University that left a general student Abubakar Siddique dead after being hit by police's tear

On January 7, Rezanul Islam Chowdhury

Sunny, 22, vice-president of Chhatra Moitree of

Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute was killed in an

attack by BCL men over establishing suprem-

College unit BCL general secretary Abul Kalam

Asad Rajib was killed and 20 others were

injured at Dr Fazle Rabbi Hostel when their

fellow BCL men attacked them with sharp

University unit Sharifuzzaman Nomani was

killed in a clash between BCL and Shibir on

March 13 last year that also left at least 100

Shibir general secretary of Rajshahi

On March 31 last year, Dhaka Medical

Encourage foreign investment, ensure welfare of expats

PM urges Bangladesh envoys in Arab countries

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked the Bangladesh envoys in the Arab countries to work with utmost sincerity and dedication for the welfare of the expatriate Bangladeshis and encouraging

foreign investment in Bangladesh. "You've to work with dedication for boosting the image of Bangladesh and also have to look after the causes of the Bangladeshi workforce in the Arab

The premier said this when the Bangladesh ambassadors in eight Arab countries paid a courtesy call on her at Bayan Palace in Kuwait free from hunger and poverty. Monday evening.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman, Jordan, UAE, Bahrain and Lebanon were present at the meeting.

PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad briefed the newsmen after the meeting.

Referring to the country's favourable investment policy, Hasina told the ambassadors to inform the foreign entrepreneurs about the investment friendly environment that now exists in Bangladesh and encourage them to come forward to invest in various important sectors.

She said her government wants to build the country through concerted efforts as prosperous Bangladesh

About different steps taken by her Bangladesh ambassadors to government for the country's overall

Relax guidelines for private instts

revised in 2008, the speakers said it does

not facilitate development of nursing

State University of Bangladesh said the

private institutions, according to the

policy, can enroll only the students with

science background.

undertaken for the first time.

2011,"he said.

books in 2010.

delays be punished.

"The recommendations aim

The education ministry

to help the government com-

plete the task more smoothly in

formed the committee in June

last year to oversee the printing

and distribution of free text-

mended that monitoring activi-

ties be strengthened and that

those whose negligence caused

mended a more transparent and

speedy tender process, having

identified the lack of a responsible

monitoring body as one of the

that the process could be

undertaken more efficiently

and that a close watch should

The committee suggested

factors which caused delays.

The report also recom-

The committee recom-

offering nursing course

Speakers tell seminar

Speakers at a seminar yesterday under-

scored the need to relax the guidelines for

the private institutions offering BSc in

nursing in order to encourage the private

As the shortage of nurses has been

hampering the healthcare service, the

government should take steps to encour-

age more students to join this profession,

they said, adding that public-private

partnership can play an important role in

seminar on 'Revised policy guidelines for

offering BSc in nursing in the private

sector' in association with State

University of Bangladesh, International

Medicare limited and Katalyst at the

Criticising the policy, which was

Advisory body recommends

National Press Club in the city.

WASIM BIN HABIB

Nahid yesterday.

school students.

delays were common.

The advisory committee for

printing and distributing free

school textbooks has recom-

mended starting the entire process

19-point recommendation to

Education Minister Nurul Islam

mended that the printing and

distribution process be started in

It was the first time that the

government printed and distrib-

uted books for secondary school

students as well as primary

from private sellers and long

In the past, secondary school students had purchased books

Prof Akhtaruzzaman, con-

January rather than April.

The committee recom-

The committee submitted its

several months earlier in future.

FREE TEXTBOOKS

RTM International organised the

sector to produce skilled nurses.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

economic development, the PM said the global economic recession could not touch Bangladesh due to her government's "pragmatic steps".

After coming to power through a free, fair and neutral election, the present Awami League-led government took steps to reduce price spiral of essentials. "Now it is our goal to build a pov-

erty-free digital Bangladesh... we should work together to this end for the greater interest of the nation," Hasina said. Earlier, Kuwait's Interior Minister

Staff Lt Gen (retd) Sheikh Jaber Al-Khaled Al-Sabah, Kuwait's Labour Minister Bader Fahad Ali Al-Duwaila, Director General of Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic meeting.

Development Abdulwahab Al-Bader and Managing Director of Kuwait Investment Authority Bader M Al Saad paid separate calls on PM at Bayan Palace.

During the meetings, they discussed various issues, including expansion of bilateral trade, Kuwaiti investment to Bangladesh's development projects and recruiting more Bangladeshis in Kuwait.

Expatriate Welfare Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, State Minister for Forests and Environment Hasan Mahmud, Ambassador at-large M Ziauddin, among others, were present at the

Our Rajshahi University correspondent A Rajshahi University BCL leader was reports: No investigation committee was hacked to death by some Islami Chhatra formed to probe the death at Rajshahi Shibir cadres yesterday. A Shibir leader was Polytechnic and Rajshahi University. also killed in a clash between BCL and Shibir Two cases were filed in connection with the Two groups of BCL locked into a clash on murder of Sunny and Nomani but no one was

BSS, Kuwait City

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the Bangladesh military contingent deployed in Kuwait under the UN peacekeeping mission to work with utmost dedication and sincerity in further brightening the image of the country abroad.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

students injured.

