

NEWS IN *brief*

**BSF killings condemned**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ganatantrik Baam Morcha yesterday strongly condemned and protested killing of Bangladeshis in the border areas by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) including the latest murder of Felani in Kurigram.

Alliance leaders including Saiful Haque, Khalequzzaman, Tipu Biswas, Zonaid Saki and Babul Biswas said BSF is nurturing a one-sided war situation in border areas by killing Bangladeshis one after another, putting the nation in a sense of insecurity.

Such killings are signs of Indian aggression towards Bangladesh, they said, adding that no independent and sovereign state can tolerate such killings for long, says a press release.

Alliance leaders urged government to take necessary measures for an end to the killings.

**'Punish Sunny's killers'**

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra Moitri (BCM) yesterday demanded government for immediate arrest of Sunny's killers and ensure exemplary punishment of the culprits.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists allegedly assassinated Rezwanul Islam Chowdhury Sunny, BCM vice president of Rajshahi Polytechnic, in a clash on January 07, 2010.

Several activists of BCM demonstrated in front of Aparajeyo Bangla and paraded streets of Dhaka University (DU).

At a rally later, they claimed that killer Nizam and Tushar were arrested but freed after a few days and trial process is now slacking.

BCM General Secretary Tanvir Rusmat, DU BCM President Abdul Hamid, Rafiqul Islam Jahid and Manoz Baroi spoke at the programme with BCM President Bappa Dipto Basu in the chair.

**Seminar on forensic accounting**

METRO DESK

A seminar on forensic accounting was held at a city hotel focusing the subject as a tool for resolving financial disputes and financial investigations.

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), Bangladesh, organised the event on Thursday, said a press release.

AHM Kibria ACCA, ACA, and Zakia Chowdhury, ACA, were the key discussants. Anwaruddin Chowdhury, former president and council member of ICAB, moderated the discussion session.

Barrister Fida Kamal, former attorney general, Barrister Azlamul Haque and Mohua Rashid, country manager, ACCA, Bangladesh, also spoke at the seminar.

**Justice Murshed's birthday today**

UNB, Dhaka

The 100th birth anniversary of late Chief Justice Syed Mahabub Murshed, an eminent jurist, an independent thinker cum judge and one of the greatest constitutional lawyers of the sub-continent, will be observed today.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and Fateha Khawani will be held at Justice Murshed's Mazar at Banani. The Syed Mahabub Murshed Memorial Committee will place wreaths at his grave.

A luminary in the judicial field in south Asia and a respected figure in the political arena Justice Murshed has been described by the intellectuals as "A keeper of national conscience".

Various socio-cultural organisations will hold discussion highlighting his historical role and achievements.



**Woman with 'spiritual power' held**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was arrested from Barobagh in the city's Mirpur Sunday on allegation of cheating people by claiming to possess spiritual powers.

Police said they held Sandhya Margaret, 52, following a warrant issued by a Dhaka court after a victim filed a case against her.

Complainant Shayamol Hilarious Costa said Sandhya used to claim herself as 'Saint Peter' (a high level spiritual leader of Christian religion) and took valuables from believers.

**JMB man jailed**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A court here yesterday sentenced a member of banned militant outfit JMB to 10 years' imprisonment for August 17, 2005 series bomb blast in the district.

Judge Manjur Kader of Pabna Special Tribunal handed down the verdict to Nurul Islam Kawsar who was the JMB commander of the district in 2005.

The court also acquitted two JMB activists--Mukul Hossain and Hasmat Ali from the charges.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stands in solemn silence after placing wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi 32 in the city yesterday on the occasion of Homecoming Day of Bangabandhu. (Story on Page 1)

PHOTO: STAR

**City Jubo Dal leader shot dead**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons including a ward leader of Jubo Dal were killed at the capital's Motijheel and Kalyanpur yesterday.

They are Shahid Mollah, 42, Jubo Dal joint convener of Dhaka City Corporation, ward no 32, and Nizamuddin Khan, 36, of Mirpur.

Shahid was shot dead around 6:30am near Motijheel Police Station, sources said.

