

NEWS IN *brief*

**Kiln workers: None arrested yet in confinement case**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police have yet to arrest any of the four persons accused in a case filed for confining 19 workers of a brickfield for 15 days in Fatikchhari, Chittagong. One of the victim workers lodged the case against the owner and three others with Fatikchhari Police Station on Thursday. Masud Alam, sub-Inspector of the police station and investigation officer of the case, said they are conducting drives in different areas to detain the accused. The 19 workers of Aziz Modern Brickfield were kept confined from April 28 to May 12 by its owner at Paindong in Fatikchhari upazila.

**Journalism Foundation launched**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalism and Peace Foundation, an organisation for the promotion of journalism and peace, was launched yesterday in the city, says a press release. The foundation will stress the importance to address the quality and ethical issues in journalism and news media so that best professional practices are ensured. Senior journalist and writer Harun Habib will lead the foundation as its executive director, which will also keep an eye on peace-building and conflict resolution. JPF will sensitise the media to take up journalism as an independent, investigative, and socially responsible profession. It will also conduct workshops and training courses for young journalists and carry out research and studies for mapping and monitoring the news media in Bangladesh and the regional countries. The foundation will also undertake programmes for exchange of visits by journalist and organise dialogues and discourses among the media professionals of Bangladesh and regional countries.

**NEW CITY BNP COMMITTEE  
Some leaders not happy**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The announcement of the new convening committee of BNP Dhaka city unit created mixed reactions within the party, as some of the committee leaders are not happy with their positions. Questions arose within the party over some joint conveners and member secretary, as they were totally inactive in party activities after the 1/11 changeover. BNP high ups declared the committee on Sunday keeping Khoka and Abdus Salam as the committee's convener and member secretary. Against this backdrop, a few joint conveners did not attend a reception programme for the new committee leaders at the city unit office in Nayapaltan. Thana and ward level leaders and party workers greeted the leaders while leaders of BNP's front and associate bodies greeted Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka. Khoka, Salam and a few other joint conveners were present in the office but a few joint conveners including Salauddin Ahmed and Abu Sayeed Khan did not attend. Sayeed, however, told The Daily Star that he was ill. Replying to a question, he said many in the committee were not found in party activities after the 1/11 changeover. Surprisingly, Joint Convener Shamsul Huda, a close aide of Mirza Abbas, visited the office and met Khoka. "Chairperson approved the committee. So we all should accept it," he told The Daily Star. Meanwhile, a number of pro-Abbas leaders yesterday met Abbas to discuss about the committee but Abbas did not give any direction in this regard, said party insiders. BNP could not form the committee in last two and half years due to the longstanding dispute between Khoka and Abbas. Sources said Abbas earlier proposed party high ups to keep a number of leaders, who were party candidates in different parliamentary seats in last election, in the committee but it was not considered.



Police posted at Bottoli Station after Chittagong University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) blocked movement of the university-bound shuttle trains. (Right) One of the shuttle trains vandalised by BCL men.

