Writ petition

arrested in city

Muggers snatched Tk 5 lakh from a

trader yesterday at gunpoint at

Uttara in the city while he was

returning home after drawing the

Hossain was returning home by a

from National Bank at Uttara

auto-rickshaw and three others in a

motorbike, snatched the money

arrested by officials and employees

of Al-Arafah Islami Bank at

flee the spot after snatching Tk 5 lakh from one Mohammad Kawsar

and Delwar. They were handed

over to the Rab-3 team by the bank

WORKSHOP ON MIGRATION

understanding,

Better understanding and cross-

must for writing objective reports

meetings with senior media repre-

sentatives and more knowledge

sharing on all aspects of migration.

day workshop on 'Migration,

Counter Trafficking and Media' at

Rajendrapur recently, says a press

International Organisation for

Migration (IOM) and attended by

20 diplomatic and other corre-

spondents of print and electronic

media. Various issues related to

migration were discussed like

rights and exploitation, labour

migration trafficking, remittance

Nurul Islam, director of Bureau

of Manpower Employment and

Training (BMET), Manjurul Ahsan

Bulbul, executive editor, The Daily

Sangbad, Farida Yasmin, senior

sub-editor, Daily Ittefaq, Advocate

Suraiya Banu of Bangladesh

National Women Lawyers

Association (BNWLA) and repre-

sentatives from returnee migrant

organisations WARBE and BOMSA

that media should allocate an

exclusive page or programme for

migration, as it is becoming an

important area to work and know

colleagues to be more knowledge-

able to write better stories on

IOM South Asia Rabab Fatima

proposed forming a forum of jour-

nalists on migration to enhance

better understanding on the issue.

Acid survivors

migration related issues.

make TV

programme

Seven acid survivors have teamed

up to make television programme

focusing on the sorrow, happiness,

success and failures of acid survi-

The programme titled 'Amader

Katha Shunun' (listen to our sto-

ries) will be shown on Bangladesh

Television every last Wednesday of

The first episode of the

programme will be aired on June

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bulbul requested his fellow

Regional Representative for

Nurul Islam of BMET suggested

health and gender.

were present.

The workshop was organised by

Speakers said these at a three-

There should be exchange

checking of facts and figures is

on migration related issues.

networking

officials at around 12:30pm.

Motijheel while they were trying to

Uttara police said the process of

from him at gunpoint at Sector 13.

branch at around 2:30pm.

filing a case is underway.

Ahmed.

Better

stressed

release.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

money from a bank.

# Road accidents kill 4 Trader robbed of Tk 5 lakh, two

STAR REPORT

Four people were killed and 32 others injured in separate road accidents in Magura, Rajshahi, yesterday. Natore and Ihenidah yesterday.

reports: A man was killed and 25 others were injured when a passenger bus fell into a roadside ditch at Kadamtala on Magura-Sreepur road yesterday.

Ripon Mian, 30, the helper of the were identified as Mira Begum, 30,

Sreepur-bound bus fell into the ditch at around 10:00am as the driver lost control while overtaking Rajshahi Medical College Hospital

admitted to Magura Sadar Hospital while 13 others took treatment at local hospitals.

Our RU correspondent adds: A others were seriously injured in a

Rajshahi highway at Muralipur on Bonpara-Hatikumrul highway under Puba upazila in Rajshahi yesterday.

Our correspondent in Magura around 9:15am when a Rajshahibound goods-laden truck collided head-on with an autorickshaw, leaving a passenger of the autorickshaw dead on the spot.

The victim was identified as The victim was identified as Jamir Uddin, 55, while the injured Rokeva Begum, 23, autorickshaw Police and witnesses said the driver Jaharul Islam, 21, Rokeya Khatun, 18, and Mou, 5.

The injured were rushed to (RMCH). Among the injured, the Twelve seriously injured were condition of Mira Begum was stated to be critical.

