

BB DGM MURDER
3 more arrested
OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Manikganj*

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-4) have arrested three more accused in connection with the murder of Hedayet Ullah, deputy general manager of Bangladesh Bank.

The arrestees are Anisur Rahman, 35, of Joyra village under sadar upazila and Tota Mia, 32, of Manikganj village under Singair upazila in Manikganj district and Harun-or-Rashid, 38, of Kollanadi village in Chandpur district.

Acting on a secret information, the Rab team arrested Anisur and Tota from Keraniganj and Harun from Gabtoli bus terminal in Dhaka on the night of October 12.

Earlier on August 5, the Rab team arrested Jahangir Alam and Mosharaf Hossain who gave a confession statement before a court saying the involvement of Anisur, Tota and Harun in the killing.

Hedayet was killed by robbers at his village home at Dhamrai near Dhaka on the night of July 21 last.

Amirin Rashid, brother of the victim and Principal of Dhamrai Government College, filed a case in this regard.

38TH WORLD STANDARDS DAY OBSERVED
'Law soon to protect consumers' rights'

BSS, Dhaka

The 38th World Standards Day was observed in the country on Sunday with a call to maintain quality of goods and services at all levels to sustain in open market economy.

Every year the day is observed across the world out of necessity to maintain quality and keeping uniformity with the international standards in producing any goods to improve the living quality of people.

This year the theme was 'Standards and the citizens: Contributing to society.'

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed in separate messages highlighted the importance of the day to protect the citizens' rights to get quality goods and services to meet their basic needs.

The president in his message said government efforts as well as massive social campaign are necessary to ensure supply of quality goods in the market. He said there is no alternative to producing quality goods to sustain in the open market economy

and competitive world.

The chief adviser said the issue of

Uninterrupted supply of water, electricity to puja mandaps demanded

BSS, Dhaka

Leaders of Mahanagar Sarbojanin Puja Committee (MSPC) yesterday urged the government for an uninterrupted supply of electricity and water to puja mandaps during the five-day-long Durga Puja, the greatest religious festival of the Hindus beginning today.

MSPC General Secretary Joyanta Kumar Dev made the demand at a press briefing at Dhakeshwari National Temple here.

He also called upon the government to illuminate important government buildings during the puja.

Presided over by MSPC President Joyanta Sen Depu, the press briefing was also attended by Chief Adviser to Bangladesh Puja Ujjapan Parishad (BPUP) Maj Gen (Retd) CR Dutta, Bir Uttam, BPUP President CR Sarker, Vice-presidents Swapan Kumar Saha and Advocate Subrata Chowdhury, General Secretary Biresh Chandra Saha, Joint Secretaries Advocate Tapash Paul and Nirmal Chatterjee and committee leaders Manisha Dutta, journalist Basudeb Dhar, Advocate Satyendra Nath Bhakta and Monjusri Dhar.

The main Puja mandap in the

capital is at Dhakeshwari National Temple. Large mandaps have been built at Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University, the Ramkrishna Mission, Ramna Kali Mondir, Siddheshwari Kali Mondir, Tanti Bazar, Shankhari Bazar, Bangla Bazar, and at Mohakhali and Farmgate areas.

Leaders of Bangladesh Hindu

Buddha Christian Oikya Parishad,

Bangladesh Puja Ujjapan

Parishad, Mahanagar Sarbojanin

Puja Committee, Bangladesh Jatiya

Hindu Parishad and Bangladesh

Christian Association yesterday

alleged that idols of the Goddess

Durga had been desecrated at

various places in the country

including Faridpur, Khulna and

Satkhira.

They urged all to keep vigilance

to maintain communal harmony

during the five-day-long festivities.

They also urged the government to

step up security measures and

ensure peaceful observation of

the occasion.

Different political, social and

cultural organisations felicitated

Hindus on the eve of the biggest

festive. The organisations also

condemned the attacks on

mandaps and desecration of Durga

idols across the country.

