

## Pay Commission starts work

UNB, Dhaka

The Pay Commission yesterday started its work to recommend a new pay structure for the government officials and employees. Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman inaugurated the commission's activities at a simple ceremony at its makeshift office at Bangladesh Civil Service Administration Academy at Shahbagh. Finance Secretary Zakir Ahmed Khan, Pay Commission Chairman Mujibul Huq and members of the commission were present at the function. Since its formation on July

10, the commission carried out preparatory works for two months to begin its operation. "There has to be a harmonisation between our limited resources and expectation of the officials and employees," the minister advised the commission, giving the indication of devising an affordable pay structure. He, however, suggested the commission to consider the affects of inflation and other related things to prepare the pay structure, which should not be set up chasing the pay structure of private sector like commercial banks.

## 3 killed in city road accidents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three men including two teenaged boys were killed and three others injured in three separate road accidents while a bus was set on fire by the angry mob in the capital yesterday. In Teigaon, a private car driver lost control of the vehicle and drove over the footpath killing one and injuring two other pedestrians along with himself at 3:00pm. The dead was identified as Jakir Hossain, 27, owner of a tea-stall at Sangsad Bhaban area. He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors declared him dead. Two injured were undergoing treatment at the DMCH while the driver was admitted to a private hospital.

In Ramna, a 12-year-old Sajib Mollah was vomiting through the window of a bus heading towards Gulistan when another bus, coming from the opposite direction, hit and severed his head at Shhabagh at 12:30pm. Sajib, who came to visit his grandparents at Mirpur from his village home in Madaripur, died on the spot. In Khilgoan, a 14-year-old Rubel, an employee of a shop at Malibagh Super Market, was run over by a bus while he was crossing the road at 8:00am. Rubel died on the spot. The mob set a bus on fire when it hit a rickshaw injuring its puller after an hour in the same place. Police seized all the vehicles and sent the bodies to DMCH morgue for autopsy.

## 10 BRTC buses for women

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The state-run Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) yesterday introduced 10 more buses for working women on nine routes in the capital. Communications Minister Barister Nazmul Huda inaugurated the bus service for women at BRTC's Motijheel bus depot yesterday. The buses -- nine double-deckers and one single-decker -- will ply from 6:00 to 10:00am and 3:00 to 6:00pm carrying women only. The rest of the time they will transport both male and female passengers giving priority to the latter. The fare along the nine routes will range between Tk 4 and Tk 10. The nine routes are: Mirpur-1 to Motijheel via Mirpur-10-Asad Gate-Azimpur-Palashi-Gulistan; Mirpur-1 to Motijheel via Mirpur-10-Farmgate-Gulistan; Mohammadpur to Gulistan via Satmasjid Road-Curzon Hall; Mirpur-12 to Uttara via Mirpur-14-Cantonment-Banani; Mirpur-12 to Kamalapur via Taltala-Agargaon-Khejurbagan-Sangsad Bhaban-Science Laboratory-Azimpur-Gulistan; Khilgoan to Gulistan via Taltala; Gulistan to Narayanganj; Tongi to Motijheel via Banani-Mohakhali-Magbazar and

Mohammadpur to Gulshan-1 and 2 via Mohammadpur-Townhall-Mohakhali. Earlier, the BRTC introduced five buses for women but only one of them are in service now. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, the minister told the private bus service operators not to be afraid of business loss for the BRTC services as they (BRTC buses) are not more than one percent compared to the private buses in the country. For the first time a woman lessee will run the new buses added to the present 737 buses operated by the BRTC along 150 routes, the minister added. Regarding the timing of the buses from 3pm to 6pm which will not be convenient for most of the working women, BRTC Chairman advocate Taimur Alam Khondaker said it could be reconsidered after some time. Among others, Mashuda Khatun Shefali, executive director of Nari Uddug Kendra, told the minister to introduce BRTC buses on every route. Pointing out that there are 80,000 private buses in the country, she urged the minister to impose ban on carrying standing passengers and regulate fare of private bus services.

