

Tobacco doubles heart attack risk for women

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Risk of heart attack is two times higher for women taking tobacco and it gets even bigger for those who take contraceptive pills and tobacco simultaneously...

Work hard to uphold nation's image

Hasina urges peacekeepers

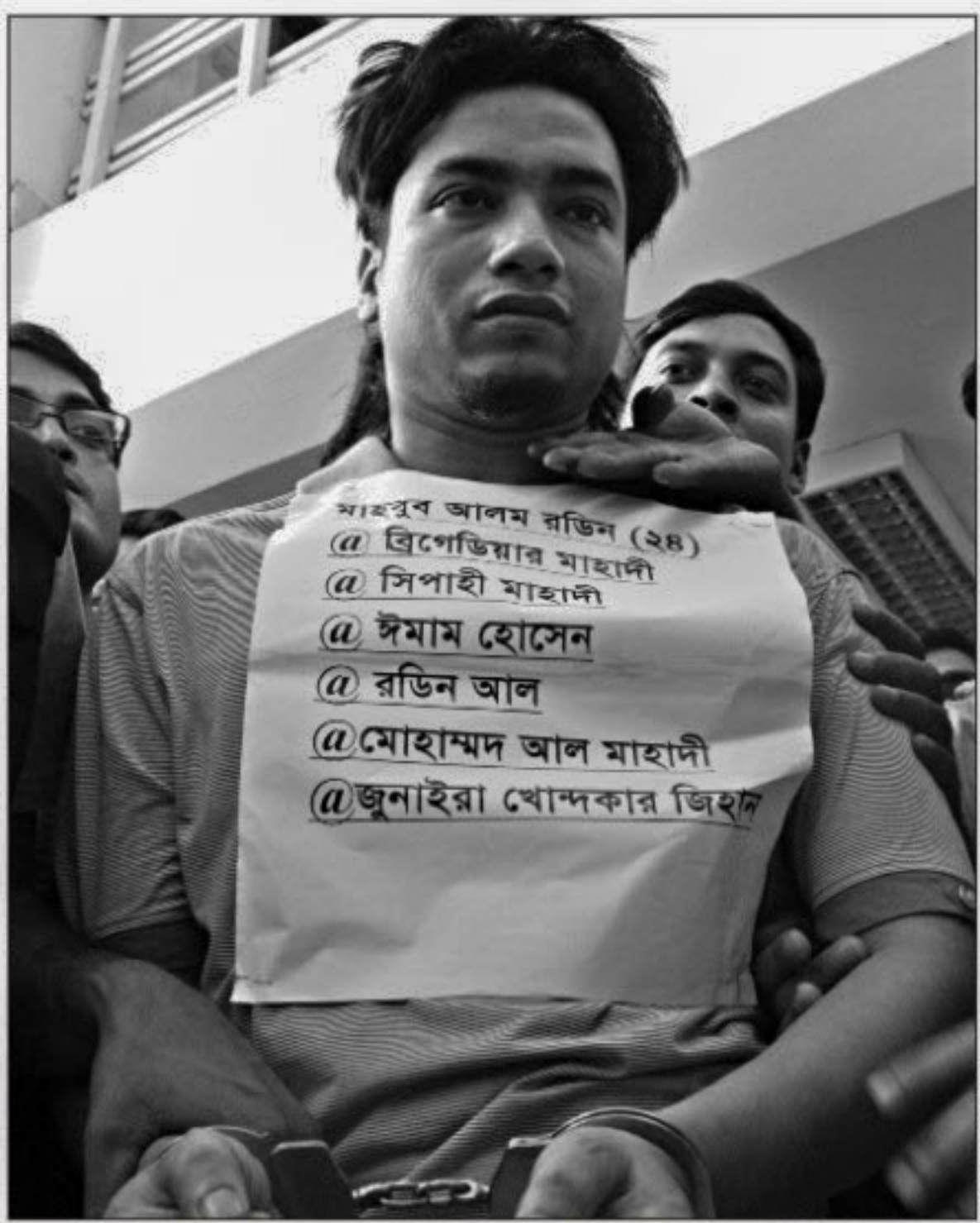
UNB, Dhaka Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged the Bangladeshi peacekeepers working under the UN umbrella to carry out their missions with utmost sincerity...

