



Bangabir Osmani Smriti Parishad organises a discussion on the occasion of the 89th birth anniversary of Commander-in-Chief of Army during the War of Liberation General MAG Osmani at Osmani auditorium in the city yesterday. From left are Maj Gen (Retd) Amin Ahmed Chowdhury, eminent lawyer Dr Kamal Hossain, Power and Energy Adviser Tapan Chowdhury, Syeda Masuda Khwaza and Maj Gen (Retd) M Azizur Rahman.

## Meeting of CPD Board of Trustees held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Board of Trustees of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) held its 28th meeting in the city yesterday and reviewed the activities of the think-tank in the preceding six months.

The Board also endorsed the CPD's new research programme, including pro-poor macro-economic policy, trade liberalisation and employment, jute and textile sector study, impact of floods in 2007 and end-agenda of the WTO Doha Round.

The CPD will undertake a dissemination programme of its Vision 2021 document, which was prepared by the Nagorik Committee 2006. In this connection, it will hold meetings with various cross-sections of society, including the political parties and the younger generation.

The Board expressed satisfaction at the performance of the CPD and encouraged it to continue the good work.

The Board also approved the CPD's research, dialogue & publication plan for the rest of the year 2007.

Chaired by CPD Chairman Prof Rehman Sobhan, the meeting was attended by Brac Chairperson Fazle Hasan Abed, Prof Anisuzzaman of Dhaka University, former Planning Commission member Nurul Haq, Chairman of Renata Ltd SH Kabir, Managing Director of Kedarpur Tea Company Laila Rahman Kabir, Chairman of Bank Asia M Syeduzzaman, Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus and CPD Executive Director Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya.

Prof Mustafizur Rahman, research director, and Anisul Fatema Yousuf, additional director & head, Dialogue and Communication Division, CPD, attended the meeting on invitation.

## Bring war criminals to book

### Freedom fighters urge CG, army chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muktijoddha Gono Parishad, a platform of freedom fighters, yesterday urged the caretaker government and the army chief to bring the war criminals to book immediately.

At a discussion and get-together at the National Press Club, the Parishad leaders also called on the freedom fighters to unite to raise their voice.

Demanding capital punishment to the traitors and collaborators of the Pakistani occupation forces during the Liberation War, the speakers urged the government to start the process for the trial of war criminals.

Speaking as the chief guest, Lt Col (ret'd) Qazi Nuruzzaman Bir Uttam stressed the need to form a national alliance with the leadership of freedom fighters in order to protect the sovereignty of the country.

"We will have to mobilise public

## Ex-air chief Bashar's death anniversary observed



Bangladesh Air Force observed the 31st death anniversary of former Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Muhammad Khademul Bashar yesterday, says an ISPR release.

Bashar died on September 1 in 1976 in a plane accident.

A milad mahfil was held at the central mosques at all BAF Bases after Asr prayers.

Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman attended the milad at the BAF Central Mosque and later visited the grave of AVM Bashar at Kurmitola and offered fateha there. Officers and members of all ranks of the Bangladesh Air Force also attended the milad.



## Rise in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country, Met Office said in a forecast.

Highest temperature 35.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 24.0 degree Celsius at Rangamati.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:16pm today and rises at 5:41am tomorrow.

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

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in		percentage	
	Max	Min	in celsius		Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.6	27.8			71	62
Chittagong	32.5	26.4			80	79
Rajshahi	34.3	27.3			81	73
Khulna	34.5	27.2			88	--
Barisal	32.8	27.0			92	82
Sylhet	33.7	26.7			--	75
Cox's Bazar	32.0	26.0			71	77

# Formulate integrated energy policy

## Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday called on the government to formulate an integrated energy policy considering all aspects, instead of formulating a separate coal policy.

The caretaker government should also review all energy-related deals with multinational companies and identify those who signed the deals in their own interest, they said.

They also criticised the law

ministry for its explanation that the Phulbari contract signed between the four-party alliance government and the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, electricity and Port following the mass movement against open-pit mining in August last year has no legal basis.

