

NEWS IN *brief*

Young man found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A young man aged about 35 was found dead in a ditch at Konapara in the city's Jatrabari yesterday. Police said the hands and legs of the body were tied to the back with ropes. Ropes were also stashed inside his mouth. Police said the body was floating on the water. Police recovered the body around 3:00pm after the local people informed the matter to them.

CU classes resume tomorrow

CU CORRESPONDENT

Classes at Chittagong University will resume tomorrow (July 1) after a month long monsoon vacation that began June 1. The university offices, which remained closed for seven days during the vacation, will open on June 27.

One beaten to death in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A youth was beaten to death by a gang of local criminals at Pilkuni in Narayanganj yesterday. The victim was identified as Mohammad Nahid, 23, son of Sattar Mia of Dapa Pilkuni area. Sattar said a gang of seven to eight criminals led by Khelafat Hossain Raju picked up his son from his home at 8:00pm at gun point. Later, Nahid was beaten to death by the gang in Dapa Bank Colony area of Sadar upazila. Nahid was rushed to Narayanganj Hospital where doctors declared him dead. Later, the aggrieved people set Khelafat's house on fire around 10:00pm. Fire service doused the fire. Fatulla AL President Saifullah claimed that Nahid was a member of his party.



New BGB chief takes charge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Maj Gen Anwar Hussain yesterday joined Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) as its new director general.

He took over the charge from the outgoing BGB chief Maj Gen Md Rafiqul Islam at a ceremony at the Pikhana headquarters of the border force, said a press release.

The deputy director general, directors and high officials of BGB received the new director general on his arrival at the headquarters.

Rafiqul Islam, who served the force as its chief since May 10 last year, has been posted to the army headquarters. He is going on leave preparatory to retirement (LPR) from July 14, sources said.

Prior to his new assignment, Maj Gen Anwar Hussain was the general officer commanding (GOC) of Army Training and Doctrine Command (ARTDOC).

He obtained commission from Artillery Corps of Bangladesh Army on December 23, 1979.

Anwar Hussain also served as commander of 9th Artillery Brigade, commandant of Artillery Centre and School, director at Army Headquarters and GOC of 33 Infantry Division.

He completed Army Staff Course from Defence Services Command and Staff College, Mirpur in 1991, Command and General Staff Course from Staff College Germany in 1992-93 and National Defence Course from National Defence College, Mirpur in 2006.

The new BGB chief also served as an observer of United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG) in 1988-89 and as Chief Military Observer of UN Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG) in 2008-09, the press release added.



People had to work standing in knee-deep water at a bakery as heavy shower submerged Chittagong city yesterday. The photo was taken from Badurtala in Chakbazar. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

US STATE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Bangladesh again blamed for non-compliance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For the third consecutive year, Bangladesh was placed at Tier 2 Watch List in the US State Department's annual Human Trafficking in Persons (TIP) 2011 report, which blamed non-compliance with the minimum standards to eliminate trafficking.

Immigration experts said Bangladesh might face economic sanctions from the US if the situation does not improve by 2012. But the government says it took strong efforts to improve legal systems and prosecute offenders and there is no chance for any sanction.

The report, released on June 27, analysed conditions in 184 nations in terms of effectiveness in fighting human trafficking. It identified 23 nations failing to meet minimum international standards to curb the scourge while 41 countries were placed on a "watch list".

The report said a significant share of Bangladesh's trafficking victims consists of overseas job seeking men recruited with fraudulent offers and exploited under conditions of forced

labour or debt bondage.

It said most Bangladeshis rely on over 1,000 local recruiting agencies that are permitted by the government to charge workers up to US\$1,235 for their services.

The agencies place workers in low-skilled jobs typically paying between US\$100 and US\$150 per month, but workers are sometimes charged US\$6,000 or more, it added.

The report said, "High recruitment fees increase vulnerability to debt bondage and forced labour among transnational migrant workers."

"Women typically work as domestic servants. Some find themselves in situations of forced labour or debt bondage where they face restrictions on their movements, nonpayment of wages, threats, and physical or sexual abuse."

It said Bangladesh was not placed on Tier 3 considering that the government showed evidence of a credible and written plan to bring itself in compliance with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking.

But it did not prosecute Bangladeshi government officials involved in human trafficking and report on law enforcement efforts against them, the report observed.