## Ban on rally around JS from Saturday midnight

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has imposed a ban on procession, rally, demonstration, carrying of firearms and explosives to maintain the law and order in and around the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar from the midnight of Saturday. The DMP took the decision to maintain the law and order during the 13th session of the eighth Jatiya Sangsad beginning Sunday. The areas that the DMP earmarked for the period are: Mohakhali rail crossing of Mymensingh Road via Old Airport to Bangla Motor, western end of Bangla Motor Ring Road to SAARC Fountain of Hotel Sonargaon Road, eastern end of Panthapath via Green Road crossing to Farmgate, Shyamoly Cinema of Mirpur Road via Dhanmondi-16 (old-27) road crossing, Rokeya Swarni crossing via ninth division (aeroplane) crossing via Bijoy Shwarani Parjatan crossing, eastern end of Indira Road to western end of Manik Miah Avenue and roads, lanes and by-lanes under the boundary of the restrictive areas of the Jatiya Sangsad.

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## Garments workers to submit memo to PM Sept 15

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Garment Workers Unity Council (BGWUC) will submit a memorandum to the prime minister on September 15 to press home its various demands. This was stated by the leaders of the council at a press conference in the city. They said they will also place their demands to different ministries and government departments including Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) from September 11 to 14. The council will also stage demonstrations in Gazipur, Narayanganj, Savar and Chittagong on September 17, 24 and 30 respectively in support of their demands, the leaders added. A national convention will be organised on October 8.

## Seminar on interventional neurology

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A scientific seminar on 'Interventional neurology: Its advances and experiences in Bangladesh' was held at Dr Milon Auditorium of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University on Wednesday. Associate Professor Dr MA Hai of Sir Salimullah Medical College presented the keynote paper at the seminar organised by the Society of Neurologists of Bangladesh. Prof MA Mannan, Prof Rashiduddin Ahmed, Prof Kazi Deen Mohammad, Prof M Afzal Hossain, Prof AKM Anwarullah, Prof KMHS Shirajul Haq and Dr Hasan Zahidur Rahman took part in the discussion.



Teachers and students of the Dhaka University Marketing Department took out a mourning procession in memory of two students, Jeba and Nishi, who were killed in a road accident on September 6.

## Experts suggest regionalisation of flood issue National workshop ends

BSS, Dhaka

Experts yesterday suggested regionalisation of the flood issue involving upstream countries for effective deluge management along with taking a set of measures locally as the three-day National Workshop

on flood ended here. "A regional conference on Flood Management be organised. The issue may be included in the coming SAARC and BIMST-EC agenda," reads the number one suggestion of the set of recommendations prepared by experts in six working groups in the

## BSD announces 12-day protest programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) will stage a 12-day demonstrations by holding rallies at different parts of the country to protest the August 21 grenade attack on Awami League (AL) rally. As per the programme, the rallies will be held in Gaibandha on September 13, in Chittagong on September 14, in Feni on September 15, in Sylhet on September 16, in Joypurhat on September 17, and in Khulna on September 24 demanding impartial probe on the grenade attack that killed 20 people including AL leader Iy Rahman. At a grand rally at Muktangan in the city yesterday, the BSD leaders announced the programmes.

## Rab action inside court disgraceful

### Khulna Bar members say

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The arrest of a terrorist by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) from Khulna Speedy Trial Tribunal in presence of its judge and without his prior permission on Tuesday noon has been strongly condemned by the members of District Bar Association. Some judges and senior officials of Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) have termed the Rab action inside the court as most disgraceful. Such an act is tantamount to contempt of court, said President of Khulna District Bar Association Advocate Sohrah Hossain.

Rab should have sought permission from the judge concerned who was trying a case at the time of the arrest of terrorist Maruf Billah of Rampal upazila under Bagerhat district, he added. Officer-in-Charge Mosharaf Hossain and Nazir of District

Judges' Court Motaleb Hossain filed two separate general diaries with Khulna Police Station in this connection on the same day. District and Sessions Judge AKM Ishtiaque Hossain has informed the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs in writing about the Rab operation in the courtroom.

Rab definitely committed excess by arresting a terrorist from the court who was granted bail in the UP Chairman Habib Sarder Murder Case, said Advocate SM Abu Zafar, special PP of the Speedy Trial Tribunal.

Rab senior officials have expressed their regret calling on the district judge at his residence and assured him of action against those responsible for the incident.

KMP officials have also blamed Rab for firing two shots on the court premises on that day.

**Musical evening**  
The sixth musical evening of Orchestra will be held with Shaheen Samad as lead performer. Venue: All Community Club Hall, House-40, Road-35, Gulshan-2. Time: 7.00pm.

**Memorial discussion**  
A discussion will be held in memory of Prof Mazharul Islam on the occasion of his 76th birth anniversary. It will be followed by a session of folksongs. Venue: Lalmatia Girls' High School. Time: 4.30pm.

