

NEWS IN *brief*

WC cricket: Edn institutions closed Feb 17, 19, March 19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All educational institutions in the city will remain closed on February 17, 19 and March 19 due to World Cup Cricket.

In a circular issued yesterday, the education ministry asked all the institutions to comply with the decision to ensure uninterrupted holding of the World Cup Inauguration and other matches.

Body of shop owner found in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After he went missing four days ago, the decomposed body of a decoration shop owner of Badda was found in a flat in city's Khilgaon area yesterday evening.

Md Habibur Karim, 42, with his hands and legs tied, was found on the fourth floor of a seven-storey building at Saherunbagh under Khilgaon Police Station.

Hailing from Harota village under Ujirpur upazila in Pirijpur district, Habibur owned the shop Habib and Sons Decorator.

12 drug peddlers jailed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday convicted twelve young drug peddlers several jail terms during separate anti drug drives at different parts in the city.

The convicted were sent to Dhaka Central Jail. Rab team conducted the drives led by Executive Magistrate Jasim Uddin.

The court sentenced Ruhul Amin, Babu Kumar Das, Ayesha, Tania, and Amir Hossain one-year imprisonment while Abdul Halim eight months.

Rafiqul Islam, Khairul Islam, Komor Uddin, Arif Khandokar, Rana, and Liton, were sentenced to six months imprisonment each.

Teacher held for torturing student

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested a teacher of Bogra Armed Police Battalion School and College allegedly for torturing a class seven student Shahriar Ahmed, 13. The arrestee was identified as Nurul Islam, 50, a teacher of mathematics of the school.

He was arrested following a case filed by Abdur Rouf, father of Shahriar, that alleged the teacher on September 29 last year severely injured Shahriar who was admitted to a hospital.

Now Shariar is mentally unstable and moves on crutch.

DSCSC graduation dinner held

METRO DESK

The graduation dinner for the Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC 2010-2011) course was held at DSCSC Officers' Mess at Mirpur cantonment on Monday.

Defence Adviser to the Prime Minister Major General (ret'd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique attended the graduation dinner as chief guest. A total of 175 student-officers attended the course, says an ISPR press release.