Personnel Carriers for Bangladeshi peacekeepers so that the armed forces and police personnel from the country could be included in the peacekeeping missions with increasing numbers.



Family members of the dead or injured peacekeepers pose for photograph with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a function at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

After the ceremony, Hasina went round the photo exhibition arranged to mark the occasion. UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Arthur Erken, Ambassador at-large M Ziauddin and Chief of Army Staff General M Abdul Mubeen also spoke at the function.



Mahbub Alam Rodin, detained on charges of posting offensive images of politicians on the internet, was paraded before the media at Rab headquarters yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

Mayoral candidates seek votes amid drizzle

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg Amid daylong drizzle, almost all the candidates vying for mayor or councillor posts in the June 17 Chittagong City Corporation elections were busy campaigning in the port city.

Family members of Mohiuddin were with him during yesterday's campaign in different areas. Mohiuddin's wife Hasina Mohiuddin and their three daughters Zebunnesa Chowdhury, Israt Sharmin and Nusrat Sharmin made door to door visits at Sholshahar in the morning while Mohiuddin's son Chowdhury Mohibul Nowfel was seen in Mohammadpur in the afternoon.

Call for social movement to combat maternal death

12,000 die during childbirth a year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT A social movement is a must to reduce maternal mortality in the country, speakers at a discussion said yesterday. An estimated 12,000 women die during childbirth a year, they said, adding that lack of awareness and access to healthcare and negligence towards women are responsible for maternal deaths.

A large number of girls gets marry and become pregnant before their 19s when she is not biologically fit to be a mother, they said, adding the men should be made aware of the maternal health. At the same time, education for all, maternity leave for working women, antenatal and postnatal care and skilled birth attendants should be ensured.

'BANGABANDHU AWARD FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION' Nationwide tree plantation campaign starts June 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The government this year introduced an award titled 'Bangabandhu Award for Wildlife Conservation' as part of its efforts to preserve rare animal and plant species on the verge of extinction.

Hasina, who is due to inaugurate the fair at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center in the city, will confer the awards in three categories. Each award will include a crest of two bhoris of gold, a cheque for Tk 50,000 and a certificate.

government set a target to produce 10 crore of tree seedlings, which is a record so far in the history of the country. Afforestation on 1.7 lakh hectares of lands in the coastal char area is accelerating rise of char lands and creating scope for farming and fisheries and human habitation, he said.

Washington congratulates Dhaka on arrest of JMB chief

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT The United States has congratulated the Bangladesh government on the arrest of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) chief Maulana Saidur Rahman.

ADMISSION TRADE, IMMORAL ACTIVITIES Sahara warns students of stern actions

BSS, Dhaka Home Minister Advocate Sahara Khatun yesterday warned that stern actions would be taken against those students who would be involved in terrorist and immoral activities in the name of politics.

photographs of such terrorist or immoral activities or admission trading of the students in the name of politics," she said adding, "I am sure that your parents did not send you to Dhaka to get involved in such acts."

AL, Grand Alliance leaders meet on June 1

UNB, Dhaka Leaders and MPs of Bangladesh Awami League and its partners in the Grand Alliance will hold a meeting on June 1 at Gono Bhaban to discuss the prevailing political and socio-economic situation of the country.

BDR man dies while on duty at border

STAFF CORRESPONDENT A Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) commander posted at 25-rifle battalion in Panchagarh died of acute myocardial infarction (AMI) at Panchagarh Sadar Hospital on Friday night.

WEATHER TODAY Rain likely

Table with 5 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

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Teachers, students and employees of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) form a human chain on the campus yesterday to mourn the death of Khandaker Khanjahan Samrat, a first year mechanical engineering student. (Story on Page 16)