Moudud,

writs for

Sayedee file

allowing them

BNP lawmaker Barrister

Moudud Ahmed and

Jamaat-e-Islami leader

Delwar Hossain Sayedee

yesterday filed two separate

writ petitions with the High

Court (HC) to direct the

government to allow them

to go abroad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

TORTURE BY JUBO LEAGUE MAN IN BOGRA

Traders lay siege to police station for legal action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Over a hundred businessmen yesterday laid siege to Bogra Sadar Police Station demand- incident. ing legal action against district Khan for torturing Baro Masjid Lane businessmen Korban Mollah and his son

Earlier, they staged demonstrations in front of the offices of deputy commissioner (DC)

Dr Momen made

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has appointed

Dr AK Abdul Momen, a senior

teacher of economics in the US, as

the next ambassador and perma-

nent representative of

Bangladesh to the United Nations

the chairperson of the depart-

ment of Economics and Business

at Framingham State College in

Massachusetts, said a foreign

who has recently been trans-

trial policy issues, FDI, WTO, com-

petitiveness, development eco-

nomics, public policy issues, Dr

Momen started his career as a

public servant in Bangladesh in

1973-74 under LGRD and coopera-

tives ministry and later held impor-

However, Dr Momen later

switched to teaching profession. He

taught economics and business

courses at different and universities

in the US, including the University of

adviser (consultant) at Saudi

Industrial Development Fund

(SIDF) under the ministry of

finance and national economy as

University in economics, Dr

Momen, who also studied in

Harvard University, did his MBA

and PhD from Northeastern

University in Boston,

governance and presented more

than 200 papers in various interna-

tional meetings and conferences of

UNCTAD, ESCAP, IMF, World Bank,

Appeal for help

College of Bajitpur in

Kishoreganj, has been suffer-

ing from blood cancer, says a

rics haematology and oncology

department at Zahurul Islam

Medical College and Hospital at

Bajitpur on June 27, and is now

under the treatment of Prof Md

According to doctors her

She was admitted to paediat-

Umama

Tabassum

Mishouri, a

six-year-old

girl studying

in class one at

Aftabuddin

School and

He authored two books on

Graduated from Dhaka

He worked as an economic

Massachusettsduring 1982-96.

an expertuntil 2003.

Massachusetts.

UNO, FAO, WTO.

METRO DESK

press release.

Afigul Islam.

tantposts in different ministries.

He will replace Ismat Jahan

An expert on trade and indus-

ministry release yesterday.

ferred to Brussels.

Momen is currently serving as

in New York

envoy to UN

and superintendent of police (SP) on the same demand as the Jubo League man went into hiding following the

Jubo League member Feroz charge of Sadar Police Station, confirmed the incident and said the allegations made against Feroz Khan by the businessmen include brandishing firearms publicly and threatening the businessmen.

Baro Masjid market busi- Businessmen's Association, nessmen alleged that Feroz demanded tolls from the businessmen of the market a few days back. As the busi-Jahangir Alam, officer-in- nessmen protested it, Feroz and his accomplices attacked Korban Ali and his son Babu

> Injured Babu was admitted to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital.

Sunday night.

Rashedul Islam, general secretary of Baro Masjid Lane said the businessmen kept their shops closed yesterday on the same demand.

He said Feroz and his accomplices attacked Korban Mollah and his son Babu and looted cash from their shop.

District Jubo League General Secretary Sagor Kumar Roy said Feroz Khan is involved with their organisation but he does not hold any important post.

Khurram backs

LeT leaders

Bangladesh

hiding in



The National Committee against Fascism and Imperialism stages a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding judicial enquiry into all killings in crossfire.

Meeting for redistribution

of colleges under NU today

Car parts worth Tk 24 lakh looted in city Chartered Bank, Motijheel STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers in broad daylight snatched Tk 6.32 lakh at Ramna and robbers plundered car parts worth Tk 24 lakh from an Rahman said. apartment parking lot in the city's Indira road yesterday.

Police said two armed muggers in a traffic jam at Ramna intersection, between DMP commissioner office and Ramna Police Station, surprised a covered van of Benevolent Textile Services around 1:45pm. They shot once in the air and snatched Tk 6.32 lakh from the employees in the van, police added.

Quoting van driver Rahman, Sub-inspector Mohammad Zafar Ali of Ramna Police Station said Rahman and his colleague Al Amin were attacked when they were returning to office at Moghbazar with the cash drawn from Standard aroundTk24lakh.

The muggers used a motorbike parked on the other side of the road for getaway, Meanwhile, a gang of rob-

bers plundered parts of four cars parked at Dhanshiri apartment on Indira Road blindfolding two security guards early yesterday. SI Mohammad Abul Bashar

of Tejgaon Police Station said around 2:30am the gang of six entered the car park scaling

manager of the apartment yesterday filed a case with Tejgaon Police Station in this regard, said SI Basher, adding that as per the case statement the looted parts are worth



WASIM BIN HABIB

injured in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

yesterday.

auto-rickshaw.

to retaliate.