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) organised the seminar on 'Presentation of the outline of pro-people and environment-friendly integrated energy strategy paper' at

the auditorium of Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

The speakers also emphasised the need to facilitate mining-related education in the country so that the country can produce mining experts and exploit mineral resources on its own.

Presenting a keynote paper at the seminar, Zakir Hossain of Bapa suggested using mineral resources to meet the domestic energy needs, instead of exporting them.

The paper also called for convening a national conference to gather suggestions from local experts for formulating an energy policy.

Zakir Hossain also urged the government to take effective measures to prevent corruption during the signing of any deals with multinational companies.

Prof Anu Muhammad said that if the government fails to formulate an appropriate energy policy, the multinational companies would take advantage of it to devour mineral resources.

Prof Nurul Islam said the government should take steps to ensure sustainable use of mineral resources.

"Our domestic growth would not increase to the expected level unless the commercial energy usage increases by 8 to 10 times. So, the government should focus on proper usage of energy resources, instead of exporting them," he said.

Prof Abu Ahmed, Prof Dr Shamsul Alam and Sheikh Mohammad Shahidullah also spoke at the seminar presided over by Prof M Feroze Ahmed.



Sheikh Mohammad Shahidullah speaks at a seminar at Dhaka Reporters' Unity in the city yesterday. On his right is Prof M Feroze Ahmed.

## President, CA greet Vietnamese counterparts

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Chief Advisor Fakhruddin Ahmed have felicitated their respective counterparts of Vietnam on the occasion of the National Day of the country today.

In a message Iajuddin said Bangladesh and Vietnam enjoy warm and cordial relations, which have grown in depth and dimension over the years.

Fakhruddin expressed his firm conviction that the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and Vietnam would continue to grow in large magnitude for the benefits of the people of the two countries.

## Obituary



Shahin Ara Haque, former lawmaker from Bogra-Joypurhat constituency, passed away at Khidmah Hospital on August 31 at the age of 55, says a press release.

She left behind her husband, two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

She was buried at Shahjahanpur graveyard in the city yesterday.

Her gulkhwani will be held at her residence on first floor at 448/B Khilgaon, Taltala in the city after Asr prayers tomorrow.

## Nadira Khatun



Nadira Khatun, former headmistress of a government high school and wife of Prof Dr AR Khan of Dhaka University, passed away

due to a cardiac arrest at Square Hospital in the city on Friday at the age of 76, says a press release.

She has left behind her husband, two daughters, four grand children and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death.

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Zohr prayers tomorrow.

Her gulkhwani will be held at her 151 Monipuri Para, Tejgaon residence in the city after Asr prayers on Tuesday.

## Death anniversary



Today is the 30th death anniversary of Archbishop Theotonius Amal Ganguly, says a press release.

On the occasion, prayers and a discussion will be arranged at the Saint Mary's Cathedral at Ramna in the city at 5:00pm.

Amal Ganguly was the first Bangalee principal of the Notre Dame College.

## Teenage boy strangled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A teenage boy was strangled in the city on Friday night and his body was dumped into the Buriganga river.

South Keraniganj police yesterday retrieved the body of Akhter Hossain Sohagh, 14, who worked in

## Tremor jolts northern region

UNB, Dhaka

A tremor, measuring 3.7 on the Richter scale, jolted northern districts of the country yesterday morning.

However, there was no report of any casualty in the tremor that occurred at 7 hours 33 minutes 11 seconds, said a release of the Met Office.

The distance of the epicentre was about 235.9-km from Rangpur Seismic Observatory, the release added.

## AMINUL MURDER CASE

# 6 teenage boys held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested six teenage boys from Uttara on charge of murdering a youth named Aminul Islam Shaheen in the city in June.

The 22-year-old Aminul, who achieved GPA Grade-A from Rajuk College in Uttara in both SSC and HSC examinations and completed all formalities for going to London for higher study, fell prey to the youths on June 29 when he was going to buy a bag of blood for his father who was a cancer patient.