Shahid's younger brother Ismail Mollah said his brother was going on foot from his hotel and restaurant at Motijheel to Kaptan Bazar. Some unidentified criminals stopped him on the way. They fired two shots through his head and neck and fled the scene.

He was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries around 10:30am.

Police and the family are yet to find any motive behind the killing.

In another incident, police recovered the body of Nizamuddin from a mess at Kalyanpur early yesterday.

Abdul Malek, Darus Salam Police Station officer-in-charge (OC), said the body shows that Nizamuddin was struck on the head and body by a heavy material.

Nazir Hossain Nayan, Nizamuddin's brother-in-law, told this correspondent that Nizamuddin went out of his house at Mirpur section-2 around 12:00noon on Sunday to meet a person named Anwar at Kalyanpur.

Nizamuddin did not return home that night. The family members tried to reach him over the phone but failed.

Police later informed the family that the body of Nizamuddin was recovered from Kalyanpur.

Nayan said Nizamuddin returned to the country from South Korea three and a half years back. He was trying to go to South Korea again and gave Anwar Tk 7 lakh about two years back to arrange for his going to South Korea.

Darus Salam police chief Abdul Malek said Nizamuddin was killed in Anwar's room on the first floor of a building at Kalyanpur. He added a security guard of the building saw Anwar keep the body in a carton and flee the scene. The security guard informed police about the matter.

**PADMA BRIDGE PROJECT**

**Additional Tk 10,346cr likely to get Ecnec nod today**

ALPHA ARZU

The government is going to approve Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project with additional 101 percent costs in the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec) meeting today.

The proposed revised cost for the project is Tk 20,507 crore against the initial cost of Tk 10,161 crore approved by the Ecnec in 2007. The project cost rise is due to extension of the length of the bridge, change in the bridge's design, increase in amount of land acquisition costs and increase in the number of con-

sultants and the price of construction materials.

When contacted, Communications Minister Abul Hossain yesterday said, "These are some specific reasons to increase the costs of the project implementation. The construction work of the bridge will start from July this year though the bridge authority already has started to acquire land and other activities to construct the bridge."

With the increased amount of fund, the government will acquire 1124.77 acres of land, conduct 14km river training and construct toll

plaza and approach road, said a high official of the ministry.

The Bangladesh Bridge Authority has already spent Tk 518 crore to acquire 745 acres of land and other purposes to construct the 6.15km bridge over the Padma River to connect the country's southwest with Dhaka at Mawa in Munshiganj and Janjira in Madaripur.

The construction of the bridge with four lanes and a railroad is scheduled to be completed by 2015, according to the project proposal.

The bridge would be used as part of the trans-Asian route, said the communications minister. The

bridge will also help establish industries in the region.

A total of 6km approach road on Mawa side and 6km road on Janjira side will be constructed for the bridge while river training work will be done on 14km stretches of the rivers banks--6km on one side and 8km on another.

Padma Multipurpose Bridge will connect the country's south-western parts with the capital and is expected to save hundreds of thousands of working hours and reduce huge transport costs. The bridge will be the country's longest bridge with 6.15 km of length.

**Death anniversary**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 17th death anniversary of Justice A b d u r R a h m a n Chowdhury

, says a press release. On the occasion, a doa mahfil and feeding of destitute will be held and blankets will be distributed among the poor.

Justice Chowdhury was a language movement veteran who also played a critical role in the mass movement against the military regime of H M Ershad.

He drafted the historic memorandum outlining the demands of the people of the then East Pakistan to Pakistan government.

**MA Aziz**

CU CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 40th death anniversary of MA Aziz, a pioneer of Bangalee Nationalist Movement and close aide of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, says a press release.

On the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held and various political, social, professional and cultural organisations will organise different programmes.

Aziz started his political career as a Muslim League activist and later became a close aide of Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani.

He struggled against British colonial rule and Pakistani rule and was the first one to support historic six-point movement and raise voice in favour of Bangladesh's independence movement.

**Book on Bangabandhu's memoirs soon**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An unfinished memoir written by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is soon going to be published in the form of a book.

