

## NEWS IN *brief*

### Boy dies in wall collapse

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A five-year-old boy was killed and another injured critically as a portion of a wall of an under-construction building fell on them at East Rampura in the city yesterday.

Md Touhid, son of Israfil Hawladar of the area, was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). With injury Maruf, 6, was under treatment at DMCH.

Israfil said the accident occurred around 9:30am as his son along with two other children was playing in front of his house in High School Road area.

Suddenly several bricks from a rooftop wall of the four-storey building came loose and collapsed on Touhid and Maruf, he said.

### Khandaker Delwar gets bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted anticipatory bail for four months to BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain in a graft case.

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) on January 16 filed the case against Delwar with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station on charge of unauthorised use of government vehicles.

An HC bench of Justice Shamim Hasnain and Justice MR Hasan also issued a rule upon the government and ACC to explain why the BNP leader should not be granted regular bail in this case.

Delwar appeared before the bench yesterday after he filed a petition with the court seeking anticipatory bail.

### Cub camporee begins Feb 8

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The seventh national cub camporee at National Scout Training Centre in Mauchak of Gazipur will be held on February 8-14 instead of February 2-7.

Other decisions related to the camp will remain unchanged, said a government handout yesterday.

The scout units are requested to report at Mauchak by 12:30pm on February 8 instead of February 2.

### Mirza Fakhru granted bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir in a defamation case filed for his derogatory comments about State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam.

Metropolitan Magistrate Dilara Alo Chandana passed the order after Fakhru along with his lawyers appeared before the court and sought bail in the case.

The court also fixed March 14 for hearing on charge framing against the BNP leader in the case.

Advocate Abdul Malek alias Moshir Malek, founder and president of Bangabandhu Foundation, filed the case against Fakhru on July 18, 2010.

In his statement, the complainant alleged that Fakhru termed Qamrul 'insane' at a discussion organised by Zia Parishad at the National Press Club in the city on July 14 last year.



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The recovered bribe money of Tk 10 lakh from Deputy Director of Anti-Corruption Commission, Chittagong, Shabbir Hasan, inset, who was arrested while taking those from a garment official at ACC office in the port city on Sunday night.



### Tk 10 LAKH BRIBE

## ACC DD sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Deputy Director (DD) of Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), Chittagong, Shabbir Hasan who was arrested with the bribe money of Tk 10 lakh taken from a garment industry was sent to jail last night.

Earlier yesterday, garment industry 'Four H Group' Commercial Manager Naushad Chowdhury filed a case with Double Mooring Police Station. He was sent to the jail after he was produced before the court.

While taking the bribe, Rab men caught Shabbir red handed at ACC office at Agrabad in the port city around 10:30pm on Sunday.

Shabbir earlier demanded Tk 50 lakh as bribe from Four H Group in exchange of giving a positive report on its missing consignment from Chittagong Port.

Later, the bribe was fixed at Tk 30 lakh and Tk 10 lakh was the first instalment. Naushad went to the ACC office on Sunday night with a hidden video camera as per the suggestion of Rab men who also took position near the spot and later caught Shabbir.

ACC Director Major Faisal Pasha said they would conduct an official inquiry into the matter after filing a case against the ACCDD.

## Sri Lankan foreign secy due today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Secretary of Sri Lanka Chrysantha Romesh Jayasinghe will arrive here today on a 3-day official visit to Bangladesh to hold first-ever foreign secretary level consultation between the two countries.

The consultation will take place at State Guest House Meghna tomorrow (Jan 26) when Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Mohamed Mijarul Quayes will lead Bangladesh delegation.

The consultation is scheduled under a protocol signed in April 2003, which provides an institutional forum for review of the full range of Bangladesh-Sri Lanka bilateral relations.

According to the foreign ministry officials, Jayasinghe's visit is expected to deepen the existing friendly relations between the two nations, boost trade and business, and open new avenues for further cooperation.

