



Bangladesh Awami Swachhshabak League President Bahauddin Nasim presents a poster on August 21 grenade attack on AL rally to Sajib Wazed Joy, son of Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina, at Sudha Sadan, left, while newly elected leaders of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) presents a bouquet to BNP senior Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman, right, at Hawa Bhaban in the city yesterday.

Joy to work for AL in next polls

UNB, Dhaka
Sajeb Wazed Joy, son of Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina yesterday said he would work with party men at the next general elections to motivate the people.
"The opposition party should go ahead with a target of winning the next polls to free people from the present nightmare," he said in a discussion meeting with Awami Swachhshabak League at his mother's Sudha Sadan residence.
"We have to work unitedly to fulfill the aspiration of people," Joy said, adding, "I want to serve the country and do whatever necessary for the countrymen."
"We must bring back democracy and civility in country's politics," said Joy, with his American spouse Christina seated beside.
Presided over by Awami Swachhshabak League President Bahauddin Nasim, the meeting was also addressed by Vice-president PM Shaiful Islam, Mahabubul Huq Talukder and General Secretary Pankaj Devnath.
The speakers called upon Joy to join politics.
Later in a meeting with Bangladesh Chhatra League, Joy said he would do whatever necessary to realise the ideals of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Dispel confusion about BTTB cellphone

BSS, Dhaka
A parliamentary body yesterday asked the telecom ministry and the state-owned carrier BTTB to act in line with the committee's recommendations and take 'reasonable' decisions on the BTTB mobile phone service to dispel public confusion and fulfill their hopes.
The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Undertakings at a meeting observed that the authorities concerned should follow sincerely and honestly its recommendations on the cellphone service, the soft-launch of which had been held last week.
The meeting asked the ministry and Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB) to appoint adept and technically efficient persons to the board of directors of Teletalk, the company that would run the mobile phone operation.
It underlined the need for rationalising call tariffs of private cellphone operators.
The meeting also discussed the overall performance of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) and its subsidiaries including production, income, expenditure and



PHOTO: STAR
Criminals gunned down a businessman in Mandail Khalifa Para in Keraniganj Saturday night.

Businessman shot dead in Keraniganj

UNB, Keraniganj
Ehsan Mollah, owner of Comet Garments, was in his factory when the criminals picked up him at gunpoint and shot him dead outside, sources said.
Family sources said the criminals killed Ehsan as he refused to pay them a toll of Tk 5 lakh a few days back.
Police said locals found his body near the house of Hannan Miah of the area at 9:30am yesterday.

Resist atrocities let loose by govt

Speakers tells meet to protest killing of Prof Yunus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Awami League (AL) General Secretary Abdul Jalil yesterday called for a united resistance against the atrocities let loose by BNP-led alliance government.
"The killing of Prof Mohammad Yunus of Rajshahi University is not an isolated incident. Anti-liberation elements in the government are killing the intellectuals, journalists and teachers one after another. They will soon turn towards the national

leaders as they did on the eve of our victory in 1971", he warned.
Jalil was addressing as chief guest at a meeting organised by an alliance of 14-party in protest against the killing of Prof Yunus at Shaheb Bazar.
Chaired by Rajshahi city AL President Mahbubuzzaman Bhulu, the meeting was also addressed by Workers' Party President Rashed Khan Menon, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President Hasanul Haque Inu, Bangladesh Communist Party

President Manjurul Ahsan Khan, Gono Forum presidium member Pankaj Bhattacharya, Gono Azadi Dal President Abdus Samad, Samyabadi Dal General Secretary Dilip Barua, AL leader Obaidul Quader, WP leader Fazle Hossain Badsha, and Bangladesh Economic Association President Dr Kazi Kholekuzzman.
Abdul Jalil said, "There is no alternative to street agitation to topple the corrupted government as the security of people and sovereignty of the country are at stake".
Criticising the activities of Rapid Action Battalion, he said, "Terrorists are being killed in crossfire to save their godfathers belonging to ruling party".
Rashed Khan Menon said the BNP rehabilitated the Jamaat for going to power and now the alliance was plotting to sell out the country's resources to their foreign masters.
He said Prof Yunus was killed for his stand against the fundamentalists.
Hasanul Haque Inu said people wanted to remove this government for its various misdeeds.
Manjurul Ahsan Khan said it is the high time to face the fundamentalists.