The organisations include

Awami League, BNP, Bangladesh

Minority Lawyers Association,

Bangladesh Hindu Parishad,

Bangladesh Hindu Youth Welfare

Foundation, Sri Krishna Mission,

Bangladesh Tafshil Federation and

Ramna Kali Mondir Committee.

The relatives of both the leaders



(Left) Relatives of detained Awami League President Sheikh Hasina arrive at the sub-jail in Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban area in the city on Eid day to meet her. (Right) Sharmila Rahman, wife of Arafat Rahman Koko, along with their two daughters arrives at the sub-jail in Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban area on Eid day to meet detained BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

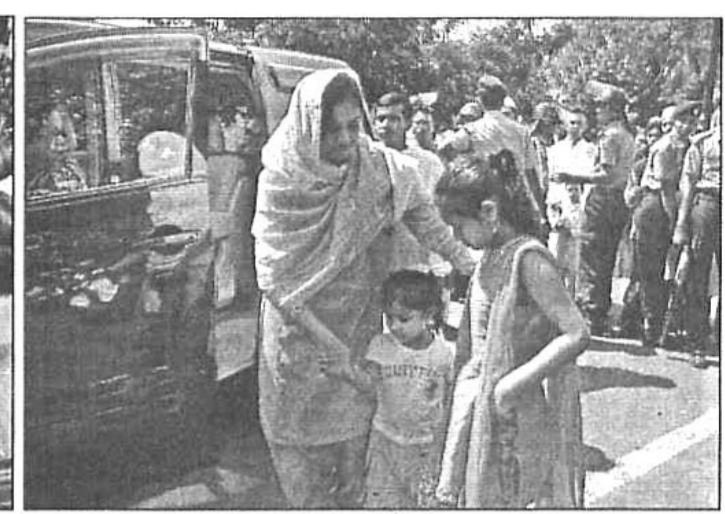


PHOTO: STAR



PHOTO: STAR

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed offer munajat at the main Eid congregation at the National Eidgah in the city on Eid day.

RU VIOLENCE ON AUG 22
Deposition of 2 more PWs recorded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Rajshahi*

The speedy trial tribunal here yesterday recorded the deposition of two more prosecution witnesses in the case against 14 persons including two Rajshahi University teachers for torching a DGFI vehicle violating the Emergency Power Rules 2007 during late August campus violence.

The prosecution witnesses, Abu Bakar and Rois Uddin, are guards of RU vice chancellor's official residence.

After the court recorded their depositions, the defence lawyers -- Golam Arif Tipu, Hamidul Haque, and Mansur Ahmed -- cross-examined them for hours.

So far the court recorded seven PWs since the court began trial in the case on September 24 recording the first PW and plaintiff of the case Shawkat Ali, an assistant director of DGFI.

Magistrate SM Fazlur Karim Chowdhury has fixed October 22 for further hearing of the PWs. Sub-inspector Shamsul Islam on behalf of the state informed the court that they will produce 21 prosecution witnesses in the case.

The plaintiff alleged that group of unruly students and people assaulted him when he was on duty on the campus on August 22.

He also stated that the two accused teachers ordered unruly students over mobile phones and abetted in setting fire on his government vehicle.

The accused teachers are Dr Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan Sajal and Dr Golam Sabir Sattar Tapu of the education and mining department.

Sadikul Islam, deputy chief information officer of RU Public Relations Office, and Ataur Rahman, a driver of former RU vice chancellor Faisal Islam Faruk, are among the accused.

Other accused are students -- Bangladesh Chhatra League RU unit secretary Ayenuddin, Dipayan Sarkar, Mizanur Rahman Mithu, Sardar Ayaz, SM Fakrul Islam Raihan, Abu Sayem, Shamin Ahmed, Kazi A Latif, Shakhamat Hossain, Aziz Bin Kamal.

