ISD awarded

# Bail prayer of Rab man rejected, sent to jail

**COURT CORRESPONDENT** 

The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) member, arrested on Tuesday while taking bribe from a businessman at Gopibagh in the city, was sued under Speedy Trial (Law and Order Disruption) Act yesterday.

Demra police placed Sub-Inspector Hafizur Rahman, 41, of Rab-3 before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka at about 1:00pm yesterday

with a forwarding report. The defence lawyer prayed for bail of Hafiz, but the Court sent him to jail rejecting the petition.

The intelligence wing of the Rab, however, arrested SI Hafiz from Bhai Bhai Rice Store at Gopibagh in the city while receiving Tk one lakh in bribe

Earlier, Rab took action against 107 officials for various offences since its inception in June last.

It has also cancelled deputation 72 officials to it and the process is under way for sending 35 other Rab men back to their mother organisations for breaking discipline.

## Robbers stab ex-railway DG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Robbers stabbed a former director general of Bangladesh Railways (BR) and looted cash and valuables from his residence in the city yesterday.

MA Munnaf, 65, currently employed as a consultant of the BR. received stabs in his head. He is undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital

Munnaf was at his residence at Baitul Aman Housing Society in Mohammadpur with two domestic helps, aged 9 and 14, when the

robbers stormed into the third floor apartment at around 12:30pm, said his sister-in-law Khaleda Hoque.

The robbers tied the domestic helps with electric wires and locked them inside the kitchen, she said. They looted cash, including foreign currencies, and valuables from the almiras after stabbing Munnaf in the

Munnaf's wife Safura Munnaf with her sister Khaleda went out for shopping at noon and came back at 2:45pm only to find Munnaf lying on the bed with the wound. Munnaf was rushed to the DMCH at 3:30PM.

### Bangladeshiborn American sworn in as DAG of New Jersey

BSS, New Jersey

Dewan Sharmin Arefin, a Bangladeshiborn American, was sworn in as Deputy Attorney General (DAG) of the State of New Jersey, USA, a Community press elease said yesterday

Director of the Division of Law of New Jersey Nancy Kaplan administered the swearing-in ceremony on March 7 at Hughes Justice Centre in the State capital of Trenton.

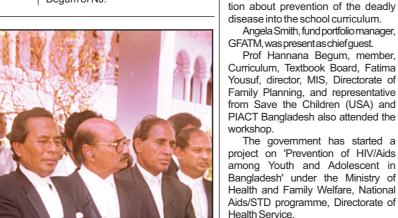
Sharmin also worked as an associate at Radom and Wetter, one of the most reputed law firms in New Jersey and prior to that she served the Superior Court of New Jersey as a Judicial Clerk to Judge Ann R Bartlett.

She also worked earlier for the General Assembly Majority, Trenton, NJ as Legal Intern to the Chief Counsel and Deputy Chief Counsel and as legislative Intern to the same body for about two years.

Born in Bangladesh in 1977, educated mostly in the US since 1980 she did her Juris Doctorate (JD) from Seton Hall University School of Law. Newark. NJ in 2002. She is a member of the American

Bar Association, New Jersey Bar Association and New York Bar Association

Sharmin is the only daughter of Dewan Shamsul Arefin and Nurjahan Begum of NJ.



The project is aimed at ensuring that young people have the knowledge, skills and services that they need to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS

Qulkhwani of

Farida Sarkar,

wife of former

Power and

Energy Minister

Ziauddin Ahmed

Bablu, will be

held at her

residence at

House 8, Road

124,Gulshan-1 in the city after Asr

prayers today, says a press release.

Medical College and Hospital on

Farida Sarkar died at Shikder

Relatives, friends and admirers

divisional workshop on 'Review of draft

text materials on HIV/Aids prevention

information for Secondary and Higher

Secondary School' in Mymensingh

The workshop for Dhaka division

held at the NAPE auditorium is part

of a process of incorporating informa-

recently, says a press release.

Qulkhwani Sammilita Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad forms a human chain on the High Court premises in the city yesterday



demanding trial of those involved in the recent grenade attacks across the country.

### Launching of **UNDP** report

The United Nations Development Programme will launch a report titled 'Beyond hartals: Towards democratic dialogue in Bangladesh'. Venue:

### Seminar

Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust organises a seminar on 'Role of media in PIL (public interest litigation) & advocacy', with its Chairman Dr Kamal Hossain as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 10.30am.