The suspected murderers, aged between 15 and 18, targeted Aminul when he drew out a Tk 500 note from his moneybag to buy cigarettes from a local shop.

As he got into a rickshaw, the youths waylaid him, snatched around Tk 5000 and a costly cellphone set and then one of them stabbed him in his abdomen killing him on the spot.

Investigation Officer of the case Abdul Baten said he tracked down the criminals taping the calls of Aminul's snatched mobile set that one of the suspected murders Nasim Kabir alias Babu bought at Tk 10000.

Police first held Nasim and then arrested the rest five following his confession.

Police placed the arrestees Nasim, Abu Taher alias Tornado Babu, Mohammad Sohagh, Raju alias China Raju, Abid Mohammad Dipu alias Rana and Mohammad Monju before a Dhaka court seeking seven days remand for each of them.

Nasim is the son of SM Kabir, owner of a courier service, while Abu Taher alias Tornado Babu and Mohammad Sohagh are the sons of two garment factory owners.

They are the students of Class IX and X of different schools in Uttara.

Three of the arrestees admitted to the police that Abu Taher alias Tornado Babu stabbed Aminul. They also confessed that they decided to manage some money that their friend Tornado Babu needed to marry her girl friend, and accordingly they robbed Aminul.

Sources said Aminul's ailing father Nasiruddin Talukder, a staff of the Civil Aviation Authority, died seven days into the killing of his only son.



Samson H Chowdhury, chairman of Mutual Trust Bank Limited, hands over a cheque for Tk 50 lakh to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed in aid of the flood-stricken people at his office recently. The bank's Managing Director Kazi Md Shafiqur Rahman is also seen in the picture.



Michael Seymour, chief financial officer of CityCell, hands over a cheque for Tk 10 lakh to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed for the flood victims at his office in the city recently.



Syed Mahmudul Huq, vice-president of Dhaka University Economics Department Alumni Association, hands over a cheque to Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed on behalf of the members of the Association for the Chief Adviser's Relief Fund recently.



Dhaka Community Hospital distributes relief among the flood-affected people in Munshiganj recently. The hospital relief and medical team in cooperation with Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has started relief work and healthcare services in the flood-hit areas in Munshiganj and Pabna districts.



Monipuripara Kalyan Samity led by its General Secretary Mamunul Haq continued relief operation in flood-hit areas of Pabna, Sirajganj and Satkhira. The Samity distributed more than 15 tons of rice, one ton of pulse and one ton of onion.



Youngone, a leading multi-national company in readymade garment sector, offers emergency medical services and medicines to flood-affected people at a temporary camp at Shishu Kanon Ideal School of Ershadnagar at Tongi in Gazipur district yesterday. This programme will resume at the same place tomorrow. Youngone medical service centre will operate from Kaliakoir in Gazipur on September 4 and 5.

## DHAKA TODAY

### Seminar

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) organises a CPE seminar on 'Salient features and implications of changes made in the Income Tax Ordinance 1984 by the Finance Ordinance 2007 and SROs Issued Thereon'. Venue: ICAB auditorium, CA Bhaban, Karwan Bazar. Time: 5:30pm.

### Workshop

IUCN Bangladesh organises a workshop on 'Dialogues to improve water-related cooperation in the Indo-Bangladesh region'. Venue: Flambe Restaurant, Gulshan 2. Time: 11:00am.

### Discussion

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad will hold a discussion on CEDAW Convention. Venue: Biam auditorium. Time: 3:30pm.

### Launching

### ceremony

Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce of Industry organises the launching ceremony of 'Promoting women entrepreneurship through advocacy'. Venue: Cirdap auditorium. Time: 3:00pm.

### View exchange meeting

Youth Development Directorate organises a view exchange meeting on its role on the development of persons with disabilities. Venue: Directorate auditorium. Time: 11:00am.

### BAS Seminar

Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS) organises a seminar on 'Development of chemical metrology infrastructure of Bangladesh'. Venue: BCSIR auditorium. Time: 4:00pm.