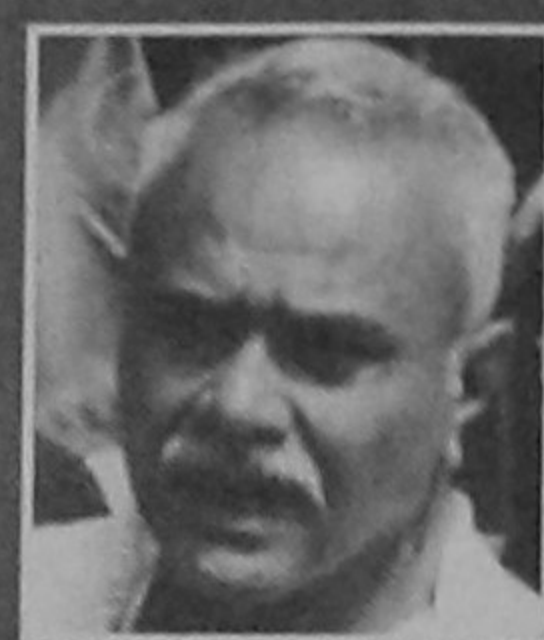
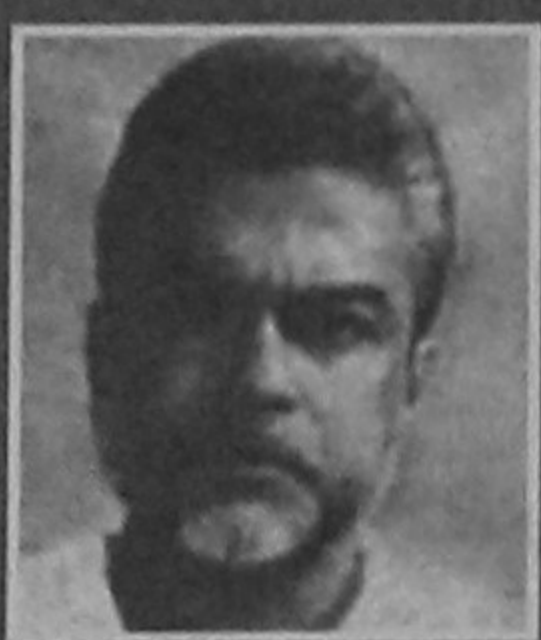


## CONVICTED KILLERS

IN PRISON



Lt Col Syed Farooq Rahman



Lt Col Sultan Shahrir Rashid Khan



Maj Baziul Huda



Maj AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed



Lt Col Mohiuddin Ahmed



Lt Col Abdul Aziz Pasha

DECEASED

ABSCONDING



Lt Col Khandaker Abdur Rashid



Lt Col Shariful Haque Dalim



Lt Col SHMB Nur Chowdhury



Lt Col AM Rashed Chowdhury



Capt Abdul Mazed



Risaldar Mosehuddin Khan

## Bishwa Ijtema begins Jan 21

'Jor' Ijtema from today

BSS, Gazipur

The three-day 'Jor' Ijtema, a preparatory event before Tablig Jamaat, an annual event of the Muslim devotees, will begin on the bank of the river Turag in Tongi today.

The organisers said about 60,000 devotees, including some foreign ones, will attend the 'Jor' Ijtema, which will end on November 23 following a munajat.

The Ijtema committee sources said after the 'Jor' Ijtema, most of the devotees would go out for inviting people to join the upcoming 44th

Bishwa Ijtema scheduled to be held from January 21 to 23, 2010.

Some devotees will stay at the venue for making the arrangements for the Bishwa Ijtema.

Bishwa Ijtema is the second largest world Muslim rally after the holy Hajj.

The first Bishwa Ijtema was held in Tongi Pagar area in 1966.

It was shifted from Pagar area to the present venue Bishwa Ijtema Maidan on the bank of the river Turag in 1967.

Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman allotted 126 acres of land for holding the Bishwa Ijtema.

## Controversial 'septuplet' dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One of the seven children, rescued from the house of former deputy inspector general (DIG) Anisur Rahman in August last year, died at a hospital in the city on November 16.

The news of death of four-and-a-half-year-old Najifa came to light yesterday after the police brought her body to the morgue of Dhaka Medical College for autopsy. The body was kept at the Birdem mortuary, the police said.

Najifa along with six other children had been staying in Prashanti, a shelter for children, run by Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association (BNWLA), since they were rescued from the house of the ex-DIG.

After the autopsy, the girl was buried at Azimpur graveyard yesterday.

The police said BNWLA authorities brought ailing Najifa to Pan Care Hospital and Diagnostic Centre at Dhanmondi around 8:30pm on

November 16. She died two hours later.

When contacted, BNWLA employees claimed that they informed the court of the death of the child on November 17.

The seven children hit the headlines in 2006 as ex-DIG Anisur Rahman claimed paternity of them, saying that they are 'septuplets'. He also had seven more children.

On June 15 in 2006, Executive director of Bangladesh Society for Establishment of Human Rights (BSEHR) Alena Khan filed a case against Anisur Rahman and his wife under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act with Badda Police Station.

On August 12, 2008, the DNA lab of DMCH revealed that the ex-DIG of police and his wife are not the biological parents of the 'septuplets' and the children are not siblings either.

After the DNA test, they were kept at Prashanti located at Agargaon in the city.

## Test run of Jamuna TV halted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) halted the test transmission of Jamuna TV last night.

In a letter to the private television channel, the regulator said it has scrapped the permission for satellite frequency and the use of earth-station equipment.

The information ministry had earlier faxed a message asking the authorities of Jamuna TV to halt its transmission, as it did not obtain a no-objection certificate (NOC), which is necessary for programme transmission.

Shah Alamgir, director of news for Jamuna TV, said some BTRC officials accompanied by police stopped the transmission at 10:30pm.

"They took away some equipment and severed some cables," he told The Daily Star by phone last night.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Kazi Wazed Ali of Badda Police Station said the test transmission was halted as per the decision of BTRC and the information ministry.

The Jamuna TV office is located at Progati Sarani in Badda.

## Call for special prayers today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Religious Affairs Advocate Md Shahjahan Miah yesterday requested all to arrange prayers of gratitude (shokrana munajat) and doa mahfil at all mosques across the country, including Baitul Mokarram Mosque, after Juma prayers today, as the Appellate division of the Supreme Court upheld the High Court verdict in Father of the Nation Bangabandhu murder case.

In a statement, he also requested people to arrange special prayers in temples, churches and pagodas across the country.

## Mugger beaten to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mob beat a mugger to death after he was caught red-handed at Jurain Baganbari in the city yesterday.

The dead was identified as Mohammad Ripon, 35, a resident of East Jurain in the area.

## Visiting labour leader Kearney passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Neil Kearney, general secretary of the International Textile, Garment and Leather Workers' Federation, who came to Dhaka on Tuesday on a four-day visit, passed away yesterday.

The union leader had been staying at Sonargaon Hotel. He died on the way to Square Hospitals in the morning.

Kearney, 59, is survived by his wife and two daughters, acting President of BGMEA Shaiful Islam Mohiuddin told reporters at a press briefing.

Kearney came here to visit a garment factory of Windy Group at Ashulia. "Last year the BBC aired a report on Windy Group about compliances and Kearney came here to verify it, as the group has already improved a lot," Mohiuddin said.

At his death, Bangladesh has lost a tested friend as Kearney always spoke for this country in different international forums, the BGMEA (Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association) leaders said.

Kearney helped the country's apparel sector a lot during the final phase-out of Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA) in 2005, he added.

The body of Kearney will be kept at the Central Shaheed Minar from 3:00pm to 5:00pm today for all to pay their last respects to him.

In separate statements, Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan, also the president of the Garments Tailors Workers' League, Md Israfil Alam, chairman of parliamentary standing committee on labour ministry, Roy Romesh Chandra and Nurul Islam, president and general secretary of Sammilita Garments Darji Sramik Federation, and Nazrul Islam Khan and Md Jafrul Hasan, president and general secretary of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal, expressed deep shock at the death of Neil Kearney.

They said the world lost a revolutionary labour leader and organiser at his death. He played an important role at international level in protecting the rights of garments workers.

Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad, Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies and Bangladesh Snajukta Sramik Federation also condoled his sudden demise.

## VERDICT IN BANGABANDHU MURDER CASE

## Repatriation of fugitives, early execution demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different socio-political organisations and individuals expressed their satisfaction over the historic Supreme Court (SC) verdict on the Bangabandhu Murder Case yesterday.

Welcoming the judgement, they sent statements to The Daily Star office.

Chief Whip Abdus Shahid in a statement said the nation got rid of the disgrace and anguish of the last 34 years through the historic declaration of the verdict.

"The verdict takes the country one step ahead of establishing justice and rule of law. The verdict of the SC has been reflected on the whole nation as a milestone of establishing justice," he said.

Shahid expressed his gratitude and thanks to all the lawyers who fought the Bangabandhu Murder Case for such a long time with due patience and integrity.

He also demanded the government execute the verdict immediately.

Industries Minister Dilip Barua, also general secretary of Bangladesh Sammabadi Dal (ML), also hailed the verdict.

Meanwhile, Sector Commanders Forum (SCF) hailed the SC verdict on the Bangabandhu Murder Case.

In a statement, the forum said the verdict is a historic one and it has paved the way for

establishing rule of law in the country.

The grief the nation has been bearing for the last 34 years will perish through the historic verdict, it added.

"SCF thinks that the killing of Bangabandhu within only three years and a half of the birth of this country through a bloody war of liberation was a big conspiracy against the country," said the statement.

"The conspirators had not only killed Bangabandhu and his family but also denied the liberation war and the sacrifices of the three million martyrs."

\* Jatiya Party (Manu) Chairman Anwar Hossain Manju in his reaction said the verdict will discourage such killings to grab state power in the third world countries like Bangladesh.

The SC verdict will strengthen the base of democracy in the country and militant activities would be discouraged, he said, adding that those who conspired to delay the trial process of the murder case should be identified.

Gono Forum, Jatiya Party, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal and Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) also welcomed the verdict.

BSD said the verdict would widen the path of trials of all the political murders that have taken place in the last 38 years.

In a joint statement, Supreme Court Bar

Association President AFM Mesbahuddin and Secretary SM Rezaul Karim said the verdict has once again proved that no one is above law.

Leaders of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) also expressed their satisfaction over the verdict, saying that the nation has been freed of a long black chapter of the history through the verdict.

Dhaka Court Reporters' Association, Bangladesh Medical Association, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Sammilita Samajik Andolon, Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan, Jati Janak (Adarsha) Parishad, Democratic Lawyers Association of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Hawkers' League, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation, Bangladesh Civil Service Trade Association, Citizens' Rights Movement and Sylhet Agriculture University hailed the verdict.

The organisations also welcomed the verdict include Nadi Sangskar Pani Shasan O Babohar Sangram Parishad-Bangladesh, Sammilita Islami Jote, Bangabandhu Lalitakala Academy, Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal, Bangladesh Jatiya Garment Sramik Karmachari League, Bangabandhu Jubo Parishad, Bangladesh Islami Oikya Jote, Youth Gono Forum, Amir and Amir Law Associates, Bangabandhu Lekhok Parishad, Muktiyoddha Oikya

Parishad, Bangladesh Pathnatak Parishad, Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad, Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad and Bangabandhu Ain Chhatra Parishad.

