

War criminals get scope to hatch conspiracy

Says Gen Harun

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

The more the trial of the war criminals will be delayed, the more time the anti-liberation forces will get to hatch conspiracy, member secretary of Sector Commanders Forum (SCF) Lt Gen (ret'd) Harun-Ur-Rashid said yesterday.

The anti-liberation forces have already formed Muktiyoddha Parishad to misguide people, which is an insult to the nation.

Harun was speaking at a view exchange meeting between the freedom fighters and the public on the Martyrs' Monument premises in Thakurgaon as the chief guest.

He said the war criminals should be tried immediately to establish justice, sustain democracy and uphold the spirit of the liberation war.

The anti-liberation forces will try to make the country unstable to foil the trial. So, countrymen have to remain cautious and all progressive and pro-

liberation forces should be united, he said.

Urging all to boycott the war criminals socially and politically, he said that the war criminals have no right to participate in politics as they were against the country during the liberation war.

The speakers said it is regrettable that the anti-liberation war forces have managed to strengthen their position in the country.

They urged the government to start the trial of the war criminals immediately

as per their election pledge.

In the beginning of the meeting, one minute of silence was observed in memory of the martyrs of the liberation war.

Thakurgaon unit Coordinator of Sector Commanders Forum Jitandranath Roy presided over the meeting while Major General (ret'd) Masudur Rahman and Organising Secretary of SCF Rajshahi division Saiduzzaman Tara were present as special guests.



Tenants form a human chain in front of the National Press Club in the city yesterday to press for their 15-point demand.

Special prayers held for Haitians

BSS, Dhaka

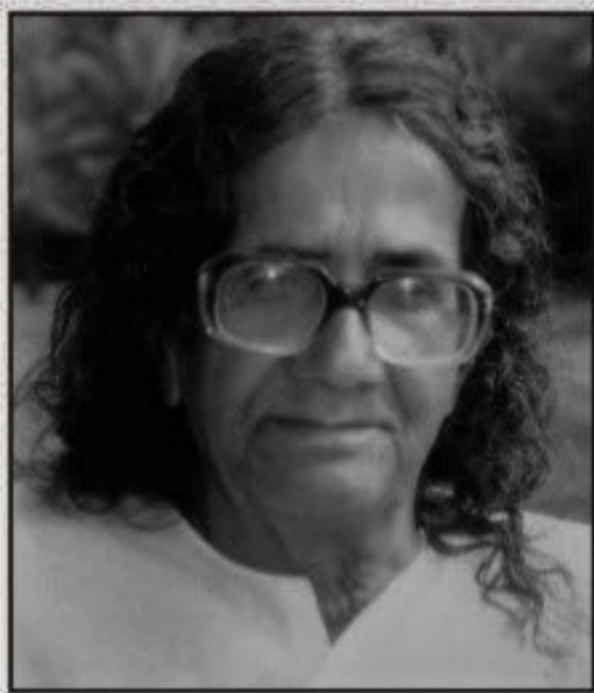
A special prayer was offered after Juma prayers yesterday at the Baitul Mokarram National Mosque seeking blessings of the Almighty Allah for the departed soul of about one lakh Haitians.

Maulana Mohammad Salah Uddin, khatib of the mosque, led the prayers.

The congregation also offered special munajat (prayer) and sought blessings of the Almighty for early recovery of thousands of injured survivors.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has already directed the authorities concerned to send medical teams and medicines in aid of the affected people.

A strong earthquake had struck the Caribbean state on Wednesday.



Birth anniversary of SM Sultan today

BSS, Narail

Today is the 85th birth anniversary of the country's celebrated artist SM Sultan.

Elaborate programmes have been chalked out to celebrate the day.

The programmes include discussion, circus, jarigan, kabigan, horse fighting, wrestling and art competition.

A week-long 'Sultan Mela' will also be held on the occasion.

Besides, volleyball competition and art exhibition will also be held for women.

Cultural function and seminar on the life and works on SM Sultan will be held.

Campaign tour by 'Bijoyer Golpo Boli' caravan ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 'Bijoyer Golpo Boli' (telling the story of victory) caravan reached the Dhaka University campus in the city yesterday, ending its weeklong campaigning tour of 24 districts.

Organised by Grameenphone, the caravan visited educational institutions and public places at 24 district headquarters to collect stories of success of common people in their struggles.

Over a thousand stories have been collected during the campaign. Selected stories will be published in a book. The stories will also be rewritten by a writers' panel. A judges' panel comprising eminent personalities will select the stories.

Stories can be sent through e-mail until January 25 at victory@grameenphone.com.

'Bijoyer Golpo Boli', is a continuation of the project launched by Grameenphone with the Prothom Alo on the publication of 'Ekatturer Chithi', a compilation of letters written by freedom fighters during the liberation war to their near and dear ones.

The book 'Bijoyer Golpo Boli' will be a compilation of stories of victories in different struggles and it is believed that each small victory having the power to inspire people is a testament to the indomitable spirit of the average people of the country, the organisers said at a programme at the caravan on the DU campus.

A group of artists also performed in the caravan and urged the people to share their own stories.

Desh TV was the media partner of the weeklong tour.