> A correspondent from Natore adds: A man was killed and two

man was killed and five others road accident at Mohisvanga injured in a road accident on Puba- under Baraigram upazila in Natore

The accident occurred when a The accident took place at Dhaka-bound covered van turned turtle and fell into a roadside ditch.

> The dead was identified as Abul Kalam, 32, the helper of the covered van, while the injured are Azad, 31, the driver, and Abdul Aziz, 33.

The injured were rushed to Bonpara Amina Hospital. Our correspondent in Jhenidah adds: A minor boy was killed in a

road accident at Paglakanai in Jhenidah yesterday morning. The victim was identified as

Nayan Saha, 8, son of Narendra Nath Saha

Police and locals said Navan was crushed under the wheels of a Kushtia-bound truck on Kushtia-Jessore highway while he was crossing the road at about 8:30am.



Brac Chairperson Fazle Hasan Abed speaks at a press conference at Sheraton Hotel in the city yesterday. On his left

Meanwhile, two cheats were are M Aminul Alam and Shafiqui Islam. (Story on Page 16)

#### UN urges better monitoring of chemicals for Afghan heroin The arrestees are Zamal Mridha

AFP, United Nations

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The UN Security Council yesterday unanimously called on countries to improve monitoring of chemical precursors used to make heroin so as to better combat drug trafficking in Afghanistan.

In a moved timed to coincide with an international conference on Afghan development set to take place in Paris Thursday, the 15member council adopted the text urging all member states to boost cooperation to counter illicit drug production and trafficking in Afghanistan, including "by

British High Commissioner

Dancan Norman, Delwar cau-

tioned the government by saying,

"It would not be fair to impose a

condition on Khaleda Zia to leave

the country for the treatment of her

Khaleda has asked them not to file

any petition seeking exemption

from the cases against her. She has

even told the lawyers the govern-

On Tarique, the BNP chief said

The BNP leaders and workers

are mounting pressure on party top

brass for taking tough and effective

stance for the release of Khaleda

following Hasina's release, insiders

ing today to discuss the develop-

ments arisen after the release of

also expected to decide the next

3:00pm at the residence of Delwar,

Rizvi Ahmed, acting office secre-

BNP leaders yesterday held

informal talks on the latest devel-

government has released former

prime minister Sheikh Hasina

Wajed on parole for eight weeks

starting from June 11 as per the

Section 401 (4A) of the Code of

Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1898,"

issued as per the directive of the

The notification has been

the notification read.

course of action to free Khaleda.

tary of BNP, told The Daily Star.

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his property

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he is matured enough to take deci-

sion regarding his own treatment.

Party leaders and lawyers said

Khaleda happy

The resolution, drafted by

released last March said the ready availability of acetic anhydride in Afghanistan was a key contributing factor to the booming heroin trade

Acetic anhydride, the main chemical used in the manufacture of heroin, is a controlled substance under the UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

France's UN deputy ambassador Jean-Pierre Lacroix said that it was important in the perspective of Friday's Paris conference on Afghanistan to put a spotlight on the issue of chemical precursors.

"The aim is to highlight the issue, to strengthen international mobilization on this particular question of precursors," he added.

filed with HC STAFF CORRESPONDENT A writ petition has been filed with the High Court, seeking direc-

GANGES WATER SHARING

tions to the government to take necessary steps to ensure the availability of actual share of Ganges water at Farakka point as per the Ganges Water Sharing Treaty between Bangladesh and

The hearing of the petition might be held today, said advocate Tajul Islam, counsel for the petitioners.

Supreme Court lawyers MK Muraduzaman and Faruk Hossain filed the petition as public interest litigation on June 8 stating that Bangladesh has not been receiving the actual share of Ganges water at Farakka point as per various agreements signed with

Due to severe shortage of water, some areas of the country are turning into desert and the Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest in the world, are going to die, the petitioners said.

They appealed to the court to issue a rule upon the government to show cause as to why the Ganges water sharing treaty should not be reviewed according to the provisions of Berlin Rules on Water Resources 2004 and the UN convention on international watercourses 1997.

