

## Security stepped up in jails

UNB, Dhaka

Security at Dhaka Central Jail, Kashimpur Jail and other prisons across the country has been beefed up to foil any attempt to free JMB militants in the wake of the execution of their top leaders in March.

The authorities posted additional security at Dhaka Central Jail and intensified Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and police patrols after members of Rab-10 arrested three people from a blanket factory, Woolen Mills Ltd, inside the jail

compound during an operation on Thursday night.

The arrested were identified as Delwar Hossain, 28, Sahfiqul Islam, 30, and Kajol Mia, 25. The Rab team recovered 10 bottles of Phensidyl and 100 packets of ganja.

During the operation, the Rab noticed that the blanket factory is located adjacent to the boundary wall of the jail and across the boundary wall there are cells wherein arrested JMB militants were kept.

DIG (Prison) Major Haider told UNB that the JMB militants were

shifted to different cells yesterday and security inside the jail has been doubled.

He felt that the blanket factory run by a private company on a 55-year lease is a security threat to the central jail wherein not only militants, but also important political leaders are detained.

The DIG (Prison) said the factory where 350 people work should be shifted to somewhere else.

He said instructions were given to the Kashimpur Jail authorities and other prisons to remain alert.

### BMTC team climbs Chulu West Peak

Members of Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking Club (BMTC) put their footprints on Chulu West Peak of the Himalayas on May 16, says a press release.

As unfriendly weather and bone-biting chill along with snowstorm stood in their way, the team was forced to think every moment that their dream of climbing the peak would remain unfulfilled.

Finally, they raised the Bangladeshi flag at 21,049-foot high peak at 8:00am on the day. The team members included Shajal Khaled, Noor Mohammad and Musa Ibrahim.

Mountain Dew helped the team to make the adventure a success in every possible way.

### Touchstone seized: 4 held

Bss, Rangpur

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested four people, including a touchstone smuggler, from various places of Gaibandha and Joypurhat districts on Thursday night and yesterday, Rab and police sources said.

The sources said a patrol team of Rab from the Joypurhat camp arrested touchstone smuggler Abul Hossain, 55, of Gondhabari village under Gobindaganj upazila in Gaibandha from Chandpur in the same upazila on Thursday night.

Rab also seized a 3.5-kg touchstone statue worth over Tk five lakh from his possession while he was on his way to smuggle out the precious stone to the neighbouring country.

Rab filed a case with Gobindaganj Police Station and handed over the arrested to the police yesterday.

Rab also arrested absconding accused Moslem Uddin, 50, and Madhu Mia, 42, of village Telian under Shaghata upazila in Gaibandha from their respective houses on Thursday night.

In another raid, Rab arrested absconding warrantee Anwar Hossain Bulu, 35, from his village Roar under Akkelpur upazila in Joypurhat yesterday afternoon.

Among others Bazlur Rashid Firoz, Jahedul Milu and Rajekuzzaman Ratan were present.

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front also paid homage to the poet by placing wreaths at his grave.

Front leaders Khalekuzzaman Lipon, Nikhil Das, Jarnardan Dutta, Debashish Sarkar and Shampa Basu were present on the occasion.

Charon Sangskritik Kendra also placed wreaths at the grave and held a discussion and cultural function at RC Majumder auditorium of Dhaka University.

Kendra Coordinator Jahedul Haque Milu presided over the discussion.



PHOTO: STAR

Leaders of BNP, left, and Awami League, right, place wreaths at the grave of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam on Dhaka University campus yesterday, marking his 108th birth anniversary.

### Tributes paid to Nazrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tributes were paid to National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam on the occasion of his 108th birth anniversary yesterday.

Different political, cultural and student organisations chalked out separate programmes to mark the occasion.

Leaders of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) placed wreath at the grave of the poet on the premises of Dhaka University and offered fetea.

BNP Joint Secretary General Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, President of Dhaka City BNP and Dhaka City Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, Office Secretary of BNP Mofikul Hasan and Children Affairs Secretary Sirajul Islam Selim were present.

Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (Jasas) also placed wreath and offered fetea at the grave of the poet.

Jasas Central Joint General Secretary Advocate Mahfuzur Rahman Humayun, Central Information and Research Secretary Nahin Ahmed, Office Secretary Jahangir Alam Ripon and Arifur Rahman were present.

