Outlaw killed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A regional leader of the outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (Red Flag) was killed in a gunfight

with Rab at Nandanpur village in

Pabna's Ataikula upazila early

He was identified as Md Abdus

A Rab press release said Samad

Samad alias Dhala Samad, 45, son of

late Azim Uddin Sardar of

Kakilakhali village in the upazila.

in 'crossfire'

# METROPOLITAN/NEWS

# Biman to close domestic flights except Ctg, Sylhet

Biman Bangladesh Airlines Limited will not operate any domestic flight except on Sylhet and Chittagong routes as the national flag carrier is eyeing to establish itself as a world-

The fleet committee in its proposal said that it would not be a wise decision for Biman to operate domestic flights except on Chittagong and Sylhetroutes.

"We include Chittagong and Sylhet as there are huge number of expatriates from these two areas live in different countries around the world," Captain Shah Alam, a member of the fleet committee, told UNB

He said the fleet committee proposed to operate connecting services

Replying to a question, Capt Shah Alam said there are four private airliners operating their domestic flights

and the domestic market is already

"We don't want to enter that saturated and small market; we want to do

ing international flights." In the proposal, the fleet committee mentioned that there is no need to procure small aircraft in future to operate domestic flights. "Rather, we are looking to make a new impression

conference said they are not interested in domestic market. "We will open the domestic sector to the pri-

of aircraft -- four McDonnell Douglas DC10-30s, four Fokker F28s and three Airbus A310-300s. Out of 11 planes of Biman fleet, only four or five are operating now while the rest

Amid aircraft shortage, Biman cut seven international routes and was forced to reduce flight frequencies on

five profitable international routes like Riyadh, Jeddah and Kuwait. Biman's market share came down to

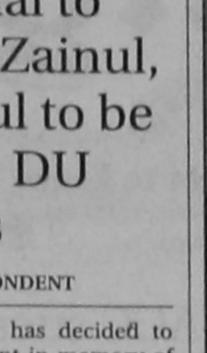
flag carrier would try to restore its flights on the profitable international

Sunday decided to purchase eight Boeing aircraft at a cost of US\$ 1.265 billion to resuscitate the country's lone

Biman will sign a MoU with Boeing representatives here on March 15. Of the eight Boeings, the first

consignment in 2017. Currently, GMG Airlines, United Airways, Best Air and Royal Bengal are operating domestic flights along with

The new private airlines are now operating domestic flights on routes connecting Dhaka with Chittagong,



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campus.

Vice Chancellor Prof AFM Yusuf Haider has been asked to finalise the selection of a design of the monument in 15 days, said an official of Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) ministry yesterday.

Students Union (DUCSU) Bhaban, the official said.

presided over the meeting.

CEC'S RESIGNATION

## Hafiz terms his rivals' demand unfortunate'

Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda by some leaders belonging to his party's rival faction as very unfor-

resignation of the CEC. It is very unfortunate and this demand will hinder the election process," he said while talking to reporters at his Banani residence.

would play a role to rid BNP of the

The acting secretary general described the party constitution as undemocratic and said the way the party is run at the moment is not the right way.

"The way the party is run today is not the right way. BNP constitution is undemocratic," he categorically said, justifying their defiant move for party reforms suiting the

Giving an explanation of vesting party chairperson is in prison, Saifur was given the responsibility as he is the senior-most in the BNP

In an oblique reference to role of some young party leaders, Hafiz said the junior leaders should not play the role in leading the party rather senior leaders should be given the opportunity to do so.

Hafiz said, "We want unity of the party. Saifur has invited Delwar to sit across the table for discussion. But, Delwar doesn't want to sit. We think it's unfortunate for us that they don't sit together."

Hannan Shah's letter through messenger to Saifur, he said Shah could have a cup of tea with Saifur instead of sending a messenger.

# DHAKA ODAY

Talk

and Strategic Studies (BIISS) organises a talk on 'Combating terrorism: Theory and practice'. Venue: BIISS auditorium. Time: 11:00am.

Seminar

Ministry of Agriculture organises a seminar on fertiliser management. Venue: Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council auditorium. Time:

Development (IED) will organise a view exchange meeting on democracy and good governance. Venue: Cirdap Auditorium. Time: 3:00pm.

Discussion

Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee organises a discussion on fundamentalism in Bangladesh and woman rights. Venue: Bilia auditorium. Time: 4:00pm.

Roundtable



Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain addresses a meeting in memory of Gono Forum General Secretary Saifuddin Ahmed Manik at the Kanchi Kanchar Mela auditorium in the city yesterday.

