

Khulna jail raises 'false' alarm

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The authorities of Khulna District Jail (KDJ) yesterday raised 'false' alarms apprehending unrest among inmates.

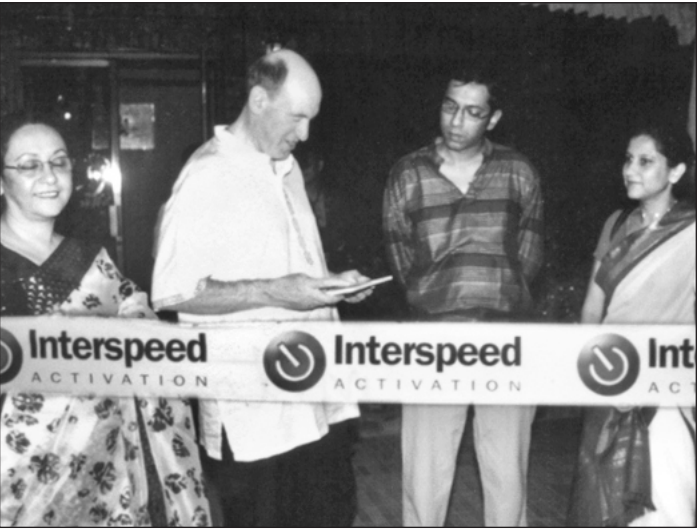
Jail guards rang sirens at around noon as a practice, KDJ officials said. However, unconfirmed sources claimed the authorities raised it fearing uprising inside jail premises.

With increased police deployment, security measures in and around the jail were heightened since the alarm was raised, sources said.

Apart from notorious criminal Ershad Sikder and his accomplices, there are over 200 inmates serving various terms in the jail.

According to another jail official, the Khulna-based criminal is yet in the dark about his capital punishment due on May 10 midnight.

Appellate Division of the Supreme Court announced death penalty to the infamous criminal for killing Jubo League leader Khalid Hossain on May 16 in 1999. President Iajuddin Ahmed also turned down his mercy petition.



The Interspeed celebrated the Pahela Boishakh, the first day of Bangla year 1411, with the launch of Interspeed Activation to provide one-stop solution to its clients. Miles Young, chairman of Ogilvy & Mather, Asia Pacific, launches the Interspeed Activation in the city recently.



Vice-President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Kunimitsu Yoshinaga met Chief Engineer of LGED Md Shahidul Hassan and other officials at the LGED Headquarters in the city yesterday. Resident Representative of JICA Takashi Sakamoto was also present.

HATS, BAZARS TOLLS Tk 160cr earned last year

UNB, Dhaka

The revenue income from the tolls of hats and bazars in just concluded Bangla year 1410 has increased 43 percent to Tk 160 crore.

The revenue income from the tolls of hats and bazars in 1409 stood at Tk 81 crore.

This was revealed at a meeting of the local government ministry that considered changes in Izara policy of hats and bazars and distribution of the revenue income among the local government institutions.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiya presided.

The meeting decided that four percent of the income would be allocated in favour of the Muktioddha Sangsad. Earlier, one hat-bazar in each district was given to the sangsad.

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State Minister Ziaul Haq Zia and senior officials were present at the meeting.

Obituary



Ataul Haque, an industrialist and founder of Naz Jewellers, died of kidney ailments yesterday at the age of 77, says a press release.

A member of Dhaka Stock Exchange, Ataul was the father-in-law of Mahi B Chowdhury, spokesman of Bikalpa Dhara Jatiya Committee.

He is survived by his wife, one son, four daughters and a number of grandchildren.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Gulshan Central Jame Mosque after Juma prayers today.

His qukhwani will be held at his Baridhara house on April 25.

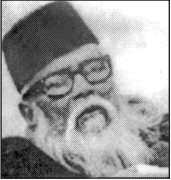
Rehena Zaman

BSS, Rajshahi

Rehena Zaman, a ward commissioner of Rajshahi City Corporation, died of cancer at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital on Wednesday at the age of 45.

She is survived by her husband, two sons and one daughter.

Death anniversary



The 20th death anniversary of justice Abdul Jabbar Khan, former speaker of Pakistan National Assembly, will be observed today, says a press release.

He was born in village Baheerchar Khudrakathi under Babuganj thana in Barisal in 1901.

A doa mahfil will be held at his village home after Juma prayers.

Hachenuddin Fakir



Today is the 15th death anniversary of Hachenuddin Fakir, father of Fakir Alamgir, president of Wrishiz Shilpi Gosthi, says a press release.

Hachenuddin Fakir Memorial Committee has organised a qurankhwani, milad mahfil and discussion at village Kalamridha.

Milad and doa will also be held at Chowdhury Para mosque in Khilgaon, Dhaka, after Asr prayers.

Khairunnesa Khatun



Today is the 11th death anniversary of Khairunnesa Khatun, wife of Rokon Uddin Ahmed, a retired government official, and mother of Sakir Ahmed, a senior reporter of the daily Ittefaq, says a press release.

A milad mahfil will be held at Wapda Road Jame Mosque in Rampura after Asr prayers.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Shah Akter Nahar Begum, former headmistress of Patuakhali Government Girls' High School, will be held at 44 Minto Road in Dhaka after Juma prayers today, says a press release.

She was the general secretary of Patuakhali Mahila Samity for the last 30 years.

Nahar, wife of AKM Nurul Islam, former superintendent of Postal Department, died on March 14.

Relatives and well-wishers have been requested to attend the chehlum.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6 pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 35.6 degree celsius was recorded yesterday at Ishurdi and the lowest 18.6 degree at Dinajpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:24 pm today and rises at 5:30 am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.5	26.4	79	49
Chittagong	31.2	24.0	74	62
Rajshahi	35.5	21.6	65	58
Khulna	34.0	22.8	71	67
Barisal	33.5	23.4	75	69
Sylhet	32.2	23.4	74	64
Cox's Bazar	32.0	25.0	75	82