

# Form committees at dist, UZ levels to check corruption

## Says ACC chairman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Lt Gen (ret'd) Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury yesterday called on the civil society members to form committees at district and upazila levels with neutral persons to make the ongoing drive against corruption a success.

He also urged all to make all-out efforts to root out corruption from society.

"There is no scope to surrender; we have to win the war against corruption," the ACC chief said at a view exchange meeting at the auditorium of Mymensingh Medical College (MMC).

As part of his mission outside the capital, Lt Gen (ret'd) Hasan Mashhud visited Mymensingh and Tangail yesterday.

Like other organisations, the ACC will conduct a survey to assess its performance, he told the meeting in Mymensingh.

"Our aim is to stamp out corruption. Spontaneous participation of common people in the drive is crucial to its success," he said.

"It won't be possible to eliminate corruption from the country

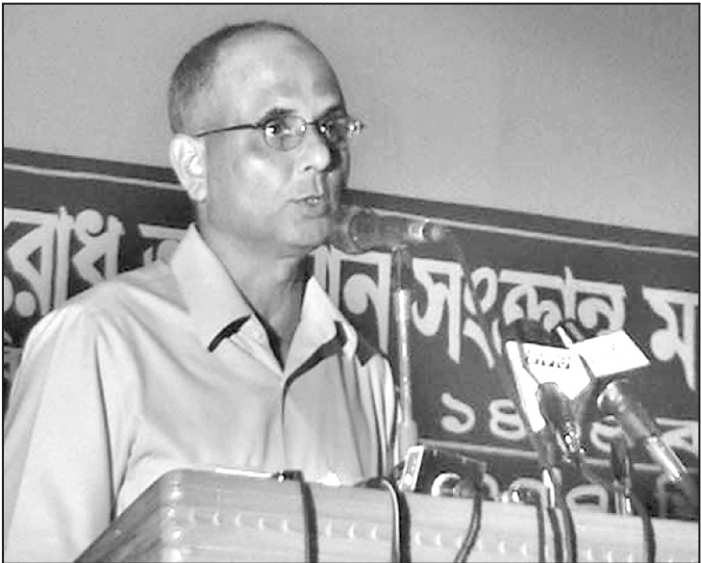


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ACC Chairman Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury speaks at a view exchange meeting at Shilpakala Academy auditorium in Tangail yesterday.

by holding seminar and meeting. To eliminate it, we have to take a vow that each and every one of us will keep off corruption and build a strong resistance against corrupt people," Gen Mashhud said.

Deputy Commissioner of Mymensingh Md Shamsul Haque,

Police Superintendent Md Rafiqul Islam, Advocate Anisur Rahman, Prof Mokarram Hossain, Prof Afzalur Rahman Bhuiyan, Prof Dr Sayedur Rahman and Shamsul Alam Ponir attended the meeting.

Our correspondent in Tangail adds: ACC Chairman Hasan

Mashhud Chowdhury also exchanged views with civil society members, public representatives, journalists, lawyers and businessmen at Shilpakala Academy auditorium, urging all to wage an all-out movement against corruption across the country.

"The problem has already been identified and we have started action against corrupt people. So, everybody should be aware of it and build resistance against corruption," he said.

"The drive against corruption is a continuous process. The crack-down will continue until all the corrupt people are brought to book," he added.

The ACC chief called upon all to be vocal against corruption from their respective positions.

Tangail Deputy Commissioner Md Akhtar Ali Sarkar, Superintendent of Police Sheikh Md Maruf Hassan, Tangail Chamber of Commerce President Abul Kashem, Government Prosecutor Khan Mohammad Khaled, Shamsuzzaman Khan, Alamgir Khan, Khandakar Ashrafuzzaman, Enamul Karim, Hosne-ara Baby and Sabuj Talukder attended the meeting.



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Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed speaks at a meeting with the secretaries of different ministries at the Secretariat in the city yesterday.

## Bowlers bat for Bangladesh

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their prolific leg-spinner Anil Kumble due to fever, declared their first innings at 387-8 after playing only eleven balls in the morning.

They then proceeded to move swiftly towards reaching that goal before Mashrafe and Shahadat thwarted their progress by sharing a record 77-run Bangladesh ninth-wicket partnership.

Some pathetic top-order batting reduced the home team to 149-8 and when Shahadat walked to the middle to join Mashrafe there was still 39 runs needed to avoid a follow-on; and thereby keep the hopes alive for a draw in the rain-interrupted match.