RU Shibir leader arrested

A RU CORRESPONDENT

The police yesterday arrested an Islami Chhatra Shibir leader of Rajshahi University (RU) unit on charges of attacking a police camp at Binodpur Bazar near the university on May 23 in 2009.

The arrestee, Shanewaz, is the president of Bangabandhu Hall Shibir unit.

Police said Shanewaz was arrested from a restaurant at the university Stadium Market at around 11:30am.

Protesting the arrest, several hundred Shibir leaders and activists staged a demonstration near Binodpur Bazar.

They also threatened to paralyse the campus if their leader was not released within 24 hours.

On May 23 in 2009, Shibir men attacked the police camp and clashed with the law enforcers as police imposed restrictions on Shibir programmes in the area. At least 20 people, including 10 police men, were injured during the clash.

Villagers beat up 3 cops over 'robbery'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Locals beat up three policemen on suspicion of robbery at Darigaon in South Keraniganj on the outskirts of the city early yesterday.

The injured were Sub-Inspector Mozammel Haque, 35, Assistant Sub-Inspector Shyamol Chandra Nath, 32, and constable Abdur Gafur, 40, of South Keraniganj Police Station.

Of them, two received treatment from the city's Mitford Hospital.

The policemen had fallen victim to villagers' attack when a team of police went to village Darigaon to arrest an accused from a residence at around 1:30am, locals said. As policemen knocked at the door, the family members of the house started screaming saying that robbers had attacked their house.

Following their scream, locals rushed to the scene and attacked the policemen with bricks and stones and later chased them out of the village. The victims then took shelter at a residence of a nearby village.

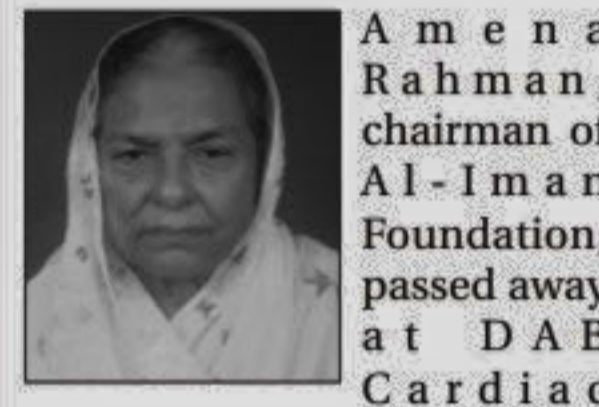
On information, the team went to the house to arrest the criminal who was allegedly taking shelter in the house, Officer-in-Charge of South Keraniganj Police Station Nilotpaul Dey told The Daily Star.

A warrant was issued earlier for the arrest of the criminal, the O.C. added.

Besides, he said the villagers attacked the policemen even though they showed their uniform and gave their identification.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Md Asaduzzaman, vice-chairman of Islam Group, passed away at the United Hospital in the city yesterday at the age of 74, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, two daughters and a son.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held today at 9:00am at his house at Ayesha Cottage, House # 137, Road # 3, Gulshan # 11 (near the Indian High Commission).

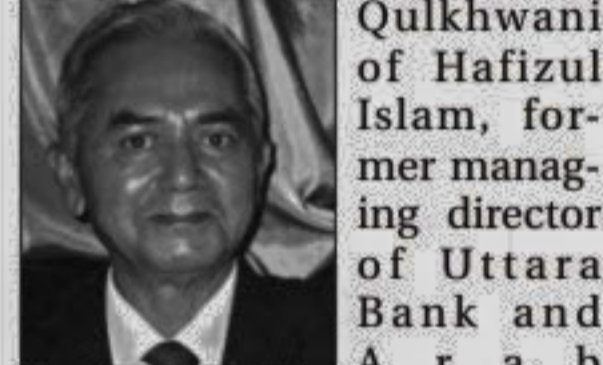
He was the wife of late Habibur Rahman, owner of Paramount Press, and mother-in-law of Barrister Rafiq-Ul-Haque.

She left behind one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn her death.

Her kulkhwani will be held at her residence after Asr prayer on Tuesday.

Qulkhwani of Hafizul Islam today

METRO DESK



Qulkhwani of Hafizul Islam, former managing director of Uttara Bank and Arab Bank and Bangladesh Bank and general manager of Sonali Bank, will be held at Swamibagh Community Centre (Mitali School) in the city after Asr prayers today (Saturday).

He passed away at Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital in the city on Thursday at the age of 85.

Hafizul Islam started his career as a banker in Imperial Bank of India. He was involved with all kinds of sports and played cricket for All Bengal 11 in undivided India.

Relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the kulkhwani and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

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WEATHER

No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 12 hours until 6:00pm today.

Prevailing mild cold wave over the regions of Rangpur, Dinajpur, Sayedpur and Srimongal may continue, met office said.

Moderate to thick fog may occur over the country during the period.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, it said.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:33pm today and rises at 6:43am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 29.4 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakundu and lowest 8.1 degrees Celsius at Srimongal.

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	26.2	15.0	74	67
Chittagong	27.4	15.0	70	60
Rajshahi	23.0	11.4	92	85
Khulna	24.4	14.2	81	80
Barisal	26.2	13.6	78	82
Sylhet	28.2	12.3	65	70
Cox's Bazar	28.0	17.5	58	66

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