



Sylhet Bibhagh Unnayan Parishad forms a human chain at Muktangan in the city yesterday protesting repeated bomb attacks in Sylhet.

# Bakery employee murdered

Five injured in separate attacks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An employee of a bakery was slaughtered in Lalbagh in the early hours of yesterday and five men were injured in as many incidents in the capital.

Unknown assailants slaughtered Mainuddin Sikdar, 35, manager of Mister Food Products, when he was asleep in his room at the bakery at Nawabganj Lane around 1:00am.

"Hearing his scream, we rushed to his room only to find him groaning with cuts in his throat," said one of his

colleagues who were sleeping in the next room. They also found a bloodstained knife close to him.

Police detained Siddiqur Rahman, owner of the bakery, and five workers - Abu Sayeed, Mannan, Russell, Manir and Jalil -- in the morning for questioning.

Mainuddin's uncle Shajahan Sikder filed a case with Lalbagh Police Station accusing worker Nasir, who went missing since the incident, and Anwar, a step-brother of Shajahan.

In Mohammadpur, 24-year-old AKM Ashrafur Haque Prince, a student of Mohammadpur Central College, was stabbed in his stomach and back at 2:30pm allegedly by his friend Zakir following a feud over the sale of a mobile phone.

Russell Khondokar, 31, was shot at Dhanmondi over a sum of money he lent to his friend Tushar a year ago.

He said Tusher, who owed Tk 18,000 to him, fired point-blank at him near the Abahani Sporting Club. The bullet passed through his stomach.

In Mirpur, a labourer, Zakir Hossain, received a bullet in his stomach after the cadres of Hazi group fired at him over taking control of a ghat at Gabtoli at around 11:00am.

A gang of muggers shot Abul Kalam, 22, in his head and left hand and took away Tk 2,500 from him near the Mouchak Market at 10:30am.

In Badda, muggers shot 23-year-old Mohammad Rezaul, a fish trader, in his stomach and robbed him of Tk 7,000 at 7:00am when he got out of his house to buy fish from Karwan Bazar.



A five-day photography exhibition titled 'Banbhasi Shishu-2004' (flood-affected children) began at the National Institute of Mass Communication in the city on Sunday. About 50 photographs by the participants of a training course on 'Photojournalism: method and technique' have been put on display. The exhibition will remain open from 10.00am to 8.00pm daily till August 12.



## Light to moderate rain

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy falls at places till 6.00pm today.

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

Highest temperature 34.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and the lowest 24.5 degree Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:35pm today and rises at 5:32am 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	31.4	25.2	80	75
Chittagong	30.6	25.0	70	75
Rajshahi	32.5	26.3	84	79
Khulna	30.5	26.2	96	80
Barisal	29.6	26.0	92	87
Sylhet	34.7	25.6	71	63
Cox's Bazar	31.0	25.5	90	--

## CTG AIRPORT CCC mayor threatens legal action against govt move

CU CORRESPONDENT

Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury yesterday vowed to take legal action against the government's move to hand over the operational charge of Shah Amanat International Airport to a foreign company.

He also threatened to launch a tough movement if the government does not cancel the move within the next one month.

National security would be threatened if a foreign company takes the operational charge of the airport as it is surrounded by naval base and other defence establishments, the mayor said at a press conference.

He also called on all to come forward to protect the airport.

"Earlier, we have won the legal battle against SSA over a proposed private port and we hope to win again this time," he said.

The mayor also alleged that Biman Bangladesh Airlines has been incurring a huge loss because of widespread corruption in the ministry concerned.

South District Awami League General Secretary Moslem Uddin read out a written statement on behalf of the mayor at the press conference held at the local press club.

Advocate Abul Kalam, engineer Sultan Ahmed, Dr Nurul Islam, Professor Momtaz Uddin Ahmed and AL leader Khorshed Alam Sujon were also present.

# 3 child traffickers get life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A Narayanganj court yesterday sentenced three people to life imprisonment for smuggling a child into Dubai in 1998.

Of the three, only one convict Shaheda was present at the court but two others, Fatema and Phul Miah, are still at large in Dubai.

Judge Mafizul Islam of Special Tribunal for Prevention of Women and

Children Repression gave the verdict.

