TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS

Names of probe agency, prosecutors in 2 days

Says state minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The names of investigation agency and prosecutors will be announced within a day or two for the trial of war criminals, said State Minister for (retd) Tajul Islam yesterday.

"We are taking time so that from abroad. no question can arise in the

process of the trial," he said. The state minister was talking to journalists after a discussion on the fourth death anniversary of the Commander of the India-Bangladesh Joint Forces in the

(retd) Jagjit Singh Aurora at Suhrawardy Udyan in the city. It was organised by Foundation (BMF).

Tajul said the government Liberation War Affairs Captain is working to bring back home the fugitive war criminals

The government will also Sector Commanders' Forum. build a memorial exclusively for the allied forces at the Muktijuddho Complex at ·Suhrawardy Udyan, he added.

Deputy Speaker of parliament Col (retd) Shawkat Ali said the death anniversary of war.

1971 Liberation War Lt Gen Lt General (retd) Aurora will be observed with special importance next year.

"We have to honour those Bangladesh Muktijoddha who helped us in liberating our country. If we fail to honour them, we will not get the right direction from our history," said KM Shafiullah, chairman of the BMF and

> BMF also submitted memorandum to the state minister and Dhaka City Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka demanding steps to protect the history of the liberation



their extradition with the Indian

diplomat. They discussed mat-

ters regarding extradition of

intruders from both countries,

sioner said that a secretary-level

meeting would be held soon,

after the inception of the new

government in India, in which

ways to tackle regional terrorism

will be discussed. Extradition of

those staying illegally will also be

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Mass-line Media Centre and

Unesco jointly organise a

roundtable on 'Why broadcasting

law is required in Bangladesh'

marking the World Press Freedom

Day. Venue: Cirdap auditorium.

The convocation of Stamford

University Bangladesh will be

held. Venue: Bangladesh-China

Friendship Conference Centre.

Japan-Bangladesh Group

organises a seminar on automatic

payment system solution. Venue:

Humidityin

Westin Hotel. Time: 5:30pm.

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discussed at the time, he said.

Roundtable

Time: 9:00am.

Time: 11:30am.

Seminar

Convocation

The Indian high commis-

Bangladesh Muktijoddha Foundation places a wreath at Muktijuddho Complex at Suhrawardy Udyan in the city yesterday on the occasion of the 4th death anniversary of Commander of the India-Bangladesh Joint Forces during the Liberation War in 1971 Lt Gen (retd) Jagjit Singh Aurora.

Delhi urges Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

India has called on Bangladesh

government to strengthen its

surveillance on Indian terrorists

hiding inside the country in view

of the ongoing general election

in the northeastern states of

Pinak Ranjan Chakravarti made

the request during a meeting

with the State Minister for Home

Affairs Tanjim Ahmad Sohel Taj

meeting, Pinak said, "We have

requested the Bangladesh gov-

ernment to intensify its vigilance

similar request from the Indian

Foreign Secretary Shivshankar

Menon during his visit to

Indian envoy handed over a list

of the top Indian terrorists

thought to be hiding in

the Indian high commissioner of

taking necessary steps in this

regard. Sohel Taj told the envoy

that Bangladesh would not allow

any criminals to use her soil

against any of its neighbours,

especially India, meeting

Sohel Taj said a good number of

Bangladeshi terrorists are also in

hiding in India and he discussed

Talking to reporters later,

The state minister assured

At yesterday's meeting, the

Pinak's request follows a

on terrorists hiding here."

Bangladesh recently.

Bangladesh.

sources said.

Talking to reporters after the

at the latter's office yesterday.

Indian High Commissioner

India.

Strengthen vigilance

on Indian terrorists

ARMS CASES AGAINST DIPJOL

SC stays HC orders for three weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday stayed for three weeks the High Court (HC) orders that quashed two arms cases against actor and Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) ward councillor Monwar Hossain Dipjol, in which he was sentenced in absentia to 24 years' imprisonment by the trial court

Upon two separate petitions filed by the government, chamber judge of the Appellate Division Justice Md Abdul Aziz also asked the government to file regular leave to appeal petitions with the SC against the HC verdicts within three weeks.

The HC on April 26 delivered the verdicts quashing two arms cases against Dipjol following his two separate quashment petitions.

On December 10 last year, Dipjol, also a BNP leader, was sent to jail, a day after he was arrested from a house at Adabar in the city after two years in hiding.

Dipjol, who went into hiding after January 11, 2007, was earlier given 45 years' imprisonment for possessing illegal firearms and ammunition and dodging income tax while his wife Romana, now on bail, was given seven years' jail for the same offences.

Additional Attorney General M Enayetur Rahim appeared for the government.