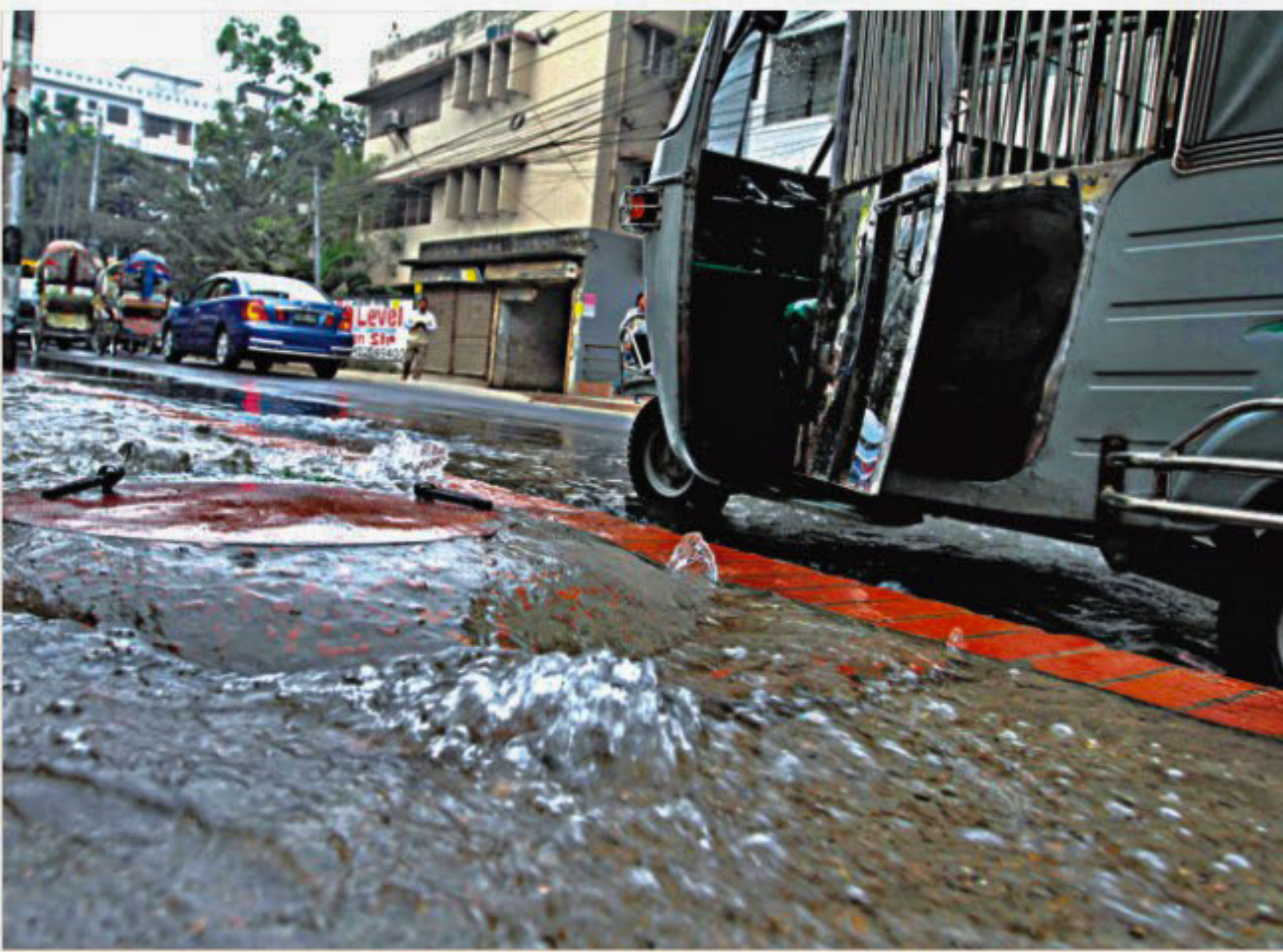
Chief of Army Staff Gen Md Abdul Mubeen, Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Z U Ahmed, Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal S M Ziur Rahman attended the graduation dinner.

Tarek elected president of BNS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Landscape designer Tarek Rahman and Jamil Ahmed Siddique have been elected president and secretary of the metropolitan committee of Bangladesh Plant Nurseryman Society (BNS) respectively, says a press release.

The BNS's goal is to promote nursery industry and inspire people to plant trees for a green environment.



Water swamps the street near Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Sports Complex in the city yesterday after cracks developed in a water pipe of Wasa. PHOTO: STAR

Prof Yunus sued over phone bill

To face court May 18

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Pabna court yesterday summoned Grameen Bank founder Prof Muhammad Yunus and three of its officials in a case regarding billing a Grameen Palli Phone subscriber with an unusually large amount of money.

The three other officials are Mahbubur Rahman, zonal manager of Pabna office, Md Masud Reza, administrative officer of the zonal office, and Md Habibur Rahman, Ataikula branch manager of Grameen Bank.

Abdul Mazed, former manager of Grameen Bank in Ataikhali, filed the case with the senior judicial court-3 yesterday alleging that Palli Phone, owned by GrameenPhone Telecom, had sent the bill to a female subscriber.

The court asked the four to appear before it on May 18.

In his statement, the plaintiff said he had selected Hafiza Begum for Palli Phone in 2004. The woman received an abnormal bill of Tk 76,589 for the month of November that year.

Consequently, the bank started pushing Mazed for the bill as Hafiza subscribed the connection through him, said the statement, adding that Mazed had to clear the bill.

Contacted, the plaintiff said he delayed in filing the case to keep his job.

"I quitted the job on July 29, 2010 as the Grameen Bank authorities gave me a hard time in many ways," he said, adding that he filed the case in place of victim Hafiza as he had to pay the bill.

Death anniversary of Sgt Zahurul observed

METRO DESK



Bangladesh Air Force (BFA) yesterday observed the 42nd death anniversary of Sergeant Zahurul Haque with due solemnity.