Workers ostensibly had several options to file complaints of labour recruitment violations and get compensation. But the process most often used did not provide sufficient financial compensation and rarely addressed the illegal activities of some recruiting agencies, it said.

On the report, Home Ministry Joint Secretary Kamal Uddin Ahmed yesterday said, "We drafted Human Trafficking (Prevention and Protection) Act, to be enacted soon."

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Supreme Court lawyer Dr Uttam Kumar Das said enacting a law is never enough unless the government has adequate resources and expertise to strongly enforce it.

"If the situation does not improve, it is likely that the US will place Bangladesh on Tier 3, leading to economic sanctions," he said.



Discussion on Sufia Kamal tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Liberation War Museum will hold a discussion and cultural programme at the museum auditorium in the city at 5:00pm tomorrow to pay tribute to the pioneer of women rights movement, poet Sufia Kamal.

The museum urged all to join the programmes including rendition of songs and poems.

The programmes mark the 100th birth anniversary of Sufia Kamal.

OIC changes its name

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The Jeddah-based Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) has been renamed as the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation with a new emblem.

The decision to change of the name and emblem was approved by 57 members of the OIC at a conference of foreign ministers in Astana, Kazakhstan held on June 28-30, said the foreign ministry sources.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni attended the conference when Bangladesh ratified the rules of origin agreement that would effectively lay the legal foundations of a preferential trade deal among OIC members to boost trade among the member nations.

The change of OIC's name comes almost 42 years after founding of the inter-governmental organisation.



PHOTO: PID

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina casting her vote on the Constitution (Fifteenth Amendment) Bill-2011 in Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan yesterday. (Story on Page 1)

DHAKA TODAY

Discussion
Jatiya Gonoatantrik Party will organise a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 4:00pm.

Seminar
Television Journalist Forum of Bangladesh will hold a seminar; Venue: Central Public Library; Time: 11:00am.

Rally
Save The Environment Movement will organise a rally; Venue: Nababganj

Balughat Beribadh; Time: 10:30am.

Rally
National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports will hold a rally; Venue: in front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 4:00pm.

Cultural fair
Dhaka University Department of Theatre will organise a cultural fair; Venue: Natmondal, Dhaka University; Time: 10:00am.

Exhibition

'Try Rumana's husband'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a human chain yesterday demanded quick trial and exemplary punishment of Hasan Sayeed Sumon, who brutally tortured and blinded his wife Rumana Manzur, a teacher of Dhaka University.

Women Cell of Bangladesh Communist Party (CPM) led by its Convener Laxmi Chakrabarty organised the human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the city, says a press release.

They said crimes like torture on women would increase if the accused do not get exemplary punishment and rights of women are not established in society.

CPM Central Committee member Ruhin Hossain Prince, Mahbub Alam and Luna Noor were present at the programme.

Rumana, an assistant professor of Department of International Relations, lost her eyesight as Sumon pushed his fingers into her eyes on June 5.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the first death anniversary of Mohammad Fazlul Karim Mazumder, former principal of Comilla Victoria College, says a press release.

On the occasion, qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his Noapara residence of Habiganj thana in Chandpur today and at his Comilla residence tomorrow.

Prof Dr Saidur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Today is the 10th death anniversary of Prof Dr Saidur Rahman, a former professor Bangladesh Open University and Chittagong University, says a press release.

On the occasion, qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held on BOU campus at Gazipur, Chittagong College and his village Singaboruna of Sherpur after Zohr prayers.

Qulkhwani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of S A Rashid, a former joint secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration and former director of Agrani Bank, will be held at his residence at Concord Emporium, 253/254, Elephant Road in the city after Asr prayers.

Rashid passed away at his residence on Monday due to old age complications at the age of 75, says a press release.

He left behind his wife and four daughters.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna and Dhaka divisions in 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, Met Office said.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:50pm today and rises at 5:15am tomorrow.

Country's highest temperature 33.8 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 23.9 degrees Celsius at Feni.

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	32.3	25.5	85	95
Chittagong	27.3	25.2	98	96
Rajshahi	31.0	24.8	90	97
Rangpur	28.8	25.0	90	93
Khulna	33.2	26.5	84	92
Barisal	31.5	26.3	87	93

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