At least five students were killed in clashes

between different student bodies of the politi-

cal parties at different educational institutions

across the country since the present govern-

ing supremacy on the campuses. The ruling

Awami League's associated student body

Bangladesh Chhatra League was involved in all

of the clashes. These clashes left hundreds of

a general student at Dhaka University were

killed in an internal feud of the BCL. A leader

of Bangladesh Chhatra Maitree, student wing

of Bangladesh Workers Party, a component of

ruling Al-led grand alliance, was also killed in

a clash at Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute.

A BCL leader at Dhaka Medical College and

All of the clashes took place over establish-

ment have taken office on January 6, 2009.

"You have earned worldwide acclamation while discharging duties under the UN peacekeeping mission. Now, you have to uphold the image for the greater interest of the nation," she said while addressing the military contingent at Sobhan Cantonment

Hasina said her government is running the government with utmost transparency and accountability as it is believed

She said her government

of its works.

has taken various measurers for modernising the armed forces for protecting independence and sovereignty of the country. "We will do everything

5 die in campus clashes since AL takeover

gas shell.

acy on the campus.

weapons, rods and sticks.

people injured.

possible for modernisation of the armed forces," she said. Hasina said her government

has taken steps so that the Bangladeshi peacekeepers could talk to their near and dear ones over telephone at home at a minimum cost. In this context, she referred

that her previous government had introduced rice in dishes of the armed forces, instead o 'ruti' (bread). About democracy, the PM

said democracy has been established again in Bangladesh through a free, fair and acceptable election.

held there. mahfil will also be held at his

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Prof Khaleda Banu, an organiser of the War of Liberation, head of the department of Bangla of Abu Jar Gifari University College,

lawmaker Prof Abdul Mannan, says a press release. On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held in Dhaka

and Meherpur.

requested to attend the doa and pray for eternal peace of the departed soul.

Advocate Badiul Alam



anniversary of Advocate Badiul Alam, a freedom fighter and

A milad mahfil and discussion will be held at Fatnagar Sharifunessa Nazir Uddin

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February 2 at the Sir AF Rahman Hall of Dhaka arrested. Brighten country's Death anniversary image

PM asks Bangladeshi peacekeepers

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in ensuring transparency in all

ATTACK ON BCL

Punishment to Shibir workers demanded

DU CORRESPONDENT

Different socio-political and student organisations yesterday strongly protested and condemned the attack on Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leaders and activists and the killing of one of them by Islami Chhatra Shibir cadres at Rajshahi University (RU).

The organisations also demanded exemplary punishment to Shibir leaders and activists tions across the country.

lence at RU yesterday.

involved in the attack and a ban on organisational activities of Shibir,

dents and policemen were injured in the overnight vio-

student wing of the Jamaat-e-Islami, at all educational instituwas killed and dozens of stu-

BCL activist Faruk Hossain

To protest the attack, BCL

demonstration on the Dhaka University campus at noon. Hundreds of BCL men joined a procession demanding imme-

leaders and activists staged a

diate arrest of Shibir cadres responsible for the attack. Bangladesh Chhatra Union, a left-leaning student body, also brought out a procession on the

DU campus and demanded a ban on communal politics by enacting a law. Bangladesh Muktijodhha Ainjibi Parishad, Dakkhin

Bangla Jubo Kalyan Samituy, Jatiya Gonotantrik League and Bangladesh Nari Mukti Andolan, in separate statements, condemned the attack.

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, an alliance of cultural bodies, will hold a protest rally at the Central Shaheed Minar at 4:00pm today.

2 die in city road crashes

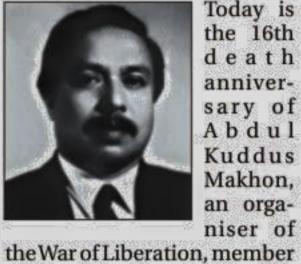
separate road accidents at Airport and Darus Salam in The deceased were identi-

fied as Prokash Kumar Sarkar, 40, and Zinder Sheikh, 50.

Ghor in the airport area early hours yesterday, leaving him dead on the spot. The driver managed to escape leaving behind his car.

Sheikh was crushed under the wheels of a speedy truck near Depnagar Kitchen Market in the Darus Salam area yesterday morning.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



of Swadhin Bangla Kendrio Sangram Parishad, former lawmaker and general secretary of DUCSU, says a press release. Jatiya Bir Abdul Kuddus

Makhon Smriti Parishad has taken elaborate programmes, marking the day. Wreaths will be placed at

his grave at national graveyard at Mirpur in the city at 9:00am.Qurankhwani, doa and milad mahfil will also be Qurankhwani and milad

residence at House#1 B-5/C-5, Road #140 at Gulshan-1 in the city after Maghrib prayers. Relatives and admirers are

requested to attend the doa and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Khaleda Akhter Banu

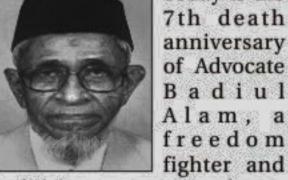


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Relatives and admirers are

Today is the



politician, says a press release.

