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Hafizuddin, Sayeed new TIB chairman, secy general

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former adviser to a caretaker government M Hafizuddin Khan has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB).

In the annual general meeting of the Board held yesterday, Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, founder of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, was elected secretary general while former adviser Advocate Sultana Kamal was elected treasurer, says a press release.

Hafizuddin Khan took over the charge from Prof Muzaffer Ahmad while Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed and Sultana Kamal took charge for three years from Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam and M Hafizuddin Khan respectively, who finished their tenure on May 31 this year.

The new office-bearers and other members of the Board thanked Prof Muzaffer Ahmad and the outgoing office-bearers for their contribution to TIB.



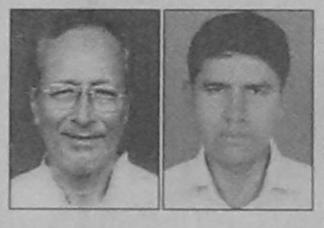
JICA Alumni Assoc executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Khondoker Shawkat Hossam and Dr Md Aminul Islam were elected president and general secretary of the executive committee of Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) Alumni Association for the term 2009. 11, says a press release.

The biennial election of JICA Alumni Association was held on Friday.

Other office-bearers are: vice-presidents -- Md Mozammel Haque Khan, Begum Khalida Fahmi and Prof Dr Khorshed Alam Bhuiyan; treasurer -- Engineer Syed Mahfuz Ahmad; joint secretaries -- Dr Ishrat Hafiz and Md Nuruzzaman; organising secretary -- Dr Abdul Hanif; publication secretary -- Rezaul Haque; office secretary -- Md Mir Hossain; research secretary -- Gias Uddin Mia; cultural secretary -- Begum Hosne Ara Khanam; and social welfare secretary -- Dr Munira Parveen.



Hawkers' Kalyan Samity executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Md Ishak and Md Alauddin were elected president and general secretary respectively of 'Sangbadpatra Hawkers Kalyan Bahumukhi Samabail Samity Ltd' recently,' says a

According to the provision 32 (1) of the Cooperative Society Regulations-2004, a ninemember managing committee was formed and took the charge of the office from the outgoing

president and general secretary. Other officer-bearers include Md Nurul Amin Mihazi, vice president; and Kazi Mahinuddin Bashar, Rafig Ahmed, Mohaddad Ebrahim, Mohammad Yusuf, Abu Taher





and Jakir Hossain, directors.

Deshpremik Jonogoner Manch organises an open discussion on Tipaimukh Dam. Venue: Gano

Award giving ceremony

The Kabir Chowdhury Shishu Sahitya Award 2008 giving ceremony will be held. Venue: Bangla Academy seminar room. Time: 4:30pm.

Manik Mia award The Manik Mia Award 2009 giving ceremony will be held. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4:00p. Manik Mia Foundation organises ACC BOSSES' REFUSAL TO APPEAR

JS body to decide next course of action today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary standing committee on public undertakings sits today to decide the next course of action as the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) bosses once again refused to appear before it.

The ACC in a letter to the committee on Sunday informed that it would not attend today's meeting. Earlier, the ACC high-ups refrained activities of the anti-graft comfrom appearing before the committee on April 8, saying the committee does not have jurisdiction

to summon them. Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, chief of the committee, yesterday told private satellite television Desh TV that the committee might issue arrest warrant against them if they do not Suranjit Sengupta, chief of the attend the meeting.

chief M Habibur Rahman, did not receive any letter to hold incumbent Commissioner Abul ajoint meeting today.

Hasan Manzur Mannan, former chief Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury and ACC Secretary Delwar Hossain, who is now land the committee on April 8.

Their absence prompted the parliamentary body to charge them with the offence of denying the committee access to relevant documents and information for examining the functions and mission.

The committee also decided to hold a joint meeting with the parliamentary standing committee on law ministry today to take necessary legal action against the alleged 'offenders'.

Contacted by The Daily Star last night over telephone, parliamentary standing com-The ACC's incumbent acting mittee on law ministry, said he

7 lifted vehicles recovered, 4 held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-2) recovered seven lifted vehicles and arrested four in this connection from different areas in the city yesterday.