Secretaries to the president and cabinet division and the ministries of foreign affairs, water resources, forest and environment, relief and disaster management affairs have been made respondents in the writ petition.

#### Obituary



breathed her last on June 8 at her Gulshan residence at the age of 69, says a press release.

Rizia, also a freedom fighter, left behind her three sons and admirers to mourn her death.

Her qulkhwani will be held at her residence at 3B Riviera Apartment, Road 51, North Gulshan after Asr prayers on Friday.

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

#### Mohammad Abdul Jobber



Mohammad Abdul Jobber, a retired employee of DMCH surgery department. passed away due to cardiac

arrest at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on June 10 at the age of 62, says a press release.

All are requested to pray for salvation of his soul.

Prof Zamiruddin Ahmed

#### Language



away due to old age complications at his residence at Uttara in the city yesterday at the age of 87, says a

veteran Prof

Zamiruddin

Ahmed passed

press release. He left behind his five sons and

He will be laid to rest at the

Tomsom Bridge graveyard in Comilla after namaz-e-janaza at Comilla Central Eidgah after Zohr prayers today. Zamiruddin taught in Comilla

Victoria College, Rangpur .Carmichael College, Faridpur Rajendra College and Debiddar SA College.

25, said Nurunnahar, a member of Hasina's release. 3 states the suspension or remisthe programme team, at a view sion may be cancelled if any condiexchange meeting at Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday.

All the team members are members of Acid Survivors Network. Poriprekkhit, an organisation, has provided them with technical training required to make televi sion programme.

each month at 9:30pm.

Among the seven members, Mohammad Rabiul Islam is the assistant director and assistant presenter of the programme, Shamima Akhter is presenter, Raushan Ara is cameraman and Mohammad Abdul Karim is assistant cameraman while Peyara Begum is involved in gathering information and Kalima in editing

the programme. Nurunnahar said they have now been preparing a database of acid survivors in 10 districts -- Dhaka, Barisal, Patuakhali, Gazipur, Sirajganj, Dinajpur, Kurigram, Jhinaidah, Comilla and Sathkhira.

She also said their organisation is also monitoring different hospitals in the country, including the burn unit of Dhaka medical college hospital, to ensure proper treatment of acid victims.

strengthening the monitoring of there. the international trade in chemical precursors, notably but not limited to acetic anhydride."

France with the support of Kabul, also calls on all states, in particular those which produce chemical precursors to heroin and those on trafficking routes, to increase their cooperation with the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB). The INCB's 2007 annual report

opments, including Hasina's

release, her meeting with advisers

and the comments of some advis-

ers on release of Khaleda and her

leave the country on any grounds,

they observe they have no alterna-

tive to intensifying both legal and

release

political movements for her

Since Khaleda is still firm not to

ing of a free and fair election." REACTIONS

terday expressed mixed reactions on Hasina's release. Workers Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon welcomed the release of Hasina and expressed the hope it will help

create a congenial atmosphere for

said, "I am not in the government.

Democratic Party (PDB) Ferdaus

rary release took place within the

secretary of Communist Party of

Bangladesh, said the government

has mixed up the matters of fight-

ing corruption and arresting politi-

cians, which is enough to question

Mujahidul Islam Selim, general

Ahmed Quarishi said the tempo-

Convener of Progressive

So, I don't have any reaction."

procedures of law.

its credibility.

Meanwhile, political leaders yes-

a meaningful dialogue. Asked for his reaction, Gono Both BNP and Jamaat, the main components of four-party alliance, Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain ment would be responsible for the . have already placed their demands. said he would give his reaction to release Khaleda and Motiur

Rahman Nizami as a condition to "First I need to know what the take part in the ongoing political matter is before giving my reacdialogues with the government. tions," he told The Daily Star. Dr Talking to reporters at his Nam Kamal believes whatever happens flat after the meeting with the should follow the laws. British diplomat, Delwar said, Jatiya Party Chairman HM "Khaleda Zia has already said she Ershad declined to comment and

will take treatment here if necessary, but her two sons desperately BNP and its allies sit for a meet- need better treatment as they are moving towards death." Asked about the meeting, he said, "We told him [British diplo-

former premier Hasina. They are mat] a non-political government is running the country but the people The meeting takes place at don't want them.'

