Seven found dead during Eid holiday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least seven people, including three women, were found dead across the country in the last five days.

the body of an unidentified on Tuesday. young man, aged around 30, from bushes adjacent to a gypsy Palli at Lalpul near Feni bypass road on Eid day (Mon-

The police suspect that miscreants might have killed him over previous enmity. The were recovered in the last four body was sent to Feni Sadar days in different areas of the body from Samata Residential Hospital for autopsy.

A Gazipur correspondent reports: The body of a woman was found in a trunk at her aged around 40, from neighbour's room at Arichpur Shitalakkhya river at Noapara in in Tongi on Tuesday.

The victim was identified as Jubeda Khatun, 50, who resided in a rented room at a house. The police recovered her body at the at the same house.

alleged that house owner Sirajul Islam and Irani Rani killed her

mother over previous enmity. Shahin, 36, son of Reazul Islam, Both of them were arrested, the police said.

Our Munshiganj correspondent reports: The police recovered the body of young man Our Feni correspondent from a farm at Imamchar in reports: The police recovered Mirkadim under Sadar upazila was found dead at Kachpur in

> Alauddin, 32, a van driver and son of Hashem Shiekh, a resident of Abdullahpur in Tangibari.

Our Narayanganj correspondent adds: Three bodies

The police recovered the body of an unidentified women, Rupganj on Monday.

Police suspect that miscreants might have killed her and dumped the body in the river.

In another incident, the room of Irani Rani, who resided body of a young man was recovered behind the Saint Paul's Victim's daughter Jayeda Church in Narayanganj on

The victim was identified as body.

Tribardi. The police said Shahin was a drug addict and committed a

a resident of Shimulchara in

number of crimes. On Monday, a housewife Sonargoan upazila. The victim The victim was identified as was identified as Afrin Akhtar, 19, wife of Abul Kashem.

The police found the body hanging from the ceiling fan at their house. However, her husband went into hiding.

A Savar Correspondent adds: The police recovered a Project area on Saturday.

The victim was identified as Babul Hossain, 40, a resident of Gouripur Village in Ashulia. He worked at a rickshaw garage. His body was found wrapped in

According to the victim's family members, Babul went out of his house on Friday night but did not return home. On Saturday noon, local people noticed sack and informed the police who recovered the

Brown offers to cut nuclear sub fleet

AFP, London

part of global disarmament nuclear weapons," he said. efforts, Prime Minister

Britain was prepared to firmed. reduce the number of submarines that can launch nuclear missiles, but said there were warheads.

"Just as America and Russia are making those reductions, we are prepared to consider that but only as part of an

agreement, Brownsaid. are prepared to consider -- Germany, China and Russia -subject to all the conditions that have for years been negothat I have laid down -- reducing our number of 'subma- programme.

nuclear energy in return for ments released by his office. dropping their weapons programmes.

the Non-Proliferation Treaty, we nuclear weapons powers Britain is prepared to scale have got to make some steps back its nuclear capability as towards greater reductions in

The prime minister was to Gordon Brown said outline plans to cut the num-Wednesday ahead of an berof submarines from four to address to the UN General three at a special session of the UN Security Council on He told BBC radio that Thursday, his office con-

The meeting was to be devoted to the issue of nuclear non-proliferation, and preno plans to cut the number of sided over by US President Barack Obama.

But Brown added: "We are making no proposals at the moment about warheads." The United States will also

hold talks with its five counter-"That is why I have said we parts -- Britain, France, tiating with Iran on its nuclear

"If we are serious about the Brown said there should be ambition of a nuclear-free tougher sanctions to stop world we will need statesmanstates such as Iran and North ship, not brinkmanship," Korea developing nuclear Brown was to tell the UN the move was financially weapons, and they should also General Assembly in his motivated. be offered help with civilian speech, according to com-

However, he was also to reaffirm Britain's commit-"And third, in the spirit of ment to maintaining an inde-

pendent nuclear deterrent.

Britain's move comes ahead of next year's review of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which aims to limit the spread of nuclear weapons around the world.

It also follows a decision by Washington and Moscow to negotiate a successor to the landmark 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), which bound both sides to deep cuts in their nuclear arsenals.

Brown's government has already outlined its willingness to cut nuclear arms before talks in 2010, to persuade Iran and North Korea to give up their nuclear ambi-

Britain has the fifth largest nuclear arsenal in the world, according to experts.

The move on submarines could cut billions of pounds (dollars) from the defence budget over the next decade, but Foreign Secretary David Miliband rejected suggestions

"Defence, and nuclear defence especially, is longterm questions not short-term financial issues," he told the BBC earlier.



