

Abdul Kader murder case
Wife gives deposition

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Mosammat Farida Yasmin, the 15th prosecution witness in the Abdul Kader murder case and wife of the victim, gave her deposition before the court yesterday.

The defence lawyers also cross-

examined her after Shahed Noor, judge of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1, Dhaka Division, recorded the deposition.

In her deposition, Farida told the court that her husband had a feud with Mobile Kader, the principal accused, over land dispute at his village home.

"I will never get my husband back, but I want justice," Farida burst into tears.

Abdul Kader, an industrialist, was killed in front of his Motijheel office by a gang of miscreants on October 17, 2001.

His elder brother filed a murder case with Motijheel Police Station the same day.

The Detective Branch (DB) of police pressed charges against Abdul Kader alias Mobile Kader, a business rival of the victim, and 10 others on May 8 last year.

Mobile Kader and three other accused, including former law-maker of Jatiya Party Iqbal Hossain, are now on bail while two others are in the custody. Five others went into hiding since the murder.

Special Public Prosecutor Abdul Latif Talukder appeared for the state while Advocate Mosharraf Hossain Kajal for the accused.



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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina visited the residence of Major Mosharraf, one of the 15 army officers killed in Benin plane crash, at Mohammadpur yesterday to console his family members.

BDR-BSF confce
begins today
in New Delhi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A director general level border conference between Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Indian Border Security Force (BSF) begins in New Delhi today.

A 15-member high-powered delegation of the BDR leaves Dhaka today to attend the week-long conference.

Cross-border firing, land dispute, push-in attempts, smuggling and trafficking in women and children will dominate the discussions.

Director General of BDR Major General Jahangir Alam Chowdhury will lead the Bangladesh delegation while Director General of the BSF Ajoy Raj Sharma will lead Indian side at the discussion.

The BDR delegation is scheduled to return home on January 10, said a press release.



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Eminent lawyer Dr Kamal Hossain inaugurated the new office of Oikya Prochesta at Eden Complex at Arambagh in the city yesterday.

Ctg JCD office
vandalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A faction of a ward unit of JCD, student wing of the ruling BNP, ransacked the City JCD office at Nasiman Bhaban in the port city yesterday.

The faction of JCD Enayet Bazar ward unit reportedly led by Ali Murtaza, general secretary candidate for the ward committee formed on Saturday, stormed into the JCD Chittagong unit office at around 1.30pm, witnesses said.

They ransacked the office, damaged some furniture and fled immediately when no leader or member of the JCD committee were present there.

General Secretary of city JCD Ahmedul Alam Chowdhury Rasel termed the incident an 'arranged drama' aimed at tarnishing the image of the organisation.

Some members of the ward committee who did get any place on the committee was involved in the incident, Rasel said.

Chinese photo
exhibition

BSS, Chittagong

A weeklong Chinese photography exhibition and film festival titled 'Beautiful China' will begin at the Chittagong Art College auditorium tomorrow.

The exhibition and the festival have been jointly organised by the Chinese Embassy and Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association (BCPFA).

Law soon to enhance efficiency
of civil procedure

BSS, Dhaka

A new civil law titled 'Court Reform Implementation (supplementary rules) Act 2004' is being formulated to enhance the efficiency of civil

procedure management.

The draft of the proposed law would be placed before the next meeting of the cabinet for its approval.

This was stated by Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed while talking to the journalists at his secretariat office here yesterday.

Once the cabinet approves, the draft would be tabled at the house in the upcoming session of the Jatiya Sangsad, he added.

In this context, the law minister

said the government has taken up a pilot project to reduce the harassment of the justice-seekers, and quicken the settlement of trial in Dhaka, Gazipur, Khulna, Comilla, and Rangpur districts.

"It is necessary to enact the new law for implementing the project," he added.

Moudud said the proposed law would be promulgated on experimental basis for two years.

If the new law is proved helpful for implementing the pilot project, it would be extended to other districts gradually, he added.



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Bangladesh Garment Sramik Trade Union stages a demonstration in the city yesterday to press for their various demands.