### Poultry show

The fourth International Poultry Show will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, Sher-e-Banglanagar. Time: 10.30am.

### Condolence meeting

Bangabandhu Lalitkala Academy and Sonar Bangla Jubo Parishad jointly organise a condolence meeting in memory of former finance minister and Language Movement veteran Shah AMS Kibria. Venue: National Press Club. Time:

### Certificate award ceremony

The certificate award ceremony of

Agnibina Sangeetayan will be held, with

Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed as chief guest.

Venue: Biswa Sahitya Kendra

Swapnakuri, a cultural organisation, will

hold a programme to celebrate the

birthday of poet Bulbul Mahalanabish. The programme features songs and

poetry recitation. Venue: Muldhara

Zakia Alam Auditorium, Road #7, House

An orientation ceremony for the newly admitted students of Bangladesh

University will be held, with Law Minister

Moudud Ahmed as chief guest. Venue:

Bangladesh University auditorium. Time:

The installation ceremony of the newly

elected executive committee of

Employees' Welfare Association of

Diabetic Association will be held. Venue:

Birdem Hospital, Shahbagh. Time:

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Greater Dhaka will be held.

Venue: Hotel Eastern Residence, House

#14, Road #27, Block #J, Banani. Time:

**Rotary Greater** 

Dhaka

#15, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.00pm.

Bangladesh

University

Installation

ceremony

auditorium. Time: 6.00pm

Swapnakuri

Police arrested 1,372 more people, including three identified criminals. on various charges from different parts of the country in the last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

1,372 more held

The law enforcers also recovered eight firearms, two other weapons, five bullets and 238 explosives.

### Prize giving ceremony of **Uttara School**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The annual prize giving ceremony and cultural function of Uttara High School was held on Monday.

Chairman of Dhaka Education Board Prof Shaheda Obaid was present as chief quest while Golam Sarwar, editor of the daily Samakal and president of the school managing committee, presided over the function held on the premises of the school.

Speaking on the occasion. Prof Shaheda Obaid called on the teachers to play an active role in raising the quality of education.

Moazzem Hossain Bhuiyan, headmaster of the school, and Ward Commissioner Dr Hafizul Islam also

Later, Prof Shaheda Obaid distributed prizes among 41 students who have secured GPA-5 in the SSC examination and the winners of the annual sports and cultural competitions.

### Mayor sacks his APS Workshop on Aids prevention for corruption info for school STAFF CORRESPONDENT PIACT Bangladesh organised a

(Left) British Deputy High Commissioner Robert Gibson, middle, hands over the CIS accreditation certificate to CEO of International School Dhaka John

Sperandio at the certificate award ceremony yesterday while CIS Executive Director Richard Tangye looks on. (Right) Students of the ISD render a song at the

The mayor of Dhaka City Corporation has sacked his assistant private secretary on charges of massive corruption and involve-

The order, effective from yesterday, was issued at the instruction of

Mashiuddin Miah, a freedom fighter and Awami League (AL) leader of

Gopalganj district, passed away due

to old-age complications yesterday

at the age of 82, says a press release

President Sheikh Hasina in a mes-

sage yesterday expressed her

condolence at the death of the senior

leader. She also expressed deep

upazila of Narsingdi district, died of a

cardiac arrest on Monday at the age

He left behind his wife, one

daughter and two brothers. He was

buried at his family grave in

Relatives, friends and admirers

have been requested to pray for the

Death anniversary

The third death anniversary of M A

Khaleque Sheikh, a freedom fighter

and a social worker, will be observed

On the occasion, A Qurankhwani

and milad mahfil will be held at his

salvation of the departed soul

today, says a press release.

sympathy to his family members.

**G M Minnat Ali** 

Hasnabad.

of 45, says a press release.

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League

Obituary

ment in personal scandals

Siddigur Rahman Manna, APS to the mayor, has been relieved of his duty, said an office order issued by the establishment section of the DCC yesterday.

A political appointee, Manna was

appointed as APS to the mayor on May 19, 2002. He is also the assistant publicity secretary of city BNP. Highly placed sources said

Council of International Schools (CIS)

**Accreditation Award** 

Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka became displeased with him following press reports regarding Manna's widespread corruption and family scandals.

DCC and BNP sources alleged that Manna has become the owner of expensive apartments in the city's posh areas as well as landed property and shops within a span of two

in Patuakhali

### KU VC resigns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Vice-Chancellor of Khulna University Prof Dr M Abdul Kadir Bhuiyan resigned yesterday.