The arrestees were identified as Masud Rana, 28, Jahangir, 37, Shamim, 32, and Suruj Mia, 33.

Flight Lt Masrur Hossain of Rab-2 said Rab intercepted a private car at Baghbari check post in Mohammadpur early yesterday and arrested its driver Masud Rana as he was trying to

Rana confessed that he and his accomplices lifted the car form Dhanmondi area few days

ago, he said. On his confessional statement, Rab arrested Alamgir from

MONEY LAUNDERING

Hazari gets ad-interim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday granted ad-interim bail to former Awami League lawmaker Joynal Abedin Hazari in a money laundering case.

Upon a bail petition by Hazari, the HC bench of Justice MA Wahhab Miah and Justice Marzi-ul Huq also issued a rule upon the government to explain why the petitioner should not be granted regular bail in this case.

The now defunct Bureau of Anti-Corruption (Bac) filed the case with a police station in Feni on March 18 in 2003 against Hazari and four others on charge of laundering

Hazari recently filed a petition with the HC seeking bail in this case.

The HC had earlier stayed the proceedings of the case. On May 15 this year, Hazari surrendered before a Feni court in connection with the case, which sent him to jail the

same day. His lawyer said Hazari could not get released following the HC order as he has been shown arrested in other

Advocate Abdul Baset Majumder appeared for Hazari.

a garage at Mohammadpur,

Suruj from his garage at

Hazaribagh and Shamim from

his garage at Jatrabari. Acting on their information, Rab recovered two private cars and one taxicab from Jatrabari area while two taxicabs, one private car and one human hauler from Mohammadpur

Rab sources said the gang lifted over 30 cars over the last few months from different areas

Actor Dipjol freed on bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Film actor and Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) ward councillor Monwar Hossain Dipjol was released on High Court bail from Dhaka-Central Jail yesterday. Just 1 1001

"Dipjol walked out of the Dhaka Central Jail around 6:00pm," jail Superintendent Towhidul Islam told The Daily Star.

He was convicted for 39 years' and six months in four separate cases.

Dipjol, also a BNP leader, was arrested on December 9 in 2008 from a house at Adabar in the city after two years in hideout. Dipjol was sent to jail the following day.

Danish help for cyclone victims

METRO DESK

The Embassy of Denmark expressed its deepest sympathy for the victims of the cyclone that hit Bangladesh recently, says a press release.

The mission is ready to work with the government, development partners and NGOs to assist in relieving the effects of the disaster.

The Embassy will grant Tk 34,56,330 to assist relief efforts in Khulna, Bagerhat, Patuakhali, Barguna and Bhola. The funds will be channeled through Save the Children Sweden-Denmark who will cooperate with Uddipan, a local NGO.



Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions in next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls at one or two places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions are also likely during the period, Met Office said.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:43pm today and rises at 5:11am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 35.4 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Madaripur and lowest 22.0 degrees Celsius at Dinajpur.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.1	24.2	70	69
Chittagong	29.0	23.3	94	80
lajshahi	34.2	25.9	80	65
hulna	33.5	24.0	86	80
arisal	32.5	25.3	83	91
ylhet	29.1	25.2	93	91
ox's Bazar	29.0	24.0	94	79

EC to seek SQ Chy's biodata from JS secretariat

UNB, Dhaka

The Election Commission decided to issue a letter soon to the secretary of the Parliament Secretariat asking him to collect the biodata of secretary, did not appear before | BNP leader Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury MP, as he ceased from showing his academic qualifications during election, an Election Commissioner said yeserday.

Talking to reporters at the Election Commission Secretariat, Commissioner Mohammad Sohul Hussain said the commission is going to write to the parliament secretary within a day or two.

On other hand, the Election Commissioner said, the commission took decision to continue the legal procedures in the court as Jatiya Party Secretary General ABM Ruhul Amin Howlader filed a case challenging the EC's authority without submitting the educational certificates to the commission as per requirement.

