

## Aziz Bahini chief, his bodyguard on 3-day remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The chief of infamous Aziz Bahini and chargesheeted principal accused in Raozan Buddhist monk murder case along with his body guard were placed on a three-day remand here yesterday.

Magistrate Altaf Hossain approved the remand when Azizul Haq alias Aziza and Abul Kashem were produced before him at his office at 4.30pm.

Earlier, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) of Raozan Police Station Zakir Hossain filed two separate arms case against Azizul Haq who was held with huge quantity of sophisticated arms and ammunitions on Wednesday.

The army personnel from Ghagra in Rangamati arrested Azizul Haq and Kashem from their hideout at a rubber garden bordering Kaokhali of Rangamati hill district.

Azizul Haq is also accused in twenty other criminal cases including killing, abduction and illegal toll collection.



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Supporters of different candidates in the Bar Council election seek vote from Gaziul Haque, a language movement veteran, when he came to the Supreme Court Bar centre in the city to cast his vote yesterday.

## Obituary

BSS, Savar

Prof. Mafizuddin Ahmed of the economics department of Jahangirnagar University (JU) died of brain haemorrhage at a hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 66.

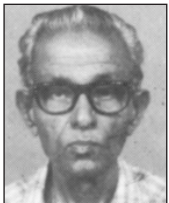
The university authorities have suspended academic and administrative activities yesterday noon to pay respect to late Prof. Mafizuddin, said a JU press release.

A reputed researcher, Prof. Mafizuddin also taught at Dhaka College, Rajshahi College, Chittagong Commerce College and Chittagong University.

His kulkhwani will be held at the central cafeteria of the university after Asr prayers on May 16.

JU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman expressed deep shock at the death of Prof. Mafizuddin.

## Sharadindu Dastidar



Wednesday night at the age of 85, says a press release.

Born in Chittagong in 1919, he was a member of the central committee of Workers Party.

He took part in the anti-British movement at a very young age. He was also arrested many times during his lifetime.

He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter.

## Mohsena Rahman



She is survived by nine daughters, one son and a number of grandchildren.

Her kulkhwani will be held at her home, Montaz Villa, House # 13, Road # 112, Gulshan, after Maghrib.

## Death anniversary



Today is the fourth death anniversary of Matiur Rahman Biswas, a former official of Jiban Bima Corporation, says a press release.

He hailed from Ishwardi in Pabna. Different programmes will be held at village Charmirkamary after Juma prayers.

Relatives, friends, colleagues and well-wishers have been requested to attend the programmes and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

## Shamsun Nahar Setara Begum

Today is the first death anniversary of Sham-sun Nahar Setara Begum, mother of Serajul Islam Selim, president of Zia Shishu Kishore Sanga-than, says a press release.

A milad mahfil will be held at her home at Sholdhara village in Ghior, Manikganj, after Juma prayers.

Relatives and well-wishers have been requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

## Chehlum



Bangladesh, will be held at the central office of Swanirvar at 5/5, Block-C, Lalmatia, after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

She died on April 6 at DAB cardiac centre.

Friends, relatives and well-wishers have been requested to

## MA Hannan Mia

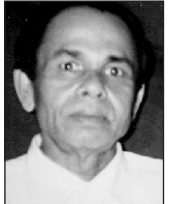
BSS, Dhaka

Chehlum of MA Hannan Mia, former deputy commissioner of Taxes, Dhaka zone, will be held at his home at Atipancha in Keraniganj after Juma prayers today.

He died of a cardiac arrest on March 6 at the age of 69. He is survived by his wife, five sons and four daughters.

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

## Sraddaha



says a press release.

Dr Majumdar died on May 5 at the age of 61. He is survived by his wife, a son and three daughters.

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

# Women urged to join active politics to ensure rights

BSS, Dhaka

Law Minister Moudud Ahmed yesterday called on women to involve themselves actively in the mainstream of politics to ensure their wider role in parliamentary affairs and development activities.

If women get proper education and increasingly take part in the political process, there would be no need for reserved seats for them in parliament in the near future, he said at a roundtable in the city.

Organised by Bangladesh Parliamentary Journalist Association (BPJA) and Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust (BLAST), the roundtable on 'Reserved Seats for Women in the Parliament: Our Expectation' was presided over by BPJA president Shajahan Sardar.

Soma Islam of BLAST presented the keynote paper at the roundtable.

