

NEWS IN *brief*

**BSF kills 1 in Joypurhat**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) gunned down a Bangladeshi cattle trader along Hatkhola border in Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Fazlur Rahman, 40, son of Kafiluddin of Nandail village in the upazila.

BSF of Shidaipur camp under 27 Malda sector shot Fazlur dead around 5:30am when he was returning from India and dragged his body into their territory, said Sector Commander (acting) Lt Col Mahfuz of Dinajpur Sector of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB).

BGB sent a letter to BSF protesting the killing.

**Bangladeshi wins photo contest**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jashim Salam, an expatriate Bangladeshi hailing from Chittagong, won the first prize for his black and white photograph titled Jute Monster under the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP).

The award includes a gold medal and DH 20,000 (roughly Tk 4,00,764).

The 6th Emirates Photography Competition 2011 was organised by the UAE's premier government cultural body Abu Dhabi Cultural and Heritage.

**IUB orientation held**

METRO DESK

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) organised an orientation programme yesterday on its permanent campus at Bashundhara in the city for the newly admitted students of the summer 2011 session.

At the programme Prof M Omar Rahman, vice-chancellor (In-charge) of the university, assured the students that IUB would do everything for ensuring their dreams come true.

**SOLICITOR'S OFFICE  
HC asks law secy to  
probe allegations**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench yesterday directed the law secretary to investigate the allegations against the solicitor's office of not supplying relevant files, records and papers of cases involving the government to the attorney general's office timely.

The main function of solicitor's office is to maintain relevant files of cases involving the government, and supply their necessary papers, documents and records to the attorney general's office for moving those before the High Court and Appellate Division in favour of the state.

The bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore passed the order pointing out that the attorney general's office could not submit the relevant files of some cases before it on time, as it did not get those from the solicitor's office.

A deputy attorney general requesting anonymity told The Daily Star that the HC bench also noted that some of the case files supplied by the solicitor's office did not contain relevant papers and documents.

The bench also asked the law secretary to place the allegations against the solicitor's office before the law minister, and submit the investigation report to it within a month.

It observed that this court has to adjourn hearing of many cases time and again, since the solicitor's office did not supply the relevant files properly to the attorney general's office for placing those before it.

The court has to waste its time and the state's interests are not protected due to adjournments of hearing, it commented.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told The Daily Star that there is no necessity to keep the solicitor's office in force, as it does not perform its function properly.

The government should directly send the relevant files, records and papers of cases to the attorney general's office, not through the solicitor, he said.

Asked about the allegations, Solicitor Aminul Islam told The Daily Star that his office always supplies relevant files, records and papers of cases involving the government to the attorney general's office.

"I am ready to reply any question of allegations against my office," he said.



Customs officials seize the rice meant for export, despite a government ban on export of any rice varieties, from a private container depot in Colonelhat area in Chittagong city yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

**100 tonnes of rice  
seized**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

Customs officials here yesterday seized 100 tonnes of rice hoarded at a private container depot, which were meant for export despite a government ban on the export of all varieties of rice.

Intelligence Department (export) of Chittagong Customs with the Department of Customs Intelligence and Investigation in Dhaka raided Golden Container, a privately owned inland container depot (ICD), at Kattoli near city gate area around 2:00am.

The customs officials at first found two containers containing 40 tonnes of rice -- miniket and chini gura, said Abul Hashem, assistant revenue officer of the Intelligence Department (export) of Chittagong Customs.

The Intelligence Department continued the search and discovered three more containers having 60 tonnes of chini gura rice inside the same depot.

The market price of the seized rice would stand at Tk 1 crore, said customs officials. Hashem suspected the rice was supposed to be exported to Italy.

He said they found name tags of an Italian company "Asia Food Soc Coop arl" on the bags as the buyer of the seized rice while "Via-Porta Maggiora, 3800185, Roma Italy" was found written under the name. One AR World is the exporter of the consignment, he added.

Sources said the on-duty officer identified as Rashed Ahmed of the depot fled the spot sensing presence of the customs officials.

Nurul Akter, assistant general manager of the depot, said the rice was hoarded for last two days by submitting fake information saying the consignment as of scrap iron.

