

NEWS IN *brief*

Youth held on murder charge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch (DB) of police Thursday night arrested a youth on charge of killing an employee of a developer company at Elephant Road in the city on May 10.

Police said Razibul Haq Munna, 22, was detained in Horinarayanpur of Islampara of Kushtia. Munna worked with the victim at the office.

The victim, Khayrul Islam Babu, 16, was found dead in a room on the 11th floor of Sahera Tropical Centre where he was a guard-cum-peon.

Munna strangled and then stabbed Babu to death that night.

A murder case was filed in this connection with New Market Police Station.

Three seaports cautioned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three maritime ports of the country have been advised to hoist cautionary signal no. 3 as deep convection is taking place over the north of the Bay.

The ports are of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, and Mongla. Squally weather may affect the north and adjoining coastal areas of the county, said a special bulletin of Met Office in Dhaka.

All fishing boats and trawlers over north of the Bay have been advised to proceed with caution till further notice.

Case against Babul, wife quashed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday quashed all proceedings against Jamuna Group Chairman Nurul Islam Babul and his wife Salma Islam in a corruption case filed by the Anti-corruption Commission during the regime of military-backed caretaker government.

Endorsing two separate writ petitions filed by Babul and Salma, an HC bench of Justice Farid Ahmed and M Shawkat Hossain also declared all proceedings against them illegal.

The court came up with the verdict saying that the ACC notice asking their wealth statements was illegal, as the notice was served by its secretary, and the case was filed against them on the basis of illegal notice.

The ACC filed the case against Babul and his wife with Ramna Police Station on August 18, 2007, on charges of amassing wealth illegally and concealing information about it.

PM in Canada

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived in Canada yesterday afternoon.

Bangladesh High Commissioner to Canada AM Yakub Ali received the PM at Toronto International Airport.

Sheikh Hasina's daughter Saima Wajed Putul, son-in-law Khandaker Mashrur Hossain and representatives of Bangladeshi community in Canada were present at the airport.

Earlier, the PM left Geneva for Paris en route to Canada Wednesday morning.

According to her schedule, Hasina will leave Canada for France on May 24.



Language movement veterans of Bangladesh and Assam pay homage to the language heroes of Assam laying wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Bangla language movement in Assam.

PHOTO: STAR

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the first death anniversary of Md Abdul K u d d u s Chowdhury, a former

judge of the Supreme Court and former secretary, says a press release.

Mia Fazlur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 83rd death anniversary of Pandit Mia Fazlur Rahman, an educationist and social worker, says a press release.

He founded Ghorashal High School in 1886.

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City BNP committee starts function

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The newly formed convening committee of Dhaka city unit BNP began functioning yesterday by paying tribute to the party founder late president Ziaur Rahman's grave with a huge procession of the Sadeque Hossain Khoka-controlled committee.

A large number of party leaders including a number of members of standing committee, workers and supporters from different thana and ward units attended the programme.

A number of joint conveners, favouring Khoka, and some ward councillors organised the procession to showcase their political strength.

A number of Abbas-backed leaders and all the joint conveners except Salauddin Ahmed were present. Sources said Salauddin could not attend due to illness.

BNP on Sunday announced the 21-member committee led by Khoka for its most important Dhaka city unit, which was running without any committee since June 2008.

After placing wreaths, Khoka said the anti-government movement did not gain momentum due to absence of the committee.

"But now the agitation programmes will be successful and ensure that the ruling government quits," he said.

Senior BNP leaders including Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, MK Anwar, Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, Nazrul Islam Khan, Lt Gen (ret'd) Mahbubur Rahman, Hafizuddin Ahmed and Altaf Hossain Chowdhury were also present.

However, standing committee member Mirza Abbas was not seen.



Leader of the Opposition and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia holds meeting with chairman of the ruling Conservative Party Baroness Sayeeda Warsi in London on Wednesday.

PHOTO: BNP

Tributes to language heroes of Assam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some patrons of Bangla language yesterday paid tribute to the eleven language movement heroes, who sacrificed their lives to establish Bangla as an official language in Assam of India.

Like Bangladeshi language martyrs Abdul Jabbar, Abul Barkat, the eleven heroes of Assam were shot dead by police while several thousands of people were observing blockade programme on May 19, 1961 near Silchar Railway Station to press their demand.

After eight years of language movement in Bangladesh, people of three districts--Kasari, Karimganj and Hailakandi of Assam were getting united in demand of declaring Bangla as their official language like Assamese.