Faruq BJA

Sheikh Faruq Hossain was elected chairman of the executive committee of Bangladesh Jute Association (BJA) for the term 2009-10,

Niaz Ahmed -- senior vicechairman and Abdus Sobhan -

 vice-chairman. Members of the body are Rezaul Karim, Tareq Afzal, Firoz Alam, Sheikh Zahurul Islam, Jahidul Islam, Sirajul Islam Molla, Nando Kishor Agarwal, Sheikh Syed Ali, Sheikh Kawsar Ali, Alhaj Harun ur Rashid Madhusudan Shaha, Delwar Hossain, Khandaker Alamgir Kabir, KB Jaman and Chaitanya Kumar Sarker.

Five DU teachers fired for overstaying abroad

DU CORRESPONDENT

Five Dhaka University (DU) teachers have been terminated for overstaying in foreign countries without taking permission from the concerned authorities.

The decision was taken at a syndicate meeting on April 22 with DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique in the

The teachers who were terminated include Assistant Prof Md Aminul Islam Mollik and Lecturer Md Nazrul Islam of Applied Chemistry and Chemical Technology department, Assistant Prof Enamul Karim and Farjana Mithun of Computer Science and Technology department and Assistant Prof Md Ekramun Nobi of Chemistry department.

Sources said the syndicate also accepted a resignation letter submitted by Assistant Prof Omar Faruq of Finance department in response to a notice sent by the authorities asking him of rejoining his department. The teacher was on extra leave while he was staying outside the country without informing the authorities.

Nazrul Islam had enjoyed six year's permitted leave from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2008 and since then he was absent from DU, while Aminul Islam was absent in the last 10 years without taking the permission.

The six-year leave of Enamul Karim ended on January 2008. Since then, he did not come back to his department and even inform anything to the authorities, sources added.

Another teacher Ekramun Nobi was overstaying outside the country after completing his legal leave since January 1, 2007.

Sources further said that separate notices were served on each of the teachers after completion of their leave asking them to return to their respective departments. But none of them responded to the notices.

CHT FAMILY COURTS HC rule on govt to explain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday issued a rule upon the government to explain within three weeks why it (government) should not be directed to establish family courts in three hill districts of the country.

An HC bench of Justice ABM Khairul Haque and Justice Md Mamtazuddin Ahmed issued the rule upon a writ petition jointly filed by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) and Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK).

The petitioners stated in the petition that the government will set up family courts in all the districts except three hill districts as per Section 1(2) of the Family Courts Ordinance 1985 which is inconsistent with the Constitution of the republic.

The government has established judge's courts in the three hill districts as per the HC verdict, but the family courts cannot be established in those districts due to the Section 1(2) of the Family Courts Ordinance 1985, the petition said.

It also said that 89.35 percent of the total people in the hill districts are of Muslim and other communities and they are being deprived of justice in family related cases.

Advocate Idrisur Rahman, assisted by Advocate Toufiqul Islam and Advocate Hafizur Rahman, moved the petition.

Protect dignity of Aparajeyo Bangla

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Students and teachers of the department of Development Studies at Dhaka University yesterday urged all not to paste posters on the Aparajeyo Bangla to protect its dignity, says a press release.

They also called on all not to throw rubbish at the altar of the sculpture as it reflects the national unity and it is part of the glorious history of the country.

They made the call while conducting a cleanliness drive at its altar.

Students of the department started the drive at around 9.30am. Chairman of the department Dr Taibur Rahman and two teachers of the department took part in the drive.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stands in silence after placing a wreath at the mazar of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara in Gopalganj yesterday.

Govt to work for all irrespective of party, belief: Hasina

UNB, Tungipara

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina the country," she said. said her government would ensure development of all people irrespective of party and belief, no matter who voted for it and who did not.

"The present government believes in balanced development. We will not treat people from the considerations of who voted for us and who didn't. The government will work for everyone of the country," she said.

Hasina was addressing a view exchange meeting with government officials and local people at Bangabandhu Bhaban at Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Mazar Complex at noon.

Prime Minister's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad briefed newsmen after the meeting.

Earlier in the morning, Hasina placed a wreath at Bangabandhu's mazar. After placing the wreath, the PM stood in solemn silence for a few moments and offered special prayers for salvation of the departed soul of the Father of the Nation.

A smartly turned-out contingent of the Armed Forces presented salute in honour of the great leader.

During the meeting, Hasina said Gopalganj, the birthplace of Bangabandhu, remained neglected for long, resulting in lack of development at desired level in the district.

"However, the present government will chalk out its keeping in view the whole of Poor Children Rehabilitation

She said the government will increase the navigability of the streams, a need of the time to save river bank people from disastrous erosion and flooding.