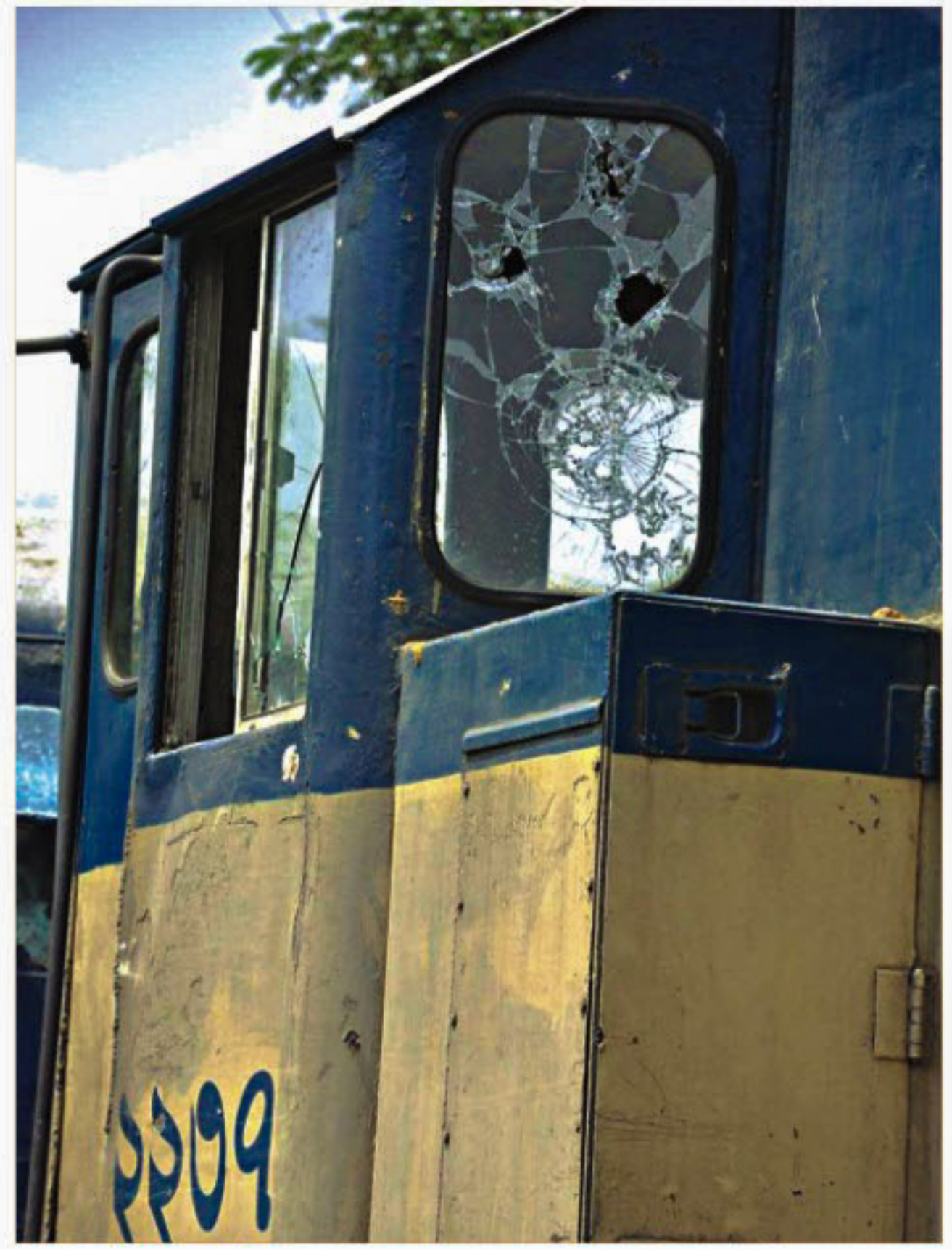


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**DV lottery clarification**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The US Department of State issued a notice that all Diversity Visa (DV) selection results for DV-2012 published worldwide between May 1 to 6 this year have been voided due to a computer error in the random selection process. A statement from the US Embassy, Dhaka says all notices informing entrants that they have been selected for further processing in DV-2012 have been withdrawn. A new random selection will take place, and the results will be published on July 15, 2011, it adds.

DV lottery is an opportunity of immigration given by the US government for people throughout the world. According to the statement, the US law requires that all Diversity Immigrant Visas be made available strictly on a random basis. "A computer programming error resulted in an outcome that was not truly random. Therefore, the results published earlier this month do not meet the requirements of the law and must be voided," reads the statement. Individuals who submitted a qualified entry from October 5, 2010, to November 3, 2010, do not need to re-apply as the qualified entries from this time period will be included in the new random selection, the statement reads. Confirmation numbers provided to check status on the Entry Status Check web page will remain valid. The statement suggests to visit <http://www.dvlottery.state.gov> for further details.

**Death anniversary**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the eighth death anniversary of Alhaj Rahmatullah Chowdhury, a freedom fighter and founding president of Bangladesh Railway Sramik League, says a press release.

**MAIMING LIMON  
Probe report within 10 days**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The investigator, whom the home ministry commissioned to probe the Rab firing at 16-year-old college student Limon Hossain, yesterday completed recording statements of the witnesses. Mohammad Shawkat Akbar, Barisal additional divisional commissioner, yesterday talked to Henoara Begum, mother of Limon and complainant of the case against six Rab personnel, at Jhalakathi circuit house. Shawkat said over 17 people were interviewed in three rounds as per a home ministry list. He declined to give details but said he hopes to submit the probe report within next ten days.

A Rab team reportedly shot Limon in the leg at a place adjacent to his house at Jamaddarhat in Rajapur upazila of Jhalakathi on March 23, two weeks before his HSC examinations. Later, the leg had to be amputated. Rab on the day of the incident filed two cases against the teenager— one under arms case and another for obstructing the law enforcers in discharging their duty. The incident drew widespread criticism as the media and people raised the allegation of violating human rights against the Rab men. After dilly-dallying for a long time, on April 26 police recorded the attempt-to-murder case filed by Limon's mother on orders of a district court. However, no action has yet been taken against the six accused.

