

## NEWS IN *brief*

### DU to create Prof Hai fund

UNB, Dhaka

Prof Muhammad Abdul Hai and Begum Anisa Hai Scholarship Fund will be set up at Dhaka University (DU).

Muhammad Ishtiaque Hasan, to set up the fund in memory of his parents, handed over a cheque for Tk 6.50 lakh to DU Treasurer Prof Dr Mizanur Rahman yesterday.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique was present on the occasion.

Out of income of the fund, every year two students who will secure the first and second position in honours final examination from the department of Bangla of DU will be awarded scholarship of an amount of Tk 2,000 per month during their study in MA class.

The DU VC thanked Muhammad Ishtiaque Hasan, Dr Asma Begum, and other members of the family Prof Muhammad Abdul Hai for establishing the scholarship fund at DU.

Prof Muhammad Abdul Hai was born in 1919. He was the first Muslim student who had obtained first class both in honours and master's examinations in Bangla from DU. He had joined Bangla department of the university in 1949.

### SUST Summer vacation starts from today

SUST CORRESPONDENT

The summer vacation of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST), Sylhet begins from today.

The academic activities will resume on June 7 after a 16-day closure. The administrative activities will start on June 5.

## Seven killed in road crashes

METRO DESK

Seven people were killed and 41 others injured in road accidents in Tangail, Savar, Dinajpur and Gazipur yesterday.

Our Tangail correspondent: Three people were killed and four others injured in a head-on collision between a microbus and an improvised three-wheeler at Charpara in Mirzapur, Tangail yesterday.

Deceased are Sabuj, 20, Shompa Akhter, 23, and Alamgir, 55. They were aboard the three-wheeler. The injured were taken to Kumudini Hospital in Mirzapur.

UNB from Savar reports: Two motorcyclists died on the spot after being knocked down by a bus at Baliarpur in front of Modhumoti Model Town in Savar, outskirts of the city, yesterday.

One of the deceased was identified as Anis Chowdhury, 40, a trader and resident of Mirpur in the city. Identity of the other could not be known.

Our Dinajpur correspondent adds: At least 37 people were wounded in a bus-truck collision near Motiara Bridge in Nawabganj upazila of Dinajpur yesterday.

Five of the injured were taken to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital in critical condition, 11 to Birampur Heath Complex, and 21 to Nawabganj Upazila Health Complex.

The critically hurt are the truck driver Md Arshad Ali 38, helper Jadu Mia 22, Abdur Rahim 18, Md Shafiqul Islam, 30, and Zia Mia, 22.

UNB from Gazipur adds: Two motorcyclists were killed when their motorbike was hit by a covered van at Sutrapur in Kaliakoir upazila on Saturday night.

The deceased were identified as Saiful Islam, 30, resident of Bharanda village in Sadar upazila and Jahirul Islam, 32, assistant store keeper of a garments in Kashimpur.

Local sources said two people died on the spot as a covered van hit their motorcycle on Dhaka-Tangail Highway at about 8:00pm.

Police later seized the covered van, but its driver and helper managed to escape.

Saiful and Jahirul, both are friends, met the accident while they were going to Tangail from the district.



Waterlogging in front of Ruposhi Bangla Hotel at Shahbagh in the city resulted from just a brief spell of rain last evening.

PHOTO: STAR

### Obituary

BSS, Dhaka



M A Mukid Talukdar, father of Mainul Alam, a special correspondent of the Daily Ittefaq, passed away due to old-age complications at a city hospital in the early hours of yesterday at the age of 82.

Mukid, a former deputy director of Power Development Board (PDB), left behind his four sons and three daughters and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

He was laid to rest at his family graveyard at Sadra village under Hajiganj upazila of Chandpur district after namaz-e-janaza at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Zohr prayers.

Ramisa Khatun, mother of journalist Md Mahtab Uddin, passed away at her residence at Mirpur Section 14 in the city yesterday due to cancer.

She was 90, says a press release.

Ramisa left behind her three sons, one daughter, grandchildren, and a host of relatives to mourn the death.

She will be buried at her village home at Raghobpur in Pabna after Namaj-e-Janaja.

Relatives and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of her departed soul.

## Road links in CHT now easier

UNB, Dhaka

Road communication has become easier in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), as the majority of the Tk 105 crore-infrastructure development project to construct about 100 kilometre (km) of roads with small bridges and culverts is now complete.

