



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks at a meeting of South Asian leaders on risks related to climate change and its effects on the Millennium Development Goals in New York on September 21. The prime minister presided over the meeting.

CID summons Ibrahim's wife

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

CID investigators yesterday summoned slain Awami League activist Ibrahim Ahmed's wife Rina Islam to CID office at Malibagh in the city.

The investigators also visited the place of occurrence.

Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Khandaker Abdul Halim of CID, also investigation officer of the Ibrahim murder case, told The Daily Star that they summoned Rina as part of the investigation.

He however declined to disclose the statement of Rina.

A CID investigation team including ASP Halim and Special Superintendent of Police Sheikh Maruf Hasan visited the place of occurrence.

Rina told The Daily Star that ASP Halim asked her to meet them at CID office at noon and accordingly she reached the office at 1:30pm and left it around 2:30pm.

She said, during the meeting, the CID personnel inquired of her conjugal life and the happenings before and after the murder incident.

"I arranged a milad mahfil for the departed soul of Ibrahim at a local mosque in Segunbagicha yesterday," she said.

Awami League activist Ibrahim was killed by ruling party lawmaker Nurunnabi Chowdhury Shaon's pistol in his car parked at Block-6 in

front of the MP Hostel at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban complex on August 13.

Following the incident Shaon's driver Kamal Hossain

Kala, who is now in jail, filed an unnatural death case but later as per court directives police filed a murder case in this connection.



Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:54pm today and rises at 5:48am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 34.0 degrees Celsius was recorded at Patuakhali and lowest 23.7 degrees Celsius at Srimongal yesterday.

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	32.5	26.5	79	90
Chittagong	31.8	25.0	79	83
Rajshahi	33.0	25.0	88	83
Khulna	32.5	26.5	92	81
Barisal	32.7	26.2	84	88
Sylhet	32.5	24.5	79	73
Cox's Bazar	32.8	25.2	73	80

Media spread anthrax panic

Alleges minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdul Latif Biswas yesterday in parliament accused media of creating panic among people about anthrax.

"Media spread panic countrywide through publishing and broadcasting false news of anthrax. They [media] are even telling that one might be affected by anthrax if he drinks milk," the minister said in a statement.

He said media also reported that sparrows and ducks are dying of anthrax, which is "totally false."

The minister urged media to play a positive role so that people are not panicked and can celebrate upcoming Eid-ul-Azha.

The minister urged the countrymen not to be panicked and to start eating beef from now as he claimed that the anthrax is under control. He called upon all to buy cattle without any hesitation for upcoming Eid festival.

"It is not true that one must be affected by anthrax virus for eating beef," he said.

Latif claimed that only 46 cows out of around six crore cattle were affected so far by anthrax virus, which cannot be considered as epidemic.

He said no cattle was affected by anthrax since September 18.

The minister described the government's all out measures to tackle the disease. "The situation is now under control for the government's time befitting measures," he claimed.

Naval chief leaves for UK

BSS, Dhaka

Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral ZU Ahmed left Dhaka on Tuesday for the UK to attend a handing-taking over ceremony of Newly purchased Navy Ship named BNC BIJOY and BNS DHALESHWARI at New Cassel tomorrow.

He was accompanied by a two-member naval delegation, said an ISPR release today.

Enroll ethnic people accurately

Minister asks deputy commissioners

BSS, Mymensingh

The government has taken initiatives to enroll names of ethnic people sprawling across the country to ensure their advancement, said State Minister for Cultural Affairs Promod Mankin yesterday.

To protect the interest of ethnic people, directives have been given to the respective deputy commissioners (DCs) to accelerate the enrolment process, he said.

Speaking as the chief guest at a seminar on "Causes of Losing Land and Culture of Adivasi People and Initiatives," he said directives have been given as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is considering recognition of ethnic people for their contribution to the liberation war.

The minister said the gov-

ernment has taken various steps for well-being of the ethnic people and urged them to cooperate the government for implementing its programmes for the advancement of the community.

Non-government organizations Caritas and Manusher Janno Foundation organised the seminar at Language Martyr Abdul Jabbar Auditorium with Theofil Nokrek, regional director of Caritas, in the chair.

Speakers said the forest areas are main places where indigenous people have been living for centuries together.

In the past, the government controlled the forest land depriving indigenous people and making them vulnerable, they observed.

There are 1,20,255 hectares of Saal Forest in the country

during British regime. Of them, 1,04,616 hectares are in greater Mymensingh alone where 25,000 Mandi and Coach people live, the seminar was informed.

The speakers urged the government to use natural resources in forest and hilly areas of the country for well-being and advancement of indigenous people.

Deputy Commissioner of the district Lokman Hossain Miah and Rina Roy of Manusher Janno Foundation were present as the special guests.

Zobaidda Nasreen, assistant professor of Anthropology department of Dhaka University, presented the keynote paper at the seminar. More than 150 people, including NGO representatives and indigenous leaders from greater

Mymensingh, attended it.

Among others Principal of Shaheed Nazrul Islam College Dr Marufi Khan, Suvash Jengcham, Advocate Emdadul Haque Millat, Principal of Notre Dame College Father Benjamin Costa, Sajeda Begum Saju, Swapon Hajang, Augustina Chicham, Zobeda Khatun, Sushil Nokrek, Birendra Chirang and Khandaker Reazul Karim took part in the discussion.

Obituary

METRO DESK



Dr. M. Obaidur Rahman, a retired professor of the Institute of Education and Res-

earch (IER) of Dhaka University, passed away on Tuesday at the age of 84, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, two sons, five daughters and fifteen grandchildren.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held on Friday after Juma prayers at the Park Masjid of Uttara, Sector no 4.

A doa mahfil will be held at his residence at House No.13, Road No. 7, Sector-4, Uttara after Asr prayers on Saturday.

All are requested to pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Md Abdul Gafur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Md Abdul Gafur, a freedom fighter of Chirirbandar upazila, passes away on Tuesday night at his residence due to a cardiac arrest at the age of 58.

He left behind his wife, son and three daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

He was buried at his family graveyard with state honour.

Many freedom fighters and different socio-political leaders attended his namaz-e-janeza.



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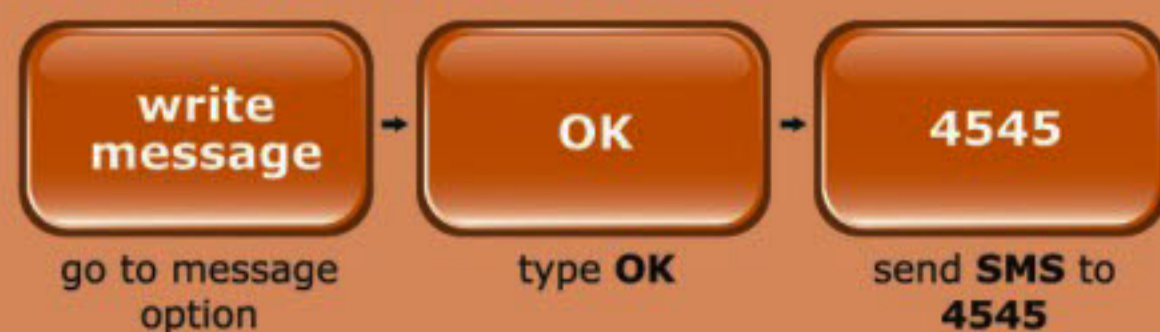
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