Sohul Hussain said the biodata would be collected from the parliament secretariat and the EC would later take decision for further action after getting the necessary documents.

Sources said BNP leader Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury mentioned nothing as his educational qualifications in the affidavit documents attached with the nomi nation form for contesting the ninth parliamentary elections, held on December 29 last year.

And the JP secretary general mentioned educational qualifications as BA pass in Public Administration from Dhaka University in the affidavit documents, but his certificates were not submitted to the commission.

On April 13, the EC sent letter to both the leaders to submit the required certificates and the information to the commission within May 31 as deadline, but they failed to keep their commitment.

The election commissioner said the EC would give letter to the Speaker of parliament to cancel their membership in the last resort on charges of submitting 'false information in the affidavit'.

TIPAIMUKH DAM

Hafiz says he protested India's move

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Vice President and former minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmad yesterday said he had lodged strong protests against the construction of Tipaimukh dam, but Indian side did not pay any heed to those protests.

Protesting the remark of Water Resources Minister Ramesh Chandra Sen which was published in The Daily Star of June 1, Hafiz said the remark is politically motivated and

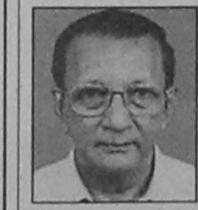
"I had registered strong protest regarding the proposed dam at the meetings of Joint Rivers Commission in 2003 and 2005," Hafiz said, adding that Khaleda's government also lodged protest against the project in April and May 1992 as

well as in March 1995. The former water resources minister said he hoped Ramesh would rise above party consideration and take bold steps regarding Tipaimukh dam appreciating the sentiments of

the countrymen. While talking to reporters at his office on Sunday, present Water Resources Minister Ramesh said the then minister Hafiz did not protest the move which started in 2002 when the BNP-Jamaat coali-

tionwasin power. Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Sultan Ahmed, secretary of Padma Group of Companies, passed away at LabAid

Hospital in the city on Sunday at the age of 75, says a press release. He left behind his one son,

one daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death. Sultan was laid to rest at

Azimpur graveyard. All the directors, officials and employees of the business house expressed deep shock at his death, conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presides over the cabinet meeting at cabinet division meeting room at Secretariat in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

Govt to cancel leases of unutilised lands in CHT

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

lands in the hill districts which ActionAid Bangladesh was Dipankar. were leased for different pur- held at Cirdap auditorium. poses, but still remain unutilised.

lands in hilly areas, but did not Movement for Resources and Chairman lawmaker Promod use those for the purposes will Freedom Society and PRA Mankin, eminent writer Selina lose their lands. Their leases Promoters Society, were pre- Hossain and indigenous will be cancelled and initiative sented at the workshop. has been taken in this regard," the chief guest.

Shikhee

Adhikary, a

student of

first part of

MPhil

programme

Dhaka University, has been

suffering from colon cancer,

She stood first class first in

both honours and masters

final examinations of Sanskrit

Tata Memorial Hospital in

Mumbai, and has already

undergone four round of

So she has appealed to

Contributions can be sent

well-to-do people of the soci-

ety for financial assistance to

to Shikhee Rani Adhikary,

Account No 12100 380705,

Sonali Bank, Dhaka University

Product fair

Bangladesh

The Economic Development

Unit of CARE Bangladesh

organised a product fair styled

'May Fair' at their head office

at Karwan Bazar in the city on

of handicrafts and other prod-

ucts made by marginalised

rural and urban women under

the EDU-SHOUHARDO

Collaboration project, says a

even exported to European

Some of these goods are

The kind of products which

were showcased ranges from

rugs and place mat made from

handlooms, vegetable-dyed

scarves, karchupi sarees and

traditional dresses, weaved

lungi and gamccha, jute bags

and scrubbers to mushroom,

honey, ghee, hand-stitched

greeting cards and dresses,

shirt and punjabi.