**Street drama**  
The Karmojibi Nari, an initiative for working women, will stage a street drama and hold a rally. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4.00pm.

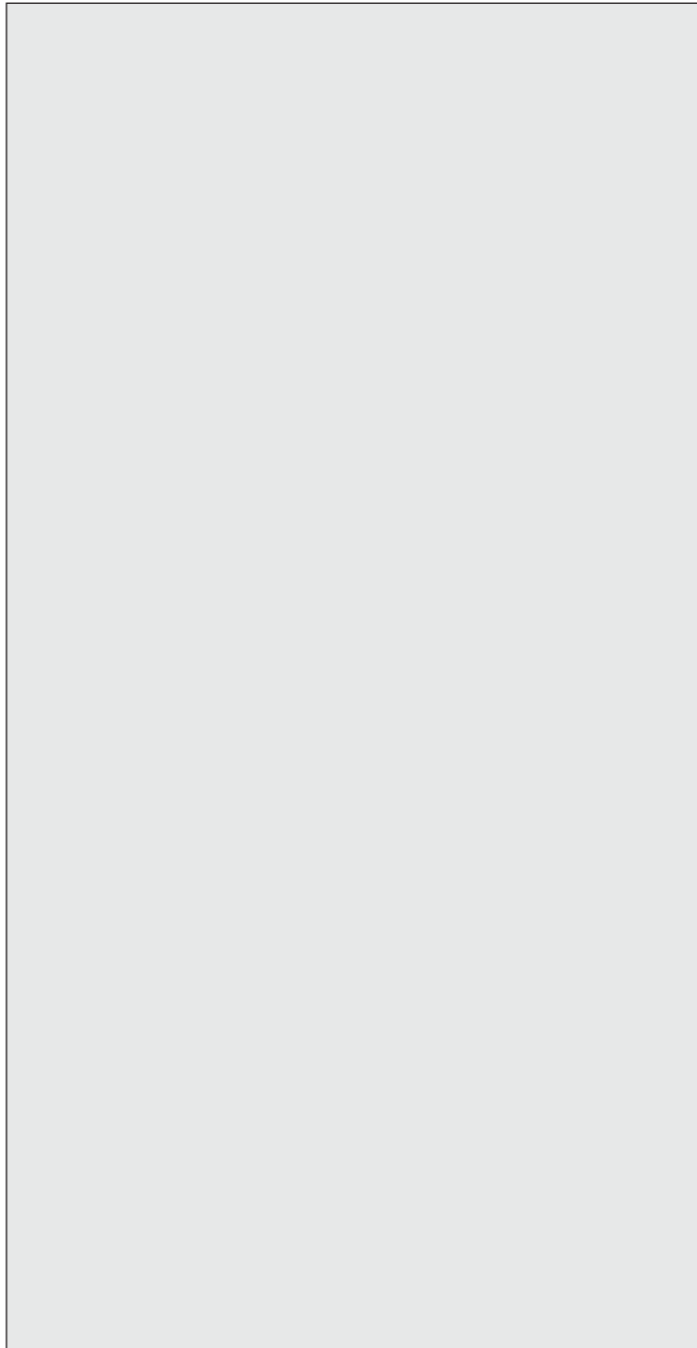
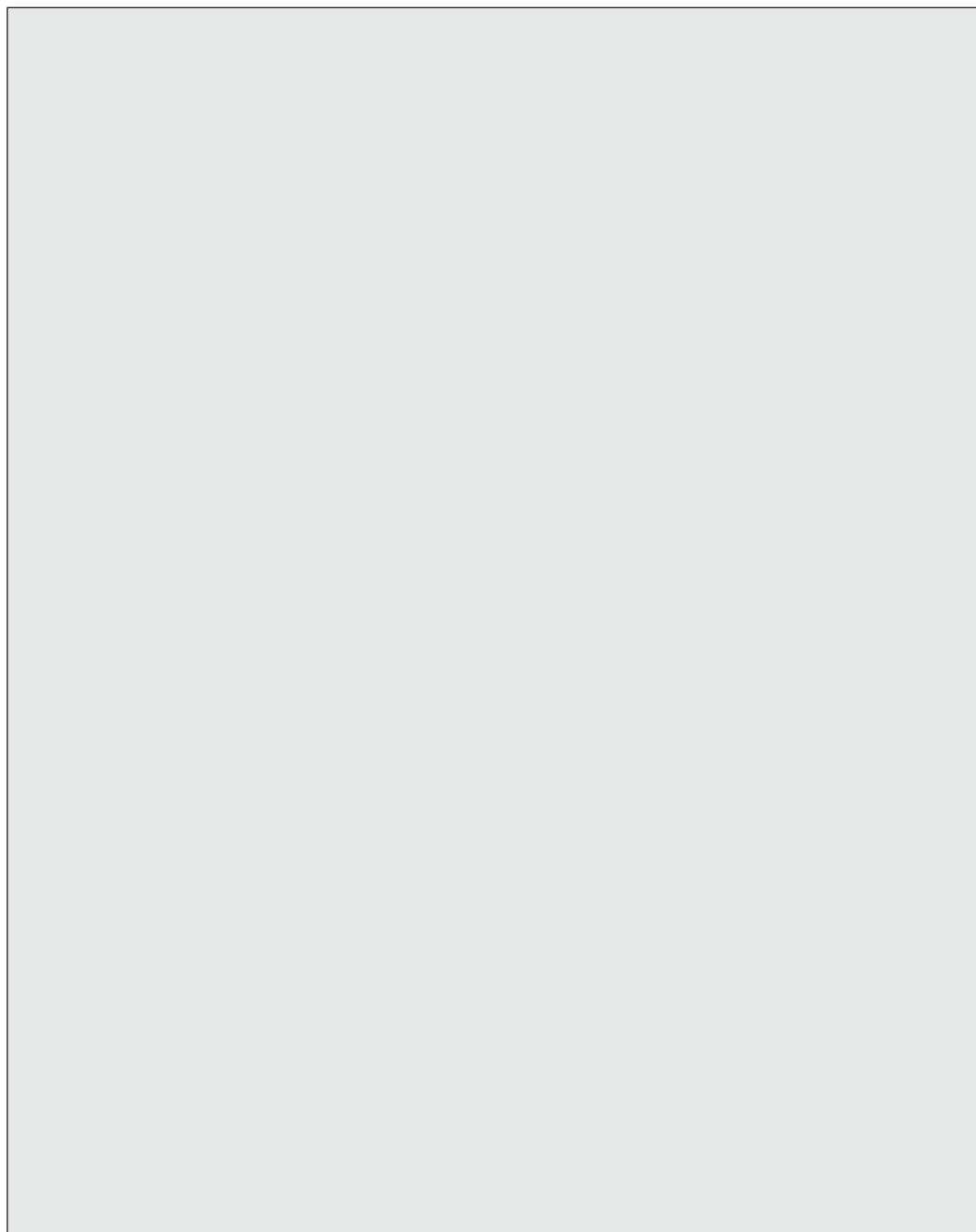
**Prize giving ceremony**  
The prize giving ceremony and voluntary blood donation programme of Old Rajshahi Cadets Association will be held. Venue: Planning and Development Academy Auditorium, Nilkhet. Time: 4.00pm.