**BCL men block train**

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday blockaded movement of campus-bound shuttle trains demanding resignation of the proctor. Some BCL activists also vandalised two buses of CU teachers while the drivers of a shuttle train and a private minibus suffered injuries. BCL activists yesterday called a strike saying they would not allow movement of any shuttle train or minibus to the university until their six-point demand is met. The demands include removal of CU Proctor Dr M Akhtar Hossain, Assistant Proctor Saiful Islam, Inspector Mizanur Rahman of the campus police outpost, and Officer-in-Charge Abul Kalam Azad of Hathazari Police Station. They also demanded withdrawal of the cases filed against BCL men at different times for clashing on the campus. The administration assured of fulfilling all except the demand for resignation of the proctors.



Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates meets Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Geneva in Switzerland yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

**25 injured as Hatiya AL men clash with local lawmaker's supporters**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

At least 25 people were injured in a clash as supporters of a local Awami League leader allegedly vandalised the house of an incumbent lawmaker of Hatiya upazila in the district yesterday morning. A group loyal to Mohammad Ali, vice-chairman of local AL unit, launched an attack on the house of Fazlul Azim, an independent member of the House of Noakhali-6 constituency, at about 11:30am, Azim alleged. The incident drew supporters of Azim to resist the attackers who vand-

alised furniture and other valuables of the house. Chase and counter-chase took place between the groups and police had to charge baton and fire 51 bullets in the air to bring the situation under control. The district administration imposed Section 144 at 12:00pm in the upazila headquarters prohibiting any kind of gathering in the area for an indefinite period. Denying the allegation, Mohammad Ali claimed Azim's supporters attacked his people as they were passing by his house on their way to the municipality office.

Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) of Noakhali Sadar Circle, AFM Nizam Uddin, said additional police were deployed to control the situation. Among the injured, Abdur Rahman, Firoz Uddin and Abdul Momen were admitted to Hatiya Upazilla Health Complex. Earlier on Sunday, at least 12 people, including Hatiya municipality mayor, were injured in a clash at Oskhali Bazar in the upazila. The district administration imposed section 144 in the area till 8:00am yesterday to prevent further untoward situation.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Seminar**  
North Bengal Development Forum (NBDF) will organise a pre-budget seminar. Time: 9:00am, Venue: Ruposhi Bangla Hotel.

**Discussion**  
Despremik Jonogoner Mancha will hold a discussion on Dhaka rivers. Time: Gono Sangskriti Kendra, Venue: 3:00pm.

**Seminar**  
Agriculturists Forum of Bangladesh will organise a pre-budget seminar. Time: 10:30am, Venue: Jatiya Press Club.

**Discussion**  
Democratic Lawyers Association of Bangladesh (DLAB) will hold a discussion on constitution. Time: 10:00am, Venue: Supreme Court Bar Bhaban.

**Rally**  
Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) will hold a protest rally. Time: 5:00pm, Venue: Jatiya Press Club.

**Discussion**  
Sammilito Peshajibi Parishad will hold a discussion. Time: 3:00pm, Venue: Jatiya Press Club.

**Seminar**  
Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (Bilia) will organise a seminar. Time: 10:00am, Venue: Cirdap auditorium.

**Discussion**  
Bangladesh Buddha Kristi Prachar Sangh will organise a discussion. Time: 5:30pm, Venue: Dharmarajik Buddha Mahabihar.

**Human Chain**

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**Rain likely**  
UNB, Dhaka

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

Mild heat wave sweeping over Khulna division and the regions of Rajshahi and Pabna and it may continue, Met Office said.

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital at 6:35pm today and rises at 5:15am tomorrow.**

Country's highest temperature 37.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 21.4 degrees Celsius at Sayedpur.

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	33.4	28.4	70	63
Chittagong	33.7	27.3	76	83
Rajshahi	36.4	27.4	77	57
Rangpur	31.5	24.0	78	81
Khulna	36.5	27.5	77	56
Barisal	35.1	28.0	76	67

Instant energy, Instant recharge



BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia speaks at a BNP workers convention in London yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

PHOTO: BNP

**RIPENING FRUITS  
'Stop use of chemicals'**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environmental activists yesterday urged the government to take strong measures immediately to stop the entry of seasonal fruits contaminated with chemicals into market. They also demanded the government establish a strong monitoring cell to identify the businesspersons who use chemicals to ripen the fruits and bring them to justice. The demands came from a human chain jointly organised by Poribesh Bachao Andolan (Poba), Subandhan Samajik Kalyan, Modern Club and Greenmind Society in front of the Faculty of Fine Arts at Dhaka University, says a press release. Poba Chairman Abu Naser Khan said the trend of using chemicals in fruits and other foodstuff has reached to an alarming level, which the government should control with effective steps. People are getting sick and being affected in different diseases after taking the adulterated foods, he observed.