Krishak Sramik Janata League, Bangladesh Trade Union Centre, Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad, Proshika, Human Rights International Bangladesh, Bangladesh Chhatra League, Bangabandhu Adarsha Mullayan and Gobeshona Sangsad, Bangabandhu Shikkha O Gobeshona Parishad, Imarat Nirman Sramik Union Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Diploma Engineers Association, Bangladesh Students' Union, Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree, Muktiyoddha Prajanma Command, Bangladesh Awami Swachchhasebak League, Krishibid Institution Bangladesh, Bangladesh Civil Service (Agriculture) Association, Bangabandhu Krishibid Parishad, All Party Parliamentary Group and Bangladesh Polytechnic Teachers Association also hailed the verdict.

They demanded the government bring back the absconding accused as soon as possible, execute the verdict and start the trial of the jail killing case.

Bangladesh Awami Sangskritik Forum paid a rich tribute to the image of Bangabandhu at Dhanmondi 32 after the verdict.

## Death anniversary

METRO DESK



Samad Bir Uttam, says a press release.

He embraced martyrdom in a battle against the occupying Pakistani forces at Bhurungamari in Kurigram during the War of Liberation on this day in 1971. Local people named the area, where he was killed, Samad Nagar.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at the residence of his younger brother Ishtiaq Aziz Ulfat at House # 16, Road # 2, Sector # 11, Uttara in the city after Maghrib prayers.

Friends, relatives, admirers and freedom fighters are requested to attend the doa mahfil and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

MA Aziz Chowdhury

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 23rd death anniversary of Barrister MA Aziz Chowdhury, father of writer and journalist Sanjid Nishan Chowdhury, says a press release.

On the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held at his residence (19, greenway, Baro Maghbazar) in the city after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to attend the programme.

## Class V exams begin tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

Ahead of the maiden Primary Education Terminal Examination for the students of class V, Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday imposed restriction on public access within 200 yards of the exam centres to ensure peaceful atmosphere.

"The restrictions will remain in force from November 21 to November 24," said a DMP announcement on the ban.

The newly introduced examination system for the students of class V begins tomorrow with nearly 20 lakh

students sitting for the public exams at centres across the country and abroad.

A total of 1,980,180 students will sit for the terminal examination at 5,343 centres in the country and another five overseas.

Of the total students, 909,984 are boys while 1,070,196 girls.

The government for the first time introduced this kind of public examination at class V instead of primary scholarship exam.

Under the new system, scholarships will be given based on the results of the students in their terminal exams.



## Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light rain or drizzle may occur at one or two places over Khulna, Chittagong and Barisal divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.

Night temperature may fall by 1-2 degree Celsius over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and it may remain nearly unchanged elsewhere over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:11pm and rises tomorrow at 7:18am.

Country's highest temperature 30.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 16.7 degree at Rajshahi and Dinajpur.

The 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	28.6	21.4	72	68
Chittagong	24.5	23.0	92	95
Rajshahi	28.0	16.7	96	91
Khulna	29.5	21.5	82	75



A special doa mahfil was held at the prime minister's official residence Jamuna in the city yesterday after the verdict of the Bangabandhu murder case was announced. Speaker, ministers, Awami League leaders and people from all walks of life attended the milad.

## CIVIL-MILITARY

## Opposition urged to help improve relations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Adviser to Prime Minister Tarique Ahmed Siddique yesterday called on the opposition party to actively support the government in improving civil-military relations.

The liberation war acted as a unique bond between the military and civilians, he

added.

Tarique said this as the chief guest at the concluding session of the four-day workshop on 'National security and civil-military relations in Bangladesh' at a city hotel.

Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI) and Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS) jointly

organised the workshop in collaboration with Asia-Pacific Centre for Security Studies (APCSS) based in Honolulu, Hawaii, the USA.

Farooq Sobhan, president of BEI, EP Smith, director of APCSS, and Maj Gen Muhammad Firdaus Mian, chairman of BISS, also spoke at the workshop.