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## Reconstitute RRC for country's development

Akbar Ali urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Akbar Ali Khan, a former adviser of the caretaker government, yesterday said the government should reconstitute the Regulatory Reform Commission (RRC) for the interest of democracy and economic development of the country.

The RRC should be strengthened for the betterment of people of the country, he said.

Akbar said this while speaking as special guest on the occasion of launching ceremony of the book "Regulatory reform: Bangladesh perspective" written by MS Siddiqui, a part time teacher of Leading University, at the auditorium of the Supreme Court Bar Association.

Khan, also a former chairman of RRC, said he resigned his post eight months ago since the present government did not implement his recommendations for bracing up the commission.

Chief Justice Mohammad Fazlul Karim spoke as the chief guest on the occasion.

Prof Sumaiya Khair, chairperson, department of law, Dhaka University also addressed the session.



**RECKLESS DRIVING:** A passenger bus crashes into a road divider on Dhaka-Gazipur Highway at Tongi as its driver lost his control over the steering due to rash driving yesterday. Road accidents caused by careless driving are common in the country as drivers disregard traffic rules and the members of the law enforcement agencies are indifferent to the problem.

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## Bangladesh now member of Unicode Consortium

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh has become the institutional member of Unicode Consortium, an organisation that enables people around the world to use computers in any language.

On being a member, Bangladesh has achieved the voting power to make necessary additions of Bangla letters to be used in various devices of science, information and communication technology (ICT) and to develop the language standard. Unicode is an internationally recognised system by which any language can be used in different digital devices like mobile phone and computer.

Earlier, only India had the voting right in the consortium about the Bangla language.

The ICT ministry with the personal interest of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has taken the initiative of being a member of the consortium last year.

Bangladesh was declared an institutional member on June 30 this year following an application by the ministry on March 18, 2009.

The Unicode Bangla text has already been initiated in many government offices under the supervision of 'Accesses to Information (A2I)' programme, operated by the Prime Minister's office.

## BSMMU

## DAB demands withdrawal of suspension order of 38

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) yesterday demanded withdrawal of Wednesday's suspension order sent to 38 doctors of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

At a press conference at the National Press Club, the doctors also demanded judicial probe into all recruitment, promotion and procurement irregularities that took place since the inception of the university.

They also demanded removal of the vice chancellor of BSMMU.

Terminating the probe committee report by Prof Nazrul Islam politically motivated, fabricated and incomplete, they said the report identified some recruitment and promotion irregularities in BSMMU during 2001-2006.

But the committee were supposed to find out all irregularities that took place from 2001-08, they observed.

Though the Shahjahan committee, which was later formed by the syndicate, pointed out the flaws of the Nazrul committee's report, it was overlooked in the reports of the next committees, they added.

Prof Mobin Khan, Prof Abdul Bayes Bhuiyan, Prof M Abdul Mannan, former BMA president Prof AKM Azizul Haque, DAB secretary general Prof Zahid Hossain were present.

## Handover Jamaat trio to war crimes tribunal

Demands JSD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) yesterday urged the government to handover Jamaat leaders Motiur Rahman Nizami, Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, Moulana Delwar Hossain Sayedee to the special tribunal for war crimes, says a press release.

JSD made the demand at its central committee meeting held at the party head office in the city.

JSD leaders at the meeting said that despite being widely known as war criminals, the Jamaat leaders have not yet been shown arrested in this connection. Trial of the war criminals was one of the major electoral pledges of the ruling

party, they added.

The meeting decided to hold a discussion and rally at Muktangan in the city on July 6 and a countrywide protest on July 8 demanding handover of the arrested Jamaat leaders to the special tribunal.

JSD also demanded an investigation into action of the law enforcement agencies at the residence of BNP leader Mirza Abbas during the June 27 hartal hours.

Hasanul Haque Inu presided over the meeting. General Secretary Sharif Nurul Ambia, lawmaker Moinuddin Khan Badal, central leaders Syed Jafar Sajjad, Shirin Akhter, Iqbal Hossain Khan and Nazmul Haque Pradhan were present at the meeting.

## 10 hurt in RMG unrest

A CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

At least 10 people including a sub-inspector were injured as the agitating workers of a sweater factory went on a rampage demanding pay hikes and clashed with police at Adamjee EPZ here yesterday.

Badrul Alam, officer-in-charge of Siddhirganj Police Station, said around one thousand workers of Hilen Sweater factory were observing demonstration for the last few days demanding pay hikes.

