

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 demanding legal action against district Jubo League member Feroz Khan for torturing Baro Masjid Lane businessmen Korban Mollah and his son Babu.

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

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

Jahangir Alam, officer-in-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 businessmen alleged that Feroz demanded tolls from the businessmen of the market a few days back. As the businessmen protested it, Feroz and his accomplices attacked Korban Ali and his son Babu Sunday night.

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

Rashedul Islam, general secretary of Baro Masjid Lane

Businessmen's Association, 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.



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

## Moudud, Sayedee file writs for allowing them to go abroad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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 for treatment.

Sayedee in his petition stated that the immigration officials at Zia International Airport barred him from boarding a flight for Saudi Arabia on the night of July 24.

He also challenged the legality of the government action restricting him from going abroad for treatment. Barrister Abdur Razzaq 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 petitions.

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.

ATTACK ON HASINA'S

MOTORCADE

Swapan, 42

others get

bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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

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

Gulam 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.

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

## 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 sources said.

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

He was buried at an Islamic Association graveyard at Calgary in Canada on July 26.

## Humayun Kabir

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muhammad Humayun Kabir, deputy tax commissioner, headquarters (admin) of Tax Zone-1, Dhaka and an official of the 18th batch BCS (Taxes) Cadre, passed away due to a cardiac arrest at the age of 42 on Friday, says a press release.

Bangladesh Civil Service (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.

## 'Save Shitalakhya'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Different non-governmental as well as social organisations yesterday called on all to come forward to saving the Shitalakhya, the lifeline of Narayanangj.

A discussion titled '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-

## Meeting for redistribution of colleges under NU today

WASIM BIN HABIB

A crucial meeting of the high-powered committee for redistribution of colleges under the National University (NU) will be held at the University

## Two muggers injured in city shootout

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A shootout between police and a gang of muggers left two muggers injured at Manik Mia Avenue in the capital yesterday.

Sub-inspector of Tejgaon 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 auto-rickshaw.

The gang fired at the policemen, prompting them to retaliate.

After the shootout, police found Khalil and Swapan, aged around 30, with bullets in their legs. They also recovered two cartridges and a knife from the spot.

The injured are under treatment at Pangu Hospital.

## Fulfil ADP targets in 9 months

Minister asks officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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.

His directives came at a review meeting on progress of the revised Annual Development Programme of 2008-09 FY at his ministry.

Thanking all officials for achieving 95 per cent of projected programme of the revised ADP, he urged them to fulfill this year's programmes.

## Contribution of Hena Das recalled

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 country.

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

## Car parts worth Tk 24 lakh looted in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers in broad daylight snatched Tk 6.32 lakh at Ramna and robbers plundered car parts worth Tk 24 lakh from an 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

Chartered Bank, Motijheel branch.

The muggers used a motorbike parked on the other side of the road for getaway, Rahman said.

Meanwhile, a gang of robbers 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 boundary wall.

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

Mohammad Abul Bashar, manager of the apartment, yesterday filed a case with Tejgaon Police Station in this regard, said SI Bashar, adding that as per the case statement the looted parts are worth around Tk 24 lakh.



PHOTO: COURTESY

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

## Students urged to help stamp out militancy

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 well-educated and portray the nation 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 chief guest.

Islam is a religion of peace, but the militant outfits carrying out terrorist activities in the name of religion, Main Uddin said, and called on the students to resist such activities.

Prof Dr Hamida Banu,

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

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

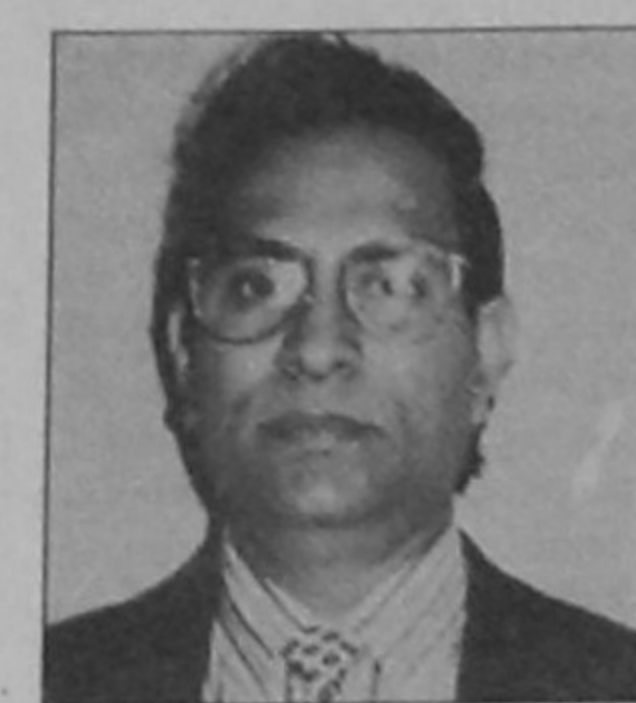
At the beginning of the seminar, a documentary on the history of liberation war was shown.

## Death anniversary

METRO DESK

Today is the 2nd death anniversary of AK Md Rashiduddin, former additional secretary, Ministry of Jute, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at his residence and foods will be distributed among the destitute.



## Dr Momen made envoy to UN

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has appointed Dr AK Abdul Momen, a senior teacher of economics in the US, as the next ambassador and permanent representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York.

Momen is currently serving as the chairperson of the department of Economics and Business at Framingham State College in Massachusetts, said a foreign ministry release yesterday.

He will replace Ismat Jahan who has recently been transferred to Brussels.

An expert on trade and industrial policy issues, FDI, WTO, competitiveness, development economics, public policy issues, Dr Momen started his career as a public servant in Bangladesh in 1973-74 under LGED and cooperatives ministry and later held important posts in different ministries.

However, Dr Momen later switched to teaching profession. He taught economics and business courses at different universities in the US, including the University of Massachusetts during 1982-96.

He worked as an economic adviser (consultant) at Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF) under the ministry of finance and national economy as an expert until 2003.

Graduated from Dhaka University in economics, Dr Momen, who also studied in Harvard University, did his MBA and PhD from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts.

He authored two books on governance and presented more than 200 papers in various international meetings and conferences of UNCTAD, ESCAP, IMF, World Bank, UNO, FAO, WTO.

## Appeal for help

METRO DESK



Ummam Tabassum Mishouri, a six-year-old girl studying in class one at Aftabuddin School and College of Bajitpur in Kishoreganj, has been suffering from blood cancer, says a press release.

She was admitted to paediatrics 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 Afiquil Islam.

According to doctors her treatment has to be continued for three years for her full recovery.

Father of Mishouri Md Shahidul Islam Sheikh is a low-paid junior 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-to-do 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.



## 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 Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.1	26.4	76	79
Chittagong	27.6	25.6	95	89
Rajshahi	31.8	26.1	88	86
Khulna	31.5	26.5	97	96
Barisal	29.4	27.4	93	98
Sylhet	35.7	26.2	76	83
Cox's Bazar	27.0	25.5	96	89



## Book launching

The launching ceremony of the book 'Abhijan: Studies in South Asian archaeology and art history of artifacts' edited by Dr Shahna Husne Jahan will be held. Venue: Asiatic Society auditorium. Time: 4:30pm.

## 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 and prospect of North Bengal. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 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: 4:30pm.

## Seminar

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