# METROPOLITAN/NEWS

# Vote out war criminals

### DU students, cultural activists urge people

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) students and cultural activists yesterday celebrated the Victory Day on the university campus yesterday with a vow to reject war criminals in the upcoming national election.

Hundreds of students, teachers and cultural activists observed the day with processions, rallies, photo exhibition and cultural programmes.

They called on all not to vote for war criminals, saying that casting votes for war criminals would be tantamount to showing disrespect to martyred freedom fighters.

They also called for boycotting war criminals socially and politically.

They demanded that the next elected government begin trial of the war criminals in a special tribunal.

The daylong celebrations began with a colourful procession in the morning. Carrying

observed

in Geneva

The Bangladesh mission in

Geneva observed the Victory

Day in a befitting manner

yesterday, says a press

a session of special prayers.

The programmes of the

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release.

Liberation War.

Liberation War.

of her father, Prof Jyotirmoy

moments of victory in the

Dr Debapriya paid tributes to

valiant freedom fighters and

the indomitable will of the

people of Bangladesh to

Victory Day is being defined

by the ensuing democratic

transition and

institutionalisation of pro-

offered for the salvation of the

martyrs of the Liberation War

and for the peace, progress

and prosperity of the nation.

Later, special prayers were

people governance, he said.

The context of this year's

overcome all challenges.

Speaking on the occasion,

banners, festoons and placards, hundreds of students, teachers and cultural activists joined the procession organised by Banglar Sangskriti Andolon.

It also organised a photo exhibition at Chhobir Hat opposite to the Fine Art Institute. In the afternoon, a cultural session was held at Bakul Tala of the institute.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union, a left-leaning student organisation, and Jubo Union jointly arranged a photo exhibition on the Liberation War at the base of Raju Memorial.

Students and teachers also expressed hatred to war criminals by throwing shoes at a pillar titled 'Razakar Ghrina Stambha' in front of DU Central Students' Union (Ducsu) Bhaban.

Another group of students under the banner of Prajonmo Ekattar formed a human chain on the campus with a call to reject war criminals in the

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina introduces Sagufta Yasmin Emily, the candidate of AL-led grand

Victory Day ACC probe against

12 begins

alliance from Munshiganj-2, at Baligaon School and College playground yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

upcoming polls.

Meanwhile, Liberation War Museum arranged a cultural programme on its premises at Shegunbagicha yesterday, the last day of its four-day Victory Day programme.

About 100 children participated in the programme.

The programme began with poetry recitation by the children of Charulata Academy in the morning and ended with a jatra in the evening.

Speaking on the occasion, poet and architect Rabiul Hossain said, "The Victory Day reminds us to be united against the anti-liberation forces."

Children from the Society for the Welfare of Autistic Children, Bodhon Aabritti Parishad (Chittagong) Baddhya Bhumir Santan Dal, Drupad Kala Kendra and Loko Natya Goshthi took part in the programme.

the HC stay orders on three

verdicts given against Orion

Italian team to

provide free

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A team of surgeons from the

Plastic Surgeons Interplast

Italy will visit Bangladesh to

provide free treatment to

patients at Burn and Plastic

Surgery Unit of Dhaka

Medical College Hospital

(DMCH) from December 30.

operation on burn victims,

acid attack victims and

lead the 12-member team.

outpatient department of

DMCH burn unit from

9:00am to 12:00 noon on

December 20 and 21 for

This team had visited

Bangladesh about 10 times

earlier and conducted free

surgery at DMCH, said

Prof Paolo Morselli will

patients with cleft lip.

primary selection.

treatment



Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed offers prayers after inaugurating the Bijoy Sarani-Tejgaon link road in the city yesterday.