But it seemed that nothing was impossible for the brave-hearted Mashrafe who not only smashed his career-best 79, his maiden half-century in 21st appearance, but also provided ample confidence to his unpredictable partner as Bangladesh concluded their first innings on 238.

The pair eclipsed the previous ninth-wicket partnership record of 74 made by Khaled Mashud and Tapash Baisya in the drawn Test match in West Indies in 2004.

Mashrafe once again showed

his steel with a scintillating 92-ball 79 that contained seven boundaries and three sixes, two against off-spinner Ramesh Powar and one off Sachin Tendulkar, who broke the partnership by removing Shahadat.

What surprised many was the way Shahadat battled to provide valuable support during his career-best 31 in his eighth Test match. The lanky right-hander smashed five boundaries in 54 balls and his effort helped his side to bat more than an hour after tea, which allowed the Indians to bat only 14 overs before stumps were drawn.

With a 149-run first innings lead, India suffered a repeat of the first innings debacle when opener Wasim Jaffer mistimed a pull against Shahadat's third delivery of the opening with Bangladesh skipper Habibul Bashar taking a sharp catch at mid-on.

It meant that Wasim Jaffer became the first man to score a pair against Bangladesh, after losing his off-stump in the first over of the Test to Mashrafe.

The aggressive Shahadat bowled with a lot of heart to reduce India to 6-2 but the right-arm quick had Rajin Saleh to thank for the wicket of Indian

captain Rahul Dravid (2), who played a perfect flick only to fall victim to a stunning catch at squareleg.

The well-built Rajin threw himself to his right and plucked a one-handed stunner seemingly out of thin air. In a Test match where the catching has been quite evidently above average, Rajin's effort was the highlight.

Opener Dinesh Karthik (15) and Sachin Tendulkar batted out the rest of the time safely as India reached 44-2 at stumps to ensure an overall lead of 193 runs.

A total of 14 wickets fell on the fourth day. India, resuming on 384-6, lost two quick wickets before declaring their innings. Mashrafe dismissed Mahendra Dhoni (36) to finish with figures of 4-97 while Shahadat scalped Zaheer Khan in figures of 3-76.

On the other hand, Indian left-arm seamer RP Singh and right-arm pacer VRV Singh equally shared six wickets to run havoc in Bangladesh's first innings. Shahriar Nafees (32) and Rajin Saleh (41) were the only batsmen to show some resistance at the top-order.

The only bad news was that heavy rain started pouring soon after the end of the day's play.

## Sylhet mayor, 17 others charged with graft

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Judge Iftekhar Rasul Siddique framed the charges after hearing the case and scheduled June 21 for starting the hearing of depositions from prosecution witnesses. The ad interim bail for the accused was also extended till that date.

On May 10, 16 of the accused were granted ad interim bail till May 16 as they had appeared before the court that day after being at large since April 5.

Their bail was then extended till yesterday by the court. The district and sessions judge of Sylhet earlier issued arrest warrants on April 5 against all the accused.

However, the prime accused in the case, Sylhet City Corporation Mayor Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran, had been granted two months' ad interim bail from a High Court bench on April 30 and was released on May 7 from Comilla Central Jail.

Another accused Ward Commissioner Abdul Quaiyum

Jalali Ponki has also been out on bail since May 3, granted by the same Divisional Special Judge's Court.

Meanwhile, one of the accused former ward commissioner Abdul Wadud Khaled died of a heart attack on April 30 while he was in hiding at a relative's house in Moulavibazar.

The Anti-corruption Commission filed a charge sheet against 19 including the mayor on February 7. Others arraigned yesterday are Ward Commissioner and Sylhet City Awami Jubo League General Secretary Azadur Rahman Azad, Ward Commissioners Syed Ahmed Hossain, Santanu Dutta Shantu, Saleh Ahmed, Sazzadur Rahman, Syed Misbah Uddin, Haji Faruque Ahmed, and Mohammad Shahjahan, former ward commissioners Humayun Kabir Shahin, Prodip Bhattacharyya, Azhar Uddin Jahangir, Oliur Rahman Sohel, Moksud Bakhat and Bidhan

Chandra Kapali, former executive engineer of the erstwhile Sylhet pourashava Padma Sen Sinha, and storekeeper of the SCC Saiful Alam Topu.