Leaders of Bangladesh Samajik Samajtantrik Dal led by Comrade Khalekuzzaman placed wreaths at the grave to pay homage to the great poet.

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## Court asks Towhid Trust to hand over Kajla bldg to Galib

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A Rajshahi court on Thursday ordered an organisation named Towhid Trust to hand over its five-storey building at Kajla in the city to its ousted member — detained militant kingpin and Ahle Hadith Andolok, Bangladesh (Ahab) chief Asadullah Al Galib — within 15 days.

Galib, who is also a Rajshahi University Arabic teacher, was arrested in February 2005 after captured JMB militants named him as their spiritual leader.

Zahangir Alam Mollah, judge of Public Safety Tribunal and Second Special Sessions Court in his ruling turned down a lower court order that in 2004 adjudged Towhid Trust and its contemporary office as tenant of the building.

Tawhid Trust Chairman Abdus Salam, Secretary General (SG) SM Mahmud Alam, Assistant SG Rezaul Karim and their lawyers termed the judgment 'unilateral and biased' and said they would challenge it in the High Court.

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One beaten to death for stealing in Bagerhat

UNB, Bagerhat

A man was beaten to death by a mob for stealing in Harikhal area of the district town early yesterday.

The dead was identified as Gazi Abdur Razzaq alias Kalai Khokan, 45, son of Gazi Menhaz Uddin.

Police said Razzaq was caught red-handed while stealing from a shop at about 4:50am.

The mob beat him up and also gouged out his eyes. Later, he was rushed to the Sadar hospital where he died.

DEATH OF CHALESH RITCHIL Probe body visits his house in Madhupur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Chief of the probe committee formed by the home ministry to investigate the death of indigenous leader Chalesh Ritchil at the custody of law enforcers, has visited Chalesh's house at Magunthingar village under Madhupur upazila in Tangail district.

Dr MA Parvez Rahim, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Madhupur, told The Daily Star that the head of one-member committee Rofi Uddin Ahmed, a retired district and sessions judge, went to Chalesh's house on Thursday and talked to his wife Sandhya Rani Samsang and local indigenous leaders.

Joinshai Adibhashi Parishad President Ajoy-e-Mre, Father Subrata Tolentini of Jalchhata Chhrista Mission, Indigenous leaders Ugin Nokrake, Shanti Nokrake and Tomas P Sangma were present on the occasion.

While talking to this correspondent, Ajoy-e-Mre, president of Joinshai Adibhashi Parishad, said the probe committee chief had assured them of proper and neutral investigation of the incident.

"Rofi Uddin has assured Chalesh's family that if needed the body of Chalesh will be exhumed for autopsy," Ajoy added.

Joint forces arrested Chalesh on March 18 and he died at their custody the same day.

Death anniversary STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 15th death anniversary of Dr MA Sattar, founder of Bangladesh Association for Community Education (BACE) and a former secretary, says a press release.

On this occasion, a discussion and a milad mahfil will be held at BACE head office at 12/1 Segunbagicha in Dhaka at 3:00pm.

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

Ziauddin Ahmed

Today is the 18th death anniversary of Group Captain Ziauddin Ahmed, former Base Commander of Bangladesh Air Force, says a press release.

A Qurankhwan and doa mahfil will be held at House # 480, Road # 32, New DOHS, Mohakhali.

Ziauddin Ahmed Chowdhury

Today is the 4th death anniversary of Ziauddin Ahmed Chowdhury, former president of Lions Club of Dhaka Central and zone chairman of Lions District 315/B-2, says a press release.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the departed soul.