Namaz-e-janaza of former minister and member of Awami League advisory council MA Mannan was held on the Jamiatul Falah National Mosque premises in the port city of Chittagong yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

Obituary



Aminur Rahman, a additional inspector general of

passed away due to old age complications at a city hospital on Monday at the age of 88, says a press release.

Aminur, who was also the commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), left behind his wife, two sons, four grandchildren and a host of relatives, friends and admirers to mourn his death.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at the Rajarbagh Police Line Mosque in the city after Juma prayers tomorrow.

His Qulkhwani will be held at his residence Suvastu Kunjan, House # 23, Road # 6, Dhanmondi Residential Area (next to Dhanmondi Thana) after Asr prayers on Saturday.

All relatives, friends and admirers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.



Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy falls are also likely to occur at places over the country, Met Office said. It said day temperature may rise slightly over the country. The sun sets in the capital at 6:53pm today and rises at

6:48am tomorrow. Country's highest temperature 33.8 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 22.9 degrees

Celsius at Feni. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were: **Humidity** in

Temperature in City/Town percentage Celsius Evening Min Morning Max 25.0 28.0 Dhaka 24.3 79 30.7 81 Chittagong 33.0 24.8 95 Rajshahi 83 89 Khulna 30.4 24.8 76 Barisal 32.0 25.4 31.9 87 Sylhet 25.0 32.0 24.2 73 Cox's Bazar

Hillary greets Muslims on Eid

METROPOLITAN/NEWS

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton conveyed Eid greetings to the Muslims all over the world on the occasion of Eidul-Fitr and lauded the noble values of Islam like charity, community, cooperation, and compassion.

Hillary said she is delighted to celebrate the end of Ramadan by wishing all Muslims a happy Eid.

She said, "In 1996, my husband and I were privileged to host the first-ever White House Eid celebration, which has now become a tradition. And this year, I hosted an Iftar at the State Department, with Muslims and non-Muslims attending. We hope that reinforces every year that all faiths have a home here in the United States."

Hillary said for Muslims all over the world, Eid ul-Fitr marks the end of a holy month of fasting and prayer. "This time of self-reflection reminds us that the values of Islam charity, community, cooperation, compassion - are values which we hold dear as Americans and which have contributed so much to American culture."

She said as President Obama had said in Cairo, the United States seeks a new beginning with Muslims around the world, one based on mutual interest and mutual respect.

"We know there is more that unites peoples of faith than divides us.

So, as Ramadan draws to a close, let us hold on to that spirit of community throughout the year to achieve our common goals of peace, prosperity, and stability. And I wish all of you a very happy year as well. Thank you."

CPB RALLY BLASTS

BNP leader Arif on fresh remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday took BNP leader Arifur Rahman on one-day fresh remand in connection with the 2001 blasts at a rally of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB).

Metropolitan Magistrate Munshi Abdul Mazid passed the remand order after the CID personnel produced him before a Dhaka court on completion of his one-day remand and sought further 10-day remand for interrogation.

Arifur Rahman, also a ward councillor of Dhaka City Corporation, was earlier taken on a five-day remand in two phases.

In the forwarding report placed before the court yesterday, CID Inspector Mrinal Kanti Saha, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, said he gathered important information from the arrestee about the blast, which is being verified. He needs to be remanded again for more information about the blast and whereabouts of his accomplices, the IO said.

On the other hand, Arifur's lawyers submitted a petition for bail and cancellation of the remand prayer, saying that their client was implicated in the case as part of a conspiracy to harass him.

After hearing both the sides, the magistrate rejected the bail petition and placed the accused on one-day remand.

The CID members arrested Arifur from his Malibagh residence on September 15.

On January 21 in 2001, five people were killed and 50 others injured in the bomb blasts at a rally of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB).

Following the bomb attack, CPB President Monjurul Ahsan Khan filed a bomb blast case with Motijheel Police Station, saying a group of anti-state conspirators made the attack.

The police arrested 12 people at that time, but the CID submitted the final report on December 17, 2003, as correct, impartial and reliable evidence were not found to prove the

charges against the arrestees. The investigation officer (IO) said he would press charges if sufficient evidence are found against the arrestees.

The IO submitted a petition with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court for reinvestigation into the case on January 27, 2005 and the court directed him for fresh probe into the case after

two days. Earlier, CID arrested Harkatul-Jihad-al Islami's (Huji) leader and several other Huji members for their involvement in the



A goods train from Santahar derailed at Ishwardi station yesterday morning, disrupting movement of trains on the metre gauge line linking Dhaka for about nine hours. (Story on Page 15)

China keeps room to manoeuvre on climate change: Observers

AFP, Beijing

Chinese President Hu Jintao speech on climate change, but said. the lack of specifics could just mean he wants to keep some room for manoeuvre, observers said yesterday.

growth of its carbon dioxide "notable margin" by 2020 commitments on the issue. from their 2005 level, but did not give a figure for the cuts.

nations ahead of global talks tionlater," she told AFP.