At one stage of their demonstration on Sunday morning, the agitating workers vandalised the factory and beat up its

three officials--supervisor Zakir Hossain, floor-in-charge Shohagh and Rafiq.

As the police rushed to the spot to bring the situation under control, the infuriated workers hurled bricks on them that injured seven people including sub-inspector Nazmul Islam, sources said.

Injured Zakir, Shohagh and Rafiq were rushed to the Dhaka Medical College and Hospital while others at Khanpur Narayanganj Hospital.

Kamruzzaman, managing director of the factory, said at least ten people including factory supervisor and officials were injured in the attack.

## DEATHS IN CUSTODY HR body calls DMP boss to its office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) called the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner to its office today concerning custodial death of three people during last week.

"The commission is concerned and seriously anxious over these incidents," said NHRC Chairman Dr Mizanur Rahman adding, "DMP Commissioner AKM Shahidul Hoque has been invited to our office by 11:00am to know about the steps taken by DMP."

The NHRC chairman would also ask the timeframe to implement the DMP's measures.

"We always expect the government to take proper procedures, otherwise human rights will be violated," said Rahman.

Businessmen Mizanur Rahman of Badda, Babul Kazi of Nayatola in Ramna and Mujibur Hossain of Melartek Ghat in Darussalam died in police custody.

Mizanur was shot dead while Babul Kazi and Mujibur Rahman were tortured to death allegedly by law-enforcers.

Meanwhile, the DMP authorities have formed separate committees to investigate the incidents.

Chief Executive of Bangladesh Human Rights Foundation Elna Khan said police investigation is not acceptable when law enforcers are the suspects.

She said a judicial probe is needed to ensure justice for the affected families.

## Mamtaj made addl AG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supreme Court lawyer Mamtaj Uddin Fakir was yesterday appointed additional attorney general.

President Zillur Rahman made the appointment as per Article 3(2) of Bangladesh Law Officers Order 1972 for dealing with cases on behalf of the state.

Now the number of additional attorneys general stands at three.

A post of additional attorney general fell vacant on April 11 this year, when AKM Zahirul Haque, then additional attorney general, was appointed a High Court judge.

Mamtaj Uddin Fakir was an elected secretary of the Supreme Court Bar Association from 2001 to 2002.

## Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mojiron Nesa, mother of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Abdul Mannan Akanda, passed away at her village home at Kalairpar under Fulbaria upazila of Gazipur Wednesday night at the age of 90, says a press release.

She left behind her four sons and three daughters.

## Road crashes kill two

Mob puts up barricade on Jessore road, vandalises 25 vehicles

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At least two people were killed and three others injured in separate road accidents in Manikganj and Jessore.

Our Manikganj Correspondent reports: At least two people were killed and two others injured in a road accident at Medulia area under Singair upazila of the district on Saturday.

The deceased were identified as Atik, 25, a college student, son of Moslem Uddin of Char Azampur village and Raihan, 15, also a school student, son of Ayub Ali of Bati-Joymontop village under Singair upazila.

Officer-in-Charge Shafiqur Rahman of Singair Police Station said the accident occurred at around 9:15pm on Saturday when two motorcyclists were overtaking each other on Hemayetpur-Singair road, leaving two dead on the spot and injuring two others.

Injured Farhad, 27, and Sohel, 20, were admitted to a local health complex.

Our Jessore Correspondent Says: Local people and students went on a rampage yesterday following a road accident that left a student seriously injured at Churamonkati area under Sadar upazila of the district.

Sources said at around 8:00am yesterday a Meherpur bound bus hit Shakil Ahmad, 14, a class nine student of Churamonkati High School on Jessore-Jhenidah highway.

Shakil was rushed to Jessore General Hospital, but later he was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

On spreading the news, the agitated people along with the students barricaded the highway in demand of a speed breaker.

They also vandalized at least 25 vehicles that halted the vehicular movement for 4 hours on the highway.

However, the agitated people removed the barricade from the highway at around 1:00pm, after administration officials and police personnel assured them of constructing a speed breaker on the spot within 24 hours.

## SUICIDE OF RITA, 2 CHILDREN Rashedul, 2nd wife on fresh remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rashedul Kabir and his second wife Razia Sultana Smriti confessed to their role in instigating Farzana Akter Rita and her two children to commit suicide.

Investigation officer (IO) Sheikh Mahbubur Rahman said yesterday that they took the couple in two-day fresh remand for verifying information gleaned from them.

Rashedul and Smriti were arrested on June 26 and on the same day they were produced before a Dhaka Court that granted a seven-day remand.

