Newspaper

ransacked

in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Some unruly youths ran-

sacked the office of a local

office

GEN MOEEN'S BOOK LAUNCHED

Army chief to write undisclosed events in history of army

Hopes Prof Muzaffer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

TIB Chairman Prof Muzaffer Ahmad yesterday said he General Moeen in his book expects that Army Chief talks about transparency in General Moeen U Ahmed various sectors, but not in the would write undisclosed army," he said and hoped that events in the history of the army chief would elabo-Bangladesh Army and suggest rate on the undisclosed facts ways to bring transparency to in the second edition of his

the armed forces. He was speaking as the chief guest at the publication ated the efforts of General ceremony of a book titled 'Shantir Swapney: Samayaer Smriticharan' (Dreams of by General Moeen at them," hesaid. Kurmitola Golf Club in the

entirely clear what actually happened in the army during 1/11 and in 1975, and also the events that led to the assassination of President Ziaur Rahman and those related to the regime of Ershad still Bangladesh, he said. remain undisclosed.

ters who serve in the army. But the people generally do not have clear idea about them.

Moeen highlighting the family values of sharing in his book.

"Many of us gain many

Prof Dr Syed Anwar Hossain of Dhaka University Prof Muzaffer said it is not said General Moeen's book is the one that will provoke future generation will be thoughts and inspire the inspired by it," the writer said, people to have dreams of a prosperous Bangladesh.

The book is a remarkable this book for a school. addition to the publications of

"It is our sons and daugh- hope and peace, General Asia Publications also spoke.

Moeen has become one of the writers in the history, who could make people optimistic about the future of the country, he added.

"This book will serve as a very important document having vital information. People usually do not write when they are in power. This book will be an important Prof Muzaffer also appreci- evidence of history," Prof Anwar said.

Speaking on the occasion, General Moeen said he was inspired by readers of his first peace: reminiscence of time) things, but do not share book 'Nirbachita Sankalan' to write the second book.

> "I love the soil of this country and the people and dream of their well-being. I hope the pledging that he would provide part of the royalties on

Novelist Imdadul Hoque Milan and publisher of the By writing this book of book Ismail Hossain Bakul of



PHOTO: STAR

of its 30th anniversary. Time: 8:30am.

Dhaka University will arrange the

3rd Mahatma Gandhi Memorial

Lecture 2009. Time: 11:30am.

A roundtable will be held on 'Energy

sector and people's expectations

hosted by the weekly news

magazine Shaptahik. Time:

10:00am. Venue: National Press

Painting competition

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad is

going to organise a painting

competition in observance of the

23rd anniversary of Rokeya's

Charter. Time: 2:00pm. Venue:

Sufia Kamal Bhaban, Segun

A special art exhibition titled 'Utshab'

by 26 contemporary artists will be

held. Time: 5:00pm. Venue: Galleri

UNAIDS is going to organise a red

ribbon fashion show 'UN Ball' in joint

collaboration with UNWA. Time:

Humidity in

Venue: RC Majumder auditorium.

Venue: Central Public Library.

Memorial lecture

Roundtable

Soroj Sangskriti Britta will hold a daylong programme at Bhawal Monoharia in Keraniganj today to mark the 2nd death anniversary of Waheedul Haque, eminent Tagore song exponent and journalist. The programme will begin

at Ati Bhawal High School with a drawing competition for children from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. An exhibition of drawings will also be held A discussion and cultural

programme will begin at 3:00pm. Economist Dr Atiur Rahman and cultural personality Aly Zaker will take part in the discussion.

Mita Haque, Khairul Anam Shakil, Partha Tanvir Noved, Chandana Majumder and Kajal Dewan will perform at the cultural programme.

DU SOCIAL WELFARE INSTI

Protest on against semester system

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students of social welfare institute at Dhaka University (DU) yesterday made their teachers hostage inside the institute building by locking the main gate to press home their demand for cancelling the decision of introducing semester system at masters

They locked the gate at around 4:30pm after getting a news that the academic committee meeting failed to take any decision regarding their demand.