# Forge greater unity to establish effective parliament

Says Dr Kamal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent jurist and Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday urged all to work together for establishing an effective parliament through a free and fair election, restoring the power of the people over the government.

Stressing the need to forge a greater unity to establish a true democracy, he said the antiliberation elements are now trying to hinder the process of achieving empowerment of the mass people.

Dr Kamal was speaking as the chief guest at a meeting in memory of late Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, a liberation war veteran and one of the doyens of the country's politi-

'A policeman

Emon evade

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

arrest

arrest him.

helped criminal

Notorious criminal Sanjidul Islam

Emon told CID interrogators yes-

terday that a policeman, in

exchange for bribes, used to inform

him beforehand of any drive to

inspector who provided him with

information about the police drive

during the time he was posted at

the Ramna Police Station few years

ago," a Criminal Investigation

Department (CID) official said,

posted at a bordering police station

in northern region, the official said

but declined to disclose the name

An eight-member team of CID

officials is interrogating Emon,

who is now on an eight-day

The conference is a two-day brain-

education policy in countries with

them in the E-9 countries alone.

Addressing the theme of "Im-

The sub-inspector is now

seeking anonymity.

of the policeman.

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large population.

to be addressed.

"Emon told us of a sub-

cal arena.

He also recalled the contribution of Manik to democratic movements in the country.

Jatiya Chhatra Forum organised the meeting to pay tribute to Manik, also the general secretary of Gono Forum, at Kachi Kanchar Mela auditorium in the city.

Bijoy Talukder chaired the meeting while Pankaj Bhattacharya, Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Khaled Mohammad Ali, Abdul Rouf, Subrata Chowdhury, Mostafa Mohsin Montu and Fowzia Moslem, the wife of the late leader,

make politics clean, Dr Kamal said that this year would be the year of

mass awareness and people's

"We should face all the crises together to ensure the welfare of the nation and the countrymen,' he said.

He also said, "We should be alert and conscious as the prices of essentials in the country are higher

than in the international market." The speakers said Saifuddin Ahmed Manik played a vital role in the student movement against the then Pakistani regime as well as the

He never compromised his principles, they said.

struggle for independence.

Saifuddin Ahmed Manik passed away at a city hospital on

who used to collect toll from the

counter of Padma Express, a bus

service on Dhaka-Chandpur route,

but could not do so for about one

month because of resistance from

Mohon, who was also a supervisor

Sobhan also demanded arrest of

In the other incident, Monirul

Islam, 42, a worker of a garment fac-

tory in Gulshan area, was stabbed to

death by his fellow worker near his

told reporters, "Enayet called my

brother out of our home at around

10:00pm and few minutes later, I

filed a case against Enayet, who is

high for access to education, its

ranking in the index has been

brought down by high illiteracy, lack

of gender equality in literacy and a

high dropout rate, according to

Manzoor Ahmed, member of the

Bangladeshi delegation and direc-

tor of Brac's Institute of Educational

education work plan would seek to

He said the government's second

Secretary Musharraf said

Bangladesh has important lessons

to learn from other E-9 countries,

citing that Indonesia's successful

mainstreaming of madrasa educa-

goals, but also gives madrasa stu-

dents greater job access and allows

today with a communiqué on future

cooperation between the E-9 coun-

The conference will conclude

greater government monitoring.

tion not only helps them reach EFA

Gulshan police said Alamgir has

heard my brother crying for help."

of the bus service.

on Mondaynight.

now at large.

Development.

2015.

tion as of 8:00pm yesterday.

## Death anniversary

Today is the 28th death anniversary of Mashiur Rahman Jadu Mia, one of the founders of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and also a senior minister of Zia's government and one of the frontline leaders of progressive democratic movement in the country, says a press release.

On the occasion, family members, Bangladesh National Awami Party (Nap) and other organisations will organise milad mahfil in different places.

and exemplary punishment to the Relatives and admirers are requested to attend the milad-Jatrabari police said they could not arrest anybody in this connec-

During the World War II, Mashiur Rahman joined the National Liberation Force in Myanmar. He also took part in the anti-British movement in 1943.

home at Wireless Gate in Mahakhali Engineer Md Shariar Rony Monir's younger brother Alamgir



fourth death anniversary of Engineer Md Shariar Rony, son of the Chief Engineer of Bangladesh Agricultural

University (BAU) Md Rahmatullah, says a press release. On the occasion, Qurankhwani

and doa mahfil will be held at the BAU Baitul Aman Masjid after Asr

prayers today. Relatives, colleagues, friends and admirers are requested to attend the doa mahfil and pray for

salvation of the departed soul.