The investigation officer from the erstwhile Bureau of Anti-corruption alleged in the charge sheet that the accused persons in collusion with each other on May 11, 2000 leased out a kitchen market at Shibganj area of the SCC, which was then a pourashava, to the then ward commissioner Sazzadur Rahman's younger brother Azadur Rahman Azad without any tender or approval from the ministry concerned. They misappropriated an amount of Tk 23 lakh through the corrupt practice, the charge sheet alleged. Azad is now a ward commissioner while Sazzad is deceased. The erstwhile anti-graft body filed the case in April 2003. However, after Azad's arrest, the amount was deposited to the SCC account by his men in February.

## Properties worth Tk 4.5 lakh gutted in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 houses, 11 shops, three schools and valuable properties worth over Tk 5 lakh were gutted in a fire at Bakolia in the port city early yesterday.

Sources said the fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop at the Bogarbil area at around 2.45am engulfed the adjacent 10 shops, 10 semi-pucca houses and three NGO-run schools.

Five fire fighting units from city's different fire stations rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire after a two-hour effort.

The Fire Service authorities estimated the damages at Tk 4.5 lakh, sources said.

## Dr Akbar Ali made Gulshan Society president

Dr Akbar Ali Khan has been elected president of Gulshan Society, says a press release.

A former civil servant Dr Khan was also a former adviser to caretaker government.

Jahurul Islam Chowdhury, a reputed businessman, has been elected general secretary.

NAZRUL'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

## 5-day programme of Nazrul Institute begins tomorrow

Nazrul Institute organises a five-day programme beginning from tomorrow in the city to mark the 108th birth anniversary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, says a press release.

The programme will begin with children's art and Nazrul song competition tomorrow followed by a recitation competition on Thursday.

A three-week 'Nazrul Boimela' (book fair) will also begin on May 25 at Public Library in Shahbagh.

The other programmes, including cultural programme and discussion, will be held at Nazrul Institute auditorium.

Nazrul experts, eminent singers and successors of Nazrul will take part in the discussion and cultural function. The programmes will end on May 27.

## Road accidents kill 9, injure 23

STAR REPORT

At least nine people were killed and 23 others injured in separate road accidents in Keraniganj, Nilphamari, Sathkira and Khulna yesterday.

Our staff correspondent adds: Three unidentified three people were killed and five others injured when a passenger bus and human hauler collided head-on on the Dhaka-Mawa highway in Keraniganj yesterday.

The dead were a boy aged about 15, a girl aged about 13 and a man aged about 45. The injured were identified as Mainul, 40, Asad, 35, Mitu, 15, Opu, 10 and Avhi, 10.

The victims were passengers of the human hauler.

Local sources said, the accident occurred at around 6:00pm at the Ring Road area when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus and a Mawa-bound yellow hauler collided head-on.

Locals rushed the victims to the Sir Salmullah Medical College Hospital where the on-duty doctors declared three dead.

UNB from Nilphamari adds: Three people were killed and 15 others injured when a bus fell into a roadside ditch in Syedpur upazila

in the early hours of yesterday.

The dead could not be identified immediately.

Police and witnesses said the Dhaka-bound bus fell into the ditch near WAPDA intersection on Nilphamari-Rangpur highway at about 12:30am.

The injured were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Our correspondent from Sathkira reports: Two people, including an old day labourer, were killed yesterday in separate road accidents in the district.

The deceased were identified as Mohammad Selim, 28, son of Abdur Rashid of village Puratan Sathkira in the town and Abdul Gafur, 65, son of Fayeze Uddin of village Kashempur in Shyamnagar upazila.

Quoting local people police said Selim was seriously injured when his motorcycle hit a roadside tree near Banglar intersection in the town. The accident occurred when he was going to Kaliganj riding a motorcycle with high speed.

He was rushed to Sathkira Hospital. He was shifted to Khulna Hospital as his condition deteriorated where he succumbed to his injuries in the afternoon, Sadar Police Station officer-in-charge

(OC) Safiqur Rahman said.

A motorcycle knocked day labourer Abdul Gafur in the morning while he was going to work in a nearby cropland near Soalia bridge under Bhurulia union in Shyamnagar upazila, leaving him seriously injured.

He succumbed to his injuries on the way to Shyamnagar hospital, Shyamnagar Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Nawsher Ali said.

Our staff correspondent from Khulna says: One person was killed and three others were injured in a road accident on Khulan-Jessore highway under Khanjahan Ali Police Station in the city early hours of yesterday.