ROBBERY AT RANGS TOSHIBA SHOWROOM

Electronic goods worth over Tk 8 lakh looted

Trader robbed of Tk 5.75 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Robbers looted electronic goods worth over Tk 8 lakh from a showroom of Rangs Toshiba at Lalbagh in the city early yesterday and a trader was robbed of Tk 5.75 lakh in another incident in the same area on Saturday night.
Police said a gang of 10 robbers in black dresses came to the Rangs showroom at 12 Harnath Ghosh Road at about 3:30am in a pick-up van.
Identifying themselves as members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), they asked security guards Jayanta and Jamaluddin to open the gate of the veranda.
As soon as the guards opened the gate, the criminals, armed with machetes and hockey sticks, entered and tied mufflers around

the faces and hands of the guards.
The gang then broke open the showroom and took away 22 television sets, eight VCD sets, 23 cameras and five DVD sets worth Tk 8,08,830, according to the first information report (FIR) filed by Zahurul Islam, a sales executive.
In the other incident, two muggers wielding daggers waylaid one Hossain, a rice wholesaler, at Kellarmor at about 9:00pm on Saturday and snatched Tk 5.75 lakh from him when he was returning home from his shop at Shaheed Nagar by a rickshaw.
Protesting the incident, his fellow traders kept their shops closed for several hours yesterday morning. They also took out a procession and demanded security for the businessman.

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Iqbal Hossain gets extension

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury, secretary in charge of the Ministry of Housing and Public Works, has been given one-year contract extension prior to his retirement.
The contract came into effect yesterday, said an official notification. He was due to go on LPR yesterday.

DU ADMISSION TESTS

20 students to vie for each seat

DU CORRESPONDENT
Around 20 students will vie for each seat of the first year honours courses in Dhaka University under 2004-05 academic session.
A total of 88,382 forms were sold under four units till yesterday against 4,388 seats.
Of them, 20,252 forms were sold for Ka unit (science group), 16,505 forms for Kha unit (arts group), 21,515

forms for Ga unit (commerce group), and 30,110 forms for Gha unit (combined group).
The university authorities earned Tk 2,20,95,500 by selling the forms through three branches of different banks on the campus. Tomorrow is the last date for submission of forms.
Admission tests of Ga unit will be held on January 14, Ka unit on February 4, Gha unit on February 11, and Kha unit on February 18.

DHAKA TODAY

Film show
Jahangirnagar Film Society will screen two films titled 'The Scent of the Green Papaya' directed by Tran Anh Hung of Vietnam, and 'Nights of Cabiria' directed by Federico Fellini of Italy. Venue: German Cultural Centre, House-10, Road-9, Dhanmondi. Time: 3:30pm and 5:30pm.

Indian film show
The High Commission of India will screen a film titled 'Zubeida'. Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, House-25, Road-96, Gulshan-2.

Dialogue
Centre For Policy Dialogue organises a dialogue on 'Regionalism versus multilateralism: What could Bangladesh learn from the global experience?' with Commerce Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Cirdap auditorium, Tophkhana Road. Time: 3:00pm.

Founding anniversary
The 53rd founding anniversary of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will be observed. To mark the occasion, a lecture on 'Agriculture and eradication of food deprivation in rural Bangladesh' will be held. Venue: Society auditorium, 5 Old Secretariat Road. Time: 4:00pm.

Blood donation
Quantum Foundation organises a voluntary blood donation camp. Venue: Gandaria Community Centre. Time: 10:00am to 5:00pm.

Consultation
Bangladesh Water Partnership

AHSANULLAH MURDER

PW identifies 4 accused in court

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A prosecution witness (PW) in the Ahsanullah Master murder case yesterday identified Mohammad Ali and three others in the dock of the court as accused and said that he could recognise other accused if they were present in the court.
Mohammad Akhter Hossain, a grocer of Noogano in Tongi, told the court that his house is adjacent to the house of Mohammad Ali, one of the 30 accused. He said that he saw Sohag and seven others were going to the house of Mohammad Ali at about 11:00am on the day of incident (May 7) last year when he went out of his house to attend the meeting of Swachhshabak League.
Meanwhile, another prosecution witness Jitendra Sarker, also a caretaker of the house of slain Ahsanullah Master, also gave his deposition before the court yesterday.
Judge Shahed Nur Uddin of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 recorded statements of the witnesses. Later, defence lawyers cross-examined Akhter and Jiten. The court fixed today for the next hearing.
Of the accused, 12 were present. Kabir Hossain, Pappu, Nurul Amin and Ayub are on bail, while Dipu and 17 others still at large.

Special Public Prosecutor Abdul Latif Talukder and advocates Mohammad Ali, Mahbub Ahmed, M Sajwar Hossain, Sahara Khatun and Montazuddin Mehedi appeared for the state. Advocates ABM Sharfuddin Khan Mukul, Nazrul Islam, Jasim Uddin, Sanaulah Miah and Emdadul Haq Lal defended the accused.

Correction
Advocate Sigma Huda, president of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA), chaired the seminar on 'Protection of women and children' held in the city on December 30. But the BSS report on the seminar, published in The Daily Star on page 10 the next day, erroneously mentioned her designation as executive director of Bangladesh Manbadhikar Bastabayan Sangstha. Advocate Salma Ali, executive director of BNWLA, gave a welcome speech on the occasion.