Hospital.

and a gang of muggers left

two muggers injured at Manik

Mia Avenue in the capital

Police Station MA Haque

said the gunfight erupted

around 2:00pm after on duty

patrol police on a microbus

faced five criminals trying to

snatch the belongings of

passengers on a CNG-run

policemen prompting them

found Khalil and Swapan,

aged around 30, with bullets

in their legs. They also recov-

ered two cartridges and a

treatment at Pangu

The injured are under

knife from the spot.

Fulfil ADP

targets in

9 months

Minister asks officials

Education Minister Nurul

Islam Nahid yesterday asked

the officials of his ministry to

complete the development

programmes of the current

fiscal year within nine months.

review meeting on progress of

the revised Annua

Development Programme of

achieving 95 percent of

projected programme of the

revised ADP, he urged them

to fulfill this year's

Thanking all officials for

2008-09 FY at his ministry.

programmes.

His directives came at a

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The gang fired at the

After the shootout, police

Sub-inspector of Tejgaon

Maulana Mansur Ali, a LeT leader and one of the organisers of ARFC, told this to the detective branch (DB) personnel during interrogation. Indian national Maulana Mansur said they received the money through another LeT leader who is also hiding in Bangladesh.

But the DB officials declined to disclose his name for the sake of investigation. The fugitive LeT leader also works for ARFC, a terrorist outfit responsible for the attack on American Centre in Kolkata on January 22, 2002.

on Bengaluru Computer City

Sanwar Hossain of DB told The Daily Star that Khurram sent the money to a LeT leader here directly for distribution to all other leaders hiding in Bangladesh.

Sanwar said the LeT leaders are being paid as they are now in trouble.

The DB officials have so far arrested two LeT leaders Maulana Mansur Ali and Mufti Obaidullah.

Both the Indian nationals had been serving as madrasa teachers in the country with their fake identities for 14 to 19 years. Mufti Obaidullah was arrested following the confessional statement of Daud

close aide to Daud Ibrahim.

Earlier, the Indian militants admitted that they were linked to Harkatul Jihad al Islami

(HuJi) leaders in Bangladesh.

Contribution of Hena Das

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a meeting commemorating comrade Hena Das said she was an inseparable part of progressive and democratic movement in the country.

They made the remarks at her commemoration meeting organised by Communist Party Bangladesh (CPB) at the National Press Club yesterday.

"Hena Das raised her voice against injustice and repression throughout her life. He always tried to take the leading position in all the movement for unprivileged and

repressed people," they said. They also viewed that Hena Das throughout her life continued movement to introduce scientific and secular education system in the coun-

CPB President Manjurul Ahsan Khan presided over the meeting, while Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadek Hossain Khoka, Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Workers Party President Rashed Khan Grants Commission (UGC)

will be finalised in the meet-

A crucial meeting of the high-The committee has prepowered committee for redispared some alternative protribution of colleges under the posals for NU but two main National University (NU) will proposals are likely to be be held at the University discussed in the meeting, said committee sources, adding Two muggers that any of the two proposals

The proposal to decentralise the NU by making six city shootout regional centres and attach the affiliated colleges under the respective centres has been given the priority, added A shootout between police the sources.

According to the proposal, the NU would have six regional centres with the main one at Gazipur. It will prepare the curriculum and syllabus while the regional centres would implement those.

"The main centre would monitor the regional centres," said another source, adding that the Qudrat-e-Khuda Education Commission also recommended such a proposal in its report.

The other proposal attaches the NU+affiliated col-

Failing to enlist their names in

the 2nd phase voter list and

get national ID cards, both

men and women in their

Narayanganj Sadar upazila

In the face of angry demon-

The protestors alleged that

strations by the deprived peo-

ple, Upazila Election Officer

no field workers visited their

houses to get their names

included in the voter list. They

were not given voter list forms

to the specified camp for

including their names in the

either.

Abdul Quader left the office.

election office yesterday.

leges to divisional public universities.

There would be some difficulties in implementing this proposal as the condition and infrastructure of some public universities is not good enough to maintain the NUaffiliated colleges, added the

Though both the proposals have pros and cons but it would be difficult to bring the affiliated colleges under the public universities. The education ministry

formed the high-powered 11-member committee with UGC Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam as the convener on March 24 to redistribute 1800 graduate and postgraduate

The other members of the committee include vice chancellors of different public universities, joint secretary (university) of the ministry and the UGC secretary.