Chittagong.

the release.

added.

soap and garment items like

play were gathered from all the

four working regions of CARE

Bangladesh -- Rangpur,

Tangail, Kishoreganj and

Given the artistic flamboy-

ance that these women exude

through their work, CARE

thought it would be befitting

to showcase their talent, read

everyone to realise the strug-

gle and strife that they have to

endure each day to develop

their human conditions and

social positions, the release

It is also an opportunity for

The products put on dis-

The fair featured a diversity

complete her treatment.

Branch, Dhaka.

of CARE

METRO DESK

Sunday.

press release.

markets.

Shikhee is being treated at

says a press release.

department.

treatment.

money.

Ran

METRO DESK

The workshop titled 'Liveli- the same. But their crisis is the hood situation of indigenous same. And the question is of State Minister for CHT Affairs communities in plain land their livelihood. Major portion Dipankar Talukder at a work- and CHT of Bangladesh: The of the indigenous people are shop on Sunday said initiative constraints and probable leaving their jobs searching for has been taken to cancel the solutions' organised by a better livelihood," said

Human rights activist and Two research papers, former adviser Advocate jointly prepared by ActionAid Sultana Kamal, Parliamentary "Those who have leased Bangladesh, Alternative Standing Committee leader Sanjib Drong also

"The problems of indige- spoke at the workshop chaired he said at the programme as nous people living both in by ActionAid Country Director plain and hilly areas are not Farah Kabir.

Appeal for help | ALRC concerned over

The Asian Legal Resource Centre (ALRC) yesterday expressed concern over the authorities' continued "blanket justification" for extrajudicial killings that the ALRC say provides impunity and enables further abuse.

In their report on Bangladesh titled "Bangladesh: Extra-judicial killings, torture, violence against women, media freedom and the lack of an independent judiciary", they said the human rights situation deteriorated significantly during the last caretaker govern-

chemotherapy. She needs a further eight round of chemo But Shikhee, whose father is a headmaster of a primary action to address past and school, is unable to continue ongoing violations through the treatment for want of effective investigations and

prosecutions. But the authorities are yet to take such actions. The ALRC said the Awami League in its election manifesto promised that it will not allow extra-judicial killings. It also promised to uphold rule of

law and human rights in the Crossfire is often used to justify extra-judicial killings by the authorities. Reports indicate that there were 315 extra-judicial killings in 2006, 184 in 2007 and 149 in 2008. From January to May 2009, since the new government came to power, a further 20 such killings have been STAFF CORRESPONDENT recorded but no action was

taken.

competent authority. cides" are blamed for suspicious deaths in custody. Around 20 soldiers from the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), which staged a mutiny in late February 2009, have died under suspicious circum-

stances in custody. Despite there being evibodies, the authorities have

cides" or "heart attacks" On judicial independence, able to function independ- during the meeting.

extra-judicial killings

REZAUL KARIM

Moreover, the government has decided to withdraw "politically motivated fabricated cases" that have been pending trial. This process has created new opportunities for perpetrators of various crimes to go unpunished and will likely benefit the members and associates of the ruling political parties, reducing the public's faith in the country's

criminal justice system. On violence against women, it said in the first four months of 2009 at least 112 women and girls have been

raped in the country. The ALRC is an independ-The report said it is impera- ent regional non- 213/1-B, Khilgaon tive that the new Awami governmental organisation League government take holding general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. It is the sister organisation of the Asian Human Rights Commission. The Hong Kong-based group seeks to strengthen and encourage positive action on legal and human rights issues at the local and national levels

throughout Asia. NU initiatives to build Digital Bangladesh'

National University (NU) has Not a single case has yet taken up a number of initiabeen investigated by any tives to facilitate the government to build a 'Digital "Heart attacks" and "sui- Bangladesh', said its Vice Chancellor Prof Kazi Shahidullah during a meeting with the Adviser to Prime Minister Dr M Alauddin on Sunday at the latter's office,

says a press release. During the meeting the vice chancellor informed the adviser about a number of dence of serious injuries to the National University's training programmes and projects claimed that the deaths have along with establishment of mainly resulted from "sui- e-libraries, video conference

system and regional centres. Pro-Vice Chancellors Dr it said although in theory the Md Abu Syed Khan and Prof judiciary was separated from Tofayel Ahmad Chowdhury, the executive branch in and Treasurer Principal Kazi November, 2007, it is still not Faruq Ahmed were present

Bogra road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Four people were killed and 12 coach driver Abdul Based died others injured when a passenger coach and truck collided morning yesterday.