Moudud Ahmed said that without active participation in politics, women could not be able to uphold their position in political arena.

He urged the leaders of the women movement to play an active role in political parties to ensure their rights.

Referring to the various measures for education and empowerment of women, the law minister



PHOTO: STAR

Law Minister Moudud Ahmed speaks at a roundtable on 'Reserved seats for women in parliament: Our expectation' at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

said girl children marked the highest enrollment in primary education among the South Asian countries.

Turning to various aspects of the bill for the reserved seats for women, he said it would be better if all political parties in parliament take part in enacting the bill.

He, however, regretted that the ruling party was waiting for one and a half months to finalise the bill in the parliamentary standing committee, but the main opposition did not respond to it.

"The present government in the bill has kept provisions for raising the number of seats to 45 and distribution of those among

the political parties in parliament according to their representation," Moudud said.

Former law minister Abdul Matin Khosru said women should increasingly participate in the politics to establish their rights.

He also called for direct elections to the seats, reserved for women.

Azaduzzaman Noor MP, Vice-Chairman of BLAST Justice Naimuddin Ahmed, President of the Platform to Resist Violence against Women Hasna Moudud, journalist Safiqur Rahman and General Secretary of Bangladesh Mohila Parishad Aysha Khanam also spoke.

## Retired govt officials may be appointed as teachers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Retired government officials are going to fill the vacancy of teachers in schools and colleges, hinted Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman in a meeting with economists yesterday.

There might be an allocation for this in the coming budget, said Saifur in a pre-budget consultation meeting with the economists at the finance ministry.

"There's an acute shortage of good teachers, especially in science and English," Saifur said, adding that students are not learning to their highest potential because of this.

Saifur also hinted introduction of extraordinary merit scholarship in schools and colleges in addition to the current scholarship programme to encourage academic excellence.

# Transport strike in Sylhet May 16

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet Zila Sarak Paribahan Malik Sramik Oikya Parishad has called a daylong strike in the district on May 16 to press home its 6-point demand.

The parishad leaders made an announcement to this effect from a rally at Dakshin Surma Bus Terminal on Wednesday night.

They also handed over a memorandum to the deputy commissioner yesterday afternoon about their demands.

Chaired by Azizur Rahman Ambia, the rally protested armed attacks on transport workers and damage of trucks by college students at Tilagarh and Islampur on May 8.

Students of MC College and Sylhet Government College went on

rampage following the death of a fellow student by a speeding truck.

The transport workers also made a counter attack on the college hostel same day.

The rally expressed concern as local political leaders and administration did not take any measure to cool the situation.

It also called for immediate punitive measures against those involved in the rampage.

The demands of transport owners include establishment of a truck terminal in city, repair of the South Surma Bus Terminal, dissolution of the so called Bus Malik Samity and establishment of a permanent stand for minibuses and rickshaws at Chouhatta.

## MISHEL MURDER CASE

# Charges farmed against four

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A tribunal in Dhaka yesterday farmed charges against four accused in the Mishel Murder Case.

The four accused are Shueb alias Sohel, Mohammad Shahin, Mohammad Hanif and Montaj Mall alias Jamai Montaj.

Of them, Shahin and Montaj



## DUPDAA executives

Syed Marghub Murshed, chairman of Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, and Rezaul Haq Chowdhury Mushtaq, chairman of Harbour Shipping Agency Ltd., have been elected president and secretary of Dhaka University Political Science Department Alumni Association (DUPDAA) for 2004-2005, says a press release.

The vice-presidents are Prof. Dr Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan of Dhaka University, Mir Shahabuddin Mohammad, vice-chairman of EPB, AKM Shamsuddin, chairman of Bangladesh Land Port Authority, Mian Mushtaque Ahmed, divisional commissioner, Dhaka, and Khuda Baksh Chowdhury, DIG of Police, Dhaka Range.

Other office-bearers are ASM Roquibul Hassan, Farhat Chowdhury and Rabiul Haque - joint general secretary; Shah Jalal Uddin Khan - treasurer; Md Rafiqul Islam - organising secretary; Munir Hossain Khan - assistant organising secretary; AKM Nurul Alam Nantu - cultural secretary; Syeda Montaj Shirin - assistant cultural secretary; Bashir Ahmed - publicity secretary; Azhar Mahmood - assistant publicity secretary; Jalal Feroj - information & research secretary; Raisuddin Ahmed - social welfare secretary; GM Shahidul Alam - literature and publication secretary; Mahfuzur Rahman Siddiquei - sports secretary; Quazi Rakibul Islam - legal affairs secretary; Mezbah Uddin Ahmed - office secretary; and Shamsun Nahar Mushfiq Shikha - women affairs secretary.