Bangladesh and Sri Lanka are closely engaged in regional cooperation through Saarc, Bimstec, IORARC, etc.

On arrival, Jayasinghe will pay a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dipu Moni at her office today.

## US to hand over killers of Bangabandhu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The US Ambassador James F Moriarty said killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman hiding in the United States would be handed over to Bangladesh after enacting law, which is now under process.

He also hoped that trial of war criminals would be held maintaining international standard and the United States will extend full cooperation to the government in this regard.

Moriarty gave the assurance at a press conference at Khulna Club auditorium in the city yesterday before inauguration of a three-day long America Week on its premises.

The America Week highlights the impor-

tant ties between the people of the US and Bangladesh by taking the embassy's activities to people outside Dhaka.

Moriarty said Bangladesh and United States work together closely on issues affecting the entire world such as climate change, health care and food security.

KCC Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque at the press conference pointed out US contributions in different sectors of the country.

Moriarty said, "Bangladesh is an important friend and partner of the United States."

"As Bangladesh moves to a trade, not aid driven economy, let's note also that the US is Bangladesh's most important trading partner," he said.

## 'Student politics lacks quality'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A top student leader during the 1969 mass upsurge, Tofail Ahmed, yesterday said quality student politics is absent, as elections to the student bodies have not been held for the past few years.

Student leaders of the past used to lead simple life, but student leaders of today enjoy lavish life, he said while addressing a discussion to mark the Mass Upsurge Day.

Former Chhatra League Foundation organised the discussion chaired by its president and former Chhatra League leader Nur-e-Alam Siddiqui.

Tofail, the then DUCSU vice-president, recalled sacrifices of Asad, Matiur, and others who laid their lives in the movement,

saying the upsurge sowed the very seed of liberation of the country.

On January 24 in 1969, the then military dictator of Pakistan Ayub Khan was forced to step down through a mass movement.

Tofail said the sacrifices of Asad, Matiur, and others, who died in that mass movement, should be included in the textbooks.

Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote, Jatiya Gonotantrik League, Jatiya Shadhinota Parishad, Bangladesh Nari Mukti Andolan, and Bangabandhu Sangskritik Parishad also observed the day amid different programmes.

Nabakumar Institution and Dr Shahidullah College, where Matiur used to study, placed wreaths at the portrait of the martyr on the occasion.

## Reshuffle in admin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday gave new postings to a number of additional and joint secretaries.

OSD additional secretary Md Ali Mostafa Chowdhury has been made managing director of the government employees' welfare board and OSD additional secretary Sukriti Ranjan Chakma, ndc has been appointed chairman of Rajshahi Unnayan Kortripokhya.

OSD joint secretary ATM Mostafizur Rahman has been posted to the youth and sports ministry, joint secretary of local government and rural development division K Rani Bagchi was transferred to the land ministry to replace joint secretary of land ministry Mohammad Ali Khan, OSD joint secretary Tapon Kumar Chakrabartiya and OSD joint secretary Md Mojibur Rahman to the social welfare ministry, OSD joint secretary Kamrunnahr Ahmed and OSD joint secretary Nasir Arif Mahmud to the shipping ministry and OSD joint secretary Kazi Abu Syed has been transferred to the water resources ministry.

## Road crashes kill 2 in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A homeopath and a youth were killed in two separate road accidents in the city yesterday.

Homeopath Mahbubul Haque Talukder Imon, 35, was hit by a city bus Bengal Paribahan at city's Mirpur 10 round-about around 10:00am.

Locals rushed critically injured Mahbubul to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

Mahbubul's brother-in-law Tofazzal Hossain said Mahbubul was coming home at East Kazipara of Kafrul from Gabtoli.

Meanwhile, a youth died on the spot when a bus hit him while he was crossing a road at city's Shamoli area.

Police said a bus hit Babul, 26, a resident of Gaibandha and a driver of ACME Company, while on his way to office around 5:30am.

Police sent the body to DMCH morgue for autopsy.

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