According to the prosecution, Fatema brought her nephew Rabiul to Dhaka from Ramnagar, Bandar, with a lure of job but she trafficked him to Dubai on February 25, 1998 with the connivance of Shaheda and Phul Miah.

Serving as a jockey in Dubai, Rabiul, son of Habibur Rahman, was critically injured after falling off a camel on July 6 in 2001. Later, he died in a hospital there.



## MNSD seminar

Media Network for Sustainable Development organises a seminar on 'Food management: Improvement of drainage and development' with Water Resources Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3.30pm.

## Roundtable

Aroundtable on 'Water logging in Dhaka city: Causes and remedies,' organised jointly by Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon and Institute of Architects Bangladesh, will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

## Seminar

A seminar on 'Indigenous people of Bangladesh: Land, population and development,' organised jointly by Bangladesh Adibasi Odhikar Andolon and Bangladesh Adibasi Forum, will be held. Venue: CIRDAP Auditorium. Time: 10.00am.

## Media Seminar

Dhaka Post will hold a seminar on the 'Role of Media on Country's Image,' with Science and ICT Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan as chief guest. Venue: VIP Lounge of the National Press Club. Time: 4.00pm.

## Drama

The Natyachakra, a drama forum, will stage two dramas titled 'Mochyom-bayog' and 'Meghnad Bodh Kabaya.' Venue: Mohila Samity Auditorium, New Bailey Road. Time: 5.30pm.

## Muldhara meeting

Weekly meeting of Muldhara, a forum of writers, journalists and artists, will be held. It will be followed by the screening of a film titled 'The Lost Love Story.' Venue: House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm.

## Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a

Belgian film titled 'Man bites Dog' (1992). Venue: Society Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

## Ingmar Bergman retrospective

Zahir Raihan Film Society, in association with Alliance Francaise, will screen a film made by renowned Swedish filmmaker Ingmar Bergman. The title of the film is 'Scenes From A Marriage' (1973). Venue: Alliance Francaise Auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm.



## Discussion

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote organises a discussion to mark the death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Venue: Bishwasahitya Kendra Auditorium, Bangla Motor. Time: 4.00pm.

## Reunion

Reunion of Dhaka Sub-Editors Council will be held. Venue: VIP Lounge of the National Press Club. Time: 10.30am.

## Ingmar Bergman retrospective

Zahir Raihan Film Society, in association with Alliance Francaise, will screen two films made by renowned Swedish filmmaker Ingmar Bergman. The films are 'The Magic Flute' (1975) and 'Autumn Sonata' (1978). Venue: Alliance Francaise Auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm and 7.15pm.

## Film show

Academy Film Society will screen two American films titled 'When Harry Met Sally' (1989) and 'Body Shots' (1999). Venue: Society Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm and 8.30pm.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina speaks at the Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCWC) meeting at the party's Dhanmondi office in the city yesterday.

## Relief work continues

DU CORRESPONDENT

Different political parties and socio-cultural organisations continued their relief activities in flood-hit areas yesterday.

Jatiya Party (JP) and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) distributed relief among the flood victims in Manikganj. JP Secretary General Sheikh Shahidul Islam and JSD President Hasanul Haque Inu were present on the occasion.

Bikalpo Dhara Bangladesh President Prof AQM Badrudozza Chowdhury distributed relief among the flood-affected people at Tejgaon and Mohakhali areas in the city.

Eastern Housing Ltd (EHL) started relief works in flood hit areas.

Suryasen Hall Food Mess handed over 600 packets of relief materials worth Tk 20000, Eastern Tower Flat Owner Co-operative Association Limited handed over a cheque for Tk 50000 and Dhaka City Corporation Contractor Haji Mohammad Lutfor Rahman Badal handed over a ton of rice to Dhaka University Central Relief Operation Committee.

DU Help Centre for Flood Victims, Jatiya Oikya Mancha, Bangladesh Chhatra League, Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree, Naba Rabi Juba Sangha, Islami Insurance Bangladesh Limited, Hamdard Laboratories Bangladesh, Al-Muntada Al-Islami, Sylhet Division Development Action Council, DORP, Rajshahi University Former Students' Association, and Human Rights Review Society also distributed relief.