The meeting was held to solve the problem after the students locked the institute building for about three and a half hours demanding the | noon. same on Wednesday.

Vice-Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddque rushed to the institute and assured the students of getting a solution by Sunday about their demand.

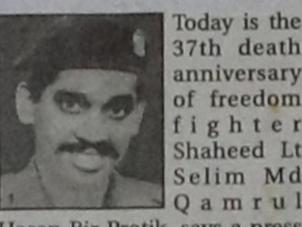
The students then unlocked the gate at around 5:30pm. They said they have passed

the honours examination under traditional system, and if the semester system is now imposed on them at the masters level they will have to suffer a lot. The institute authorities

said they have introduced the semester system considering the future of the students. They said the students

need to show results under grading system to get admission in foreign renowned universities. coordinated way.

Death anniversary



anniversary of freedom fighter Shaheed Lt Selim Md Qamrul

Hasan Bir Protik, says a press

On the occasion Qurankhwani will be held at the Dhaka Cantonment graveyard, a discussion, milad mahfil and special prayers will be held at Shaheed Lt Selim Shikshalaya at Modhubagh, Moghbazar in the city after Asr prayers.

Pass Upazila Parishad Ordn to strengthen local govt

Speakers urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a view exchange meeting yesterday urged the new government and parliament members to pass the Upazila Parishad Ordinance 2008 for strengthening the local government.

They also demanded of the government to enact new law so that lawmakers cannot upazila parishad.

The meeting titled 'Expected upazila parishad Strengthen local government' was organised by Governance Advocacy Forum at the National Press Club in the city. Eminent economist Dr

Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad

Osman's ideals

Youths urged

to follow

Shawkat

said lawmakers of the ninth parliament should pass the Upazila Parishad Ordinance.

"The new government will have to adopt proper policy about the relationship among the different bodies of local government. Relations among the union parishad, upazila parishad, district parishad, pourasava and city corporation will have to be clearly interfere with the activities of defined," said Kholiquzzaman, also presi-

dent of Bangladesh Economic

Association, while speaking as

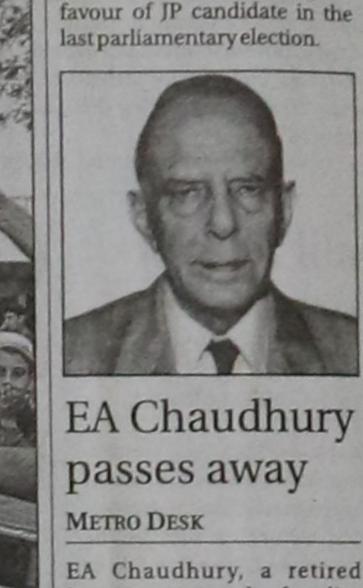
chief guest. professor of social welfare institute at Dhaka University, suggested enacting new law so

fere with the activities of upazila parishad.

Dr MM Akash, professor of economics at Dhaka University, urged the Awami League government to keep its election pledges for strengthening the local government.

Mahsin Ali, coordinator of Governance Advocacy Forum, called upon the government and Election Commission to hold zila parishad, pourasava and city corporation elections as soon as possible.

Dr Jarina Rahman Khan, professor of public adminis-Dr ASM Atiqur Rahman, tration at Dhaka University, and Ranjan Karmaker, executive director of Steps Towards Development, also addressed that lawmakers cannot inter- the meeting.



Policemen take an accused in a murder case from Dhaka Medical College Hospital to jail by a rickshaw yesterday. The accused, Harun, underwent treatment in the hospital for three days.

Presidential polls

FROM PAGE 1 proposal to Speaker Abdul Hamid for holding the election

on February 18. As per electoral laws, the EC had to consult the speaker gazette, clearing the way for since the election will be held Zillur to take oath as new when parliament is in session and the House will be used as

polling venue, if the election is contested. According to the polls

schedule, nomination papers have to be submitted to Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) ATM Shamsul Huda, who is returning officer (RO) of the polls, from 9:00 am to 4:00pm on February 8. Scrutiny of those will be held at 10:00 am on February 9.

