

## NEWS IN brief

## 4 fake journos, HR activists held

UNB, Keraniganj

Locals here caught four people impersonating as journalists and human rights activists red-handed and handed them over to police yesterday.

The arrested are Hridoy Ahmed Razu, 30, son of Sekander Ahmed; Sumon Mia, 23, son of Abdul Matin; Kabir Hossain, 28, son of Belal Hossain; and Leesa Khan, 32, wife of Kamrul Islam.

Police said the quartet went to Maniknagar and took Tk 5,000 as toll money from Anowar Hossain, owner of Boishakhi Ice Cream Factory, introducing themselves as journalists of Dainik Sandha Bani and human rights activists around 11:00pm.

Being suspicious, locals caught them when they were leaving by a car and gave them a mass beating.

A case was filed with Keraniganj model thana in this connection.

## Three snatchers arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police in a drive arrested three snatchers at Naya Bazar in Pahartali of the port city yesterday.

Arrested are Abul Kasem Suman alias Sandwipa Suman, 30, of Sandwipa, Mohammad Jasim, 32, of Sandwipa, and Abdur Rahim, 27, of Laksmipur.

A locally made firearm, three bullets, and two machetes were recovered from the three.

Zahedul Islam, officer-in-charge of Pahartali Police Station, said the gang mugged Tk 5 lakh from a man on April 19.

They were also found involved in snatchings in the port city before, he added.

## Timbers worth Tk 8 lakh seized

CU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Coast Guard seized stolen Segun and Gamari timbers worth Tk 8 lakh from an engine-run boat in the Karnaphuli River along Bakalia of the port city yesterday.

A Coast Guard patrol team conducted a drive near Bolir Hat area and seized 350.84 cubic feet stolen timbers of Segun and Gamari around 6:00am.

Sensing the presence of the law enforcers, the smugglers fled the scene abandoning the boat, says a press release.

The seized timbers were handed over to the Forest Department (south Chittagong).

## Quality higher education stressed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

University Grant Commission (UGC) Chairman Dr AK Azad Chowdhury yesterday said higher education would be taken to a level from where the country's graduates compete in global arena.

There would be no discrimination in uplifting and enhancing quality in higher education imparted by the public and private universities, said the UGC chief.

He made the remarks while speaking at a reception jointly organised by UGC Officers' Association and UGC Karmakarta Karmachari Parishad.

Dr Azad asserted he would leave no stone unturned to bring transparency, accountability, and dynamism in the commission.

He also urged the faculties in various universities to dedicate themselves earnestly to the enrichment of knowledge.

Md Kamal Hossain, president of UGC Officers' Association and deputy director of publication and information (research and publication division), chaired the function.

UGC members Prof Dr Md Abdul Hakim, Prof Md Tajul Islam, Prof Amena Begum, and Prof M Muhibur Rahman were present on the occasion.



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## Heavy falls likely

UNB, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

The sunsets in the capital at 6:36pm today and rises at 5:14am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 36.5 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Patuakhali and lowest 22.5 degrees Celsius at Khepupara.

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	32.2	26.0	75	68
Chittagong	30.6	25.8	96	74
Rajshahi	35.0	26.0	93	89
Rangpur	33.3	24.4	93	82
Khulna	35.5	27.5	70	76
Barisal	35.6	27.0	74	85
Sylhet	28.3	25.5	79	81
Cox's Bazar	33.3	25.2	82	75

Instant energy, instant recharge

## Snatched police shotgun recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday morning recovered a shotgun, which muggers snatched from law enforcers near Rajarbagh Police Line on Tuesday night, from East Dholapar area of Jatrabari in the city. The shotgun was left abandoned at a club.

OC Shahidul Haque of Paltan Police Station said four policemen led by a sub-inspector of the police station, around 11:30pm on Tuesday, tried to stop three muggers fleeing on a CNG-run auto-rickshaw after mugging a couple.

When a constable tried hitting the moving vehicle with his shotgun butt, one of the muggers snatched it and they escaped, the OC added.

A departmental probe team was formed, said the OC.