## BIJOY SARANI-TEJGAON LINK ROAD OPENS CA calls for expansion of city road network

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed formally inaugurated the Bijoy Sarani-Tejgaon link road yesterday, which will help ease traffic congestion in the

The 1.11 km road, however, will open to traffic on March 26, the Independence Day, after full completion of the demolition of Rangs Bhaban at the Airport Road and construction of an overpass at Tejgaon level crossing.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief adviser said the road network of Dhaka city must be expanded to make it habitable and that the next government

Cop killed

in city road

accident

day morning.

headquarters.

motorbike.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A police constable was

killed in a road accident at

Jatrabari in the city yester-

fied as Masud Iqbal, 30, a

wheels of a speeding bus at

Jatrabari when he was com-

ing to the police headquar-

ters from his residence in

Narayanganj riding a

Police with the help of

Police sent the body to

College for autopsy.

The victim was identi-

to this issue.

part of projects under the Strategic Transport Planning (STP), he said the STP suggested construction of a number of east-west connecting

The caretaker government has already started preliminary work of mid- and longterm projects under STP, Fakhruddin said and hoped that the next government would give special attention to this scheme.

Speaking as the special guest, Communications Adviser Maj Gen (retd) Ghulam Quader said this road would play an important role should give special attention in reducing traffic congestion.

The demolition of Rangs Mentioning that the road is Bhaban will be completed next moth and it will take three months to construct the overpass, said an official of Rajuk

> Housing and Public Works Secretary ASM Rashidul Hai, who presided over the function, said construction of the link road was delayed due to some legal complications and deaths of some labourers in an accident during the demolition of the Rangs Bhaban.

A total of 68 structures including multistoried Rangs Bhaban, were demolished to make room for the road that leads to Shaeed Tajudding Sarani at Tejgaon.

decided not hold the pre-

students locked into an alter-

cation with passengers of a

a city-bound university bus

knocked the autorickshaw in

Brahmanhat area on the

Chittagong-Kaptai road on

Sources said some Cuet

scheduled examinations.

## Bar Council executives take office Dec 22

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The newly elected members of Bangladesh Bar Council, the highest body for regulating the country's lawyers, will take office at the first meeting of the councilon December 22.

The elected members of the Bar Council at the meeting will elect a vice chairman among them and form other standing committees to run the council for three years.

The vice chairman of the Bar Council works as its chief executive and the attorney general, the top law official of the government, functions as ex-officio

chairman of the council. Attorney General Salahuddin Ahmad will preside over the meeting to be held at the council building at 4:00pm

on December 22. The polling for 14 posts of members of the council was held on November 20.

The elected members are Shafique Ahmed, Abdul Baset Majumder, Syed Rezaur Rahman, Parimal Chandra Guha, ZI Khan Panna, Md Kamrul Islam, M Enayetur Rahim, Mohammad Israfil, AHM Khalequzzaman, AM Anwarul Kabir, Md Mesbahuddin Siraj and Md Yahiya, Abdul Malek and Badrul

Islam Chunnu. Sources said Shafique Ahmed and Abdul Baset Majumder are candidates for the post of vice chairman of the lawyers' licensing authority.

#### One murdered over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

One person was murdered over land dispute and leasing of a local launch station at Dakkhin Baliatali village of Muladi upazila in Barisal yesterday.

The victim was identified as Manan Sikdar, 45, son of late Rashid Sikder

Shyamol Kanti Biswas in the Police, witnesses and hospi-Cuet authorities in a tal sources said a group of statement said they also identified miscreants attacked Manan while he was going to Nomor Hut yesterday. They chopped him and left him beside road in critical condition. Locals rescued Manan and sent to Muladi health CNG-run autorickshaw when

> He succumbed to his injuries within an hour after admission in the hospital. Before his death he gave a dying statement, which was recorded by police.

#### Bahauddin Nasim freed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami Swechchhasebak League President AFM Bahauddin Nasim was released on a High Court bail on Monday.

Dhaka Central Jail Superintendent Towhidul Islam said Nasim was freed from the jail at 6:25pm.