The last date for withdrawal of candidacy is February 11 till 4:00pm.

The EC has prepared electoral roll for the election with 294 legislators of the ninth parliament on the list, as byelection to six seats vacated by the chiefs of AL, BNP and Jatiya Party were yet to be held.

If everything goes smoothly, veteran politician and Deputy Leader of the House Zillur Rahman is going to be elected president uncontested on ruling Awami League nomination as the main opposition BNP will not nominate ay 1978, the third on November contender.

Secretariat said if there is only sixth on August 22, 1996, sevone candidate for the post, enth on November 14, 2001 Zillur Rahman will be declared and the eighth on September elected on expiry of the time 16,2002.

believe in preserving human

rights. "I am extremely against

any type of extra-judicial

killing. Every person preserves

the right to get help of the law,"

limit for withdrawal of candi dacy -- 4:00pm on February 11. On February 12, the EC

Secretariat will publish the election results in the president.

This will end the controversial tenure of incumbent President Iajuddin Ahmed.

Since the restoration of parliamentary democracy in 1991, only the presidential election held in that year was contested as the then opposition AL had its nominee in the election.

And the presidential elections held in 1996, 2001 and 2001 were uncontested.

Meanwhile, Iajuddin's tenure as present expired on September 5, 2007 but a new president could not be elected as there was no parliament. So, he continued to hold the

office. As per constitutional provision, a new president is going to be elected within 30 days of first sitting of the 9th parliamentheld on January 25.

After the independence of Bangladesh, the first presidential election was held on April 8, 1973, the second on June 3, 15, 1981, fourth on October 15, Officials in the EC 1986, fifth on October 8, 1991,

Hasina said the main spirit

The PM also called for

taking effective steps to remove

expatriates living in the EU

of work of hers and her gov-

ernment's is to ensure maxi-

mum welfare of the people.

Chehlum of



Sobhan, a freedom fighter, former secretary and former chairman of Uttara Bank Ltd, will be held after Juma prayers

press release.

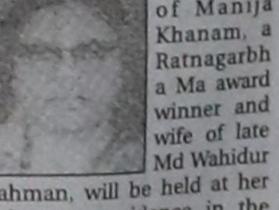
requested to attend the programme and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

month and was laid to rest at his family graveyard with state

He was one of the officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani



wife of late Md Wahidur Kalyanpur residence in the city after Asr prayers today,

She passed away due to old age complications on January

She left behind her four sons and five daughters to mourn her death.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna | Annual conference The 23rd annual conference 2008 of Bangladesh Law Association will be held: Time: 9:30am. Venue: Qazi

(From right) Prof Syed Anwar Hossain, Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, General Moeen U Ahmed and novelist

Imdadul Hoque Milan hold copies of a book titled 'Shantir Swapney' by General Moeen at its publica-

tion ceremony at Kurmitola Golf Club in the city yesterday.

Pillar damaged

as steamer hits

Rupsha Bridge

Khan Jahan Ali Bridge (Rupsha

bridge) suffered damage as

one of its protection pillars

was severely hit by BIWTC

rocket steamer MV Ostrich on

The accident occurred at

Eyewitnesses said two

navigational lights were also

badly damaged as the steamer

collided with supporting

pavement of the pillars of the

struck by the accident were

offloaded from the 80-year-

old vessel and brought to the

shore with the help of country

boats and trawlers. None of

BIWTC Manager Sheikh

Pilot Officer of the steamer

Feroze claimed that the

steamer suffered a severe

Md Lutfor Rahman and

Caretaker of the bridge Md

Monirul Islam lodged two

separate general diaries with

the Rupsha Police Station in

that the pilot officer was doz-

ing when the accident

Documentary

The Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh

(WTB) and Global Science

Productions (GSP) have jointly

produced a documentary on

gibbons (Ulluk) titled 'Gibbons:

screened at WTB office in

Cosmos Centre in the city's

utive producer of GSP, and his

TV crews will be there to

address the viewers, said a

air the documentary some

Private TV, Channel i, will

WTB press release.

time later.