President Zillur Rahman administers oath to the newly appointed Chief Justice Mohammad Mozammel Hossain at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 20)

PALLI PHONE CASE  
Yunus, three Grameen staff get bail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Pabna court yesterday granted bail to Dr Muhammad Yunus, former managing director of Grameen Bank (GB), and three officials in a case filed for sending bloated telephone bill to a Palli Phone, a Grameen Telecom initiative, subscriber.

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

Adv Md Abdul Matin, counsel of the four accused, placed petitions for bail and told the court that Dr Yunus has already received bail in the case from the High Court and submitted necessary documents.

"Showing respect to the High Court order, the court granted Dr Muhammad Yunus bail," said Matin, also the president of Pabna Bar Association.

The three other accused were granted bail on a bond of Tk 10,000.

During the hearing the officials were present at the court. A High Court lawyer appeared before the court on behalf of Prof Yunus, the country's lone Nobel Prize winner.

On February 15, Abdul Mazed, a former manager of Grameen Bank Ganguhati centre in Ataikula, filed the case with the Senior Judicial Court-3.

Mazed had complained that the Palli Phone authorities sent an abnormal bill of Tk 76,000 to Hafiza Begum, a subscriber of the phone.

The bank started pressing Mazed to clear the bill as the woman got the phone through him, he added. Mazed had to pay the money.

Mazed left the job last year and filed the case.

The court asked the accused to appear before the court yesterday.

## BSSMU to build 1,500-bed building

Bss, Dhaka

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSSMU) Hospital will build a new building to add 1,500 more beds to facilitate quality healthcare especially for middle and lower income people.

This was revealed yesterday when BSMMU Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Pran Gopal Dutta called on President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban.

During the meeting, the VC apprised the president that the new multi-storied building would be established on 12 bighas of lands just adjacent to the existing BSMMU complex.

He apprised the president of various academic and clinical developments of BSMMU. A modern Neonatal Intensive Care Unit recently opened at BSMMU hospital, he said.

The VC invited the president to preside over the first convocation of BSMMU to be held on June 21. Nobel Laureate Harvard University Prof Jack Szostak is expected to be the convocation speaker, he informed.

The president gave consent to attend the convocation and assured of all-out cooperation in this regard. He put emphasis on expanding modern healthcare facilities in the country especially for the middle and lower middle-income people.

Concerned secretaries of the president's office were present.

## Materialise Nooruzzaman's dream for trial of war criminals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a memorial meeting yesterday urged all to work for materialising Lt Col (retd) Quazi Nooruzzaman's (Bir Uttam) dreams of bringing the people who had committed war crimes and crimes against humanity to book.

Nooruzzaman was a man who could not confine his life in Liberation War, he kept on putting pressure on the successive governments for bringing the war criminals to justice, they said.

Paying tribute to the memories of the freedom fighter, they said Nooruzzaman was an uncompromising freedom fighter throughout his life and his ideals and examples would inspire the young generation and help the country move forward with the spirit of the War of Liberation.

Samaj Chinta Forum organised the meeting at Jatiya Press Club in the city.

Nooruzzaman, a veteran of the Second World War, the commander of sector-7 in the war and one of the architects of the Ekattor Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, passed away on May 11.

The case was filed with Tejgaon Police Station against Hasina and six others on December 11, 2001.

"Many freedom fighters could not remain a freedom

fighter at the end, but he [Nooruzzaman] was the person who was freedom fighter throughout his life," said Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, former chief adviser to a caretaker government.

He said Nooruzzaman was a youth and a hopeful person in his entire life. "His courage to wage movement anew even at his last age amazed me," he said.

There was a scarcity of good people in the country and Col Nooruzzaman was one of them, said veteran language hero Abdul Matin.

"He [Nooruzzaman] never bowed down before injus-

tice," he said, adding that the warrior could not see his dream, which is trial of the people involved with war crimes, materialised. "Let's fulfil his dream," he added.

The trial of war criminals will have to be done during the regime of this government, he said, adding that otherwise they have to be responsible to the people.

Nooruzzaman's wife Dr Sultana Zaman, daughter Prof Naila Zaman, Human Rights Commission Chairman Dr Mizanur Rahman, among others, were present.

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Prof Naila Zaman, daughter of Lt Col (retd) Quazi Nooruzzaman (Bir Uttam), speaks at a memorial meeting organised by Sector Commanders Forum at Liberation War Museum in the city yesterday.

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