

NEWS IN *brief*

**ALCWC meeting tomorrow**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCWC), the highest decision making body of the ruling party, sits an emergency meeting tomorrow to discuss the country's latest political situation against the backdrop of BNP-Jamaat's June 5 hartal across the country.

The meeting will be held at Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's official residence Gono Bhaban at 4:00pm, deputy office secretary of Awami League Mrinal Kanti Das told The Daily Star last night.

AL General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam requested all central committee members to attend the meeting.

**Azam Khan shifted to CMH**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's Pop Guru and freedom fighter Azam Khan, with his health condition being unimproved, was moved to Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in Dhaka Cantonment last night.

Meanwhile, President Zillur Rahman visited the ailing pop star at Square Hospital around 11:30am in the city where he had been undergoing treatment since May 22.

Dr Quamaruzzaman Chowdhury of Square Hospital said Khan's family wanted him to be shifted to CMH to cut medical expenses.

One of the relatives of Azam Khan said the president asked us if he had anything to do for Azam Khan. After we said it would be helpful for us if he can be moved to CMH, the president ordered necessary arrangement for shifting him to CMH.

**DU computer programming contest tomorrow**

DU CORRESPONDENT

National Computer Programming Contest-2011 will begin at Dhaka University (DU) tomorrow, says a press release.

Organised by DU computer science and engineering department in association with science and ICT ministry, the competition aims to encourage students into computer programming.

DU Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof AAMA Arefin Siddique would inaugurate the two-day event.

Seventy-eight teams from 17 public and 35 private universities will participate including 50 female teams in a separate contest.

State Minister for Science and ICT Yeafesh Osman and State Minister for Children and Women Affairs Dr Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury would attend as the chief and special guests.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hands over "Bangabandhu Award for Wildlife Conservation" to wildlife expert Dr Reza Khan at National Tree Plantation Campaign and Tree Fair 2011 held in Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 20) PHOTO: PTD

**Relocation of tanneries by 2012**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday came up with a fresh deadline for relocation of tannery industries, a major source of environmental pollution and contamination of Buriganga river, from the city's Hazaribagh to Savar.

As per the new deadline, the government will finish relocation of the tanneries by 2012, said State Minister for Forests and Environment Hasan Mahmud in parliament yesterday.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, the state minister said Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industry Corporation is implementing the project for relocation.

"The Department of Environment has already served third and final notice to tannery industry owners of Hazaribagh to complete shifting of their industry to Savar," said Hasan Mahmud.

He also informed that as many as 155 plots already have been allocated in favour of the same number of industrial units in Harindhora area of Tetuljhora and Hazratpur union under Savar upazila.

"Land development works of that area already has been completed and the process for floating tender is going on to set up a central effluent treatment plant in that area," added the state minister.

The High Court on February 28,

2010 extended for six months the deadline for relocation of environmentally hazardous tanneries from the capital's Hazaribagh.

In June 2009, the higher court asked the government either to shift all tanneries from Hazaribagh to a special industrial zone in Savar or close those down by February 28, 2010 to check widespread environmental pollution.

The HC came up with the order following an application from the government and Tannery Owners' Association seeking two years' time to relocate the tanneries.

Earlier in January, 2010, Hasan Mahmud told parliament that the government has decided to relocate

tanneries from Hazaribagh to a place outside the capital by February 28, 2010.

He also said the government has also set a deadline of June 30, this year for the industries, which dump liquid wastes into water bodies, to install effluent treatment plant (ETP).

On February 6, this year, Hasan Mahmud told parliament that Hazaribagh tannery owners' responses are not at all conducive to implementing the High Court's order on the relocation.

On June 19, 2010, Industries Minister Dilip Barua told parliament that relocation of tannery industries from the capital's Hazaribagh will begin soon.

**13 die in custody in May**

Says Odhikar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least seven people were victims of extra-judicial killings and 13 others died in jail custody last month, said Odhikar, a human rights group.

An Odhikar monthly report on human rights situation said a total of 14 people were killed in political violence while 49 women and girls were raped in the country from May 1 to 31.

It also said four Bangladeshi nationals were killed allegedly by Indian BSF despite repeated assurance by India to stop killing along the border, says a press release.

The rights body also expressed concern over the comment by the government high ups regarding Limon Hossain issue and it fears that this such statement would encourage impunity of law enforcers.

The Odhikar report also said on February 22 Rapid Action Battalion men allegedly abducted private university student Tawfique Ahmed Hasan from jail gate and since then he remained missing.

**Two children drown in Buriganga**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two minor boys drowned in Buriganga River at Kholamora Ghat of Kamrangirchar in the city yesterday.

The boys are Mohammad Swapan, 4 and Rakib, 6 of Kholamora.

Swapan's aunt Sathi Begum told reporters at Dhaka Medical College Hospital that six to seven children were splashing about in the river around 12:30noon when the two drowned.

**Ten stolen cars recovered**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Detective Branch (DB) of police recovered ten stolen private cars worth around Tk 2.38 crore and arrested five carjackers in this regard from different parts of the capital, Gazipur and Narayanganj over the last two days.

The bust also revealed a ring operating with the help of corrupt personnel working at the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) for smooth disposal of the stolen vehicles.

The remorseless leader of the carjacking group bragged to The Daily Star that the last time he was arrested he secured bail within one and a half months of his arrest, and this time he hoped to return to his trade in just a few months.

Ring leader Jubaraj alias Rony, 28 and his accomplices Iqbal Hossain, 23, Nadim, 27 were arrested from Narayanganj town while Mohammad Khonkon Mian, 40, was arrested from Sutrapur in the city and Mohammad Mostofa, 30 from Gazipur.

Following statements by the arrestees, the DB team led by Senior Assistant Police Commissioner Mukhlesur Rahman of DMP recovered F Premio, X Fielder, G Corolla, Harrier, X Corolla cars from Gazipur, Turag, Narayanganj and city's Tejgaon, Uttara, Motijheel, Kafrul and Paltan areas.

Rony told The Daily Star that his gang operates with the help of brokers at BRTA office in the capital. Some unscrupulous employees at BRTA prepare fake documents for the stolen vehicles and maintain these fake records in the office alongside the original ones.

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**Thundershowers likely**  
 UNB, Dhaka

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

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.  
**The sun sets in the capital at 6:42pm today and rises at 5:11am tomorrow.**

Country's highest temperature 36.6 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 23.0 degrees Celsius at Rangpur.

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	33.5	25.0	72	71
Chittagong	30.6	24.0	77	78
Rajshahi	36.6	24.5	79	62
Rangpur	31.9	23.0	71	72
Khulna	35.8	25.0	84	69
Barisal	33.5	23.5	77	69
Sylhet	32.6	25.0	78	70

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Major General MA Manjur Bir Uttam Smriti Parishad forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday demanding investigation and trial into the Sector 8 commander's murder.

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