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The Krishak League, peasant wing of the Awami League, forms a human chain in the city yesterday demanding arrest of and punishment to the killers of AL lawmaker Ahsanullah Master.

Three to die for killing 4 of a family in Bagerhat

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Three people were sentenced to death and another was awarded life term and fined Tk 5000, in default, to suffer six months more rigorous imprisonment for killing four members of a family at village Rajoir under Swarankhola upazila of Bagerhat district on July in 1998. Md. Golam Rabbani, Additional

District and Sessions Judge, Bagerhat delivered the judgement on Tuesday. Three persons given death penalty are Ziauddin Howlader Zia, Gharami and Babul Akhand were present in the court during the pronouncement of the judgement while Ziauddin and Hakim were tried in absentia. Of the convicts, Siddique Gharami and Babul Akhand were present in the court during the pronouncement of the judgement while Ziauddin and Hakim were tried in absentia. The prosecution story in brief is that Ziauddin Howlader alias Zia in connivance with three other accused hacked his father Latif Howlader, 48, mother Samia

Begum, 38, brother Kamruzzaman alias Khokon, 14, and sister Shurma Akhtar Putul, 18, to death to grab the valuable magnetic border pillars worth several crores of taka. The victims were drugged and murdered at the instigation of Hakim Muhuri, father-in-law of Ziauddin.

1430 more held

UNB, Dhaka
Police arrested 1,430 people during their countrywide drive on various charges in the last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday. During the drive, they also recovered eight firearms and 99 bullets and filed six cases against 10 people under the Arms Act, said a police headquarters press release.

Prof Fazlur Rahim passes away

BSS, Dhaka

Eminent Agri-scientist and former vice-chancellor of Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) Prof Dr Kazi M Fazlur Rahim died of old age complications at Sikder Hospital at Gulshan in the city yesterday at the age of 87. He left behind his wife and one daughter to mourn his death. He was the vice-chancellor of BAU from 1971 to 1973. He was buried yesterday afternoon after his namaz-e-janaza at Gulshan Mosque. Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk expressed profound shock at the death of Dr Rahim. Teachers, students, officers and employees of BAU expressed deep shock at his death.

Death anniversary



Today is the third death anniversary of Dr Piku, son of Prof Selina Bahar and M Badiuzzaman, says a press release. He died in London on this day in 2001.

On the occasion, milad mahfil and distribution of foods among the poor will be arranged.

Chehlum

Chehlum of Halima Khatun will be held after Juma prayers at her residence at 18 (New) Arambagh in the city tomorrow, says a press release. Halima died of old age complications at Birdem Hospital on April 26.

Verdict in Srikanta murder case June 10

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The Speedy Trial Tribunal in Chittagong will give the verdict in the sensational Srikanta Raxmit murder case on June 10.

Judge M Hasan Imam fixed the date after completion of arguments by the lawyers of both sides yesterday, sources said.

Srikanta Raxmit, a young computer engineer, was abducted on the night of April 19 last year and his beheaded body was recovered from Hathazari Upazila the following day.

Shikha Rani Raxmit, mother of Srikanta, filed a case against eleven people with Kotwali Police Station.

Detective Police submitted the charge sheet on August 12 after a four-month investigation, accusing 17 people, including AL MP Fazle Karim. The names of Fazle Karim and five others were not mentioned in the FIR.

The hearing of the case began on January 20 this year and 24 prosecution witnesses, out of 48, gave their depositions.



Samson H Chowdhury elected TIB chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noted industrialist Samson H Chowdhury has been elected chairman of the Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) for three years.

Chowdhury was elected unanimously at the annual general meeting of the TIB Board of Trustees on May 27. He has been a member of the TIB Board of Trustees since its inception in 1996.

Chowdhury took over as the TIB president yesterday replacing Prof. Khan Sarwar Murshid.

A successful entrepreneur, Chowdhury has turned the Square Group into a leading conglomerate with his merit, professional integrity and leadership, said a TIB press release.

Two other members of the Board of Trustees -- noted social worker Ruhi Gaznabi and economist Prof. Mozaffar Ahmed -- were elected secretary general and treasurer of the TIB respectively.

Ruhi Gaznabi, owner of the Aranya and also the president of the National Crafts Council, has replaced Towfiq Nawaj and Prof. Muzaffar Ahmed replaced Aminul Haq.

Other members of the trustee board are Syed Humayun Kabir, Prof. Khan Sarwar Murshid, Advocate Towfiq Nawaj, Kazi Aminul Huq and Mahfuz Anam, editor of the Daily Star.

<p>Cultural evening The Social Harmony Project organises a cultural evening and benefit dinner to raise funds for the children who will take part in the World Theatre Festival in Havana, Cuba. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre. Time: 7.30pm.</p> <p>Film show Academy Film Society will screen an Indian film titled 'Kal Ho Naa Ho' (2003) and two American films titled 'Wind Talkers' (2002) and 'Delta of Venus' (1995). Venue: Society auditorium, Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm, 6.30pm and 8.30pm.</p> <p>Cultural function In celebration of its 38th founding anniversary, Kranti Shilpi Gosthi organises a cultural function that includes song and drama. Venue: Teacher Student Centre of Dhaka University. Time: 6.00pm.</p> <p>Debate workshop A two-day workshop on debate, organised by the Kendriya Kachi Kanchar Mela, will begin. Venue: Mela Bhaban, Segunbagicha. Time: 2.30pm.</p>	<p>Seminar on budget Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon will hold a seminar on 'Forthcoming budget and environment: some proposals'. Economist Dr Atiur Rahman will present the keynote paper. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10.00am.</p> <p>Prize distribution Surya Sen Bitarka Dhara organises its annual prize distribution ceremony, reception and a session of friendly debate. Venue: TV Room at Surya Sen Hall, Dhaka University. Time: 7.00pm.</p> <p>Blood donation programme The Orca Blood For Life organises a voluntary blood donation programme. Venue: Pubali Bank Head Office auditorium. Time: from 11.00am to 3.00pm.</p> <p>Seminar Iranian Cultural Centre organises a seminar on 'Theoretical and practical wisdom of Imam Khomeini for the constructive advancement of Islamic Ummah'. Venue: BIAM auditorium, New Eskaton. Time: 4.30pm.</p>
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