## Dilruba Rahman Ruma

Today is the 3rd death anniversary of Dilruba Rahman Ruma, wife of filmmaker Badal Rahman, says a press release.

beheld.

### Obituary

first commander of Muktijodhha Sangsad of Sarishabari Upazila in Jamalpur and teacher of Bhatra High School, passed away at his residence in Bhatra yesterday morning at the age of 80, says a press release.

daughter and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

## Modasser Hossain Jamali



Hossain Jamali, father-in-law of Workers Party of Bangladesh General Secretary Saiful Haque, breathed his

hours of yesterday at the age of 81, says a press release. He was laid to rest at the

He left behind his wife, six sons

wellwishers to mourn his death. Workers Party President

## Trial of war criminals **FROM PAGE 16**

government in bringing the war

agents of quality and the target of

largest education investments.

criminals to book. "There is nothing more important than trying the war criminals,"

the veteran educationist said. He urged the government to form special tribunals under International Crimes (tribunals) Act, 1973 and start the process of trial of war criminals. Making reference to the South

African truth and reconciliation commission, Kabir said those who are talking about establishing truth and reconciliation commission and forgive the war criminals through the commission are not right. "How the question of forgiving

the war criminals through the truth commission can come up when they [war criminals] do not admit their crimes," Kabir said. Deputy chief of the Liberation

War forces and Chairman of SCF AK Khandker said the demand for trying war criminals has become the demand of the entire nation and the government will have to respond to

He said this country has become a failed state as it has failed to bring the war criminals who killed the

best sons of this soil to justice.

liberation war forces and war crimi-He said representatives of antiliberation war element Jamaat-e-

Islami have lodged themselves in

community in the process so that questions of bias do not arise. Shahriar Kabir said power and strength of the anti-liberation war

on war criminals and to preserve the armed forces."

Nasiruddin Yusuf alleged that the government has turned its back on

"The government earlier said war criminals should be brought to justice but now the government is saying that they cannot do it, raising questions about its honesty in this

regard," he said. Lt Gen (retd) Harun-ar-Rashid,

Nirmalendu Goon also echoed Nasiruddin. "As the present government is

talking about establishing justice in the society so, they should start the process of trying the war criminals," MA Hasan said. Ataus Samad hoped that the war

criminals will be tried sooner or Prof Muntasir Mamun said the

present caretaker government will not take any initiative to try the war criminals. He said trial of war criminals is not possible without involving political parties in the process.

"Agents of Jamaat-e-Islami and the anti-liberation war elements penetrated various levels of the state and He alleged that state itself and

forces are the main obstacle to trying the war criminals. Lt Gen (retd) Harun said war criminals and anti-liberation war

Referring to a different issue, the former army chief said, "It is said that president Zia had breakfast

with one hand and signed execution

orders with the other hand."

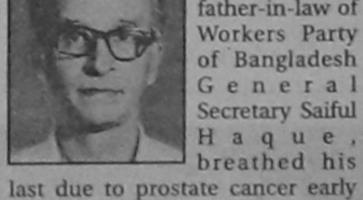
# remedy most of these drawbacks by

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held after Maghrib prayers at her parent's residence. A destitute feeding programme will also

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend the milad

Ahmed Hossain (Shona Master), He left behind his son and

### Modasser



and daughters and a host of

members Paresh Chandra Saha, Nasiruddin Ahmed Nasu, Raja Mia and Abdus Salam in a joint statement condoled the death.



Advisers, dean of diplomatic corps, chiefs of three services and senior civil and military officials see off Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed at Zia International Airport in the city prior to his departure for Dakar last night.

## US journalist shares experiences

of Iraq war

STAFF CORRESPONDENT It is not possible to do independent journalism while covering a war like Iraq war as it becomes very difficult to collect and verify information in such a situation, said Brian Palmer, a US war correspondent and film-

maker, yesterday. Though a reporter is supposed to be independent, there is no alternative to embedded journalism during a war, he said while delivering a lecture on 'Notes from occupation: War and ethics of journalism' at RC Majumder Auditorium of Dhaka

University (DU). Globalisation Study Group and Mukto Buddhi Charcha Kendra, a centre for practice of freedom of thought, jointly organised the lec-

Brian Palmer covered the Iraq war in 2003 as an embedded journalist. He then worked with the CNN.