Based, 48, and Abdul Quader direction at about 3:30am. Jilani. The identity of another could not be known immedi-

Shaheed Ziaur Rahman accident.

Truck driver Saidul and on the spot.

Medical College Hospital.

Police said the accident head-on in Aria Phultola area occurred when a coach of under Shahjahanpur early Haque Enterprise bound for Parbatipur upazila in Of the dead, three were Dinajpur collided head-on identified as truck driver with a paddy-laden truck Saidul, 50, coach driver Abdul coming from the opposite

Traffic movement on Dhaka-Bogra Highway remained suspended for The injured were rushed to about one hour following the TAX EVASION

HC asks Hasnat to surrender before trial court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed former Awami League chief whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah to surrender before the trial court within four weeks in connection with a tax evasion case.

The HC bench of Justice Mirza Hussain Haider and Justice Borhan Uddin passed the order upon a petition filed by Abul Hasnat Abdullah.

Earlier, he was sentenced to eight years by a special court in Dhaka in this case.

Death anniversary STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 8th death anniversary of Lt Col (retd) Abdul Aziz Pasha, a freedom

He passed away in exile in Zimbabwean capital Harare in 2001 and left behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

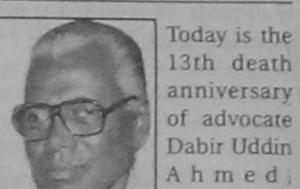
fighter, says a press release.

Pakistan Army as a senior captain in 1971. He took part actively in the liberation war. He was one of those brave Bangalee army officers who

Pasha joined the then

gave up their jobs and joined Dabir Uddin Ahmed

METRO DESK



Ahmed former lawmaker, organiser of the liberation war, a close associate of Bangabandhu and Sirajganj Awami League

leader, says a press release. On the occasion, a Qurankhwani and a milad mahfil will be held at his village at Islampur under Ullapara in Sirajganj and at

Chowdhurypara in the city.

Yeas Bhanu Binu STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 4th death anniversary of Yeas Bhanu Binu, former student leader Mahila Parishad leader active member of Communist Party of Bangladesh and wife of Shaheen Rahman, executive editor of the Weekly Ekota,

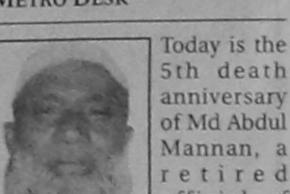
says a press release. As a student of Fine Art Institute, Binu took part in the movement against Ershad's despotic regime. She was also involved in a number of social and cultural organisations, includ-

ing Kochi Kanchar Ashore. Binu attained her Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts and Master's degree in History of Arts. She worked for the collection of folk art and served as an art

teacher. She passed away at the age of 37 after suffering from

Communist Party and the Weekly Ekota in a statement paid tribute to Bina's mem-

Abdul Mannan METRO DESK

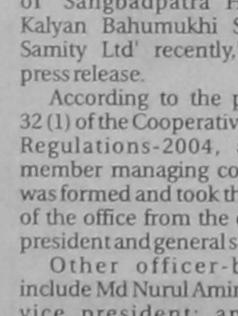


anniversary of Md Abdul Mannan, a retired official of BRRI and father of poet Arefin Shamsul

Haque, a member of public relations and marketing committee of Bangladesh Scouts, says a press release. A Qurankhwani followed

by a doa mahfil will be held after Zohr prayers at his own residence Sham's Nikunja at Telepara Chandana in Gazipur and another ritual will be held on June 5 after Zuma prayers at his village home Moyesdipur Walihazir Bari Jame Mosque under Senbagh in Noakhali.

All the relatives and friends have been requested to attend the milad mahfil.





Sangskriti Kendra. Time: 3:00pm.

the event.