#### Noman falls sick, hospitalised

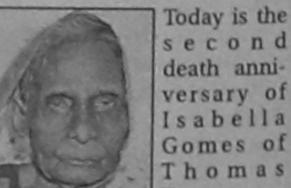
**CU CORRESPONDENT** 

Abdullah Al Noman, BNP joint secretary general and candidate for Chittagong-9 (Doublemooring Pahartali) constituency, fell sick while paying tribute to the martyred freedom fighters on the occasion of the Victory Day yesterday morning and later he was shifted to United Hospital in Dhaka.

Mentionable, Noman also fell sick on Sunday morning during an electoral campaign at Agrabad.

The doctors released Noman on Monday noon with an advice for complete rest for at least three days. But, he went for campaigning after release ignoring the advice.

Death anniversary METRO DESK



Isabella Gomes of Thomas Tower,

On the occasion, special prayers will be offered at Ramna Church in the city and beside her grave at Wari

Christian Cemetery. All have been requested to

Names of fake FFs, Rajakars on memorial!

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

People did not pay their tribute at the victory memorial on Satkhira Collectorate premises, as the authorities failed to inaugurate the memorial erasing the names of the fake freedom fighters and Rajakars engraved on the memorial.

The memorial, built at a cost of Tk 12.50 lakh, was ready for inauguration in 2005 but it is yet to be inaugurated amid protest from the freedom fighters. Local leaders of Bangla-

desh Muktijoddha Sangsad told this correspondent that the memorial plaque contains names of 31 freedom fighters, but many martyred freedom fighters were left out.

Besides, the plaque contains at least five fake freedom fighters, including a Rajakar (war criminal).

Deputy Commissioner Mizanur Rahman told this correspondent that the district administration only engraved the names given by the government. "We just followed the government list," he said.

He, however, said the issue has been forwarded to the liberation war affairs ministry for further decision.

ATTACK ON UK ENVOY Deposition ends

STAFF CORERESPONDENT, Sylhet

Recording of the deposition of prosecution witnesses in two cases, one for murder and the other for grenade attack on the British High Commissioner, ended at Sylhet Divisional Speedy TrialTribunalonMonday.

Judge Shamim Mohammad Afzal fixed December 17 for argument.

Anwar Choudhury along with 70 others were hurt in the grenade attack while three were killed on the premises of the shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal (RA) after Juma prayers on May 21, 2004.

TRIPLE MURDER

### Expat to die, 4 get life in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal yesterday handed down capital punishment to an expatriate and fined him Tk 10 lakh in a sensational triple murder case.

The Tribunal also sentenced his wife, two sons and a housemaid to life imprisonment for their involvement in the killings.

The prime accused was on locals caught the bus and the dock while the others had detained its driver. been at large and allegedly staying in the UK. Sir Salimullah Medical

The convicts are Haji Mahmud Ali, his sons Enamul Haque Tony, Inamul Haque Roney, their mother Banesa Begum and housemaid Bedana.

During their two-week According to prosecution, stay, the team will perform Mahmud of Ludonpur village under Jagonnathpur upazila in Sunamganj district called Mutalib, his son Mujahid and nephew Babul of the same village to his house on the plea Interested patients are of having important talks in the requested to contact the

evening of July 7, 2004. Earlier, Mutalib had proposed a marriage of his nephew Babul with Mahmud's daughter as they had developed relations.

Since the two families were not of same status, Mahmud felt insulted and for taking a revenge he called them to his house and fed them poisoned food causing their deaths the same night.