The dead was identified as Amjad Uddin, 43, a businessman of Jhenaidah district. The injured were rushed to the Khulna Medical College Hospital.

The accident occurred when an onion-laden truck bound for Khulna Bazar from Jhenaidah turned upside down and fell into a ditch near Afil Jute Mills at Atra, leaving Amjaduddin dead on the spot.

Police seized the truck while its driver managed to escape.

Body of Amjaduddin was sent to his village home at Shaikupa upazila after autopsy.

## Obituary

Alhaj Matiur Rahman Khan, a social worker of Bakoadi in Kapashia, passed away on Saturday due to old age complications in the city at the age of 85, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, one son and one daughter to mourn his death.

His first namaze-e-janaza was held at the Boro Mashjid at Nikunjo-02 at Khilkhet in Dhaka on Sunday after Fajr prayers.

He was laid to rest at his family graveyard at Bakoadi after namaze-janaza on Kapashia-Bakoadi High School ground after Zohr prayers.

His qulqhwani will be held at his residence at House No #2, Road No #20, Nikunjo # 02 after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend the qulqhwani and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

### Setara Begum

Setara Begum, wife of late Anwarul Haq Khan, the first Information Secretary of Bangladesh and language movement veteran, passed away due to cancer at Jaslok Hospital at Mumbai on May 20 at the age of 60, says a press release.

Her namaz-e-janaza will take place at Banani Jame Masjid after Zohr prayers today and she will be buried at Banani graveyard.

She left behind her two sons to mourn her death.

### Death anniversary

The 65th death anniversary of Dr Kazi Abdus Sattar, the first Muslim physician of the country, will be observed today, says a press release.

Born at Gopalpur village in Kalkini, Madaripur, in 1875, Dr Sattar was a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi. He played a significant role in anti-British movement.

Dr Kazi Abdus Sattar Memorial Parishad has drawn up various programmes to mark his death anniversary. Doa and milad mahfil will also be held at his village home.

### Golam Rasul Mallik

Today is the first death anniversary of Golam Rasul Mallik, founder editor of Eastern News Agency (ENA) and founder of Eastern Commercial Service (ECS), says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at ECS Bhaban at 8/4 A Topkhana Road in the city after Asr prayers today.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend the milad.

### Mohammad Shariat Ullah

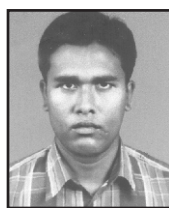
Today is the first death anniversary of Mohammad Shariat Ullah, former general secretary of Bangladesh Samikta Federation (BSSF), says a press release.

On this occasion, BSSF will hold a milad mahfil at its head office at 2/2, Purana Paltan in the city at 4:00pm today.



Grameenphone and the Narayanganj Club Ltd have recently celebrated one year of their successful journey together. The picture shows Bidyut Kumar Basu, head of Regions, Commercial Division, Grameenphone, handing over a crest to Anwar Hossain, president of Narayanganj Club Ltd., at the programme.

## Appeal for help



Asif, a meritorious college student of Jessore, has been suffering from nerve diseases since 2002, says a press release.

He feels low energy, low sense, numbness, severe pain in nerve and cannot write holding pen in right hand.

He went to India for better treatment in 2004 and began to recover slowly in Peerless Hospital in Kolkata. But he could not complete his treatment due to lack of money.

His father Razab Ali of Alampur village under Moheshpur upazila has already spent Tk 5 lakh for his treatment and is now unable to bear the treatment cost of Asif who needs another Tk 2.35 lakh for his treatment.

So he has appealed to affluent and generous people for financial assistance to save the life of his son.

Contributions can be sent to Asif, Savings Account No 21065446, City Bank, New Market Branch, Dhaka.

For further information, anyone can also contact over the cell phone 01724466176.



## Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Barisal, Chittagong, Sylhet and Dhaka divisions and at one or two places over

Rajshahi and Khulna divisions in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 36.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and Sathkira and lowest 23.4 degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:37pm today and rises at 5:13am 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	34.5	24.8	74	67
Chittagong	30.3	25.0	78	83
Rajshahi	35.4	25.0	80	95
Khulna	35.0	26.0	81	92
Barisal	33.5	25.0	--	97
Sylhet	26.2	24.5	99	96
Cox's Bazar	30.0	23.4	83	92