He submitted his resignation

etter to the chancellor without mentioning any reason.

Prof Bhuiyan left Khulna for Dhaka with bag and baggage on Tuesday morning at the instruction of the education ministry, university sources said.

He joined the university on November 19, 2001. His term was due to expire on November 19 next year as per his contract with the government

Sources said Prof Bhuiyan fell victim to a conspiracy hatched by a group of teachers with support from two local BNP leaders

# second int'l accreditation

The International School Dhaka (ISD) was awarded a Certificate of Accreditation by Richard Tangye executive director of the Council of International Schools (CIS), yester day, says a press release

Robert Gibson, the British deputy high commissioner, attended the certificate award ceremony as chief guest and Mahfuz Anam, editor of The Daily Star, as special guest.

The British deputy high commissioner presented the award to John Sperandio, CEO of the school, at the ceremony, attended by the parents and students. The ceremony was held at the school auditorium in the city.

The Council of Internationa Schools is a not-for-profit association of over 550 international schools and 400 institutions of higher education, working collaboratively for the continuous improve ment in education.

The ISD has also received an accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the oldest of the six regional accrediting agencies in the United States

The ISD is one of 1.460 International Baccalaureate World Schools and is authorised to follow the Primary and Middle Years Programmes of the IB. In August, it will open the first IB Diploma course in Bangladesh for students completing GCSE or "O" level examinations.

The award of an IB Diploma together with CIS/NEASC accreditations will ensure that ISD's graduating students will gain access to major colleges and universities in Europe and the United States.

### NU admission test tomorrow

**BDNEWS**, Gazipur

Admission test for first year honours course under arts, science and commerce of the National University will be held tomorrow. The date was rescheduled after

deferring twice. This year 1,80,867 admission seekers are expected to appear

before the test for 1,12,000 seats at 93 examination centres across the country, a NU official said yesterday.

However, number of seat may rise after the admission test, if any college gets affiliations from the NU. Of 1,12,000 seats, 69,520 for different subjects under arts, 24,555

science and 67,967 from commerce background

### Mia and Tara mia and created panic injured, nine of them bullet-hit. in the neighbourhood exploding during a daring robbery at Kanakdia Bazaar under Bauphal upazila in the

**Shops looted, 25 injured** 

At least 25 persons were seriously

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

district on Tuesday night. The bullet-hit businessmen were dentified as Syed Montu, 35, Abul G M Minnat Ali, son of Late Abdul Aziz Bashar, 35, Nazrul, 30, Nayan, 20, of Hasnabad village under Raipura Abdul Gani, 55, Rubel, 25, Muzibur

> They were rushed to Barishal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College and Hospital (BSMCH), where they are struggling to survive. Rest of the injured took medical treatments

Rahman, 25, Bashar, 30, and Dalim.

Agang of 20 to 25 armed robbers

home-made bombs and firing several rounds of blank shots. nolice and local sources said. 'Villagers from the neighbourng areas rushed to the Bazaar hearing the sound of blank fires. The village ers. in collaboration with the busi-

nessmen, surrounded the place

about ten kilometers north to the

upazila headquarters, looted cash

from the shops of Montu Mia, Yunus

trying to capture the robbers. The two parties then got into an hourlong clash that ended at 11:00 pm'. they added The gang, however, managed to escape the spot leaving 25 of the villagers and businessmen seri-

for science and 34, 930 for com-Of 1,80,867 admission seekers, 69.272 from arts. 43.628 from

from local hospital and clinics. ously injured. Locals said most of the robbers were wearing masks attacked the Bazaar (marketplace).

# have been requested to attend the Qulkhwani. village at Gohala in Gopalganj today.

Prof Shaheda Obaid gives away prizes among the students, who have secured GPA-5 in the SSC examination, at the annual prize giving ceremony of Uttara High School. On her left is Golam Sarwar, editor of the daily



# Thundershowers likely

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia and Comilla till 6.00pm

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said predicting nearly unchanged day temperature during the period.

Highest temperature 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and lowest 18.0 degree Celsius at Rajshahi.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:06pm today and rises at 6:11am tomorrow.

major cities and towns yesterday were: City/Town Temperature in Humidity percentage in Celsius Morning Max Min Evening 33.0 23.0 Dhaka Chittagong

### Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some 31.8 22.2 67 33.5 18.0 58 39 Rajshahi 71 Khulna 33.6 20.5 61 Barisal 33.3 22.6 76 Sylhet 30.4 19.4 Cox's Bazar