Dr Elliott H Haimoff, exec-

Malibagh area at 10am today.

The documentary will be

The Forgotten Apes in Peril'.

on gibbons

Some passengers alleged

damage of Tk30 lakh.

this connection.

occurred.

UNB, Dhaka

Later, passengers awe-

4:15am on Wednesday as the

pilot master of the steamer

lost its control to move prop-

Wednesday morning.

due to the accident.

erly due to dense fog.

Tk 482-crore bridge.

them was hurt.

The steamer bound for Dhaka from Khulna carrying less than 100 passengers also suffered extensive damages

Seminar

Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies will hold a tripartite seminar on the 60th anniversary of ILO Convention on Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining, Time: 9:00am. Venue: Biam Multipurpose Hall.

A musical soiree of Palligeeti (rural

Bhaban. Rally

hold a colourful rally on the occasion

Motahar Hossain (Science Annex) Building, Dhaka University.

Documentary show

Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh and Global Science Productions are going to show a documentary on gibbons. Time: 10:00am. Venue: Cosmos Centre, Malibagh.

Drawing competition

A painting competition organised by Nitya Upahar will be held. Time: 9:00am. Venue: Institute of Fine Art, Dhaka University. Musical soiree

poet Jasimuddin. Time: 7:00pm.

Venue: Chhayanaut Sangskriti

songs) will be organised in honour of

Bishwa Shahitya Kendra is going to 6:30pm. Venue: Hotel Radisson.

Bagicha.

Exhibition

Fashion show

Fall in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

City/Town

Weather is likely to remain dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Light to moderate fog may occur over the country during late night till morning, Met Office said. Night temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country.

Highest temperature 30.5 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 10.0 degrees Celsius at Srimongal.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:44pm today and rises at 6:40am tomorrow. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Temperature in

Celsius percentage Evening Morning Min Max Dhaka 27.6 15.4 34 29.5 17.8 78 Chittagong 11.0 63 26.3 77 Rajshahi 17.0 67 Khulna 27.0 15.5 28.3 90 Barisal 28.2 14.4 86 Sylhet Cox's Bazar 66 30.5 18.0

One held for making fake nat'l ID cards STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-4 arrested a

man for making fake 'National Identity (ID) Cards' in Savar on Wednesday night. They also seized 34 fake cards from his possession Rab-4 also seized a personal computer, a scanner and

He was identified as Mahibur Rahman, 32, son of Abdul Hakim of Karnapara in

a printer from Dallas Studio

owned by the culprit at Ulain

Lt Commander Ariful Islam led the Rab team which conducted the raid at around 9.30 on Wednesday night. Mahibur said he had been making the fake cards for over three months, Rab sources said. He said that he would make

cannot get jobs in local garment factories, as they are under the age of 18 and not legally eligible toworkatthefactories. Mahibur said he charged

over Tk 300 for each fake card.

fake ID cards for the people who

on Waheedul STAFF CORRESPONDENT The 92nd birth anniversary of Haque's death Shawkat Osman was celebrated yesterday with paying a anniversary befitting tribute to the memory of the eminent litterateur.

To mark the day, Shawkat Osman Smriti Parishad organised a programme on the Liberation War Museum premises in the city. The speakers at the func-

tion said Shawkat was dynamic, creative and modern both in his dress and address and the young generation should follow his life and works. Through his writings, the great writer had taught us to

become real and ideal human beings and to stand against fundamentalism, they said, adding that everybody should followhis ideologies. They further said that his creativeness and thoughts on

the spirit of the liberation war were a source of inspiration of the young generation to go The writer's son and State Minister for Science and ICT

Yafes Osman said his father was, in fact, a humanitarian and politically conscious person. "Though my father was a litterateur, he actually wanted to be a politician. He wrote in his works that he could not be

he added. Artist Hashem Khan said Shawkat Osman could attract the people by his creative and

a politician due to his weak-

ness to his family members,"

humorous personality. Enayet addl attorney general

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supreme Court lawyer M Enavetur Rahim was appointed additional attorney general (AAG) of the country vesterday.

