

KIBRIA KILLING

Sit-in of 73 73-yr-olds

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Seventy-three 73-year-old people representing the age of slain Awami League lawmaker SAMS Kibria yesterday observed a silent sit-in in front of his Dhanmondi house in the capital.

The two-hour-long exceptional demonstration with 73 candles began at 4:00pm demanding immediate arrest and punishment of Kibria's killers.

The family of former finance minister Kibria organised the programme that continues today and tomorrow at the same venue.

Family sources said the demonstrators lit the candles at 5:45pm and

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Dhaka, Yangon to finalise road link

Myanmar FM due Feb 24, to lay bridge foundation stone Feb 25

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Myanmar Foreign Minister (FM) Nyan Win will come to Dhaka on February 24 for giving final endorsement to the project of the proposed road link between Dhaka and Yangon.

Nyan Win will formally lay the foundation stone of a bridge at Taungbro on Bangladesh Myanmar border on February 25, sources said.

He will hold meetings with Bangladesh Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan and other high officials on various bilateral issues

during his three-day visit.

The issue of gas export from Myanmar to India through pipeline over Bangladesh will also come up at the discussions.

The progress of the three-nation project (involving Bangladesh,

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6 die in bus accident

UNB, Manikganj

Six people died and 25 others were injured when a bus hit roadside trees on the Dhaka-Aricha highway at Muljan in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

Police said a Dhaka bound bus from Khulna dropped its passengers at Dauladia ferry ghat at 4:00am to cross the river and board another bus for an onward journey.

The second bus left Paturia ghat at about 4:45am and went out of order after running two kilometres on the road to Dhaka. The passengers were then shifted to a third one, belonging to the same company.

Police and witnesses said when

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Khulna Rab on high alert as outlaws gets united to hit back

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Rapid Action Battalion-6 (Rab-6) has been put on high alert in the wake of reports that all the 12 outlawed organisations in southwest-ern region have united on a '20-point action programme' to avenge the killing of their cadres in 'crossfire'.

The action programme is mainly aimed at attacking the elite anti-crime force using remote-controlled explosive devices, sources said.

The outlaws' planned offensive

will be led by Janajuddho faction of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) that appears to have emerged stronger than the 11 other organisations.

Police sources said 50 extremists were killed in crossfire in Khulna region in the last one year.

Outlaws have killed around 3,000 people in the last 10 years and 300 in the last three years in the region, many of them from Khulna city

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Japanese medical giant signs up with Grameen Bank for hospitals

AFP, Dhaka

Japan's largest medical chain will build two new hospitals in Bangladesh to grab a share of the estimated \$330 million now spent annually on overseas health care, officials said Wednesday.

Tokushukai Medical Corporation signed an agreement with Bangladesh's Grameen Bank in Tokyo last month to operate two 500-bed multi-specialty hospitals in Dhaka and Chittagong, Grameen Chairman Muhammad Yunus told AFP Wednesday.

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People from disparate groups line up in a candlelight vigil in front of SAMS Kibria's residence to protest the former finance minister's killing in grenade attack.

PHOTO: STAR

HC asks govt why case against Partha should not be quashed

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court (HC) yesterday stayed for three months the proceedings of the lower court that indicted Shaibal Saha Partha for threatening the life of Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina through an email sent to the Prothom Alo in August last year.

A division bench comprising Justice SK Sinha and Justice Shamim Hasnain issued a rule on the government to explain in four weeks why the case against Partha should not be quashed.

The orders came upon a petition filed by Partha, which was moved by Dr Kamal Hossain.

Partha, son of a grocery shop employee, returned home after obtaining MBA from Chennai

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Prayer Timing

February 17

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-30	6-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-52	5-56
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation