One held for

domestic help

Police arrested a film actress on charges of torturing a domestic help from her resi-

dence in the city's Uttara area

Nishi tortured Runa Akhter

Nupur, 14, and confined her to

4:00pm yesterday and

Station said she tortured

Nupur on May 19 for stealing

valuables from her residence

and since then she did not

Nishi used to torture her over

Police quoting Nupur said

Nupur also said that she

Humayun Chy

Senior journalist Dr Humayun

Kabir Chowdhury, former

corporate manager of

Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha

and a special correspondent of

the New Nation, passed away

due to prolonged illness on

Sunday night at a city hospital

passes away

Nishi at Uttara Police

Police said Nargis Akhter

On information, they

rescued Nupur at around

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

torturing

yesterday.

a room on May 19.

arrested Nishi.

allowher to go out.

trifling matters.

BSS, Dhaka

did not steal anything.

Regional cooperation a must to counter radicalisation

Speakers tell roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Regional and global cooperation is needed to combat terrorism and radicalisation in the South Asian region, said former diplomats and international relations experts at a secretary and adviser to a roundtable vesterday.

They said Bangladesh should take holistic approach and adopt appropriate policy and strategy to fight terrorism

The roundtable titled 'Countering radicalisation in South Asia: Bangladesh perspective' was organised by Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) at its audito-

27TH BCS EXAM

to resolve

crisis soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary sub

committee on the crisis involv-

ing 1,022 BCS candidates, who

had qualified in the first phase

of the 27th BCS examination,

will make 'satisfactory' recom-

mendations soon, chief of the

ABM Golam Mostafa, con-

vener of the sub-committee,

told journalists that their rec-

ommendations might make

formed by the parliamentary

standing committee on estab-

lishment ministry, at a meeting

yesterday discussed legal

aspects of the recommenda-

disqualified in a second viva

voce conducted by the Public

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

who also holds charge of the

establishment ministry, sent a

letter to the PSC concerning

large number of candidates has

been destroyed, the letter said.

Mostafa said they are working

will forward that to the estab-

Death anniversary

president of Lions District

315/B-2 and member of

Sociology Forum-78 batch of

University of Dhaka, says a

admirers are requested to pray

Group Capt Zia Uddin

Commander (AOC) of

Bangladesh Air Force, says a

mahfil will be held at

Mohakhali New DOHS

Mosque in Dhaka

Cantonment after Asr prayers.

have been requested to attend

and pray for salvation of his

Colleagues and admirers

On the occasion, a doa

Relatives, friends and

Today is the

sixth death

anniversary

of Ln Zia-

uddin

Ahmed

Chowdhury,

forme

Today is the

20th death

anniversary

of Group

Captain Zia

Uddin

Ahmed

former Base

lishment ministry.

METRO DESK

press release.

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departed soul.

Dr MA Sattar

for his departed soul.

in line with the PMO's desire.

It is not clear why future of a

Asked about the letter,

The sub-committee will

the problem.

Service Commission (PSC).

The 1,022 candidates were

On May 5, the office of

The sub-committee,

body said yesterday.

the candidates happy.

tions it wants to make.

JS body hopes

rium in the city.

Bangladesh failed to combat terrorism during a period from 2001 to 2005 as it tried to negate the reality tarnishing the image of the country, said CM Shafi Sami, former foreign caretaker government.

The country now needs to raise the issue at regional and international level to fight terrorism showing no tolerance to any kind of terrorist activities, he said.

The civil society of the country also needs to play an important role to de-motivate the youths, who were indoctrinated by the religious fanatics, not to be involved in terrorism, he added.

Abul Hasan Chowdhury, former state minister for foreign affairs, said regional cooperation in terms of technology and high level understanding is needed to combat

correct ourselves, we should border. generate spirit to fight terrorism," he added.

be interpreted to the youths as ethos of peace.

Recent results of votes in sion. Bangladesh and India reflect that the people of these two countries do not want radicalisation, said former ambassador Faruk Sobhan.

He said Pakistan had delayed in addressing the problem of religious fundamentalism and for that the country is now suffering.

METROPOLITAN/NEWS

He said regional cooperation is needed in addressing the root causes of terrorism "First of all we should as the terrorists have no

Prof Imtiaz Ahmed of international relations He said religion should also department at Dhaka University presented the keynote paper at the discus-

> Military experts and former ambassadors took part in the discussion chaired by BIISS Director General Maj Gen (retd) Md Monirul Islam.



Members of Physiotherapy Students Union continue their fast unto death amid rains at Central Shaheed Miner in the city yesterday demanding construction of College of Physiotherapy Bhaban.

CLASH WITH COPS

200 BNP activists sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

About 200 BNP men were sued yesterday for clashing with police at Kotwali in the city on Sunday.

A total of 15 people, including three policemen, were injured in the clash between BNP activists and police. Sub-Inspector (SI) Afaz

Uddin of Kotwali Police Station filed the case against

The number of bodies trans-

ported home in 2008 was

2,237, which had been 1,673 in

2007, 1,402 in 2006, 1,248 in

Mosharraf said deaths of

"As bodies are now being

five to six persons a day out of

70 lakh Bangladeshis abroad

brought home promptly and

records are maintained, you

have found the number

increasing. Corpses were not

brought home in the past and

reports of death were not also

arrest at a young age may not be

so usual. It may happen because

years of imprisonment each in

absentia, in the case filed by the

"But deaths due to cardiac

maintained properly."

of stress at work," he said.

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2005 and 788 in 2004.

are not abnormal.

Mohsin, Saikat, Ishak Sarkar and Mohammad Mohan and 150 to 200 unidentified people on charges of creating obstacles to the law enforcers in discharging their duties, holding rally without prior permission from the police and damaging police vehicle.

Naju, Mintu, Arif, Sheikh

However, no one has been arrested yet. Witnesses said the clash

erupted when the leaders and

crucial issue for the migrant

workers is that they borrow

money at high interest rates

and pay high cost to go abroad

not need to sell land or borrow

money to go abroad for jobs.

open soon, will help solve

strengthened the pre-briefing

sessions before the workers

leave home for overseas jobs

and formed committees at

thana levels to create mass

that causes their tension.

ing towards Dhaka Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office to submit a memorandum as part of the party's countrywide programme.

activists of BNP were march-

As police obstructed the BNP procession at Tantibazar crossing, the BNP activists hurled stones and brickbats at police, leaving three policemen injured and damaging a police vehicle there.

of Labour and Employment.

Asked if the government's

decision of increasing the

compensation money for the

families of the deceased

minister said, "We take many

decisions and cannot

to withdraw the compensa-

should get more priority in

steps so that Bangladesh

"I will also take immediate

Mentioning that some

"We are trying to make sure migrant workers was

that overseas jobseekers do announced officially, the

their credit problems," he people have forged signatures

The government has tion money, he said the issues

Expatriates Bank, which is to announce all at a time."

He suffered a brain haemorrhage at the National Press Club on March 15 and part of Compensation up, but families in dark his body had been paralysed since then.

at the age of 74.

He is survived by his brothers, sisters, nephew and nieces, friends and admirers to mourn

his death. His body was laid to rest at his village home at Bhuiyan Para of Mirersharai after

namaz-e-janaza after Zohr prayers yesterday. National Press Club

President Shaukat Mahmood and General Secretary Kamaluddin Sabuj in a statement expressed deep sorrow at his death.

Rashed Hossain

DU CORRESPONDENT

Rashed Hossain, a poet, storywriter and senior reporter of the Dainik Jai Jai Din, passed away due to a cardiac arrest at a city hospital yesterday, says a press release.

Rashed started his journalism career in 1995 with the fortnightly Ananya.

He also worked for the Dainik Matribhumi, the

Dainik Bangladesh and the Dainik Deshbangla.

He joined Jai Jai Din in May

Shahjahan Yaar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Dewan Shahjahan Yaar Chowdhury, a former lawmaker from Netrakona-4 constituency (Madan, Mohonganj and Khaliajuri), passed away due to kidneyrelated complications at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital yesterday at the age of 74.

He left behind his wife, a son and a daughter to mourn his death.

Aziza Khatun

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Aziza Khatun, wife of late Siraj Uddin Ahmed, a former district judge, passed away at a city hospital on Saturday at the age of 90, says a press release.

She left behind her two sons and four daughters to

Her qulkhwani was held at

Woman whipped after fatwa

3 arrested, 3 other accused at large

placed three people on a twoday remand in connection with a case filed against them for whipping a woman in Daudkandi on Friday night.

Alam and Abdul Karim.

socially acknowledged, the

Abdul Karim is her son's OC Moshiur Rahman told The father, he denied the allega- Daily Star yesterday that tion as baseless and false.

and two muftis (religious place its recommendations to the standing committee, which | leaders) from Dhaka.

Noagaon in Daudkandi, was repeatedly.

whipped until she lost her consciousness. The leaders asked Rahima's father Abdul Matin to tie her hands and they whipped Rahima in front of her father.

When Rahima lost her consciousness after 39 whippings, her father took her home and then to Daudkandi Thana Health Complex. She was brought to the One Stop Crisis Centre (OCC) of Dhaka Abul Kashem Pir Shaheb, Shah Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

Meanwhile, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office Deena Haque along with some other high officials visited Rahima at DMCH.

She said that the prime minister has given an assurance to Rahima that the PM would bear all the expenses for her treatment and legal aid. Daudkandi Police Station

Rahima and her son Ramzan were sent to DMCH for her treatment and for a DNA test of her son as Abdul Karim denied his paternity.

Rahima said that she had long been trying to have her son's paternity socially acknowledged, but Abdul Rahima, a resident of Karim had been denying it

| Village police demand pay hike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Gram Police Karmochari Union (BGKU) yesterday demanded pay scale like fourth-class employees, including retirement allowances Tk 60,000 for Dafadar and Tk 50,000 for Gram Police, says a press release.

They also demanded translation of Village Police Rules 2007 into Bangla and rationing system and training like police.

They made their demands at a meeting with Advocate Rahamat Ali, chairman of parliamentary standing committee on LGRD and Cooperatives ministry, at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

The committee chairman termed the demands fair and realistic, and assured them of placing their demands before the cabinet meeting to solve the problems facing the village

BGKU acting president Mostofa Kamal and Secretary General MA Ali led the 12member delegation at the meeting.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Fahim Hasan Aronyo, a four-yearold boy, has been suffering from

tumour, says a press release. He is now undergoing treatment at Ibn Sina hospital

in the city. Doctors told his parents to take him abroad for advanced

treatment and he needs to undergo an operation, which involves around Tk 25 lakh. But his parents could not afford such an expensive

treatment. They have appealed to well-off and generous people to extend a helping hand to save the life of their son. Contributions can be sent to Subarna Selim, Savings

Account No. 13821020002769, Prime Bank Ltd Mohammadpur Branch, Dhaka. Interested persons can also

call at 01717163316 or 01190346205 to contact his family.

Confce on 'Int'l Policing' begins tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-member Bangladesh team led by Additional Inspector General of Police NBK Tripura will leave Dhaka today to attend an international conference on 'Conflict-Related International Policing' beginning in London tomorrow.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) organised the three-day conference. At the end of the confer-

ence, the team will go to New York to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the UN Department of Peace Keeping Operation.

The two other members of the team are Iqbal Khan Chowdhury, joint secretary to home ministry, and Assistant Inspector General of Police Mohammad Harun-ur Rashid.

Television telecast public awareness so that jobseekers ahnouncements on the do's do not pay money to the broand don'ts for the overseas kers, said the minister, who is jobseekers to check cheating,' Mosharraf said the most also in charge of the Ministry Mosharraf said.

Bashundhara chief, family surrender the HC did not direct the lower 32 cases, most of which were

National Board of Revenue Perhaps, the trial court was misled or could not under-On July 8 last year the same people were convicted and sentenced to two years of imprisonment each in a money about it, he said. laundering case filed by

Gulshan police. Expressing astonishment over the trial court's yesterday's ruling, the attorney his family, as the NBR authorigeneral told The Daily Star that ties had not communicated the trial court has no authority to release Shah Alam and his family members after their surrender in connection with the cases, as they had been

According to the law and a recent Supreme Court (SC) decision in a case against former state minister Shahjahan Omar, any person tried, convicted, and sentenced in absentia must go to jail on surrender to the trial

convicted and sentenced in

convicted and sentenced in sentenced in absentia in absentia in connection with a corruption case, and when he surrendered to a special court within two weeks, and almost in Dhaka on May 6 this year, the court sent him to jail for serving his sentence.

court, the AG added.

The AG said the HC directed the government not to harass or arrest Shah Alam and his convicted family members, but client Shah Alam is accused in nection with the tried cases.

convicted and sentenced.

stand the precedence of the SC order in the case of Shahjahan Omar, or it was not informed The AG also said his office from him. did not file appeals with the SC

against the HC orders in the cases against Shah Alam and with the AG office.

communicate the High Court orders to me, my office must take initiatives at the Supreme Court to overturn the High Court orders," the AG said. On the basis of the SC order in the case against

Shahjahan Omar, the HC on May 3 this year directed 12 persons including Jatiya Party (Manju) Chairman Anwar Hossain Manju, and former state minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, separate cases, to surrender before trial courts concerned all of them were sent to jail on their surrender to lower

Barrister Ziaul Hasan on May 18 told The Daily Star that his

family members were con- court to refrain from sending filed on charges of land grabvicted and sentenced to eight them to jail after surrendering bing, and some 22 of those in the cases they had been have already been settled outside the court. He said some private citi-

zens filed the land grabbing cases against Shah Alam with different police stations in Dhaka for getting possessions of plots they had purchased He also said the cases,

which had been filed against Shah Alam accusing him of murder, bribery, amassing illegal wealth, and concealing wealth information, were "If the NBR authorities stayed by the HC, and Shah Alam and his family appealed to the home ministry for withdrawal of the cases. He claimed the cases

against his client were not filed properly, so he cannot have any bar on free movement. On September 15 last year,

the HC upon two separate writ petitions stayed for three months the proceedings of the cases against Shah Alam and his family members. The HC later extended its

Shahjahan Omar had been who had been convicted and orders following expiry of the tenures of the previous stay orders upon separate extension prayers filed by the defendants. The HC on March 25 this

> year extended the stay orders again and directed Shah Alam Shah Alam's lawyer and his family members to surrender before the trial court within three months in con-

> > about the reasons for delay in

appointing prosecutors and

investigation agency and

(Tribunal) Act, 1973 is a unique

and complete law under which

"The International Crime

formation of the tribunal.

mourn her death.

her Dhanmondi residence in the city yesterday.

Block allocation for war trial

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However, he did not specify the amount but said a good deal of money would be required for it.

"Money will be allocated according to the requirement," The meeting was convened

to assess the current status of the government move to try those who committed war crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

organisations campaigning for the war criminals' trial discussed several issues including the legal procedures for the trial with Planning Minister AK Khandaker, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed, Home Minister Sahara Khatun, State Minister for liberation war affairs AB Tajul Islam and State

Hasan Mahmud. Presiding over the meeting,

Minister for foreign affairs

Muhith said many countries know from the government Dutta, Maj Gen (retd) KM and organisation's have ample evidence and documents on the 1971 Liberation War and requested the foreign ministry to take initiative to collect The law minister said all

confusion over holding the trial ended through the decision of allocating fund for it. "There was confusion that the trial may not be held but it's over today," he told reporters

Representatives from 10 afterthemeeting. Sector Commanders' Forum President AK Khandaker said the trial process began with the allocation

> Justice Golam Rabbani, chairman of Citizens Commission on Trial of War Criminals, said now there is no obstacle to trying war criminals. Shahriar Kabir, a leading

campaigner for the war crimi-

nals' trial, said they wanted to

the trial can be held properly," Shahriar Kabir told The Daily "We also informed the government that confusion

and frustration are growing among people due to the delay in initiating the trial process," he said.

Home Minister Sahara Khatun told the meeting that the investigation agency would be appointed next month.

The law minister said the government is very sincere and committed to holding the trial.

Rashid, Maj Gen (retd) CR

Prof Muntasir Mamun, ambassador Mohammad Jamir, Lt Gen (retd) Harun-Ar-

Director of the International Centre for Transitional Justice Patrick Burghtse met the state minister for foreign affairs and discussed the trial process of war criminals.

Shafiullah, Abdul Ahad

Chowdhury of Muktijoddha

Sangsad and barrister Tania

Meanwhile, the Asia Wing

Amir, among others, spoke.

"Sufficient information and data are required to hold trial of a crime properly," said Patrick. He offered Bangladesh to share the experience of his

organisation in gathering information on war crimes. He also said his organisation is willing to lend technical assistance and training to

those involved in the trial process. They observed that the trial process has to be fair and transparent so that none can

raise any question about it.

soul.



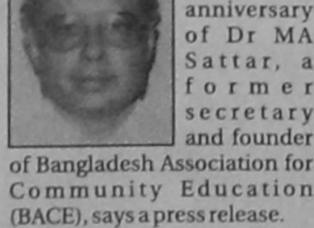
held at BACE central office in the city. Relatives, friends and wellwishers are requested to attend the programme to pray





former secretary and founder

On the occasion, a milad mahfil and discussion will be



for salvation of the departed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT A Comilla court yesterday

arbitration following a fatwa (religious edict) at a village in The case was filed against six people, but the police could only arrest Maulana

During the arbitration at Bitteshwar union, Maulana Abul Kashem led the fatwa committee which issued a fatwa that the 26-year-old woman, Rahima, should be whipped 100 times as she was a single mother and sought to have her son's paternity

Although she claimed that

The fatwa committee then issued the fatwa. The committee members included Matubbar Abdul Kader, local union parishad member Jahangir Alam, Shahid driver,

Seminar Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) organises a dissemination seminar on 'Commercial sexual exploitation of children Pilot Survey

2008. Venue: BBS auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 9:30am.

Workshop International Centre for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) organises a workshop to be conducted by Patrick Burgess, regional head of ICTJ in Asia. Venue:

Liberation War Museum. Time:

Launching ceremony the lawmakers will be held. Venue:

Short film fest

The 3rd International Inter University Short Film Festival, organised by Dhaka University Film Society in collaboration with Goethe Institute, will come to an end. Venue: Goethe

Institute. Time: 3:00pm.

Seminar FBCCI and Saarc Chamber of Commerce and Industry organise a seminar titled 'Regional connectivity: Potential for infrastructure development and energy in South

Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU)

organises Reporters' Day to mark its

Reporters' Day

Asia'. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 10:00am.

The launching ceremony of a leadership orientation programme for

founding anniversary. Venue: DRU Hotel Sheraton. Time: 2:30pm. premises. Time: 11:00am.

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Celsius at Rangamati.

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over all the six divisions with heavy to heavy falls at a few places over Khulna, Rajshahi, Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

country, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital at 6:39pm today and rises at 5:11am tomorrow.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the

Country's highest temperature 31.8 degrees Celsius was

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded

recorded yesterday at Chandpur and lowest 23.8 degrees

in some major cities and towns yesterday were: Temperature in **Humidity** in City/Town Celsius percentage Max Min Morning Evening Dhaka 25.0 30.5 69 25.0 Chittagong 28.5 93

24.4 95 77 28.6 Rajshahi 29.0 24.5 92 75 Khulna 93 96 26.0 30.6 Barisal 30.8 85 83 Sylhet 26.2 25.0 92 28.0 Cox's Bazar