

## DU student beaten by JCD leader dies of liver cirrhosis

DU CORRESPONDENT

At last the student of Dhaka University (DU), who was severely beaten up a couple of months ago by a leader of Ziaur Rahman Hall unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of the ruling BNP, died of liver cirrhosis at BIRDEM Hospital in the city yesterday.

Sirajul Islam Siraj, an MA student of Information Science and Library Management, had been suffering from Hepatitis B virus for several years.

Sources said Siraj became seriously ill after he was beaten up by Sanwar Hossain, vice-president of the hall unit JCD and also his roommate, for switching off the light of the room no 411 violating his order.

Siraj was admitted to BIRDEM hospital as his condition deteriorated, and since then, he was undergoing treatment there.

Sanwar was later ousted from the hall by the hall authorities after receiving a written complaint from

Siraj.

Family members of Siraj, however did not lodge any case against Sanwar fearing further attack, family sources said.

Hall students said the provost did not bring the body of Siraj neither to the hall nor to his department for the last glimpse by his classmates, friends and admirers.

The hall authorities sent the body to his village home at Bera upazila in Pabna district without a namaj-e-janaza on the campus fearing any untoward situation.

### Education secy gets extension

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday extended the service contract of education secretary for the second time.

An official notification said the contract of Faruque Ahmed Siddiqui has been extended for one more year.



Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury and Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Fakhrul Azam adorn the new navy chief Rear Admiral Mohammad Hasan Ali Khan with the rank badges of Rear Admiral in presence of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at Cantonment in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

## Non-formal education a must for poverty cut

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Non-formal education can play a vital role in eliminating poverty, said the speakers at a seminar yesterday.

They said country's development is not possible without mass education.

The seminar on 'Non-formal education and PRSP' was organised by the Forum for Non-formal Education Programme (Fonep) at the National Press Club in the city.

Speaking as chief guest, State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon laid emphasis on non-formal education to reduce poverty.

He urged the NGOs (Non-government Organisations) to initiate non-formal education programmes to spread the education in the society.

"There is no alternative to education to reduce poverty, and both the government and non-government organisations should implement non-formal education programmes to achieve the desired

goal of development," said Kazi Saleh Ahmed, former vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University.

Fonep President AHM Noman called upon the civil society members to help eliminate corruption from the education department.

Prof Mohammad Sirajuddin, a former secretary, presented a keynote paper at the seminar.

AKM Shamsuzzaman Hira, Abdul Halim, Babul Kumar Adhikari, Enamul Haq, Ibney Zaman and Azizur Rahman also spoke.

Around 20 representatives from different organisations took part in the seminar.

### AHSANULLAH MURDER

## Deposition continues

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness in the Awami League lawmaker Ahsanullah Master murder case yesterday told the court that he saw Jatiya Chhatra Samaj leader Nurul Islam Dipu, his brother Shahidul Islam Shipu getting down from Nurul Islam Sarker's private car.

Mohammad Fariduddin, a witness in the case, was giving his deposition before the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1, Dhaka.

Judge Shahed Noor Uddin recorded the deposition. Farid was also cross-examined by defence lawyers of Nurul Islam Sarker, an accused in the case. He will be cross-examined further today.

## New navy chief calls on PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia congratulated the new navy chief and wished him all success in pursuing his duties to strengthen the Bangladesh Navy.

She felicitated the newly appointed Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Mohammad Hasan Ali Khan, when he made a courtesy call on the PM at her office at the Armed Forces Division yesterday.

Earlier, Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury and Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Fakhrul Azam adorned the new navy chief with the rank badge of Rear Admiral in presence of the PM, who also holds the defence portfolio.

The outgoing chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba, also met the PM after AFDO office.

Khaleda Zia also witnessed a presentation made by her PSO Maj Gen Mustafa Reza Noor on various programmes of the Armed Forces.

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain, Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan, Adviser for Foreign Affairs Reza Rahman, chief of the three services and senior military officials were present.

## DRC executives

KM Zahid Uddin (General Manager, Marketing & Sales, Heidelberg Cement Bangladesh Ltd) and Hanif Bhuiyan were elected president and secretary general of Dharmadhi Recreation Club (DRC) for 2005-06, says a press release.

The election was held on December 31. Muzibur Rahman from Dhaka Stock Exchange was elected treasurer.

## 'Women suffer a lifetime spiral of violence'

Violence against women is a lifetime spiral of violence that affects girls from the time they are in the wombs of their mothers, said Dr Shirley Randall, a gender specialist, yesterday.

Different forms of cruelty and violence occur at every stage of life and need to be addressed at every level, she said.

Dr Randall, project implementa-

tion specialist of the Capacity Building for Gender Mainstreaming Project, was speaking at a seminar on 'Cruelty and Violence Against Women: Causes and Remedies' at the Bangladesh Civil Service Administration Academy, says a press release.

Supported by UNDP, the project is implemented by the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

Dr Randall said that the international remedies to gender-based violence can be categorised in four ways. Of most importance is the setting of standards through the law. Bangladesh already has excellent

legislation against violence, but implementation remains an issue, she said.

Institutional mechanisms, such as law enforcement machinery and the judiciary, should be sensitised, DR Randall said, adding that attitudes and prejudices at the community level must be targeted both through general community-level interventions as well as individual personal behaviour change strategies.

Begum Nurul Nahar, joint director (Gender and Development) at Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), also spoke.



### Obituary

Shahar Banu, wife of late Khondkar Ali Abed of 'Kunjo Kutir' at Siddheswari, died of old-age complications in the early hours of January 8. She was 81, says a press release.

She left behind five daughters, two sons, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

### MD Abdul Aziz

MD Abdul Aziz, a retired officer of Bangladesh Air Force, died of cancer on January 9 at the age of 72, says a press release.

He was also the chairman of the managing committee of Sufia Khatun High School at Baulal, Patuakhali.

His funeral will be held at his home at A/3 South Badda after Asr prayers on January 12.

### M Abdul Mannan

M Abdul Mannan, a social worker of Moulavibazar, died of a cardiac arrest at his home on December 31 at the age of 94, says a press release.

He served as the secretary of the main town mosque for many years.



## Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country with light to moderate fog during morning till 6.00pm today.

The prevailing mild cold wave over Rajshahi division and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, Comilla, Barisal and Srimongol may continue.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 27.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Mongla, Patuakhali and Cox's Bazar and lowest 8.2 degree Celsius at Dinajpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:30pm today and rises at 6:44am 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	25.1	11.8	58	59
Chittagong	25.8	12.8	76	48
Rajshahi	24.3	9.5	76	65
Khulna	25.6	11.0	98	66
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Cox's Bazar	27.0	14.0	65	70

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