

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 strangulated 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 country, 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 Ramma 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.

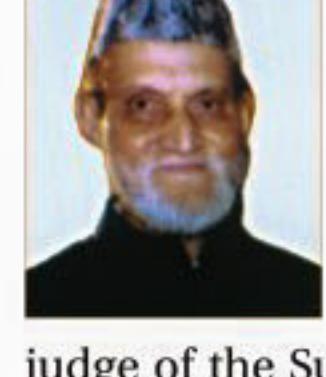


Language movement veterans of Bangladesh and Assam pay homage to the language heroes of Assam laying wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Bangla language movement in Assam.

PHOTO: STAR

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



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 Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, Nazrul Islam Khan, Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman, Hafizuddin Ahmed and Altaf Hossain Chowdhury were also present. However, standing committee member Mirza Abbas was not seen.

Cheholum

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Cheholum of Saifuddin Ahmed (Surjo Miah), an organiser of Liberation War and associate of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, will be held at his village home at Duttappa of Shibchar upazila in Madaripur after Juma prayers today and at his father-in-law's house at Kabirajpur of Rajoir upazila in the district after Zohr prayers tomorrow.

He passed away at his house at Naya Paltan in the city on April 10 at the age of 89.

Saifuddin Ahmed was

grandfather of Nur-e-Alam Chowdhury, whip of the parliament.



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

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.

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