On this day in 1969, Zahurul was killed by the Pakistani Army when he was detained in the Dhaka Cantonment in connection with the Agartala conspiracy case.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil was arranged at the central mosque of the BAF Base Zahurul Haque after Asr prayers. Officers and all ranks of the Air Base attended the prayers, said an ISPR release.

Qulkhwani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of Hazera Begum, mother-in-law of Attorney General Mahbub Alam, will be held at his Mirpur residence today after Maghrib prayers, says a release.

HC asks for list of river polluters, encroachers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities to prepare a list of polluters and encroachers of river Mayur in Khulna, and to place it to this court within four months.

Deputy commissioner of Khulna and director of department of environment of the district have to submit the list of polluters and encroachers of the river to the HC.

After hearing a writ petition, an HC bench also issued a rule upon the government authorities to explain within four weeks why it should not be directed to take punitive action against the polluters and encroachers of river Mayur.

The bench of Justice Mohammad Momtazuddin Ahmed and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore came up with the rule and order in response to a writ petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association.

The organisation filed the petition as public interest litigation on February 13 seeking necessary directives on the authorities to save the river Mayur from pollution and encroachment.

Advocate Iqbal Kabir Lytton appeared for the petitioner, while Deputy Attorney General Karunamoy Chakma stood for government.

CTG ARMS HAUL CASE Ex-CUFL MD on 5-day remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Former managing director of Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Limited (CUFL) Mohsin Uddin Talukder was placed on a five-day remand in the Chittagong arms haul case.

The court of Metropolitan Magistrate Mahbubur Rahman passed the order following the Investigation Officer (IO) of the case prayed for a ten-day remand.

The IO and Senior ASP of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Md Muniruzzaman Chowdhury made the appeal on February 9.

Meanwhile, the same court rejected the bail petition of former Director of National Security Intelligence (NSI) Wing Commander (ret'd) Shahab Uddin who remained arrested in the same case. Shahab Uddin's lawyers moved the bail petition on ground of his illness.

The former CUFL MD Mohsin, who was arrested on March 12 in 2009, gave confessional statement under 164 on April 23 claiming that he informed about the offloading of arms to the then industry secretary Nurul Amin, who was staying at the CUFL rest house on the night the consignment reached and also informed the matter to the then BCIC chairman Maj General Imamuzzaman.

But he did not get any instruction from the two, Mohsin claimed in his confessional statement.



KNOWLEDGE CORNER



FOOTBALL

Football, commonly known as association football or soccer, is a sport played between two teams of eleven players each with a spherical ball. It is the world's most popular sport. The Laws of the Game published in England by the Football Association in 1863 remain the basis for the way the sport is played today. Association football is governed internationally by FIFA, which organizes the World Cup every four years.

The Cambridge Rules, first drawn up at Cambridge University in 1848, were particularly influential in the development of subsequent codes, including association football. The Cambridge Rules were written at Trinity College, Cambridge, at a meeting attended by representatives from Eton, Harrow, Rugby, Winchester and Shrewsbury schools. These ongoing efforts contributed to the formation of The Football Association (The FA) in 1863, which first met on the morning of 26 October 1863 at the Freemasons' Tavern in Great Queen Street, London.

A standard adult football match consists of two periods of 45 minutes each, known as halves. Each half runs continuously, meaning that the clock is not stopped when the ball is out of play. There is usually a 15-minute half-time break between halves. The end of the match is known as full-time. In league competitions, games may end in a draw, but in some knockout competitions if a game is tied at the end of regulation time it may go into extra time, which consists of two further 15-minute periods. If the score is still tied after extra time, some competitions allow the use of penalty shootouts to determine which team will progress to the next stage of the tournament.

The major international competition in football is the World Cup, organized by FIFA. More than 190 national teams compete in qualifying tournaments within the scope of continental confederations for a place in the finals. The finals tournament, which is held every four years, involves 32 national teams competing over a four-week period. After the World Cup, the most important international football competitions are the European Championship (sanctioned by UEFA), the Copa América (sanctioned by CONMEBOL), African Cup of Nations (sanctioned by CAF), the Asian Cup (sanctioned by AFC), the CONCACAF Gold Cup (sanctioned by CONCACAF) and the OFC Nations Cup (sanctioned by OFC).