Girl's High School.

large-scale provision of textbooks. vener of the committee said, "It is be kept on the education usual to have some problems officers to ensure the smooth The education minister when such a massive task is distribution of free textbooks. welcomed the recommenda-4 die as train hits tempo

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Four people, including a four-year old boy, were killed and another received critical injuries as a speeding train hit a passenger tempo in Basail upazila of Tangail yesterday Police and witnesses said the accident occurred

at about 11:00am when the driver of the tempo was

trying to cross Dapnajar level crossing ignoring the request of tempo passengers and others just before the arrival of a Dhaka-bound train. The speeding train of Silk City Paribahan from Rajshahi rammed the Karatia-bound tempo, killing three people, including the tempo driver,

General Hospital. The train, however, did not stop and continued its journey to Dhaka.

The dead were identified as tempo driver Raju people.

on the spot and injuring two others. The four-year old boy succumbed to his injuries at Tangail

gers of the tempo. Condition of Swapna, 12-year-old daughter of Bakul Begum, was stated to be critical. She is fighting for her life at the Tangail Hospital. Immediately after the accident, local people

Miah, 30, son of Gafur Miah of Paikpara village in

Delduar upazila, Ratna Begum, 25, wife of Azad

Miah of Gazariapara village in Sadar upazila, and

their four-year old son Aditya, and Bakul Begum,

40, wife of Nurul Islam of Gosaibari Kumulli vil-

lage in Sadar upazila. All of them were the passen-

rescued two injured children and sent them to the hospital in a critical condition, said Abdul Gafur, incharge of the number 6 gate of the rail track, adding that the level crossing has no gate or gateman. Fazlu Miah, a witness, told The Daily Star that

the tempo driver despite seeing the speeding train tried to cross rail track paying no attention to the request of tempo passengers and nearby

countries, health allied courses are offered by private universities.

He also stressed the need to update the

revised guidelines. Joint Secretary (hospital and nursing) KBM Omar Faruque Chowdhury, Director (medical education) of DGHS Dr

Ahmed Hakim and President of RTM

Moreover, students face many problems while studying the course under public university, which increases their expenses, he said, adding that in many

have science department. Also, many

schools don't have science teachers even

Khondhaker Mohammad Shefyetullah, Director (MCH services) of DGFP Dr Jafar

institutes in the private sector. though they have science department, They said there is a severe shortage of he said. nurses in the country, but the number of seats in the public nursing institutes is too little. So, the private institutions should come forward to produce skilled nurses who are also in great demand abroad.

The report also highlighted a

lack of coordination between the

ministry, National Curriculum

and Textbook Board (NCTB), the

Directorate of Secondary and

Higher Education (DSHE) and

ing the NCTB into two parts and

having a separate curriculum

the quality of the books being

distributed was of varying stan-

dards, and that the printing activi-

ties be decentralised and spread to

committee submitted the rec-

ommendations after holding 11

meetings with highly experi-

other country whose government

takes responsibility for such a

enced committee members.

Prof Akhtaruzzaman said the

Healso said that he knows of no

divisional and district levels.

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It also recommended divid-

The committee also said that

other concerned departments.

Health Secretary Sheikh Altaf Ali said that in view of the current and future requirements of skilled nurses, it has course curriculum. become a necessity to produce qualified and highly skilled nurses in a large num-Maj Gen (retd) Dr M Shahjahan of

Registrar of Bangladesh Nursing

Council Suriya Begum presented the

"But we have to keep it in mind that International Ahmed Al-Kabir also spoke. many schools outside the capital do not

> tions, saying they would prove useful in future. "The committee was like a parent or umbrella group and it gave us many useful suggestions along the way. It is one of the

> textbooks was for the most part a success," Nahid said. areas, textbooks were distrib-

uted among the students on time, he added. The government printed around 18.68 crore textbooks for

free distribution to approxi-

mately 2.76 crore primary and

secondary students.

Start printing, distribution from Jan

reasons why the distribution of Despite problems in certain

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah hold a meeting at Bayan Palace in Kuwait City on Monday.

tomorrow STAFF CORRESPONDENT

begin

Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and other equivalent examinations will begin across the country tomorrow amid strict measures taken by the government against any kind of unfair means.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) imposed restrictions on the movement of people, except examinees, within 200 yards of examination centres in the city during the examina-

tions. "Entry of public other than examinees within 200 yards of the examination centres has been restricted in order to hold the exams in a fair and peaceful manner," DMP Commissioner AKM Shahidul Haque said in a statement.

Obituary



his death.

Rahimunnesa

Meer Mahmud Shareef Ali, former inspector general of police and secretary,

passed away on Monday, says a press release. He left behind his wife, daughter and son to mourn

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Rahimunnesa, mother of Md Noveem, assistant labour secretary of Jubo Dal Dhaka Moahanagar South, passed

away due to old age complica-

tions at the age of 75 on

Monday, says a press release.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT front of Munmun Khabar

Two people were killed in the city yesterday.

Witnesses said a private car hit Prakash from behind when he was crossing the road in

Meanwhile, one Zinder

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