## Youth shot dead in Chittagong

BSS, Chittagong

A youth was gunned down by unidentified assailants at Bhujpur in Fatikchhari in the early hours of yesterday.

The dead was identified as Osman Gani alias Shahabu, 28, son of Shaleh Ahmed.

The armed gang called Osman out of his house in Bhujpur at about 2.30 am and shot him at point-blank range.

Fatikchhari police sent the body to Chittagong Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Previous enmity was the main reason behind the killing, police said quoting the local people.



## Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Rangpur, Bogra, Pabna and Comilla and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country till 6.00pm today.

Prevailing severe heat wave over the regions of Rajshahi, Ishwardi, Jessore and Chuadanga and mild to moderate heat wave elsewhere over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and some parts of Dhaka division may continue, Met office said predicting that day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

Highest temperature 42.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and the lowest 24.2 degree at Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:34pm today and rises at 5:16am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature	Humidity in Celsius	percentage	
			Morning	Evening
Dhaka	36.5	29.0	78	70
Chittagong	33.4	27.3	76	78
Rajshahi	42.2	27.6	70	37
Khulna	38.6	29.5	77	70
Barisal	35.0	28.5	76	76
Sylhet	29.5	24.2	96	88
Cox's Bazar	34.7	27.5	78	81

## DHAKA TODAY

### Academy film show

Academy Film Society will screen three American films titled 'Finding Nemo' (2003), 'Rain Man' (1988) and 'Phone Booth' (2003). Venue: Society Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 10.30am, 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

### Muldhara film show

Muldhara International Centre will screen two films titled '8 Mile' and 'Mr. & Mrs. Aiyer'. Venue: Zakia Alam Auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm and 6.00pm.

### Bishwasahitya film show

Bishwasahitya Kendra will screen a film titled 'Red' directed by Krzysztof Kieslowski. Venue: Bishwasahitya Kendra Auditorium, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue. Time: 5.00pm.

### Tagore song

Nandan organises an evening of Tagore song. Venue: YWCA Bhaban, Mohammadpur. Time: 4.00pm.

### Film festival

The inaugural ceremony of Dhaka Regional Disabled Film Festival will be held with Public Works and Housing Minister Mirza Abbas as chief guest. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4.00pm.

### Prize giving ceremony

The prize giving ceremony of Bangladesh Lokojo Surdhwani Sangeet Academy will be held. It will be followed by a cultural function. Venue: Dhaka Ainjibi Samity. Time: 4.00pm.

### Scholarship giving ceremony

Kishoreganj Zila Samity will distribute scholarships among the meritorious students of the districts with Education Minister Dr Osman Faruk as chief guest. It will be followed by a reception to UP chairmen and cultural function. Venue: Mohanagar Natyamancha, Gulistan. Time: 4.00pm.

### Discussion

Chakrabak organises a discussion to mark 100th staging of its drama Rangaras with State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Selima Rahman as chief guest. Venue: Theatre hall of Shilpakala Academy. Time: 6.30pm.

### Biennial conference

The biennial conference of the executive committee of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sangskritik Forum will be held. Venue: Azad Hotel. Time: 3.00pm.

### Dress exhibition

Kay Kraft organises a seven-day dress exhibition titled 'Summer fest'. Venue: Kay Kraft at Bailey Road. Time: From 10.30am to 9.00pm daily. The exhibition will continue till May 20.

### Inauguration

The inauguration of a Thai Restaurant styled as 'Sukho Thai' will be held with Thai Ambassador Phithak Phrombubpha as chief guest. Venue: House- 39, Road- 8, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm.



### Academy film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Eaten Alive' (1980). Venue: Society Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

### IUB project

The inaugural ceremony of Educational Software Development and Production Project, organised by Independent University, Bangladesh, will be held. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre, Gulshan. Time: 4.00pm.

### Discussion

Primeasia University organises a discussion on 'Interaction between university and industry: Textile sector' with Industries Minister Osman Faruk as chief guest. Venue: BRAC Centre Inn, Mohakhali.