Replying to a query of a reporter, Dancan said they discussed different issues including the upcoming elections. "I hope the government

will assure the parties about hold-

tion is not fulfilled in the opinion of

the government and the person

may be arrested without warrant

and remanded to undergo the

unexpired portion of the sentence.

Parole might be cancelled any time tion on Hasina, the prison boss said, "There will be only one condition, which is, the order of the

> The notification said that the courts concerned exempted Hasina from appearing at the court in person during hearing of the under-trial cases against her as per the Section 540 of the CrPC.

president, it said. Inspector General (IG) of As per the sub-section 4A, provisions of the previous sub-sections Prisons and the senior super of the shall apply to any order passed by a Dhaka Central Jail have been asked criminal court under any section of to immediately execute the order of this code of any other law, which the parole issued in favour of restricts the liberty of any person or Hasina. They have also been imposes any liability upon him or directed to report to the home ministry about the date and time of

her temporary release. The sub-section 1 says that "I have received the order. She government may at any time without conditions or upon conditions will be given parole for eight weeks," IG Prisons Zakir told suspend sentence of a person for reporters after his meeting with the an offence or remit the whole or any part of it while the sub-section home adviser when asked about

About imposition of any condi-

parole may be cancelled at any time without showing any cause." Replying to a question, the IG Prisons said that he could not say if Hasina would be allowed to give

political statements. "Police will take charge of her after she is Zakir declined to comment on the release of another detained

former prime minister and BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia and her detained younger son Arafat Rahman Koko. "The medical boards formed for

them have given recommendations for their better treatment. We will act only if the government issues an order in this regard."

Zakir also failed to say if the parole of Hasina would be extended. "This is purely a matter of the government," he added.

seven daughters.

He was terminated from his job

at Carmichael College for joining the Language Movement in 1952 and was sent to jail.

### EC asks govt to create atmosphere for polls

Hussain told The Daily Star after the meet at the Chief Adviser's Office.

The chief adviser assured EC of taking all necessary steps to create an environment conducive to holding the local government polls, Sohul added.

He said EC would inform the government of the areas where local government elections will be held in phases.

At the meeting, the CEC and the two election commissioners -Sohul Hussain and Brig Gen (retd) M Sakhawat Hussain -- also discussed the issue of registering expatriate Bangladeshis as vot-

The chief adviser assured EC of cooperating with the move to enrol expats in the voter list with

photographs. The EC handed over a copy of

adviser. Besides, it drew attention of his government on some crucial issues including formation of a "constitutional review commission" to address matters related to constitutional amendment and trial of war

Earlier yesterday, the CEC and other commissioners met President Iajuddin Ahmed and handed him over a copy of the report.

"The new parliament, if thinks appropriate, can form a constitutional review commission of legal experts. We think the current government has nothing to do with it," CEC Huda said.

The "constitutional review commission", if formed, will come up with recommendations of the Jatiya Sangsad will approve one them will be a woman.

the report on dialogues with the for increasing parliamentary a panel of individuals for tion, amendment of article 70 of the constitution and restructuring the power of top constitutional posts.

These issues dominated the dialogues between EC and political parties on electoral reforms.

During yesterday's meetings, EC informed the president and the chief adviser about the important issues incorporated in the report, in which the commission made its will curtail the absolute power of proposals for making laws on appointment of CEC and election commissioners through consensus of political parties CEC Huda said. in parliament.

political parties to the chief seats and women's reserved appointment by the president as seats, proportional representa- the CEC and election commis-

A search committee led by CEC will prepare a preliminary panel for consideration of the Business Advisory Committee.

