# NEWS IN brief

## Recruiting agency official shot

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An abducted recruiting agency official was shot by assailants in Paltan area of the city last night.

Mohammad Saifuddin, 35, manager of Al Faisal International, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, with four bullet wounds in both legs.

Saifuddin told reporters that Abu Musa, a manpower broker, and six others took him to Paltan Balur Math and shot in the legs.

Shahidul Haque, officer-in-charge of Paltan Police Station, said Abu Musa, about a year ago, gave Tk 1.8 lakh to Saifuddin who promised Musa's client to send abroad for jobs.

But Saifuddin's agency neither sent Musa's client abroad nor gave him back the money, Haque said. "We have information that the incident happened

on instructions of Musa," he said. Saifuddin's relatives filed a general diary in this connection yesterday.

#### One arrested with arms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One miscreant was arrested from Sheorapara Amtola in the city Wednesday night.

SI of Kafrul Jalal Uddin said they arrested Billal and Delwar around 8:00pm on Wednesday. But Delwar managed to flee after hitting cops -- SI Jalal, ASI Asaduzzaman and an Ansar member.

Following confessional statement of Billal, police also recovered two handmade bombs and one pistol with one bullet from near his house in Mirpur Pirerbagh.

Two cases were filed in this connection.

### Jamaat blames govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami acting secretary general ATM Azharul Islam yesterday alleged that the government is trying to indict the party's detained Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami with the ten-truck arms haul case after failing to find his involvement in war crimes.

At a press conference at its central office in Moghbazar in the city, Azharul alleged that Nizami and other detained leaders were being tortured during interrogation in a safe home.

Five top Jamaat leaders are now behind bars facing war crimes charges during the country's War of Liberation in 1971.

Jamaat leaders had taken a stand against the country's liberation and its leaders and activists were involved with Rajakaar, Al-Badr, Al-Shams and paramilitary forces, which aided the genocide conducted by the then Pakistani Army.

The Jamaat leader demanded immediate release of their detained leaders.

The party Assistant Secretary General Shafiqur Rahman, Publicity Secretary Prof Tasnim Alam and Dhaka city unit Ameer Rafiqul Islam Khan were present.

# Ctg BNP protests share scam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong city unit BNP yesterday organised a rally protesting against the share scandal and demanding punishment to the people involved.

Some time after the programme began at Nasiman Bhaban compound city's Kazir Dewry area, a sudden chaos emerged and people started fleeing the venue.

About 50 activists including a significant number of women were hurt in the chaos, according to BNP sources.

BNP leader and Jatiya Sangsad's ex-whip Syed Wahidul Alam said some chaos happened during the meeting, but it was nothing serious.

He alleged that police hindered them to bring out a procession, triggering the disorder.

Abul Kalam Azad, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said the BNP leaders did not take any permission from the administration to bring out the procession.



# No change in temperature

UNB, Dhaka

Sylhet

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Sylhet divisions in next 12 hours till 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital at 6:29pm today and rises at 5:21am

Country's highest temperature 34.8 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 20.0 degrees Celsius at Sayedpur.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town Temperature in **Humidity** in Celsius percentage Max Morning Evening 32.2 23.2 Dhaka 31.5 23.2 Chittagono 32.4 21.6 31.6 21.5 Rangpur 22.7 Khulna 33.5 32.8 23.0 Barisal

Instant energy, Instant recharge

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## Man crushed under train's wheels

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An unidentified man was crushed under the wheels of a Narayanganj-bound train on Dhaka-Narayanganj route at Jurain Baraitoli in the city yesterday.

Quoting locals railway police said the accident took place when the man was walking on the rail line absent-mindedly.

## Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the first death anniversary of Rowshan Begum

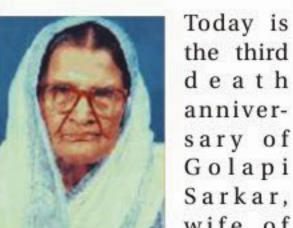
(Ruby), a retired assistant professor of Dhaka University Laboratory School and College, says a press release. On the occasion, a doa

mahfil will be held at House No-56, Road No-7/A, Block-H, Banani in the city after Asr prayers. An orphan-feeding programme will also be held at the Korail Orphanage.

Relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to attend the programme and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

Golapi Sarkar

BSS, Dhaka



Golapi Sarkar, wife of late Mukundalal Sarkar, a leader of the anti-British movement, and mother of Ajit Sarker, city editor of

Sangstha. On the occasion, a special prayer will be held in the city's Rayer Bazar residence of her third son Subash Chandra Sarkar.

Bangladesh Sangbad

All have been requested to pray for her departed soul.

#### Qulkhwani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



ni of Alhaj Sharafat Hossain Chowdhu ry, a veteran politician

and senior lawyer at the Supreme Court, will be held at Basundhara Residential Area Central Jame Mosque after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

His relatives, friends, and admirers are requested to attend the qulkwhani and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Alhaj Sharafat passed away at a city hospital on Monday. He was suffering

from a brain disease. He left behind his wife, three sons, three daughters, siblings, grandchildren, and a host of admirers to mourn the death.