The next morning Mahmud filed a UD case claiming that the victims had died of taking adulterated liqour. But during the investiga-

tions, police came to know the fact and started a fresh case against Mahmud and his family members. They also filed charge sheet

against the five.

prosecution witnesses, Judge Shamim Mohammad Afzal sentenced Mahmud to death andfinedhimTk10lakh. The judge also sentenced

Tony, Roney and Banesa to life imprisonment and fined them Tk 2 lakh each, in default, to suffer two years more imprisonment. He also sentenced house-

maid Bedana to life imprisonment and fined her Tk 10,000, in dafault, to suffer two years more imprisonment. The tribunal judge also noted

in the judgment that the then Officer-in-Charge of Jagonnathpur Police Station Sub-Inspector Enamul Haque and Police Super of Sunamganj did not perform their duties properly in dealing with the case and its investigation. He ordered for sending a

officers.

copy of the judgment to the Inspector General of Police for taking legal actions against the

#### Students asked to vacate halls OUR CORRESPONDENT, CHT female students by 4:00pm. Earlier, the authorities Chittagong University of decided to close the university Engineering and Techat an emergency meeting of the nology (Cuet) was closed academic council with VC

Cuet closed sine die

sine die yesterday fellowing tense situation on the campus over Sunday's clash between students and outsiders.

Police arrested four constable of the police outsiders in this regard.

The angry students Jatrabari police said staged demonstrations at Masud was crushed under the academic building and in front of the the vice chancellor's office in the afternoon after the authorities declared the university closed for an indefinite period, sources said.

nesses said.

authorities asked the male students to vacate their

The students also clashed with police, wit-

Sunday evening. At least ten students were injured, two critically, in the clash, sources said. The criti-Meanwhile, the Cuet cally injured students are undergoing treatment at the Chittagong Medical College hostels by 2:00pm and Hospital.



Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka inaugurates Sector Commanders' Square at Osmany Udyan in the city yesterday.

#### 44 get honorary commission Delwar Hossain Khan, Honorary Abdul Baki, Master Warrant

Lieutenant M Jabed Ali, Honorary

UNB, Dhaka

A total of 44 armed forces personnel, including 36 from Honorary Lieutenant M Master Warrant Officer M Examining the records and Bangladesh Army and eight Shahjahan Mia, Honorary Jaherul Islam, Master Warrant from Bangladesh Navy, were granted honorary commission and promotion on the occasion of the Victory Day.

> lieutenants were promoted to the rank of honorary captain in the active list of Bangladesh Army. On the other hand, 23 master warrant officers of Bangladesh Army were promoted to the rank of honorary captain and eight master chief petty officers of Bangladesh Navy promoted to the rank of honorary sub-lieutenant.

These honorary promotion and honorary commission release said on Monday.

the rank of honorary captain in the army are Honorary Lieutenant M Mohiuddin Sarker, Honorary Lieutenant Paik Abu Taleb, Honorary Lieutenant Master Warrant Officer M Kalam Azad.

Lieutenant M Monirul Islam, Lieutenant SK Abul Kalam, Honorary Lieutenant M Ismail Majumder, Honorary Lieutenant M Badiuzzaman Khan, Honorary Of them, 13 honorary Lieutenant Mir Siddikur Rahman, Honorary Lieutenant M Zillur Rahman, Honorary Lieutenant Sheikh Tofael Ahmed and Honorary Lieutenant M Serajul Islam Mollah.

in the Army are Master Warrant Officer M Moklesur Rahman, Master Warrant Officer Mir Nasir Ahmed, Master Warrant Officer M Badiuzzaman, Those who were promoted to Master Warrant Officer M lieutenant are M Shahabuddin,

M Badshah Mia, Master Warrant Officer M Hafizur Rahman, Master Warrant Officer M Helaluddin, Master Warrant Officer M Abdul Mazid The junior commissioned Mia, Master Warrant Officer M officers who got commission in Mizanur Rahman, Master the rank of honorary lieutenant Warrant Officer AM Mashiur Rahman, Master Warrant Officer M Shahidul Islam Mondol and Master Warrant Officer M Ezaz Khan. The master chief petty officers will be effective from Master Warrant Officer M of the Bangladesh Navy who December 16, an ISPR press Abdul Kader, Master Warrant were granted commission in Officer M Abdul Barek Fakir, the rank of honorary sub-