In defence of the proposals, the CEC said top leaders of the political parties representing parliament are members of the Business Advisory Committee headed by the speaker.

"So the system, if introduced,

the prime minister to appoint the chief election commissioner and other election commissioners,"

The proposals also say EC According to the proposals, should be constituted with three the Business Advisory Committee members including the CEC and



Awami League President Sheikh Hasina presides over the Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCWC) meeting at Sudha Sadan in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

## Recognise Kosovo to foster ties

JBG leaders urge govt

BSS, Diaska Leaders of a forum vesterday said the government should immediately recognise Kosovo, a Muslim

majority newly independent coun-

try, both on humanitarian and economical grounds. The Japan-Bangladesh Group (JBG) said Bangladesh, as the world's second largest Muslim country, could be benefited in

many fronts from economic and trade ties with Kosovo by giving it formal recognition. The JBG leaders said this at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the city as part of felicitating the newly born

Republic of Kosovo, its brave people and Prime Minister Hashim Tachim, a war veteran.

JBG Chairman Salim Prodhan

#### Dhaka urges ILO to promote green jobs, migrant workers

BSS, Dhaka

Labour and Employment Adviser Mohammad Anwarul Iqbal has called upon the ILO to promote "green jobs".

He was addressing a meeting of the labour ministers of Non-Aligned Countries on the sidelines of the ongoing session of the International Labour Conference in Geneva on June 10, according to a message received here yesterday.

The adviser focussed on the vulnerability of Bangladesh and other Nam countries to the hazards of climate change and natural disasters. He suggested that the Nam

should urge the ILO to widen its programmes for creating green jobs. He also highlighted the plight of migrant workers and called for improving their conditions in the

### Rail Security Week begins at Rajshahi

host countries.

RU CORRESPONDENT

A seven-day Railway Security Week began at Rajshahi yesterday.

The event aims at developing the skills of railway officials and employees, creating security awareness among them and avoidingrail accidents.

AKM Mushfigur Rahman, general manager of Rajshahi railway (West Zone), inaugurated the Week. Railway officials Ali Akbar Khan,

Abdur Rouf and Aminur Rashid were present as special guests at the inaugural programme that was presided over by Abul Fayez Abed.

and former ambassador and UN regional administrator in Kosovo SM Rashed Ahmed spoke on the

occasion. They said the people of Kosovo achieved their independence through bloodshed against dictator Milosevic, known as Balkan

"They have fought liberation tion at the earliest. war like Bangladeshi people. Also majority of Kosovo has same religious belief and hold identical Kosovo deserves early recognition

from Bangladesh," said Rashed Ahmed.

give recognition to Kosovo, but also lobby at the OIC for ensuring recognitions from other Muslim

peacekeepers.

states, he added. Salim Prodhan said Bangladesh can get a good friend in Europe along with finding a new export destination for its products by giving Kosovo formal recogni-

He said the Kosovans have a very positive impression about Bangladeshi nationals because cultural and historical back- of Bangladeshi policemen, ground like Bangladeshis. So, including incumbent police chief Noor Mohammad, who were highly appreciated in Kosovo during their duties as UN



PHOTO: STAR

**Humidity** in

Nurunnahar addresses a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity in the city yesterday. On her left is Naima Imam Khan.



Rain likely UNB, Dhaka

ture over the country.

City/Town

major cities and towns yesterday were:

Temperature in

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

period, Met Office said, predicting nearly unchanged day tempera-

Highest temperature 35.4 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Ishwardi and lowest 25.2 degrees Celsius at Rangamati. The sun sets in the capital at 6:47pm today and rises at 5:10am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

Celsius percentage Max Min Morning Evening 32.1 26.5 Dhaka 32.5 26.4 Chittagong 26.5 Rajshahi 35.0 81 69 33.0 26.4 93 80 Khulna 32.2 26.0 84 86 Barisal 33.3 25.5 Sylhet 78 26.0 76 80 Cox's Bazar 33.0