Sharing his experiences of the war, Palmer, now an independent journalist, said he had to become an embedded reporter as he wanted to know what the US troops were going to do after declaring the combat

operation in Iraq. If anybody had wanted to cover the war, they would have to be embedded with the US troops, he said, adding that otherwise, the troops would not have cooperated with them. Palmer also said that even if any

reporters now want to cover the

post-war situation in Iraq or

Afghanistan, they have to become

embedded journalists. Otherwise, the US troops will not cooperate with them, he added. During the war, the US media aired only those news which they thought are newsworthy as they

regard themselves as universal and objective, he said. Replying to a question, he said that although he was an embedded journalist, his eyes and ears were open. He is now making a documentary on his

experiences during the war. He is now working for his first documentary titled 'Full disclosure: A reporter's journey toward truth in Iraq' based on three trips to Iraq with the same US marine combat unit.

Anis Alamgir, a Bangladeshi journalist who went to Afghanistan during the war, said the embedded journalists received cooperation from the US troops, but the independent journalists did not get any cooperation from the US troops or from the then Afghan government. Dr Giti Ara Nasreen and Shamim , Reza also spoke at the programme

presided over by Kaberi Gayen,

associate professor of the depart-

ment of Mass Communication and

Journalism of DU.

in the international market," he said. Chief Adviser's Special Assistant Mahbub Jamil on Monday at a press

vate airliners," he said.

almosthalfofwhatithadin 1991.

consignment of four aircraft will be arriving here in 2013 while the second

Memorial to Nazrul, Zainul, Quamrul to be built on DU campus

The government has decided to build a monument in memory of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, artists Zainul Abedin and Quamrul Hassan and Prof Matin Chowdhury on the Dhaka University (DU) A committee headed by DU Pro-

A meeting of the ministry yesterday also decided to erect fences around the Central Shaheed Minar and set up a centre in memory of language movement martyr Barkat near Dhaka University Central

LGRD Adviser Anwarul Iqbal

Dhaka University authorities took up such a project in 1999, but failed to implement it due to lack of

UNB, Dhaka Standing committee-nominated acting BNP Secretary General Major (retd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed yesterday described the demand for resignation of Chief Election

"Some individuals demanded

Hafiz called for a meeting of the BNP standing committee to overcome the disaster facing the immediate-past ruling party in the changed political context. He hoped this policymaking body

demand of the time. the responsibility of the party in Saifur Rahman, Hafiz said since the

hierarchy after Khaleda.

About the unity of the party,

About chairperson's adviser

Bangladesh Institute of International

10:00am. View exchange Institute for Environment &

Jatiya Nari Nirjatan Protirod Forum organises a roundtable on necessity of laws against domestic violence. Venue: Chhayanaut auditorium. Time: 5:00pm.

## Urging the students to help February 3. Hotelier shot dead

## Garment worker stabbed to death

garment worker was stabbed to death at Mohakhali on Monday A gang of four assailants fired on Abu Siddique alias Mohon, 45, one

An hotelier was gunned down at

Sayedabad in the city yesterday and a

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

of the owners of Hotel Anwara Residential, in front of his hotel at around 7:45am, witnesses said. "The gunmen were waiting outside the hotel. As soon as Mohon came out of the hotel, they sprayed seven to eight bullets on him," the victim's younger brother Abdus

Sobhan said quoting a witness. Mohon came to the hotel from his home at Dayaganj in the morning, he said. Hotel staffers rushed injured

Siddique to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

Sobhan said his brother became

the target of a gang of extortionists

Bangladesh's successes in edn Bangladesh spends around 90 percent of its education budget on storming session to share best teacher salary and training. practices and learn from each Primary Education Secretary other's mistakes in implementing Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, who is

heading the Bangladesh delegation,

told The Daily Star on the sidelines of

the meeting that one of country's provement of Teacher Education and major challenges is to improve the Training", Matsura said global quality of higher education as it teacher shortage is a major barrier to directly affects the quality of teaching. achieving the EFA, noting that 18 "We have a challenge in improving higher education because that million new teachers will be required in the world by 2015, seven million of system produces our teachers Indonesia and Pakistan have done Matsura identified vigorous well in reforming teacher training

teacher recruitment, continuing and salary, but they are also improvteacher training and overall sysing their higher education system to temic reform as key areas that need produce good teachers," he said. In the EFA Development Index, "Quality of education cannot be Bangladesh ranked alongside India, achieved without constant atten-Pakistan and Nigeria, but was also tion to teachers," Matsura said, adding that teachers are the key

among only four E-9 countries to have achieved gender parity and universal primary enrolment.