PHOTO: STAR
Jatiya Oikya Mancha Convenor Dr Kamal Hossain speaks at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city yesterday.

EWU admission test results

East West University (EWU) has announced the results of the admission tests for Spring Semester 2005, says a press release.
A. The candidates with the following UGRAD roll numbers have

BBA :
001, 003, 004, 011, 036, 044, 045, 048, 052, 054, 063, 064, 065, 072, 078, 082, 083, 090, 094, 095, 097, 100, 101, 104, 106, 111, 114, 115, 116, 118, 120, 121, 122, 123, 125, 131, 134, 152, 153, 154, 156, 172, 175, 176, 179, 182, 193, 198, 202, 223, 224, 225, 232, 233, 241, 242, 243, 248, 255, 259, 260, 263, 269, 272, 274, 275, 279, 280, 281, 286, 290, 293, 301, 302, 303, 305, 306, 313, 319, 322, 325, 332, 334, 336, 344, 349, 350, 352, 354, 355, 357, 358, 363, 364, 365, 366, 369, 371, 372, 373, 374, 379, 380, 381, 385, 389, 391, 393, 394, 398, 399, 401, 402, 403, 407, 408, 409, 412, 420, 427, 432, 434, 438, 440, 441, 443, 447, 451, 452, 453, 454, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 462, 463, 468, 469, 472, 476, 486, 493, 495, 502, 503, 506, 511, 513, 517, 529, 534, 536, 542, 543, 544, 551, 552, 557, 560, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 576, 585, 597, 598, 599, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 597, 598, 605, 628, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 642, 643, 646, 649, 650, 651, 674, 676, 678, 685, 686, 687, 688, 690, 691, 698, 699, 702, 706, 708, 712, 716, 729, 730, 737, 745, 746, 749, 751, 756, 757, 761, 762, 764, 765, 770, 772, 780, 782, 787, 794, 799, 800, 801, 803, 809, 813, 815, 816, 820, 825, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 881, 887, 888, 889, 893, 894, 897, 898, 903, 904, 905, 911, 915, 917, 918, 921, 922, 929, 930, 931, 937, 938, 943, 944, 945, 946, 955, 956, 957, 961, 962, 973, 975, 982, 983, 986, 988, 989, 992, 996, 1001, 1005, 1007, 1008, 1009, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1019, 1021, 1024, 1027, 1031, 1034, 1038, 1039, 1057, 1058, 1060, 1062, 1073, 1082, 1089, 1097, 1099, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1115, 1116, 1118, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1136, 1137, 1138, 1140, 1142, 1167, 1176, 1177, 1178, 1179, 1180, 1181, 1184, 1185, 1186, 1187, 1188

BSS Econ. :
1801, 1802, 1803, 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1809, 1810, 1811, 1812, 1814, 1815.

BA in English :
1701, 1704, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1715, 1718, 1721, 1723, 1724, 1725, 1728, 1730

BSc. CSE/CSC :
1201, 1203, 1204, 1301, 1302, 1304, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327, 1329, 1330, 1332, 1333, 1334, 1336, 1337, 1338, 1339, 1340, 1341, 1342, 1343, 1344, 1345, 1346, 1347

BSc. ICE/EEE :
1501, 1502, 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1510, 1511, 1512, 1513, 1514, 1515, 1516, 1517, 1518, 1519, 1520, 1521, 1522, 1524, 1525, 1526, 1527, 1528, 1529, 1530, 1531, 1532, 1533, 1534, 1535

B. Pharm :
1601, 1603, 1604, 1606, 1607, 1609, 1610, 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614, 1616, 1617, 1618, 1619, 1620, 1621, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1627, 1628, 1629, 1630, 1631, 1632, 1634, 1635, 1637, 1638, 1641, 1642, 1643, 1645, 1646, 1648, 1649, 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655, 1657, 1658, 1659, 1660, 1661, 1662, 1663, 1665, 1666, 1667

The successful candidates are advised to complete their admission and registration by January 9. The offices concerned will remain open from 10.00am to 3.00pm. The orientation programme for the new students will be held at 10.00am on January 13 and classes will start on January 15.
B. The candidates with the following GRAD roll numbers have qualified

MBA :
006, 014, 015, 019, 028, 032, 037, 038, 039, 041, 045, 051, 053, 054, 058, 060, 067, 068, 075, 084, 086, 086, 092, 093, 094, 095, 096, 098, 104, 105, 112, 116, 118, 119, 120, 121, 124, 125, 126, 127, 129, 131, 136, 140, 143, 145, 146, 147, 151, 153, 155, 156, 162, 163, 164, 165, 173, 175, 176, 177, 181, 187, 188, 190, 195, 197, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 214, 215, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 225, 231, 232, 233, 235, 240, 241, 244, 246, 249, 250, 252, 253, 256, 258, 269, 271, 283, 287, 274, 288, 289, 291, 294

EMBA :
301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 310, 312, 313, 315, 316, 317, 320, 322, 324, 325, 327, 328, 329, 330, 332

MBM :
045, 056, 063, 066, 123, 128, 150, 154, 156, 174, 178, 207, 209, 239, 242, 276, 501, 502, 502, 504, 505, 507, 508, 509, 511.

