Defence Course-2003 and Armed Forces War Course-2003 at the Defence Services Command and Staff College Officers' Mess at Mirpur Cantonment on Sunday.

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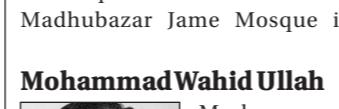
AKM Sirajul Islam, a renowned writer and former Zila Ansar adjutant, died of old-age complications at his Dhammandi residence on November 29 at the age of 78, says a press release.



He is survived by his wife, five daughters, three sons and a number of grandchildren.

His quirkwani will be held at Madhubazar Jame Mosque in

Mohammad Wahid Ullah



Mohammad Wahid Ullah, former principal of Khagrachhari and Patiya government colleges, died at his Mirpur residence in Dhaka on November 30 at the age of 73, says a press release.

Relatives, friends and admirers

Shirin Zaman

Shirin Zaman, mother of Md Abdus Sadek, senior photographer of the National Museum, died at a city hospital on November 30 at the age of 76, says a press release.

She is survived by her husband, three sons, two daughters and a number of grandchildren.

Her quirkwani will be held at

Nurunnehar Talukder

Nurunnehar Talukder, wife of late Hussainuddin alias Lal Talukder, died of old-age complications in Sherpur on November 24 at the age of 85, says a press release.

She is survived by five sons, three daughters and a number of grandchildren.

She was buried at her family

Ahmedul Kabir's death condoled

BSS, Dhaka

The Commonwealth Society of Bangladesh has condoled the death of chief editor of the Sangbad Ahmedul Kabir, who was the president of the Bangladesh chapter of the Commonwealth Press Union.

In a statement, Society President M M Rezaul Karim and Secretary General Zagul Ahmed Chowdhury described the death as a loss not only for Bangladesh, but also for the Commonwealth family.

The Dhaka University S M Hall Old Students' Association has also condoled the death of Kabir, who was one of the senior-most members of the association.

Association President Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly and Secretary General Zakir Ahmed Khan recalled with profound gratitude Kabir's contribution to

Death anniversary

The 5th death anniversary of Professor Md Nazmul Haq will be observed today, says a press release.

A doa mahfil will be held at his residence at 173/6 West Agargaon after Asr prayers.

Syed Md Badiul Alam

The 10th death anniversary of Syed Md Badiul Alam, ex-deputy director of Relief and Rehabilitation Directorate, was observed on Sunday, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil and doa were held on the Hazrat

Bar assoc polls

Pro-AL panel wins majority in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Nine out of 14 executive committee posts of Khulna District Bar Association were won by the pro-Awami League panel on Sunday while election to Bagerhat District Bar Association on the same day was swept by the BNP-backed panel.

Advocate Shaikh Sohrab Hossain of AL-backed Sammilito Ajnibibi Samannoy Parishad and Advocate Shaikh Masud Hasan Rony of pro-BNP Sarbadaliyo Ajnibibi Oikya Parishad were elected president and general secretary of Khulna District Bar Association.

The AL-backed panel also won the posts of one of two vice-presidents, joint secretary, two departmental secretaries and four members while the pro-BNP panel won the other post of vice-president and three posts of committee members.

Of the total 697 registered voters, 651 cast their ballots and five ballots were rejected, says a press release issued by the chairman of the three-member election committee.

They also recovered 11 firearms, nine other arms and 11 bullets. Nine cases were filed against 15 people under the Arms Act.

Two killed in B'baria road accident

UNB, Brahmanbaria

Two people, including a 10-month-old baby, were killed and 10 others injured in a road accident on Dhaka-Sylhet highway here yesterday.

The baby was identified as Hanif.

Witnesses said the accident occurred at about noon when a Dhaka-bound bus from Sylhet fell into a roadside ditch at Biswa Road crossing, eight kilometres off the town.



No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Dry weather will continue over the country till 6.00pm today.

Light to moderate fog may occur over the river basins of the country in the early morning, Met Office said.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, it added.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 29.0 degree Celsius was recorded at Cox's Bazar and lowest of 11.8 degree at Comilla.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:10pm today and rises at 6:26am tomorrow.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature		
	In Celsius	Max	Min
Dhaka	67	28.1	15.9
Chittagong	57	28.5	15.2
Rajshahi	72	27.2	14.4
Khulna	75	28.2	15.6
Barisal	90	27.5	14.4
Sylhet	67	28.1	15.7
Cox's Bazar	71	29.0	16.0