**Blood donation**  
Quantum Foundation organises a voluntary blood donation camp. Venue: IG Gate, Bangladesh Bank Colony. Time: 10.00am to 5.00pm.

**Academy Film show**  
Academy Film Society will screen three films titled '101 Dalmatians' (2002), 'Frida' (2002) and 'Troy' (2004). Venue: Society Auditorium, 21/C Jigatola. Time: 10.30am, 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

**Documentary film show**  
The Spectra Catering Limited will screen documentary films 'Bull-fights of Netrakona', 'Holy Friday' and 'Miracle of Birds'. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre, House -19, Road- 7, Gulshan. Time: 4.00pm.

**Discussion**  
A discussion and a session of classical music will be held to



**Jatiya Press Club competitions**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The Jatiya Press Club has organised various competitions for the children of its members as part of its golden jubilee celebrations. The competitions will be held on the club premises on September 24 and October 8. Also, sports competition for the members will begin on September 25. For registration, interested members and their children have been requested to collect forms from the reception centre of the club and submit those during the period from September 10 to 22.

**Cooking course**  
International Training Institute (ITI) is going to introduce a cooking course for female students and housewives, says a press release. Culinary specialist Siddiqua Kabir will conduct the course. An agreement between Siddiqua Kabir and the ITI was held recently in this regard. ITI, a leading UK-based training institute, offers diploma courses on various subjects, including culinary management.