President Iajuddin Ahmed

appointed the law officer who joined his office in the after-Enayet told The Daily Star that he would try to discharge his duties with honesty and

sincerity. A former secretary of Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), Enayet was enrolled as an HC lawyer on January 2, 1986 and as an Appellate Division lawyer on May 15, 2002.

Opposition to get all facilities and her government firmly

Dhaka Dr Stefan Frowein called on her at the Prime Minister's Office, when human

came up prominently during discussion. Hasina said Bangladesh will have to be built up as a modern and prosperous country with all parties concerned working in a joint and

rights situation in Bangladesh

work unitedly, we will be able to build up Bangladesh as a developed country, thus allowing people to have an improved life," she told the EU mission. The PM on behalf of her

government and party thanked the EU for its support and assistance in restoring and strengthening democracy in the country through a "free, fair, neutral and acceptable election" on December 29, 2008. Hasina and the EU delega-

rights condition of Bangladesh, judicial killings. The PM said she personally

tion also discussed the human

she said. Hasina, who was among sufferings of the Bangladeshi many high-profile persons held under emergency rules during the past interim regime, said: "I was arrested mainly for my stand against "I am confident if we all can violation of human rights."

Hasina observed that development in Bangladesh did not take place at an optimum level in the past for disruption in democratic system.

in the people. Government,

people will work unitedly to attain overall development," she told the EU delegation. The PM sought increased EU cooperation and its more investment in Bangladesh to expedite socioeconomic the days to come.

with special reference to extra-requested to help Bangladesh in facing the challenges of climate change due to global

development of the country.

countries. Through discussion steps can be taken to solve the problems of the Bangladeshi expatriates, she said. Hasina said Bangladesh

attaches due importance to its existing friendly relations with the EU-member countries. Earlier, High Commissioner of Singapore Vershese Mathews paid a

"But I have full confidence courtesy call on Hasina at the Prime Minister's Office. They discussed various issues of mutual interest and hoped that the existing bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Singapore

would strengthen further in

Secretary of the Prime The Europeans were also Minister's Office Kazi Aminul Islam and PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad were present during the meetings.

daily yesterday evening for publishing a news item on the expulsion of Fulchhari upazila Awami League president Akbar Hossain, also the upazila chairman. Akbar, the local goons vandalised the office furniture.

Police said being enraged at the publication of the news item against Fulchhari upazila AL president, a group of youths attacked the office of the Janosanket. Led by Jimy, grandson of

telephone set, fax machine and left the spot threatening the journalists. The news published in the daily mentioned that Fulchhari upazila AL committee at an extended meeting expelled three office bearers, including president, for working in



passes away

inspector general of police and former chairman of Pubali Bank, passed away due to old-age complications at the United Hospital in Dhaka on January 28 at the age of 84, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death. He will be buried in Sylhet

after Juma prayers today His qulkhwani will be held at his Gulshan residence on February 2 after Maghrib

Prof Masuda Khanam



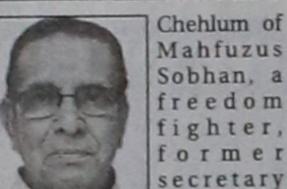
Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), passed away due to a cardiac arrest at BSMMU in the city on Wednesday at the

age of 58, says a press release. Prof Masuda, wife of late businessman MA Rashid, left behind her one daughter and one son to mourn her death.

Her Qulkhwani will be held at her Dhanmondi residence after Maghrib prayers tomorrow.

Chehlum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

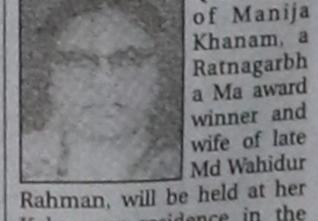


today at his village home in Peerpur under Kuliachar upazila in Kishoreganj, says a Relative and admirers are

Mahfuzus Sobhan died last

of Mujibnagar government in

Qulkhwani



says a press release