Shakhamat Allidged the case with Mohiur Police Station on August 23 accusing the two teachers and four students. Later on September 1, the investigation officer, sub-inspector Mukhtar Hossain pressed charges against the 14 persons.

Meanwhile, proceedings of trial against six other RU teachers that began at the same court on September 23 will be held today.

COLLECTION OF ZAKAT MONEY
Teenage girl killed in stampede

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *N'ganj*

A teenage girl was killed in a stampede when she went to collect Zakat money from the house of an industrialist at Chandmari area of Fattullah upazila in the district.

Moni, 12, daughter of a garment worker Mohammad Mukti, went to the industrialist's house along with around 1500 others to collect the money on October 13.

She died when the crowds were

hurrying to collect the Zakat money.

Technical fault at Zia fertiliser factory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *B'baria*

Production at Ashuganj Zia Fertiliser Company was suspended yesterday following a technical fault in the plant, sources said.

It may take six days to fix the problem and resume production.

Confectionery gutted in N'ganj

BSS, *Narayanganj*

Fire gutted a confectionery at a shopping centre at SM Malek Road in the town yesterday morning.

Fire service sources said the fire broke out at Loknati Confectionery Store at Farzana Tower at around 10:30am that morning.

The fire originated from an electrical short circuit, they said.

Fire fighters soon rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control.

Valuables of the shop, including refrigerator, television and goods on display were damaged.

Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, *Dhaka*

Light to moderate rain or thundershowsers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm.

Moderately heavy to very heavy falls are also likely at places over the country during the period, said a Met Office bulletin.

Day temperature may fall by 1/2 degree Celsius over the country.

Highest temperature 30.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rangpur and lowest 22.1 degree Celsius at Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:31pm today and rises at 5:57am 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	25.6	22.4	97	92
Chittagong	25.4	24.2	96	94
Rajshahi	30.2	23.6	83	90
Khulna	30.0	23.5	91	92
Barisal	29.2	23.5	91	92
Sylhet	25.5	22.1	96	93
Cox's Bazar	26.4	24.0	91	98

The ACC yesterday seized bank documents including cheques regarding withdrawal of Tk 2.19 crore from Banani branch of the Prime Bank between 2005 and 2006 in connection with the Gato scam.

On this occasion, his family members and BGIC family have requested all friends, admirers and relatives to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

He was also the founder director of Bangladesh Insurance Academy, an institution established by the government for professional training and dissemination of insurance education.

India's new all-female political party said yesterday that it aims to rid the country of corruption and poverty, and focus on women's issues.

The All India Women's Front has nearly 100 members, and plans to induct thousands more to provide a "clean" alternative to India's traditionally male-dominated parties, which are perceived as being dishonest, its leaders said.

"I believe women are more honest, more capable and more hardworking," president Suman Krishan Kant, a women's rights activist, told a news conference.

Kant said the party would raise funds through individual, not corporate, donations.

The organisation includes

Awami League, BNP, Bangladesh

Minority Lawyers Association,

Bangladesh Hindu Parishad,

Bangladesh Hindu Youth Welfare

Foundation, Sri Krishna Mission,

Bangladesh Tafshil Federation and

Ramna Kali Mondir Committee.

The relatives of both the leaders

will be admitted to the hospital

for treatment.

Advocate Ahmed Azam, Khaleda's lawyer, told The Daily Star yesterday that six of her relatives -- younger son Arifat Rahman Koko's wife Sharmila Rahman, their two daughters Zafira and Zahia, his mother-in-law Mukrema Khatun, Sayeed Iskandar's wife Nasrin Sayeed and wife of her late husband Zafar Rahman's elder brother Tahera Begum were permitted to visit her at around 11:00am. They spent about an hour with her and came out at around 12:00 noon.

Sheikh Hasina's 10 close relations

including aunt Masuda Kabir, cousin Sheikh Parish, his wife, and