

## Tremor jolts Ctg again

CU CORRESPONDENT

A light tremor measuring 4.34 on the richter scale jolted the port city and its adjacent areas on Thursday night.

The quake shook the city at 11:35:24pm and lasted for 16 seconds.

Its epicentre was 135 kilometres off the country's lone seismic observatory at Ambagan in the port city, sources said.

The tremor was the 13th in this year and third of this month, they added.

## Robbery in city house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of robbers claiming themselves as students looted valuables worth Tk 1.6 lakh from a school teacher's house at Mohammadpur in the city yesterday.

The victim Nur Alam Siddique told The Daily Star that five robbers claiming themselves as his students rang the doorbell at around 1:15pm after he went to mosque to say Juma prayers.

After entering the room, the robbers tied up his wife and his sister, took the keys of almirahs by holding his two-year-old daughter at knife's point and took away Tk 1.4 lakh in cash, a cellphone set and some valuable stuffs.

# Hasan urged not to become CA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muktijoddha Oikya Parishad yesterday called on Justice KM Hasan not to agree to become the chief adviser of the next caretaker government.

It also demanded resignation of Chief Election Commissioner MA Aziz and other election commissioners.

The parishad, an alliance of eight freedom fighters' organisations, made the demands at a press conference at the Liberation War Museum in the city.

In a written statement, Awami League Presidium Member Sajeda Chowdhury said Hasan was made chief justice considering his affiliation with the ruling party after superseding two senior judges in June 2003.

She claimed that Hasan cannot be the chief adviser of the caretaker government during the upcoming parliamentary election as per the constitution.

Sajeda said evil strategies of the BNP-Jamaat coalition government with regard to caretaker government and Election Commission have transcended all previous records of politicisation.

"Democracy, independence and sovereignty of the country are at stake due to politicisation at all levels of administration," said Sajeda, also the convener of the parishad.

Talking about the success of the ongoing dialogue, she said it can be

successful within 10 minutes if the government is amiable.

Shajahan Kabir Bir Pratik, member-secretary of the parishad, Dr Makhduma Nargis, general secretary of Mahila Muktijoddha Parishad, Abdus Samad Pintu, general secretary of Muktijoddha Sanghati Parishad and Mohammad Ali Chowdhury, chairman of Muktijoddha Sangsad, also attended the press conference.

## Mother, son succumb to burn injuries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mother and her son succumbed to their injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

Asia Begum, 50, died in the early hours while Shaheb Ali, 35, died at 7:00am.

Shaheb Ali's wife Shilpi Begum is also undergoing treatment at the burn unit of DMCH in a critical condition.

All three suffered burn injuries on October 14 when at least 150 shanties and several plastic factories gutted into fire at Nizambagh in city's Kamrangirchar area.



Children show off mehendi works on their hands at a mehendi programme at the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) in the city yesterday. The JPC and Dhakabashi jointly organised the programme.

## Container vessel hits cargo silo jetty at Ctg port

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A container vessel hit the cargo silo jetty damaging a dolphin and a portion of its pontoon while leaving Chittagong port here yesterday.

The Singapore flag carrier Kota Berjaya had been berthing at NCT 1 since October 15 and departed the port with some export containers at around 9:12am.

As it reached near the silo jetty its steering reportedly went out of order forcing the vessel to thump the small jetty (loading jetty) of the cargo silo jetty.

In the accident the dolphin of the small jetty was broken down while two sides of the jetty pontoon were damaged, sources said.

However, the main jetty of the cargo silo jetty could be saved.

The departure of the vessel was restricted till filing of this report.

However, the vessel might be allowed to leave the port after its local agent PIL, give an undertaking to facilitate realisation of the loss feared to result from the accident, said the sources concerned.

Kota Berjaya reached outer anchorage of Chittagong port on October 5, sources added.

A two-member team led by Harbour Master Zafarullah Chowdhury was formed to investigate into the incident.



People frequently dump garbage on Sutrapur-Doyaganj Link Road, posing health hazards to city dwellers.