Officer M Abdul Kader, Master

Warrant Officer M Abdul Jenan,

Officer Kazi M Abul Kalam

Azad, Master Warrant Officer M

Anisur Rahman, Master

Warrant Officer M Dabiruddin

Ahmed, Master Warrant Officer

Mohiuddin Khan, Master Shahidul Islam Hawladar, Shah Warrant Officer M Alamgir Murtuza Hossain, MYusuf Mia, Hossain Khan, Master Warrant M. Abdul Hai, M. Akter Hossain, Officer M Obaidul Haque, M Afazuddin and M Abul

# Kakrail in the city, says a press

pray for the departed soul.



The ten-day electoral debate on the theme 'Vision 2020 for Bangladesh' will begin. The Editor, an online news agency, organises the event Venue: Rabindra Shorobor. Time:

#### Seminar

Bangladesh Meteorological Department organises a seminar on 'Agrometeorology in the service of agriculture in Bangladesh'. Venue: Meteorological Department hall room. Time: 9:00am.

#### Manual launching

The launching ceremony of a polling agent manual will be held. National Democratic Institute prepared the manual. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre. Time: 11:00am.

#### Report presentation

The presentation of the 'Final' monitoring report on 2008 voter list in Bangladesh' will be held. SRS Research conducted the survey. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3:00pm.

#### Group Chairman Obaidul The Anti-Corruption Karim following a writ peti-Commission (ACC) has begun tion. Obaidul Karim was investigations against 12 people, including five former sentenced to lifetime, 13 years' and five years' imprislawmakers of BNP and one of onments in three separate Jamaat-e-Islami, as the Supreme Court (SC) removed the legal bar to starting the PLASTIC SURGERY

day included hoisting of the proceedings of the cases. national flag, discussion and Speaking at a routine press briefing at the ACC headquar-Ambassador and ters on Monday, ACC Director Permanent Representative Dr General (Admin) Col Hanif Debapriya Bhattacharya Iqbal said trials against some hoisted the national flag. He others, including ex-AL MP also presided over the discus-Habibur Rahman Mollah, also began in lower courts as Dr Meghna Guhathakurta,

the SC disposed of the HC who is now attending a UN stay order in this regard. The ACC commenced meeting on human rights in enquiries against former Geneva, shared her personal lawmakers Ilias Ali, Abul experiences during the Khayer Bhuiyan, Sarder Shakhawat Hossain Bakul, She recounted the killing MA Hashem and AKM Fazlul Haque Milon of BNP and Gazi Guhathakurta, a martyred Nazrul Islam of Jamaat in intellectual, and the exciting

separate cases. The commission also started investigations against Ilias Ali's wife Tahsina Rushdir, Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu's wife Salma Rahman, Tariqul Alam, Sultan

Mohammad Hiru and Tariqul Alam Khan. Enquiries against them were stopped midway as the HC stayed the proceedings following filing of writ peti-

tions with the court. Besides, trials started against former BNP lawmaker Kamal Ahmed Mazumder and Sylhet Mayor Badruddin Ahmed Kamran's

wife Asma Kamran.

UNB, Dhaka

Rajshahi.

Project Director of the Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit Dr The SC also disposed of Samantalal Sen.

Dry weather likely

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today. Moderate to thick fog may occur over the northern, western and central parts of the country and river basins during late night until morning. Light to moderate fog also may occur elsewhere over the country during the period.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said. Highest temperature 28.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 13.8 degrees Celsius at

The sun sets in the capital at 5:15pm today and rises at 6:35am tomorrow. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were: Humidityin Temperature in City/Town

	Celsius		percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	22.5	16.5	85	84
Chittagong	23.8	16.4	100	85
tajshahi	17.7	13.8	100	96
hulna	23.0	14.8	100	88
Barisal	24.2	14.5	100	91
vlhet	25.5	16.0	96	82
Cox's Bazar	28.8	16.5	74	76
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