A customs official said the rice would be confiscated and the exporter would be fined. In 2008, the then caretaker government imposed a ban on the export of all types of rice.

**SCHOOLGIRL'S SUICIDE  
Teacher sued**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Rajshahi*

A suicide provocation case was filed against the Tanore school headmaster on Wednesday night following his alleged wrongdoing with his girl student in his office room on the day.

Mokhlesur Rahman, headmaster of Chanduria Abu Bakar High School, went into hiding after victim's mother Rashida Khatun filed a case against him with Tanore Police Station, said SI Rafikul Islam, investigating officer of the case.

The schoolteacher called Shanchita Khatun, 15, a student of class IX, to his office room over phone on Wednesday morning and released her one hour later though summer vacation was going on. Returning to her house, the schoolgirl hanged herself from the ceiling.

The victim's mother Rashida demanded proper investigation into the incident for justice. "I lost whatever treasure I had. Now, I want justice," she said.

**Mystery shrouds woman's death  
Body exhumed for second autopsy**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The body of a newlywed woman was exhumed from a graveyard in Pallabi area in the city in presence of a magistrate yesterday and sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for a second autopsy.

Family sources alleged that in-laws of the deceased Moyna Akhter Jui, 20, beat her to death at their Mirajnagar residence in the city's Kadamtoli on March 10 for dowry of Tk2 lakh.

Her parents refused to accept the first autopsy at Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue that reported it was a suicide and

appealed to a court for a fresh autopsy.

Jui's family alleged that her husband Mohammad Nuruzzaman, a mason of Mirajnagar, married Jui in August 2010 after an affair and began demanding the dowry from October to go to Saudi Arabia for a job.

Jui's father Jalal Dewan said Jui was murdered, as Tk 1 lakh was pending. Her uncle Selim Dewan said her in-laws claimed she committed suicide by hanging herself from a ceiling fan with a scarf. Jui's family then filed a murder case against six people including Nuruzzaman.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson sees photographs at an exhibition organised by Chhatra Dal at Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday marking the 30th death anniversary of former president Ziaur Rahman.

PHOTO: BNP



**Programming contest**

Department of Computer Science and Engineering of Dhaka University and Ministry of Science and ICT will jointly organise a national computer programming contest. Venue: Department of CSE, DU, Time: 9:30am.

**Human chain**

Garments Sramik Sangram Parishad will form a human chain. Venue: In front of the National Press Club, Time: 11:00am.

**Discussion**

Bangabandhu Academy will hold a discussion. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity, Time: 10:30am.

**Roundtable**

Bangladesh Manobadhikar Bastobayan Sangstha will arrange a roundtable. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre, Gulshan-1, Time: 4:00pm.

**Human chain**

Karmojibi Nari, CSRL and Online Knowledge Centre will jointly form a human chain. Venue: In front of National Press Club, Time: 11:00am.

**Memorial meeting**

Bangladesh Christian Association will hold a memorial meeting. Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises, Time: 5:30pm.

**Rally**

National Garment Workers Federation will organise a rally. Venue: In front of the National Press Club, Time: 11:00am.

**Heart camp**

Saool Heart Centre will arrange a heart camp. Venue: National Sports Council auditorium, Time: 7:30am.

**Talk**

United Nations Association of Bangladesh will hold a talk. Venue: Scout Bhaban, Kakrail, Time: 5:00pm.

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**Thundershowers likely**  
UNB, Dhaka

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

Mild heat wave is sweeping over Khulna division and the regions of Rajshahi and Pabna and it may continue.

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 37.8 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 20.8 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       | 30.6                   | 27.7 | 86                     | 81      |
| Chittagong  | 31.5                   | 26.5 | 77                     | 69      |
| Rajshahi    | 36.7                   | 27.1 | 74                     | 66      |
| Rangpur     | 31.7                   | 20.8 | 85                     | 75      |
| Khulna      | 36.0                   | 28.5 | 77                     | 77      |
| Barisal     | 33.6                   | 27.3 | 81                     | 91      |
| Sylhet      | 30.0                   | 23.3 | 89                     | 80      |
| Cox's Bazar | 33.4                   | 26.5 | 71                     | 80      |

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