The committee has already held three meetings since its formation and today's meeting is the last one to send its decision to the ministry.

and assured the people of

including their names. Time

names of all in the updated

he directed the authorities to

probe into the matter and

शार्डि

voter list, he said.

Sadar upazila.

2ND PHASE VOTER LIST

siege to N'ganj

election office

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj they did not fill up the forms.

thousands laid siege to would be extended to enlist

They said though they went ers did not go to their houses,

voter list, they were refused as update the voter list.

আজীবন বিপ্লবী চিরজীব

চমরেড হেনা দাস -এর

লাপেরে কমিউনিস্ট

ATTACK ON HASINA'S MOTORCADE

Swapan, 42

others get bail STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) vesterday granted anticipatory bail for six months to former BNP lawmaker Zahiruddin Swapan and 42 others in a case filed on charge of attacking the then

Hasina's motorcade in 2004. After hearing two separate bail petitions filed by the accused, the HC bench of Justice MA Wahab Miah and Justice Md Abdur Razzaque also issued two rules upon the government to explain within four weeks why the petitioners should not be

The accused appeared before the HC bench for bail in the case.

Golam Hafiz Mridha, joint convener of Gournadi upazila Jubo League, filed the case with the Barisal Judicial Magistrate's Court on July 20 this year against 110 BNP men, including Zahiruddin Swapan, on charge of attacking Hasina's motorcade at Gournadi.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Dr Sayeed Mahmood (Poplu), son of former chief of planning commission late Abdul Mannan Talukdar, passed away due to liver cirrhosis at Calgary Hospital in Canada on July 25 at the age of 44, family

He is survived by his mother, wife, a brother, a 14year-old son and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Association graveyard at Calgary in Canada on July 26.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Humayun Kabir, deputy tax commissioner, headquarters (admin) of Tax Zone-

18th batch BCS (Taxes) Cadre, passed away due to a cardiac arrest at the age of 42 on Friday, says a press release.

(Taxation) Association expressed deep shock at his death and conveyed sympathy to members of the bereaved family. They also prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Islam is a religion of peace, Ministry of Jute, says a press out terrorist activities in the said, and called on the students Prof Dr Hamida Banu,

treatment has to be continued for three years for her full recovery. Father of Mishouri Md

Shahidul Islam Sheikh is a lowpaidjunior officer of the hospital.

It is not possible for him to bear the cost of her expensive treatment for such a long time.

So he has appealed to well-todo people of the society for financial assistance to save the life of her daughter. Contributions can be sent to

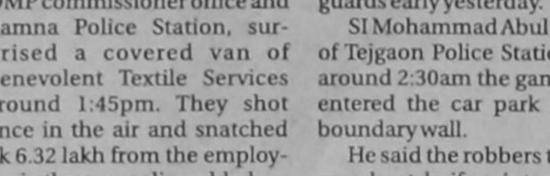
Account No SB-11588-6, Pubali Bank Limited, Shahbagh Avenue Branch, Shahbagh, Dhaka. Cellphones: 01714-410890, 01714-095868.

Prof Aminur remembered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Department of Political Science at Dhaka University yesterday organised a meeting to commemorate the life and works of Prof Dr AHM Aminur Rahman, a former teacher of the department, says a press release.

His colleagues at the department also prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul.



He said the robbers tied the guards at knifepoint and left the scene unchallenged.

Mohammad Abul Bashar,



The Government Bangla College organised a seminar on 'Raising social awareness to combat militancy' at its auditorium recently.

Students urged to help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar urged the young generation, especially the students, to come forward to stamp out militancy as militant outfits have become active again and they are carrying out terrorist activities in the name of religion.

They also called on the students to become welleducated and portray the country as a peace-loving nation.

The Government Bangla College organised the seminar on 'Raising social awareness to combat militancy' at its auditorium in the city recently, with Main Uddin Khandaker, joint secretary to the education ministry, as the chiefguest.

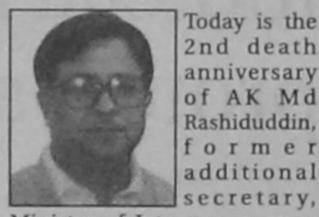
but the militant outfits carrying name of religion, Main Uddin to resist such activities.

stamp out militancy principal of the college, said education and knowledge enlighten one, which will help students to keep militancy at

> Prof Jasmine Ferdous, AKM Riazul Islam, Dr Nasima Chowdhury and Prof Golenur Afroz also spoke at the seminar.

> At the beginning of the seminar, a documentary on the history of liberation war was shown.

Death anniversary METRO DESK



anniversary of AK Md Rashiduddin, former additional secretary,

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at his residence and foods will be dis-

tributed among the destitute.



Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over all the six divisions in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely to occur at places over the country, Met Office said predicting nearly unchanged day temperature over the country. The sun sets in the capital at 7:44pm today and rises at

6:26am tomorrow. Country's highest temperature 35.7 degrees Celsius were recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 24.5 degrees Celsius at Dinajpur.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were: City/Town Temperature in **Humidity** in

Max	200		
IVIAX	Min	Morning	Evening
32.1	26.4	76	79
27.6	25.6	95	89
31.8	26.1	88	86
31.5	26.5	97	96
29.4	27.4	93	98
35.7	26.2	76	83
27.0	25.5	96	89
	32.1 27.6 31.8 31.5 29.4 35.7	32.1 26.4 27.6 25.6 31.8 26.1 31.5 26.5 29.4 27.4 35.7 26.2	32.1 26.4 76 27.6 25.6 95 31.8 26.1 88 31.5 26.5 97 29.4 27.4 93 35.7 26.2 76

hiding in Bangladesh.

Khurram is believed to be the mastermind of the attack in India

Assistant Commissioner

Quoting Maulana Mansur,

Merchant, one of the main accused in music baron Gulshan Kumer killing and a

Maulana Mansur was arrested following information gleaned from Mufti Obaidullah.

DHAKA TODAY

Book launching

The launching ceremony of the book 'Abhijhan: Studies in South Asian archaeology and art history of artifacts' edited by Dr Shahnaj Husne Jahan will be held. Venue: Asiatic Society auditorium. Time:

Roundtable

University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh organises a roundtable on 'Business journalism in Bangladesh: The way forward'. Venue: 1:00pm. Seminar

North Bengal Development Council organises a seminar on problems

5:00pm. Talk Bangladesh Enterprise Institute organises a talk on The Chinese economy in the 21st century: Lessons for Bangladesh'. Venue: BEI conference room. Time:

and prospect of North Bengal.

Venue: National Press Club, Time:

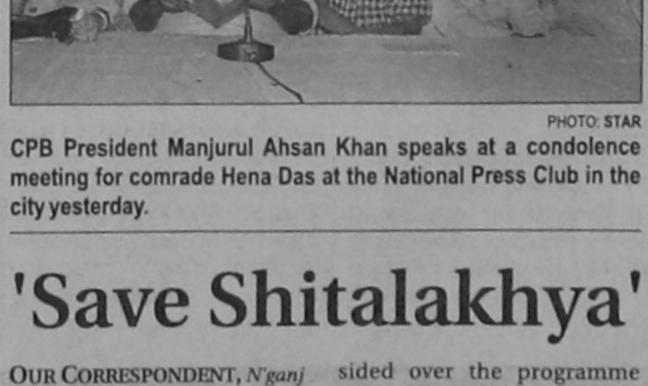
Seminar

4:30pm.

CHRDHS organises a seminar on Tipaimukh dam: International river law, environment and human security'. Venue: Brac Centre Inn. Time: 9:30am.

recalled

Menon MP, CBP General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim, among others, speak.



Different non-governmental as well as social organisations yesterday called on all to come forward to saving the Shitalakhya, the lifeline of Narayanganj. A discussion tilted 'Save the

Shitalakhya' and later a cultural function was held on the launch 'Naria' on the Shitalakhya in the terminal area in the afternoon. Bangladesh NGOs Network

President Farida Akhter pre-

Shamsur Rahman, Police Super Biswas Afzal Hossain, Narayanganj Press Club President Ruman Reza, Narayanganj Club Ltd President Kashem Jamal took part. folk artiste Quddus Bayati and

where Deputy Commissioner After the discussion, noted

his troupe rendered inspirational songs on the launch at different points of the river to raise awareness among the people to save the river from pollution.



going abroad for treatment. Barrister Abdur Razzag appeared for Sayedee. The HC bench of Justice Tariq ul Hakim and Justice Borhan Uddin yesterday adjourned the hearing of the petitions for two days,

as the Attorney General Mahbubey Alam sought time for taking preparation in this regard. The court fixed Wednesday (tomorrow) for further hearing of the peti-

Moudud Ahmed yesterday told The Daily Star that he recently sent two letters to home ministry to inform him whether the government will restrict him in leaving the country, but the ministry gave no reply.

"As the home ministry did not give any reply to my letters, I think the government will restrict me in going abroad for treatment. So I have filed the writ with the High Court to direct the government to allow me to go abroad," he added.

Left-out voters lay

opposition leader Sheikh On information, Sadar Upazila Chairman Abul Kalam Azad Biswas went to the spot

granted regular bail in this case.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Motahar Hossain said some 45,000 people have been enlisted as voters afresh in When Election Commissioner Brig Gen (retd) M Sakhawat Hossain visited Narayanganj on Saturday, people alleged that field work-

Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar and Barrister Ruhul Quddus appeared for the petitioners.

sources said.

He was buried at an Islamic

Humayun Kabir



Bangladesh Civil Service