#### Dr Nasreen Khundakar METRO DESK



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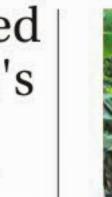
Dhaka University, will held at her residence at 30F, Isha Kha Road, DU campus after Asr prayers today.

Her friends, family, associates, and admirers are requested to attend the qulkhwani, says a press release.

Prof Nasreen died at a city hospital on May 2 after prolonged suffering from acute renal failure. She was 55.

Dr Nasreen is survived by her husband, daughter, parents, and two siblings. She was laid to rest at Banani graveyard on May 3.

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This road in Paikpara of Ahmmednagar in the city's Mirpur dug up by Dhaka City Corporation around one week ago has not seen repairs yet. The photo was taken yesterday.

SCHOOL FUNDS

# Make provision of tax rebate for donors: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked the officials concerned to make a provision so that a person who donates to the school funds get tax rebate.

schools, which will have a financial base and gradually be free from depending on the government to function independently, added the prime minister. "I want to see the schools across the country are standing

This way the philanthropists will encourage donating to

on their own base, they will never be depended on others," she said while addressing a representatives' conference of the Primary School Teachers' Association (PSTA) of the private MPO listed primary schools at her office yesterday.

Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr Mohammad

Afsarul Ameen, PM's Adviser Dr Alauddin Ahmed, State

Minister for Primary and Mass Education Motahar Hossain, PSTA President Aminul Islam Chowdhury and Secretary General Monsur Ali spoke at the conference. The prime minister viewed that the 'tax rebate system' for raising the fund for the schools would make the education system better. If the fund comes from school committee, the parents and the rich people of the area it would be good as all

will be sincere for the welfare of their educational institution. Hasina said the educational quality of the country, especially in private educational institutions, should be raised as the quality is still below the standard.

people of the locality will have the stake in the school and they

Regarding the demand from the PSTA she said she would talk to the finance minister regarding nationalisation of the all MPO listed private schools. She reaffirmed her government's commitment towards the development of the educational system as she said: "To build a poverty free Bangladesh, education is the main tool."

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

BNP to remove

declare the changes null and void if voted to power.

to power

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

those involved in the scam.

stockmarket scam.

addressing the rally.

failure in all sectors.

the capital market.

the rally.

without BNP's participation, he added.

during the slide in the share market.

mass movement," warned Mosharraf.

ment of individuals involved in the scam.

compensation to small investors who lost their capital

Mosharraf Hossain said the government showed absolute

election to be held under a neutral caretaker government.

Otherwise people will force them to step down through

Referring to a probe report on the stockmarket scam,

another standing committee member MK Anwar said 60

persons were involved in the incident. BNP will identify and

bring to justice each of them who plundered money from

Rahman, Zainul Abdin Farroque, among others, addressed

Different district units of the party handed over memo-

randums to deputy commissioners demanding punish-

Party leaders Osman Farruk, Abdullah Al Noman, Fazlur

Party standing committee member Khandaker

"They should quit right now making way for a midterm

# Talks on with Myanmar to import gas

UNB, Dhaka

Talks are going on with neighbouring Myanmar to import gas for meeting the growing demand, said Prime Minister's Adviser Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury yesterday.

He also indicated that under the move, the much talked about proposal of tri-nation - Myanmar-Bangladesh-India - gas pipeline project might be revived.

"If the issue of the tri-nation gas pipeline comes up again, we should not have any problem so far as our gas import is concerned," he told reporters at meet-the-press at the National Press Club.

Pointing to huge power generation programme, he claimed that about 1500MW of electricity would be added to the national grid by the year end.

"We are hopeful of increasing the power generation to 7000MW by 2013."

"Similarly, gas production will be increased by 1000 million cubic feet per day (MMCFD) by the same time," he added.

India had proposed the tri-nation gas pipeline in 2004. New Delhi had offered to build a 1000km gas pipeline from Myanmar to India via Bangladesh to import gas from Myanmar. But the project was left out for different reasons including US economic sanction on Myanmar.

# 20 RMG workers hurt as cops charge baton in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

At least 20 persons were injured when police charged batons to disperse workers demonstrating against the closure of two ready-made garment units in Siddhirganj of Narayanganj yesterday.

The agitating workers blocked the Narayanganj-Adamjee-Demra road for half an hour and vandalised at least eight to ten vehicles.

Witnesses said the workers of Epic Garments Manufacturing Company Limited at Adamjee Export Processing Zone came to know about the factories' closure when they went to the office around 8:00am.

The authorities declared closed its two under control.

units -- Epic-1 and Epic-2 -- on Wednesday night for an indefinite period fearing workers' unrest, Nasiruddin Ahmed, executive

Later, the workers staged demonstra-

tions in front of the factory demanding reopening of the units. At one stage, they put barricade on the

director of the company, said.

road and vandalised the vehicles. Police and Rapid Action Battalion per-

sonnel rushed to the spot and used truncheons to disperse the demonstrators, leaving 20 persons injured, said the wit-

Kamrul Islam, officer-in-charge of Siddhirganj Police Station, confirmed the incident and said the situation is now



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