She hosted the party at the

Ladies Club at Eskaton on

Monday afternoon to

exchange Eid greetings with

sioners and charge d' affaires

of different countries and

representatives of different

BNP and its front organisa-

tions as well as other political

parties attended the recep-

tion. Senior leaders including

BNP Secretary General

Khandaker Delwar Hossain

went to the grave of late presi-

dent Ziaur Rahman at Sher-e-

were present at the event.

offered fateha.

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he said.

tributed.

would pick up," he added.

He also said it is very diffi-

cult for a single union

parishad secretary to work for

birth registration programme

since he has to perform many

other duties. If two or more

persons could be engaged to

assist him the programme

would achieve the goal faster,

officials are optimistic about

achieving the target by June

2010, as 94.85 percent of the

total population have submit-

ted birth registration form

already and if the manpower is

increased it would not take

much time for the data to be

entered and certificates dis-

estimated at 14,44,99,000 in

July 1, 2008 and according to

this estimate more than 94

percent of the population

"The total population was

However, government

UN and donor agencies.

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in Copenhagen in December by offering specific numbers, but may have deliberately offered few details in his UN opted not to do so, experts

would be a big push to the US position as well as the international climate negotiations On Tuesday, Hu told the UN that are going very slowly at the General Assembly in New York moment," said Greenpeace that China would curb the China climate change campaign manager Yang Ailun, emissions per unit of GDP by a referring to US hopes for firm "But the fact that Hu didn't

announce the target might Hu could have stepped up mean that China wants to leave pressure on developed a bit more space for negotia-

Govt fails to fulfil poll pledges

barred a few distinguished

guests from visiting Khaleda at

her cantonment residence,

which they described as the

mindedness and undemo-

personalities wanted to meet

evening on the occasion of

Eid-ul-Fitr but they were not

allowed to visit her Shaheed

Mainul Road residence in

party leaders and workers former home secretary bodies including Jatiyatabadi

Bangla Nagar in the city and former FBCCI president Abdul such a stand of the govern-

Daunting task of birth registration

Director Saiful Islam said.

cials said.

ple, it would be really difficult

to get all the people registered,

government and Unicef offi-

Death Registration Law, 2004,

it is mandatory to show birth

services. The birth certificate

would be used for getting

passport, driving licence, TIN

number, applying for jobs,

business identification,

receiving admit card for taking

public examinations, opening

bank account, applying for

microcredit, withdrawing

governmental allowance and

icate should be used for get-

At the same time, the certif-

land purchasing and selling.

According to the Birth and

Zahurul Islam, former law

Dhaka Cantonment.

Meanwhile, party leaders those guests, BNP sources of democracy.

cratic character.

ambassadors, high commis- government's narrow-

Leaders and workers of the BNP chairperson Monday

Later, Khaleda along with former secretary M Mohsin,

alleged that the government said.

They said the distinguished day.

and party leader Abdul Halim, said.

curbs in terms of gross domes- as a successor to the Kyoto tic product reflects Beijing's Protocol, which expires in paramount concern about the 2012. need to maintain rapid eco-"If Hu had done that, it nomic growth.

China and other developing countries have long resisted mandatory emission curbs becoming part of the next treaty on fighting global warming, saying rich countries bear historical responsibility for cleaning up the added. environment.

pledging to fight global warming, have insisted that emerging powers also commit to action under an accord to be

Protesting the incident,

Khandaker Delwar in a state-

ment said the government

showed its "narrow-minded

attitudes" in barring the visi-

tors from entering the opposi-

tion leader's residence on Eid

exchanging greetings on Eid

day is an inseparable part of

the Eid culture and tradition.

Preventing people from visit-

ing a former prime minister on

this auspicious day was

Jubo Dal and Chhatra Dal also

tion in different elections,

institutions, gas-water-

electricity connection, tele-

phone-mobile, internet, cable

governmental subsidy, any

case or appeal in court and

applying for company shares

Showing birth certificate

for the 16 services has been

made mandatory and has

been implemented from

January 1, this year. A person

who will violate the rule will be

sentenced to a fine of Tk 500 or

Registration Act that replaced

previous legislation from 1873

was enforced on July 3, 2006.

The 2004 Births and Deaths

two months' jail or both.