The advising will be held today between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. The candidates are requested to bring their original certificates and transcripts during advising. The last date of tuition payment is January 13. Classes will

\$3m Citigroup donation for tsunami victims

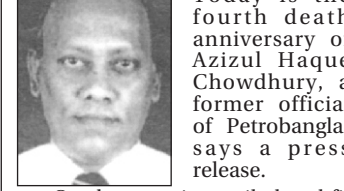
The Citigroup Foundation yesterday announced that it would provide 3 million US dollars for tsunami victims in South Asia, says a press release.
In addition to 3 million dollars, Marge Magner, Chairman of the Citigroup Foundation, said that the Foundation would match employee donations to legitimate non-profit or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) working in support of the South Asia tsunami relief efforts with a corresponding contribution to the Red Cross.
Of the contribution, one million dollar will be given to the Red Cross for first response measures in the region, one million dollar will be allocated to local NGOs in the affected countries to meet the most pressing needs, and one million dollar will be earmarked for rebuilding the affected communities.
His quikhwani will be held at Flat No-4B, House No-23, Road No-116, Gulshan-2 after Asr prayers on January 7.



Obituary

Salman Ertuza Amin Bunty, son of Poet Sikder Aminul Haque, died at Brisbane in Australia on December 28 at the age of 28, says a press release.
He will be buried at the Banani graveyard after namaz-e-janaza at Gulshan Central Mosque (Azad Mosque) after Zohr prayers today (Monday).
His quikhwani will be held at Flat No-4B, House No-23, Road No-116, Gulshan-2 after Asr prayers on January 7.

Death anniversary



Today is the fourth death anniversary of Azizul Haque Chowdhury, a former official of Petrobangla, says a press release.
On the occasion, milad mahfil and Quankhwani will be held at the Martyred Intellectual Graveyard and at DOHS Banani Mosque (old).

Marzia Mahjabin Zeba



Today is the second death anniversary of Marzia Mahjabin Zeba, founding editor of the fortnightly 'Sukanya' and wife of Dr Asaduzzaman Ripon, says a press release.
On the occasion, a swab-resani will be arranged at the Agargaon orphanage in the city after Asr prayers today for the salvation of the departed soul. A milad will also be held at her husband's residence at New Eskaton after Asr prayers on Friday.

Wahib Mohammad



Today is the second death anniversary of Wahib Mohammad Yasser Tupur, son of Kaliganj Upazila Awami League President Alhaj S M Nazrul Islam, says a press release.
On the occasion, Quankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his father's Dhanmondi residence in the city at 4.00pm today.

Muzaffar Ali



Today is the 42nd death anniversary of Muzaffar Ali, a social worker of Chauda-gram, Comilla, says a press release.
On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at Muktarbari Jam-e-Masjid.

'Democracy threatened by 'monarchic' style of rule'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Leaders of several political parties yesterday called for reforms of the election commission and the caretaker government system to strengthen the democratic processes.
Democracy is being threatened by a 'monarchic' style of rule by family members', they said at the inaugural session of the Central Council - 2005 of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) in the city.
The leaders called on Jatiya Party (JP) Chairman HM Ershad to come up with an alternative leadership ignoring any intimidation.
"While the democracy is being replaced by family rule, state resources is being accumulated as private and family wealth," said Abdul Mannan, secretary general of Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh.
The country has been afflicted by rampant corruption in absence of democracy and the rule of law, he said.
Addressing the JSD leaders and workers, Ershad said, "I am beside you. I am willing to serve the country with people's mandate."
Abdul Kader Siddiqi, ASM Abdur Rob, Abdul Malek Ratan also spoke at the council chaired by JSD President Noor Alam Ziku.



PHOTO: STAR
(From left) Abdul Kader Siddiqi, chief of Krishak Samik Janata League, ASM Abdur Rob, founder general secretary of JSD, and HM Ershad, chairman of Jatiya Party, at the inaugural session of the JSD Council-2005 held in the city yesterday.



PHOTO: STAR
An eleven-day solo painting exhibition of Mohammed Fakhru Islam began at the Alliance Francaise in the city yesterday.