

## Car lifters kill driver in Keraniganj: 4 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The murder of a rent-a-car driver came to light yesterday three days after the gruesome act.

A gang of car lifters yesterday admitted that they had murdered Mohammad Jasim, 23, in Keraniganj and dumped his body in a river at Sirajdikhan in Munshiganj and stole his car on May 23.

However, police could not retrieve the body from the river till filing of this report at 8:00pm yesterday.

After the murder, the gang drove to Chittagong and sold the car to another gang.

Double Mooring police recovered the Toyota car (Dhaka Metro-Ga-15-5536) left abandoned on a road in Chittagong yesterday after

Kotwali police of Dhaka informed them about the incident.

On Tuesday night, Kotwali police arrested Shah Newaj Kabir Taj, a member of the gang, who confessed to the murder during an interrogation.

On the basis of his statement, police also arrested Khorshed Ali Banti, Ashraful Hasan Rosy and Abdul Latif, father of a member of the killing squad, in a pre-dawn raid.

Police said the gang hired the car from the City Rent-a-car Service at Mukangan at about 2:00pm on the day and took the driver inside an abandoned house at East Subaddah in Keraniganj.

Six gang members waiting at the house strangled the driver after serving him a glass of soft drink mixed with some drugs. They also cut open the midriff of the body.

## DU to enrol students from waiting lists

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University will enrol some admission seekers from the waiting lists.

The university authorities yesterday asked the candidates to contact the office of the dean of social science faculty for admission against some vacant seats in different departments.

Students having serial No. from 618 to 820 on the merit list of Ka unit and from 98 to 150 on the merit list of Kha unit are requested to contact the dean's office at 9:00am on June 1 along with their mark sheets of SSC and HSC and two copies of photographs.

Three seats have fallen vacant in the English department. The candidates who got 20 marks in English in the admission test under Ka unit and have serial No. 758 and downwards on the merit list are also asked to appear at the dean's office at the same time.

One seat has fallen vacant in the Department of Islamic History and Culture. The student who secured 126th position in the admission test under Ga unit is requested to contact the dean office on June 2.

## 1782 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,782 people, including a listed criminal, during their countrywide drive on various charges in the last 24 hours till 6:00am yesterday.

# Dhaka reaffirms one China policy

## Khaleda, Wen Jiabao hold meeting

BSS, Shanghai

Bangladesh and China yesterday reiterated their resolve to strengthen ties between the two countries.

This was stated at a meeting between Bangladesh Prime Minister Khaleda zia and Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao at the Hong Qiao State Guesthouse here in the afternoon.

Khaleda, now here to attend the conference on Scaling up Poverty Reduction, reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to one China Policy in the years to come.

The Chinese premier described Bangladesh as a trusted and tested friend of China and said his country would celebrate this year the 30 years of Bangladesh China friendship. He invited Khaleda to attend the celebration.

The meeting took place in a cordial and warm atmosphere and continued for over one hour.

Khaleda referred to the proposal for an agreement between the two countries on bio-technology in the field of agriculture and called for concluding the agreement as soon as possible. She also made plea to transform the loan for Pagla Water Treatment Plant, Karnaphuli Paper Mills and Di-ammonia Phosphate

Plant into concessional credit.

She also sought concessional credit for 500 MW power plant at Bheramara and setting up of a methanol plant with equity participation of China.

The Bangladesh prime minister also sought concessional Chinese credit and grants for the development of energy, power, railway and other sectors. She made plea for Chinese assistance for North Dhaka Sewerage System, reduction of distance between Laksham and Dhaka railway stations, 5,00,000 line digital telephone project and Rangpur-Khalashipur coal mining feasibility study.

Referring to the possibility of huge investment in Bangladesh in textiles sector by Chinese investors, Khaleda said by setting up textile industries under joint venture, they can reap the benefits of GSP facilities being provided to Bangladesh by the EU.

She urged China for taking measures to reduce trade gap between the two countries. In this context, she pleaded for allowing zero tariff on 83 more items besides existing zero tariff facilities on 34 items Bangladesh now enjoying under Bangkok Agreement.

The prime minister sought Chinese assistance for modernisa-

tion of BDR, Police, Ansar and VDP.

She also sought cooperation in the field of defence. She wished success of the Olympic Games-2008 and World Trade fair-2010 China is going to host.

The Chinese Premier assured all possible cooperation for industrialisation of Bangladesh and said Dhaka should send feasibility reports on possible industrial units which may be set up with Chinese assistance.

## One arrested in Rajshahi for demanding toll from Indian diplomat

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Rajshahi

Police yesterday filed a case against a person who demanded Tk 50 lakh in toll from the assistant Indian high commissioner in Rajshahi and threatened him with death if he does not pay the money.

Posing as an al-Qaeda operative, Rabiul Islam, 45, sent five letters to the Indian diplomat demanding various amounts of up to Tk five crore in toll.

Police said they arrested Rabiul, a quack of Naodapara in Shah Makhdom thana, on Monday after an investigation into the letters and filed the case accusing him of extortion.

He was placed before a magistrate's court and police sought ten days' remand for him.

Rabiul told the magistrate that he wrote the letters and sent those to the Indian High Commission office at Upashahar at different times until May 16, police said.

## Consultation on HR begins today

BSS, Dhaka

The first national consultation on human rights will begin here today at the IDB Bhaban at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs with support from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will organise the first of a series of four consultations.

Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Moudud Ahmed will attend the consultations as chief guest.

Secretary of the ministry Mohammad Asaduzzaman, Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Ms. Lorraine Barker and resident representative of UNDP to Bangladesh Jorgen Lissner will attend as special guests.

Government officials and representatives from civil society, NGOs and academic institutions will participate in the consultation.

## Book on medicinal plants soon

BSS, Dhaka

A meeting of the committee on compilation of a book on medicinal plants of the CHT ministry was held at the ministry yesterday.

The meeting decided to publish the book as early as possible. It also decided to start the work on the English version of the book after publication of its second edition.

Chairman of the committee Mohammad Shajahan Mojumdar presided.



## Rise in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions till 6.00pm today.

Slight rise in day temperature is expected over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 36.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and the lowest 21.4 degree Celsius at Sayedpur.

**The sun sets in the capital at 6:40pm today and rises at 5:11am tomorrow.**

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

City/Town	Temperature	Humidity in Celsius		percentage	
		Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	34.3	34.3	26.5	74	49
Chittagong	33.0	33.0	25.5	76	73
Rajshahi	35.5	35.5	23.8	56	53
Khulna	35.5	35.5	24.0	78	63
Barisal	34.4	34.4	24.8	72	66
Sylhet	32.2	32.2	24.5	77	62
Cox's Bazar	33.5	33.5	25.0	75	76