TV connection, receiving

Leaders of BNP's associate

Former cabinet secretary extremely deplorable," he

secretary Alauddin Sardar, protested the incident, saying

Awal Mintoo were among ment impedes the flourishing

would be registered by July ting trade licence, purchasing

2010. But by this time the and selling vehicles, involving

population will increase, we oneself in insurance in an

will have to find ways to get insurance scheme, marriage

them registered," Project registration, voter identifica-

Without motivating peo- admission in educational

certificates for getting 16 and for other governmental

services.

"Visiting people and

Hu's description of the hammered out in Copenhagen

IHS Global Insight analyst Ren Xianfang described Hu's speech as a "symbolic gesture" to show China was serious about reducing emissions. But the statement also showed Beijing was not pre-

before the Denmark talks, she "They are obliged to say Developed nations, while something. The world needs China's commitment to this,"

pared to commit to a target

Ren said. "There's still a lot of uncertainty ahead of the big meeting in Copenhagen. China may be waiting for others to move

China, which is level pegging with the United States as the world's largest greenhouse gas emitter, has committed in its current five-year plan to cutting energy consumption per unit of GDP by 20 percent

between 2006 and 2010. The Asian giant, which relies on coal for 70 percent of its energy needs, also aims to get 10 percent of its power from renewable sources by

2010 and 15 percent by 2020. Oxfam Hong Kong campaign coordinator Stanley So offered praise for Hu, saying he had shown "leadership to the developed countries" and "willingness" to take on responsibility for reducing emissions.

Greenpeace's Yang said Hu's speech was a positive sign that China was serious about tackling climate

"This was the first time that the Chinese government has publicly confirmed that China would have a carbon emissions reduction target. Before, it was just speculation," Yang

"So in this sense Hu's speech was still quite signifi-

Qulkhwani

UNB, Sylhet

Qulkhwani of Dr Shaukatur Reza Choudhury of Deorail in Sylhet will be held at Baridhara Park Road Masjid in Dhaka after Asr prayers today. Dr Choudhury passed

away in London on September 16 at the age of 81.

His body arrived here on Sunday and was buried at Hazrat Shahjalal Mazar after namaz-e-janaza the same day.

Relatives and admirers are requested to take part in the gulkhwani.

DU student murdered

Mirpur police said they recovered the body of Sutopa around 9:00pm on Saturday from the emergency of

National Heart Foundation Hospital at Mirpur where her husband took her for admis-They arrested Abeer after their Shantibagh residence. Sutopa's brother Mohammad

against Abeer and his parents.

Sutopa's family members

said she got married with Medical College and Hospital. Abeer 16 months ago. Emdadul Huq told The Daily Star that her neighbours

that she was hospitalised. Abeer told police that he Hossain told The Daily Star pushed his wife following a quarrel in the afternoon and she hit the wall. Later, she

Mirpur-2 residence with her herself with a scarf from the window grill. Dhaka Medical College dent. authorities formed a three-

committed suicide by hanging

member committee to conduct an autopsy. wife of a deputy director of Anti-Corruption Commission

Amin filed a murder case official Khandaker Mesbauddin, succumbed to severe burn injuries at Dhaka

died in a mysterious fire at

Mystery shrouds the death Her brother-in-law as Mesbauddin admitted Salma to DMCH in a critical condition and left the hospital informed them Saturday night and did not visit her again.

killed Salma. She also alleged

that Mesbauddin hospitalised

Motijheel police said they were investigating the inci-

Salma hiding his identity.

recovered the decomposed body of a private car driver Meanwhile on Monday, the from the city's Rampura area Police Station Delwar Hossain Monday night. Deceased Kabir Hossain,

33, driver of a businessman in Banasri area of Rampura, lived Salma, 32, wife of ACC in a rented house in the area.

On September 19, he went out of his house after his duty and did not return, police said. Rampura police suspect that Kabir might have been killed following previous

enmity. around 10:00pm from the Salma's sister Bilkis water-filled elevator shaft of an under-construction build-

that they suspect Mesbauddin ing. body of an alleged mugger

beaten to death by a mob at Ibrahimpur under Kafrul Police Station. Nur-un-Nabi, 25, of Mirpur

In another incident, police Section-14, was killed in the early hours of Monday. Officer-in-Charge of Kafrul

said Nabi was killed after he mugged a pedestrian in the In another incident, police recovered the body of a 50-

year-old woman from a house

at Tongi on Tuesday and arrested two persons, including the house owner, in connection with her death. Tongi police said they recovered the body of Zubeda His body was recovered Khatun from the house of

Sirajul Islam early Tuesday and arrested Sirajul and another tenant. Police said the woman

Police also recovered the might have been killed in a