THOSE WHO SHAPED OUR CIVILIZATION (HISTORY)

Egypt is an ancient civilization in eastern North Africa, concentrated along the lower reaches of the Nile River in what is now the modern nation of Egypt. The civilization began around 3150 BC with the political unification of Upper and Lower Egypt under the first pharaoh that developed over the next three millennia until it was attacked by the Hyksos. Life in ancient Egypt revolved around the Nile and the fertile

land along its banks. The yearly flooding of the Nile enriched the soil and brought good harvests and wealth to the land. The pharaoh was the head of land and the divine representative of the gods on earth. Next to the pharaoh, the most powerful officers were the viziers, the executive heads of the bureaucracy. At the early stage every Egyptian town had its own particular god represented in the shape of an animal. Re, the Sun God, was considered the central and original power of creation. Re is identified as a god with a human body and falcon head who wears a crown in the form of a sun disc surrounded by a cobra. Osiris is portrayed as a mummified man wearing a tall white crown adorned with two ostrich feathers. Osiris, father of Horus, husband of Isis and brother of Seth was the ruler of the underworld. He chose whether one had an afterlife, or should be eaten by Ammut (a god who ate the soul). When a pharaoh died, his actions were judged in the afterworld by Osiris. If they were considered just, the king was transformed into a form of the sun god. To ensure safety in the afterlife Egyptians buried their dead inside a pyramid in the form of a mummy. Though only rich persons could afford to build a pyramid, the mummification was a common practice. The step pyramid in 'Saqqara' built between the times 2667- 2648 BC is said to be the first complete pyramid which was made for Pharaoh Djoser. But the most famous pyramids were built at Giza. The three pyramids were built by three pharaohs - Cheops (also known as Khufu), Chephren (Khafre) and Mycerinus (Menkaure). This site is the only existing classic wonder of the ancient world and one of the oldest structures in existence, having been started 4,600 years ago. On the Giza plateau stands the Sphinx, a lion with a human head. The Sphinx differs from other deities in that it has an animal body and a human head, whereas most other deities have human bodies and animal heads. Egyptian people developed a sophisticated process of mummification. The term "mummification" comes from the Arabic word 'mummiya', which means Bitumen, a pitch substance that was first used in the preservation process during the late period. During the process of mummification, the internal organs (lungs, stomach, liver and intestines) were removed, washed with palm wine and spices, and stored in four separate canopic jars made of limestone. Finally they would wrap the body and preserve it in a coffin with magical writings on it. Egyptians developed a formal writing system called "Hieroglyphs" - the sacred carving. They had literally thousands of hieroglyphs. Hieroglyph was a mystery to modern people for many years until 1822 when a French Egyptologist, Jean François Champollion, deciphered the language. After that the history of Egypt has become more comprehensible. Now we know their thoughts, ideas and culture that showed the way of civilization.

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Prof Parimal Kumar Saha of the Institute of Education and Research (IER), University of Dhaka donated Tk 10 lakh to set up "Shargiya Anima Rani Saha Trust Fund" at the university to perpetuate the memory of his wife Anima Rani Saha. DU Treasurer Prof Dr Mijanur Rahman received the cheque from Prof Saha at a simple ceremony on Monday at the vice chancellor's office. DU VC Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique was present, among others, on the occasion.

PHOTO: DU

Ex-OC shows 'no-trust' in court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Former officer-in-charge (OC) of Motijheel Police Station AKM Rafiqul Islam (Rafique), the prime accused in the killing of college student Kamrul Islam Momin, yesterday expressed no-confidence in a Dhaka court judgment.

Judge Mohammad Rezaul Islam of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 did not pass any order on the petition and fixed February 23 for the next hearing.

In the petition, Rafique said he would not get justice from the tribunal as it cancelled his first class division in jail.

Momin, 22, a student of Dhaka Commerce College, was shot dead near his Ibrahimpur house in the city on September 13, 2005.