Though Bangladesh has scored tries.

Maj Gen (retd) KM Shafiullah urged all to boycott the anti-

government offices. Prof Anisuzzaman in his speech urged the government to form special tribunals to try war criminals and to involve the international

forces have increased as we failed to bring them to book. Hamida Hossein urged all to collect documents and information

its earlier position to try the war criminals.

Prof Ajay Roy, Muntasir Mamum,

one of its strong wings the armed

elements do not have any right to live in this country.

Prof Anwar Hossain said,

Goalkhali graveyard in Khulna.

Khondokar Ali Abbas and Politburo



class airliner.

for Sylhet and Chittagong.

are grounded.

Biman currently owns three types

our core business and that is operat-Capt Shah Alam said the national

Biman Bangladesh Airlines on

public sector airlines.

Cox's Bazar, Sylhet and Jessore.

in Buriganga STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terminal yesterday afternoon.

brother Kajal Saha.

Two brothers drowned in the river Buriganga near Sadarghat Launch

They were identified as Sajal

They were returning to Barisal

with their cousin Suman Saha and

friend Shubha Saha after Sajal partic-

Saha, a class ten student of Udayan

School in Barisal, and his elder

Teachers' Training College.

Two brothers drown

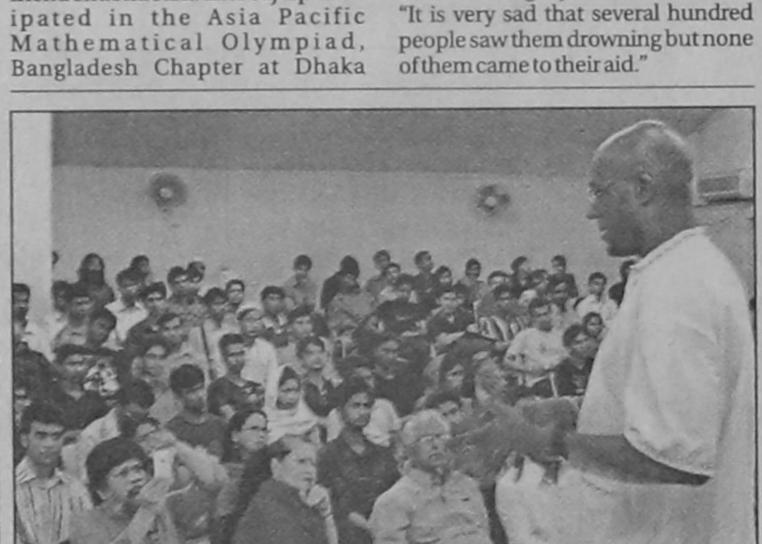
At about 2:45pm, Sajal fell down from the boat that was taking them to a launch anchored in the mid-river, witnesses said. Kajal immediately jumped into the river to save Sajal, but both of them drowned. Divers of Fire Service and Civil

Defence recovered the bodies and

Sub-Inspector (SI) Nazrul Islam of

handed them over to their relatives.

South Keraniganj Police Station said,



Brian Palmer, a US war correspondent, delivers a lecture on 'Notes from

occupation: War and ethics of journalism' in the city yesterday.

Fall in temperature likely UNB, Dhaka

the country in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia and Comilla, Met Office said. It also said that day temperature may fall slightly over the coun-Highest temperature 34.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yester-

The sun sets in the capital at 6:06pm today and rises at 6:09am

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

**Humidity** in

day at Jessore and lowest 19.3 degrees Celsius at Srimongal.

Temperature in

major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over

temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi,

Having chances of rain or thundershowers accompanied by

G.1., 10.111	Celsius		percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.5	22.5	73	51
Chittagong	29.1	22.2	88	87
Rajshahi	31.8	21.1	84	41
Khulna	32.4	21.0	86	67
Barisal	32.4	22.2	87	67
Sylhet	28.9	20.7	69	67
Cox's Bazar	30.5	21.4	92	83



was accused in several cases, including four for murder. He was also accused of rape, abduction and extortion but the victims never dared to file complaints fearing

yesterday.

Rab said they raided a jackfruit orchard in the village at about 1:45am following information that operatives of the outlawed outfit

were holding a secret meeting there. But sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the criminals opened fire and hurled bombs on them, ensuing a gun battle in which

Rab recovered eight bombs, two

Samad died on the spot.