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) is implementing the project in the three hill districts of Khagrachhari, Bandarban and Rangamati, to be complete by next year.

While visiting different areas in Matiranga and Panchhari upazilas of Khagrachhari district and sadar upazila of Rangamati district, people of the hill districts, especially in remote areas, were seen to be able to communicate with the mainland and also market with their produce easily.

Talking to this correspondent, local people said earlier they led a miserable life for lack of road communication in absence of development activities in

the hill districts under the previous governments.

They said formerly people of the region had to walk a long distance to go to the markets located at inaccessible areas, often with agricultural products which were damaged on the way.

In Khagrachhari, several thousand tribal people came under the communication network with the construction of a 13 km road from Matiranga Sadar to Gomoti Union.

Champalika Tripura, 35, a tribal schoolteacher of Gomoti village, said people earlier had to walk to the upazila sadar, 20 km from her village. But now, they can go there by transport within 15 to 20 minutes as the distance came down to 13 km.

"Local people can take their fruits, vegetables and other agricultural crops by transport to the market in the upazila headquarters. They now get better prices and there is less damage," she said.

Now the children of the hill areas can

go to schools far away using transport which was not possible earlier, Tripura added.

Previously unemployed youths now earn Tk 700 to Tk 800 daily by carrying people and goods on motorcycles from one place to another.

LGED Engineer Anwarul Haque of Matiranga upazila said the construction of the new road in his upazila started in November 2009 and was completed in January this year.

Sub-Assistant Engineer Rashedul Ahsan of Panchhari upazila said a large number of tourists now visit the biggest Buddhist temple at Shantipur Aranyakutir daily following the construction of the new road.

In Rangamati, construction of the 18.36 km road from Asambasti to Baradom now makes it easy for people to travel and transport various goods, particularly fish caught from the Kaptai Lake to Rangamati sadar or elsewhere.

### Indian woman trafficker held

UNB, Khulna

A suspected women trafficker was arrested at Baruikhal in Dakop upazila during his abortive bid to seduce a housewife and trafficker to India on Friday.

The arrestee was identified as Kishore Bishwas, 30, son of Ruben Bishwas, an India citizen and resident of Sikria village in Nadia upazila of West Bengal state of India.

Police said Kishore Bishwas came to Khatail village in Dakop upazila recently.

He was captured by locals on his way to India with victim Rashida Begum, 20, wife of Zinnat Sardar, a resident of Baruikhali Asrayan Kendra (shelter home) at 10:00am on Friday.

Locals handed him over to Dakop police later.

Police said Kishore seduced Rashida and was taking her to India with fake promise of lucrative job there.

He is being interrogated by police.

### Convection over Bay

BSS, Dhaka

Deep convection is taking place over the north Bay with squally weather likely to continue over the north and adjoining coastal areas of Bangladesh, a Met office weather bulletin said.

Maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, and Mongla have been advised to keep hoisted local cautionary signal no. 3.

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



#### Roundtable

Shata Nagorik will hold a roundtable discussion on constitution. Time: 9:00am, Venue: Cirdap auditorium.

#### Rally

Initiative For Peace (IFP) will hold a rally on river protection. Time: 11:00am, Venue: Sena Commercial Complex, Tongi.

#### Workshop

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) will organise a workshop on flood management. Time: 9:00am, Venue: Brac Centre Inn.

#### Workshop

Prip Trust will arrange a workshop on gender equality. Time: 9:30am, Venue: Jatiya Press Club.

#### Discussion

Tourism Resort Industries Association of Bangladesh (TRIAB) will hold a discussion. Time: 7:00pm, Venue: Siam Tower, Uttara.

#### Meeting

Islami Ain Bastabayan Committee (IABC) will hold a view exchange meeting on women policy. Time: 11:00am, Venue: Lalbagh office, IABC.

#### Meeting

WBB trust will hold a view exchange



Children diving into the cool of the river Karnaphuli in Chittagong to stand the heat wave sweeping over the country for last few days. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

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**Thundershowers likely**

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

Moderately 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 6:37pm today and rises at 5:13am tomorrow.**

Country's highest temperature 35.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 21.0 degrees Celsius at 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	33.2	23.7	86	70
Chittagong	31.9	26.0	79	76
Rajshahi	34.0	22.0	80	98
Rangpur	31.7	23.5	90	71
Khulna	34.5	27.0	74	70
Barisal	33.9	26.9	70	73
Sylhet	27.8	21.7	96	95

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