

## Indefinite strike at Platinum Jubilee Jute Mill in Khulna

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Production in the state-owned Platinum Jubilee Jute Mill at Khalishpur has been suspended since Thursday morning as the CBA leaders called an indefinite strike to press home their demand for payment of wages and salary to nearly 5,000 workers.

Sources said the management of the BJMC-run jute mill needs over Tk 3 crore and 50 lakh to make payment against the arrears.

"We are unable to pay due to severe financial crisis," said the deputy general manager. The mill is now a losing concern, he added.

But the workers blamed the CBA leaders and a section of mill officials for creating the financial crisis.

## Rab held two outlaws in Khulna

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Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested an alleged accomplice of top terrorist Asaduzzaman Litu from Halia village under Batiaghata upazila of the district on Thursday night.

He was identified as Kamalesh Roy alias Kanu, 34.

According to Rab sources, Kamalesh, an armed cadre of Litu, is also linked with outlawed Biplabi Communist Party.

Litu used Kamalesh mainly for purchasing and selling heavy arms.

He is now at Rab headquarters at Khalishpur for quizzing.

Rab also arrested another extremist on Thursday night.

He was identified as Shimul, 28, of Bhanga upazila in Faridpur district.

Shimul, arrested from Khalishpur, belongs to Janajuddho faction of PBCP.

He is being quizzed at Rab headquarters.

Rab sources said the combing operations will continue to recover all illegal arms left by the terrorists killed in 'crossfires' in the south-western region of the country.

## HC vacates stay order on Modhumoti Town

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A High Court bench has vacated the stay order on all activities of Modhumoti Model Town.

The order was issued on September 1 after a hearing on a complaint filed by Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association (BELA).

## Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Md Bazlur Rahman, a freedom fighter and deputy secretary of the Jatiya Sangsad secretariat, died at a Guwahati clinic in the Indian state of Assam on Thursday at the age of 55.

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

His body will be flown in to Dhaka today. He will be buried at his family graveyard in Tangail.

Speaker Jamir Uddin Sircar, who is now in Canada on an official visit, expressed deep shock at the death of Bazlur Rahman.

## Death anniversary



Today is the 35th death anniversary of Abdul Hamid Chowdhury, former speaker of erstwhile provincial assembly, says a press release.

A close associate of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq and Huseyn Shahid Suhrawardy, he renounced the title 'Khan Bahadur', conferred on him by the then British government, in support of the freedom movement of the sub-continent.

Late President Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury was his only son.

Qurankhwani and milad mahfil has been arranged at Nagbari, Tangail. A memorial meeting will also be held at Nagbari Hasina Chowdhury High School.

## Khaza Nizamuddin Bhuiyan



Today is the 33rd death anniversary of Shaheed Khaza Nizamuddin Bhuiyan Bir Uttam, says a press release.

A valiant freedom fighter, he died in a fight with the Pakistani occupation forces in Sylhet during the Liberation War.

Shaheed Khaza Nizamuddin Bir Uttam Smriti Sangsad will hold different programmes at Dhaka and Comilla to mark the day.

Programmes will also be held at the house of his younger brother at 15/1 Lake Circus, Kalabagan, after Asr prayers.