As the problems of poor sections of people, including fishermen, were raised during the programme, she said the government is pledge-bound to make sure welfare of the mass people.

demanded of the PM to fully

development programmes activate the Sheikh Russel

PM's younger sister Sheikh dredge the major rivers to Rehana accompanied her during the visit.

Commerce Minister Faruq Khan, Adviser to the Prime Minister Major General (Retd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique, Awami League advisory coun-

cil member Kazi Akramuddin Ahmed, Gopalganj district AL President Mohammad Ali Khan Abu Miah and General Secretary Emdadul Haque The local people Chowdhury were present on the occasion.

Nat'l cell to monitor acid throwing cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The home ministry yesterday formed a national cell to monitor the progress in disposing of the acid throwing cases. A joint secretary (police) of

the ministry will head the cell, said Home Minister Sahara Khatun while talking to reporters after a meeting of the National Acid Control Council at the ministry.

The government formed another committee consisting of representatives from police, law ministry, women and children affairs ministry which would suggest necessary amendments to Acid Control Act.

A joint secretary of the home the acid victims.

ministry would head the com-

Sahara said only 195 cases were disposed of among 1611 cases related to acid violence filed to date from 2002. "During the period, 449

people were arrested on charges of having involveme nt in acid throwing," she added. The home minister said 3212

people were accused of such crime during the period. Of them, 12 were sentenced

to death, 93 given lifetime imprisonment while 155 got other punishment. She said 1k 2 crore would be

allocated for legal assistance, treatment and rehabilitation of

Iwo 15 bodies tormed

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committee on power and energy sector formed a threemember sub-committee, led by Brig (retd) Enamul Haq, while Prof Amanullah will lead a three-member subcommittee formed by the standing committee on health

Chief of the standing committee on energy and power Shubid Ali Bhuiyan said a new power plant will start operation in June and will add around 1,000 megawatt (MW) to the national grid to help ease the present power crisis.

He, however, did not say which plant was coming into operations and on which day.

Mongla Port new chairman takes over

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Commodore M Faruk of Bangladesh Navy has taken over charge as chairman of Mongla Port Authority on deputation.

The understaffed Mongla Port Authority (MPA) has been in grip of temporary officials and officials on deputation since last three years. It does not have necessary manpower to run the administration smoothly and properly.

Bhuiyan refuted the former will take its next course of government added 1,280MW electricity to the national grid when they were calling the

Shubid Ali Bhuiyan, after a three-hour meeting at the parliament building, said the BNP chairperson's claim at Paltan Maidan Saturday about power generation during her tenure was a "political speech". He also said they recom-

mended the government to waive all import taxes on equipment related to power and energy sectors. The committee also recommended bringing transparency in the sector to get rid of the "bad image"

The committee also made recommendations for relaxing conditions of tender for power projects to speed up the pro-

"We have formed a threemember sub-committee and assigned it to investigate alleged irregularities and misappropriation of money during the BNP-led government," Shubid Ali said, adding that the sub-committee has also been asked to look into the tenure of the caretaker govern-

The two other members of the committee are Fazle Nur Taposh and Mujibur Rahman

The standing committee and equipment.

premier Khaleda Zia's claim action based on the report of that the BNP-led alliance the sub-committee, said Shubid Ali.

The committee also asked the authorities concerned to disconnect all illegal electricity Chairman of the committee connections. It also asked the authorities

> to take steps to reduce systems loss, including frequent inspections at industries and better power management. "We will visit different power plants in phases to

> observe how they are working to reduce systems loss," Shubid Ali said. At present, systems loss is about 15 percent, he Shubid Ali said they recom-

> mended that the government encourage people to use solar power to reduce pressure on conventionally generated electricity. The committee in the meet-

> ing expressed hope that the power crisis will ease up as irrigation for boro rice, which consumed a large chunk of power, is over.

> The committee chief claimed that about 4,162MW of power was generated Saturday, which is a record.

The parliamentary standing committee on health sector vesterday formed the threemember sub-committee to investigate alleged irregularities and corruption in health sector especially in the purchase of medical materials

Khaleda won't be evicted

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cognisance for trial a number of cases including some against Khaleda and Sheikh Hasina. As a judge of the HC, he

Khaleda or Hasina, they observed. Khaleda's lawyer Barrister

cannot hear the petitions of

Moudud Ahmed told the newspersons the HC adjourned the hearing of the petition following submission of the attorney general that the government will not disturb Khaleda in next seven days. He said they have moved the

petition for protecting the rights of Khaleda, as the government is trying to evict her from her residencein "political intention".