## ENCROACHMENT ON WATERBODIES

# Bela serves legal notice on 4 secys

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) yesterday served a legal notice upon four secretaries and other concern authorities demanding immediate initiatives to clearly demarcate the wet-lands/waterbodies and protect those from encroachers.

The notice was served upon the secretaries of Ministry of Land, Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Housing and Public Works and Ministry of Environment and Forests, chairman of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk), director general of Department of Environment, deputy commissioner of Dhaka, chairman of Dhaka Wasa and mayor of Dhaka City Corporation.

The Bela in the notice mentioned that the Master Plan of the city (otherwise known as the Dhaka Metropolitan Development Plan) has identified certain rivers, flood plains, flood flow zones, khals and lakes within the city that are required for proper drainage of the city and of course providing the dwellers of this extremely congested city with some relief.

The waterbodies identified by the Master Plan include nineteen khals, four flood flow zones, five major lakes

that are needed to meet local requirements for open spaces and for retention and drainage function.

The khals as identified in the Master Plan include Dholai Khal, Gandaria Khal, Zirani Khal, Khilgaon-Basaboo Khal, Zurain Khal, Khilgaon Khal, Sabuzbag Khal, Begunbari Khal, Paribag Khal, Kathal Bagan Khal, Raza Bazar Khal, Hazaribag Khal, Mahakhali Khal, Mahakhali Banani Khal, Kalyanpur Khal, Gabtali Khal, Baunia Khal, Dighun Khal and Abdullahpur Khal.

The Master Plan also mentions the Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara, Dhanmondi and Uttara lake and four flood flow zones for maintaining the ecological balance of the Dhaka city.

The said plan has clearly prohibited development for residential, commercial and industrial purposes encroaching upon such wetlands. Despite such prohibition, all these flood flow zones, lakes and khals are under constant pressure of being filled up by unscrupulous developers, illegal encroachers some times even with sanction from the Rajuk that violates its own Master Plan.

Legal action would be taken in case if the authorities do not respond within 30 days from the receipt of the notice.

## Obituary



Birdem Hospital yesterday at the age of 56, says a press release.

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

His qulkhani will be held at Pisciculture Housing Society Mosque at Mohammadpur, Sheker Tek and at his residence Road-5, House-60, Block-Kha PC Culture Housing Society for women after Asr prayers on Thursday.

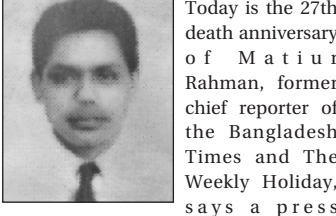
## Shaguftha Quadir Choudhury



died of liver cirrhosis at Bangladesh Medical College Hospital (BMCH) in the city on August 8 at the age of 50, says a press release.

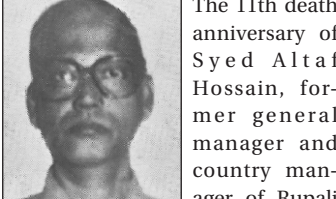
Her qulkhani will be held at Priyajan Community Centre, House No. 25, Road No. 7, Sector 4, Uttara in the city after Maghrib prayers on Friday.

## Death anniversary



On the occasion, milad mahfil will be held at his sister's residence at House No. 16, Block-F, Section-2, Mirpur after Asr prayers.

## Syed Altaf Hossain



German Ambassador Dietrich Andreas hands out foodgrains to flood-affected people at Rashunia in Manikganj recently. This food distribution programme is a part of the German government's support for flood victims.



Sakkhar, an organisation working to eliminate illiteracy, has started a relief operation for the flood victims at Nunertek in Sonargaon, Narayanganj.



Managing Director of Global Insurance Limited ABM Nurul Haq distributes relief materials among the flood-affected people at Badda in the city recently.



GrameenPhone Limited donated some mobile phones to Friendship Hospital. The floating hospital will use these sets to coordinate its relief programme for flood-affected people in four districts along river Jamuna. Ola Ree, managing director of GrameenPhone, hands over the cell phones to Runa Khan, executive director of the hospital, in the city recently.



Teachers, students and guardians of Heed International School distribute relief among the flood-affected people at Sutrapur in the city yesterday.



The Alumni Association of Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan gave away food and used clothes to flood-hit people on the Piar Sattar Latif High School premises in Bandar, Narayanganj recently.