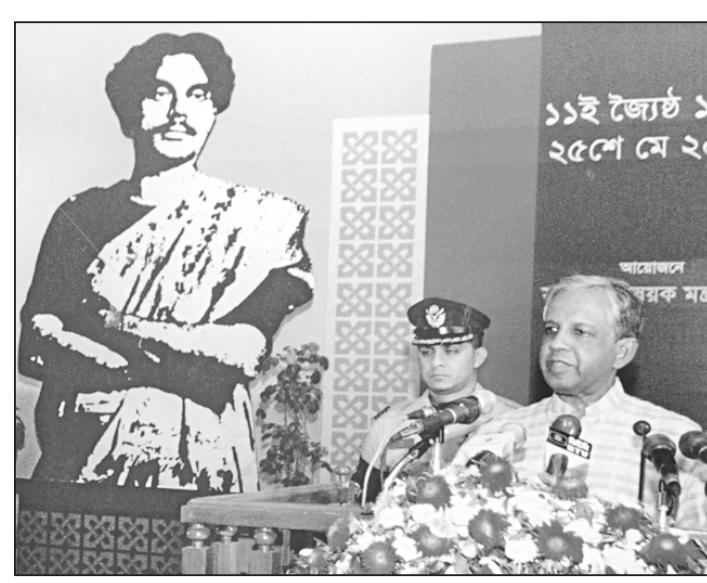


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Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed speaks at a programme marking the 108th birth anniversary of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city yesterday.

## 10 injured as mob attacks Ullapara Hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

At least 10 people, including nurses, were injured in an attack by agitating people at Ullapara Hospital in the district yesterday.

The mob ransacked and damaged furniture, medicine, doors and windows of the 20-bed hospital protesting non-attendance of doctors at the emergency ward.

According to police sources, Rafiqul Islam of Kawak village admitted his son, Belal Hossain, 4, to the hospital at noon with serious burn injuries.



PHOTO: AL

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina consoles members of bereaved family of ATM Ashrafuddoula, cousin of her husband Dr Wazed Mia, at Shajahanpur Railway Staff Quarters in the city yesterday. Ashrafuddoula, inset, died on Thursday night.

## Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

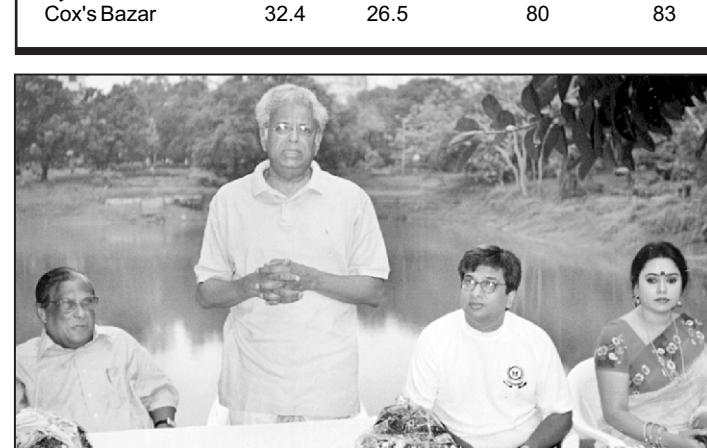
Mild heat wave, which is sweeping over Rajshahi division and the region of Chittagong, may continue during the period, Met Department said.

Highest temperature 37.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Satkhira and lowest 21.8 degree Celsius at Feni.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:39pm today and rises at 5:12am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in celsius	Humidity percentage	Morning	Evening
Max	Min			
Dhaka	35.0	22.5	79	70
Chittagong	31.5	27.4	77	77
Rajshahi	36.5	26.3	80	67
Khulna	36.0	26.5	77	68
Barisal	33.8	26.4	84	77
Sylhet	31.6	22.8	73	95
Cox's Bazar	32.4	26.5	80	83



Chief Election Commissioner Dr ATM Shamsul Huda speaks at a discussion titled 'Tune of Health and Mind' at Gulshan Tank Park in the city yesterday. Siting on his right is former adviser to the caretaker government Dr Akbar Ali Khan. Gulshan Health Club organised the discussion.

### Obituary



Monwar Hossain Manik, former president of Bangladesh Photographic Association and Bangladesh Photographic Society, passed away yesterday at the age of 56, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, daughter and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Members of Bangladesh Photographic Association expressed deep shock at his death and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

**Md Nurul Islam Majumder**



Md Nurul Islam Majumder, father of Mostafa Kamal Majumder, editor of The New Nation, passed away due to old-age complications at his village home at Gulbahar in Kachua, Chandpur, yesterday at the age of 85, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, seven sons, two daughters and a host of relatives.

He was laid to rest at his family graveyard.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

### Shraddha