Of the total nine arrestees in connection with the case, now seven are in jail except prime

accused Rashedul and his second wife Razia.

Rita's parents-in-law during interrogation admitted that Rita and her children felt insulted publicly while they were forced to sign an agreement for evicting the Jurain residence by June 30 in an arbitration arranged by the in-laws on May 6.

IO Mahbubur said Farzana's mother Mazeda filed a case with Kadamtoli Police Station against eight persons under the women and child repression prevention act following recovery of the three bodies at Rita's Jurain residence.

Rita along with her two children were found dead in the house on June 11.

## Tariqat Fed slates Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Tariqat Federation (BTF) yesterday criticised BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia for terming the case against Jamaat-e-Islami leaders as 'ridiculous'.

"If a national leader like Khaleda Zia made such comment on the case I wonder where the people will stand and what the future of legal procedures would be," said Syed Nazibul Bashar Majibhandari, chairman of Tariqat Federation at a press briefing at Jatiya Press Club in the city.

On July 1 the BNP chief had protested the arrest of Jamaat's three top leaders as BTF filed the case terming it 'ridiculous'.

The BTF chief also criticised Khaleda Zia for labeling Tariqat Federation as an associate organisation of the ruling Awami League. He said his party is not a partner of the ruling AL-led alliance.

"Besides, we are not blind supporters of all policies of the government," he said.

But BTF will remain with all pro-liberation political parties to try war criminals, he said.

## Garments worker strangled in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of a female garment factory worker, allegedly strangled, from city's Chalabon Lane in Dakkhinkhan yesterday.

The body was found with a scarf wrapped around the neck and hands both tied at the back with a piece of cloth.

The dead was identified as Nilufa Akhter, 26, a worker of Dress Link Ltd Garments at Chalabon. She lived in the area.

Police sources said local people found the body lying on the road and informed the police. Nilufa's husband Mohammad Shiplu identified the body on the spot.

Police said Nilufa came home from work at around 8:00 pm yesterday. When her husband, also a garments worker, returned home at 10:00 pm, he could not find her anywhere and informed the matter to the police.

Police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Nilufa's father, Tajul Islam, filed a murder case with the Dakkhinkhan Police Station in this regard.

Police is interrogating Shiplu and suspect his involvement with the killing.



## Justice Ansar's anniversary of death today

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Today is the 15th death anniversary of Justice Muhammad Ansar Ali, a renowned lawyer and a freedom fighter, said a press release.

On the occasion, a Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his village home in Naogaon and at Banani graveyard in the city today marking the day.

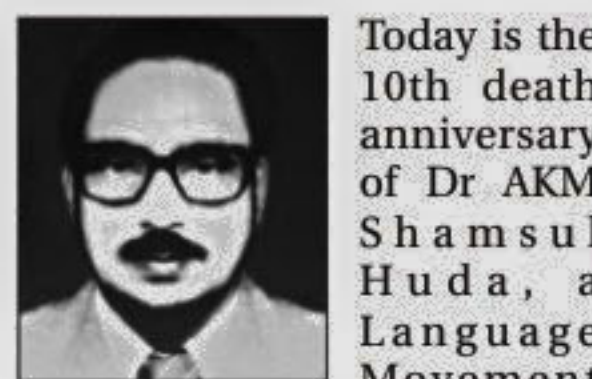
On July 5, 1995 Justice Ansar Ali died while on duty during hearing of the cases for the dispensation of justices.

Ansar Ali started his legal profession in 1962 at Dhaka High Court and at Pakistan Supreme Court in 1968. He was the elected senior vice president of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association. He was also elected president of Rangpur High Court Bar Association twice.

He was imprisoned in 1952 for his participation in the Language Movement and was awarded with Matribhasha Padak 2001 for his association with this historic movement.

## Dr AKM Shamsul Huda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 10th death anniversary of Dr AKM Shamsul Huda, a Language Movement

veteran and former VP of Sir Salimullah Medical College, says a press release.

On this occasion, a special prayer along with recitation from the Holy Quran and milad mahfil will be held at the mosque in the Martyred Intellectual Graveyard in Mirpur in the city. Foods will also be distributed among the destitute in an orphanage in the area.

## Razia Begum

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Today is the second death anniversary of Razia Begum, mother of martyred

freedom fighter Rejaul Karim Manik (Bir Protik), says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at the Moghbazar Wireless Jamey Mosque in the city after Asr prayers today.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend the mahfil.