As Khaleda's writ was placed for hearing yesterday, the attorney general prayed to the HC bench of Justice Zinat Ara and Justice Abdul Hakim to give him

one week's time for taking

petition on behalf of the govern-Khaleda's lawyers told the

court the government has issued a notice asking their client to vacate the house within 15 days and the time limit expires tomorrow.

hearing the writ yesterday, saying if the HC does not stay the government notice, the government may evict her from herhouse after May 5. Before submitting the writ to

this HC bench, a number of BNP lawyers including TH Khan, Khandaker Mahbubuddin Ahmed, Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar and Barrister Moudud Ahmed yesterday submitted the petition for hearing before the HC bench of Justice Tariq ul Hakim and Justice M Azizul Haque.

As this bench felt embar-

preparation for moving the rassed, the lawyers approached the bench of Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain and Justice Quamrul Islam Siddiqui for hearing the matter. This bench

also felt embarrassed. Khaleda filed the writ with the HC yesterday morning to stay the government decision cancelling the allotment of the They prayed to the court for cantonment residence and to issue a rule upon the government to explain why the government decision should not be

declared illegal.

She stated in the petition that the government notice asking her for vacating the cantonment house is "illegal, malafide and without jurisdiction since there are no provisions for cancellation of allotment of the house, no time limit of the allotment and no such condition that she cannot carry out political activities from that house"

BNP'S MAY DAY RALLY AL men blamed for creating obstacle STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leaders yesterday alleged that ruling party cadres and law enforcers created obstacles to its leaders and workers in different areas on way to the Saturday's May Day rally so that many people could not turn up at the

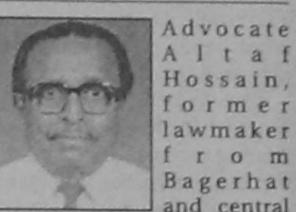
"The government launched drives in different places in the city on Friday night to arrest BNP leaders and workers so that the rally could not succeed, but failed," Rizvi Ahmed said while talking to reporters at the party

chairperson's Gulshan office. Criticising the government for creating obstacles, he said many people from adjacent districts of the capital could not attend the rally which was organised by Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal, labour wing of BNP.

Jubo Dal General Secretary Moazzem Hossain Alal was

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Bagerhat committee member of BNP. passed away at Bangladesh Medical College and Hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 75, says a press release.

Advocate

He left behind his wife, two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his He was buried at Banani graveyard after namaz-e-

janaza at Banani

Chairmanbari mosque yes-Shahar Banu

METRO DESK



Engineering University School and wife of late Prof ABM Khalid, former dean of the Faculty of Business Studies of Dhaka University, passed

Singapore on Saturday at the age of 60. She left behind two daughters, sons-in-law, a grandchild and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her

away at Gleneagles Hospital in

death. Her body was flown to

Dhaka yesterday evening. Her body would be taken to Engineering University Higher Secondary School at 10:00am this morning to enable the students, teachers and staffs of the school to pay their last respect.

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held at the Taqwa Mosque (adjacent to Dhanmondi Lake) in the city after Zohr prayers today and then she will be laid to rest at Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard at Mirpur in the city in the afternoon.

Mahfuza Khatun Lily

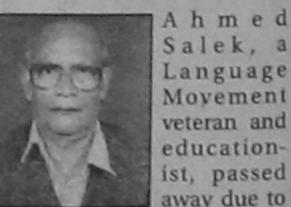
STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Angels Kindergarte n School and wife of former Public Service Commission member late Ekramul Huq, passed away at her residence at Sir Syed Road at Mohammadpur in the city last night at the age of 95, says a press release.

She will be laid to rest at Mirpur Martyred Intellectual Graveyard after namaz-ejanaza at Iqbal Road mosque after Zohr prayers today.

Ahmed Salek OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh



Movement veteran and educationist, passed away due to old-age complications at Mymensingh Medical College

the age of 72. He left behind his wife, five sons, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his

Hospital yesterday morning at

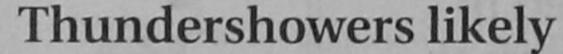
death. He was buried at Golkibari graveyard after namaz-ejanaza at Government Ananda Mohan College ground after

Asr prayers.

chairman STAFF CORRESPONDENT

says a press release. Other office-bearers are S





City/Town

UNB, Dhaka Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna,

Barisal and Chittagong divisions in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the

country during the period, Met Office said.

in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Temperature in

5:21am tomorrow. Country's highest temperature 38.2 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 19.9 degrees Celsius at Feni. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded

The sun sets in the capital at 6:29pm today and rises at

Celsius percentage Morning Evening Max Min Dhaka 33.3 22.0 75 Chittagong 21.4 31.8 82 32.4 Rajshahi 22.6 84 Khulna 37.5 26.8 Barisal 33.5 25.5 21.5 Sylhet 33.2 70 Cox's Bazar 32.5 21.5