After six months of the continuous movement, it reached at the crucial stage on that day giving the heroes special place in the history.

The martyred heroes were--Kamala Bhattacharjee, Shanchindra Chandra Pal, Kanai Lal Niyogi, Hitesh Biswas, Sukomol Purkayastho, Tarani Debnath, Chandicharan Sutradhar, Sunil Sarkar, Kumuk Ranjan Das, Satendra Debnath and Birendra Sutradhar.

To commemorate the martyrs, Vasha Andolon Sriti Rakkha Parishad has been observing the day since 2003.

Following the tradition, the parishad members along with language movement heroes Abdul Matin, Rawshan Ara Bachchu, and language researcher Mohammad Asad paid tribute at the central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday morning.

Dr Mirza Mazahar, president of the parishad, told a street rally that the government should observe the day with state honour.

Shahara for ID cards of DSE investors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Shahara Khatun yesterday asked Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) authority to introduce identity cards for DSE investors in an effort to tackle untoward situations centring sudden fall in share prices.

DSE was also urged to install close circuit television cameras from DSE office to Shapla Chattar to beef up security in the busy Motijheel area of the city.

Shahara made the recommendations at a meeting with Securities and Exchange Commission and DSE personnel and chiefs of law enforcing agencies held at her ministry.

City dwellers recently experienced a series of vandalisms in Motijheel area allegedly by the agitating investors.

Sahara told reporters following the meeting that vested quarters in guise of aggrieved investors go on rampage, damaging vehicles and establishments to deteriorate law and order situation and interrupt traffic movement in the area.

Meeting sources said the home ministry also made five recommendations including formation of a crisis management team, a co-ordination committee and intensification of police patrol there to tackle traffic jam.

DSE President Shakil Rizvi told reporters that the time and process to introduce the identity cards would be decided in the board meeting.

Help save Sanwar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Mohammad Sanwar Hossain, 54, a resident of North Shahjahanpur at

Khilgaon in the city, appeals to conscientious people of society for financial help to cure him of liver cancer.

Sanwar, suffering from liver cancer for a long time, received treatment in the city's different hospitals for the last four months and now is undergoing treatment at city's Ahmed Medical Centre.

Doctors termed it essential to send him abroad for better treatment. His family already spent a lot of money to bear his treatment costs but a good amount is still needed for treatment abroad.

Under this circumstance, Sanwar's son Mohammad Shahriar Zaman appeals to the well-off of society.

Contribution can be sent to -- Mohammad Shahriar Zaman, Account # 26597 of Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited, Mouchak Branch, Dhaka or can be contacted over phone # 01818730845.

Death threat to Sust VC

SUST CORRESPONDENT

Vice Chancellor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology in Sylhet Dr Saleh Uddin received a death threat on a letter yesterday.

Signed "Subol" and containing no sender's address, the letter threatened to burn the VC to death.

A general diary (GD) was filed with Sylhet Kotwali Police Station in this connection.

Discussion
Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution will organise a discussion; Venue: BSTI auditorium; Time: 3:30pm.

Exhibition
Samajtantrik Mahila Forum will hold an exhibition; Venue: in front of TSC, DU; Time: 4:00pm.

Training programme
Families United Against Road Accident will organise a training workshop; Venue: CDME, 1/14, Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur; Time: 5:00pm.

Memorial meeting
Vivekananda Shiksha O Sangskriti

Parishad, Bangladesh will hold a memorial meeting; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:00am.

Recital
Muktadhara Abritti Charcha Kendra will organise a recital; Venue: Central Public Library; Time: 7:00pm.

Inaugural ceremony
Bangladesh English Language Teachers' Association will hold an inaugural ceremony; Venue: BIAM Foundation; Time: 10:00am.

Rally
Citizens Rights Movement will hold a rally; Venue: in front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:15am.

WEATHER TODAY
100% GLUCOSE

Rain likely
UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over all the seven divisions in 12 hours as of 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

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

Country's highest temperature 31.5 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Dinajpur and Sayedpur and lowest 20.8 degrees Celsius at Jessore and Chuadanga.

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	27.6	21.5	82	78
Chittagong	29.4	23.5	88	74
Rajshahi	29.5	21.3	93	78
Rangpur	30.6	21.8	86	85
Khulna	28.0	21.3	96	78
Barisal	28.7	22.0	92	81
Sylhet	31.4	24.0	91	68
Cox's Bazar	30.4	23.0	87	73

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