University Press Limited (UPL) will publish the book titled "Ashompto Attojiboni". It will also publish an English version of the book titled "Unfinished Memoirs", says a press release of UPL.

Bangabandhu wrote the memoir during his stay at Dhaka Central Jail in 1967.

In his writings, he spoke of his personal experience and highlighted many issues like his upbringing; family; movements during student life; politics at the initial stage of Pakistan, East Pakistan and of Pakistan; formation of Chhatra League and Awami League; Language Movement; Jukta Front's election in 1954 and formation of government.

The 300-page book will contain some facsimile of his writings and some of his rare photographs, the press release said.

Bangabandhu's daughter and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina wrote the preface of the book. Veteran artist Qayyum Chowdhury has sketched the cover of the Bangla version.

Fakhrul Alam, professor of English Department of Dhaka University, translated it into English.

Penguin India has taken the copyright to publish Fakhrul's English translation. An agreement has already been signed between Penguin India and UPL to this end, the press release reads.

As per the agreement, Penguin India will publish the book in several Indian languages including Hindi and Tamil.

Moreover, Oxford University Press of Pakistan has shown interest to publish the book's Urdu version, the release added.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Meeting**  
Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association (BSCBA) will hold a view exchange meeting. Time: 4:00pm, Venue: BSCBA conference room.

**Human Chain**  
Coalition Against Pollution will form a human chain. Time: 10:30am, Venue: Sonargaon hotel premises.

**Seminar**  
Japan-Bangladesh Security Printing & Papers Ltd will organise a seminar. Time: 11:00am, Venue: NSC Tower auditorium, Purana Palatan.

**Discussion**  
Deshpremik Jonogoner Mancha will hold a discussion. Time: 3:00pm, Venue: Gono Sangskriti Kendra, Shahabagh.

**Rally**  
Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal will

**Anisul Haque Chowdhury passes away**

METRO DESK

Anisul Haque Chowdhury, former state minister and Awami League (AL) leader, passed away due to old age complications at Rangpur Medical College Hospital yesterday at the age of 85, says a press release.

Anisul left behind his wife, two sons and four daughters to mourn his death.

His body was taken to Rangpur AL office for all to pay their last respect and later his namaz-e-janaza was held at Keyamatia Jame Mosque. He will be buried today at his village residence in Badarganj.

**Aminul Haque no more**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Aminul Haque, president of Bangladesh Sangbad Pathak Samity

(news presenters' association), passed away due to a cardiac arrest at a hospital in the city on Sunday at the age of 62, says a press release.

Aminul was a news presenter for the state run Bangladesh Betar (radio) and Bangladesh Television.

All members of the Samity, in a condolence message yesterday, expressed profound shock at his death and conveyed sympathy to his bereaved family.

In separate messages, Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad and Information Secretary Hedaetullah Al Mamoon also expressed shock at his death.

**Hazra Huda**

DU CORRESPONDENT

Hazra Huda, wife of late Prof Shamsul Huda and mother of former Inspector General of Police (IGP) Ashraf Huda, passed away at a city hospital yesterday.

Hazra who was residing in the city's Bangshal left behind two sons, relatives, and a host of admirers to mourn her death, said a press release.

Her Namaz-e-Janaza will be held at Gulshan Azad Mashjid after Zohr prayers today.

**WEATHER TODAY**

**Cold wave may continue**

UNB, Dhaka

Severe cold wave is sweeping over the regions of Rajshahi and Dinajpur and mild to moderate cold wave is sweeping over the regions of Pabna, Bogra, Rangpur, Sayedpur, Faridpur, Jessore, Kushtia and Tangail and it may continue for next 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Weather may remain dry over the country. Moderate to thick fog may occur over Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions and the river basins of the country and light to moderate for may occur elsewhere over the country during midnight till morning, Met Office said.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:30pm today and rises at 6:43am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 27.5 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rangamati and lowest 05.3 degrees Celsius at Rajshahi.

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	23.1	12.5	66	49
Chittagong	25.2	17.8	77	52
Rajshahi	18.8	05.3	89	76
Rangpur	12.5	08.0	94	88
Khulna	22.8	12.3	66	66
Barisal	24.0	12.0	80	83