

NEWS IN

brief

## Train hits human hauler: Another dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Natore*

Another person succumbed to injuries at Rajshahi Medical Collage Hospital yesterday in train-human hauler collision in Natore.

The deceased is Riva Begum, 27, wife of Golam Zakaria, of village Barbaria of Lalpur upazila.

Police handed over the body to the family members of the deceased, police said.

Three people were killed and seven others injured as a Chilahati-bound train of Titumir Express rammed a human hauler at Karimpur level crossing in Lalpur upazila on Saturday morning.

Witnesses said the human hauler was crossing the rail track when no gateman was there on duty.

A four-member probe committee was formed, including three additional chief engineers of the railway, to submit a probe report within 24 hours.

## JCD strike ends at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

The two-day strike called by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Dhaka University (DU) campus ended yesterday.

Meanwhile, JCD, student wing of the main opposition BNP, withdrew its programmes on the last day of the strike due to half-day hartal called by National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports.

Police sent the three JCD activists, who were arrested on charge of picketing during strike on Saturday, to court.

JCD announced the strike in protest against the naming of an under-construction female student dormitory after Begum Sufia Kamal Hall instead of Begum Khaleda Zia Hall.

## NU exam routine changed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Examination routine of third year honours of 2009 under National University (NU) has been changed due to unavoidable reasons, says a NU press release.

As per the changed routine the examination will be started from July 9.

Details of the new routine can be found at the university's website [www.nu.edu.bd](http://www.nu.edu.bd).

## Hurling cracker at DU VC protested

DU CORRESPONDENT

Khulna University (KU) Vice Chancellor (VC) Saifuddin Shah and Dhaka University Biswabidyalaya Muktiyoddha Pratisthanik Command (DBMPC) demanded exemplary punishment to the miscreants who hurled cracker at Dhaka University VC Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique.

KU VC and DBMPC also condemned and expressed concern over the incident.

Meanwhile, KU Pro VC Prof Md Fayeakuzzaman and Treasurer Fakir Abu Hossain in a statement protested the incident.

# Pak citizen held with drugs of Tk 40 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Armed Police Battalion (APBn) arrested a Pakistani citizen with imported banned drugs worth around Tk 40 lakh from Shahjalal International Airport in the city yesterday morning, said police.


Police held Muhammad Shahabuddin, 43, around 7:00am from the first entry terminal.

OC of Airport Police Station Shamsuddin Saleh said he arrived here by a flight of Qatar Airways from Pakistan around 5:30am.

He was moving suspiciously and offered bribe to the law enforcers soon he was caught with his luggages. At one stage, he tried to run away and police held him after chasing, he added.

Police seized around 90 kg of illegal drugs from his four luggages. At a primary interrogation, the arrestees admitted that he used to bring such drugs regularly. One Motin Mollah used him as a carrier, he said.

A case was filed with Airport Police Station in this connection.



WEATHER  
TODAY

### Light rain likely

UNB, *Dhaka*

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

Moderately heavy to 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 6:50pm today and rises at 5:16am tomorrow.**

Country's highest temperature 31.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 23.2 degrees Celsius at Sandwip.

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	29.4	25.3	76	83
Chittagong	29.4	23.5	85	90
Rajshahi	31.0	24.5	87	89
Rangpur	29.4	24.5	96	83
Khulna	28.0	24.0	92	96
Barisal	28.0	24.5	87	92
Sylhet	27.6	25.2	97	96
Cox's Bazar	26.4	25.0	96	91



PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL

Hindu community brings out a chariot procession, Sri Sri Jagannather Rath Jatra, from Dayaganj that ends at Dhakeswari temple in the city yesterday.



## Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sohel Rana, a fourth-year student of the Department of English at Dhaka University, is suffering from kidney disease, says a press release.

He is fighting for life as both of his kidneys have been damaged while his condition deteriorates day by day.

Son of day labourer Abdus Samad of the city, Soheli is now undergoing treatment under the supervision of Dr Ruhul Amin and Prof Harunur Rashid of Kidney Foundation Hospital in the city's Mirpur-2.

According to the doctors, he needs a kidney transplant immediately, requiring Tk 30 lakh. But it is not possible for his family to afford such a huge amount of money.

His family, friends and classmates makes a fervent appeal to the well-off people of society to come forward and extend their financial support to save his life.

Financial assistance can be deposited at Mizanur Rahman and Kajalkrishna Banarjee, account #34115275, Janata Bank, Dhaka University Branch, Dhaka-1000.

Interested people can also call at 01671181845, 01914388211 and 01914372473.

# Jubo League factions clash in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Chittagong*

An Awami Jubo League activist was injured when two of its factions clashed at a club on Batali Hill yesterday afternoon.

The victim was identified as Mohammad Murad, 24, said police.

Sources said one faction is led by Jubo League city unit Joint Secretary Mohiuddin Bachchu while the other by Organising Secretary Farid Mahmud.

The clash ensued when the factions' activists had an altercation at Bangabandhu Smriti Sangsad, a local club, where they gathered to greet Awami League city unit President Mohiuddin Chowdhury, added the sources.

Mohiuddin was scheduled to distribute relief materials to victims of Friday's wall collapse.

Police later dispersed the activists.



PHOTO: STAR

Activists of one faction of Awami Jubo League vandalise a local club of another faction on Batali Hill in Chittagong yesterday.

# 'Community clinics reopen to ensure health services'

BSS, *Dhaka*

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr AFM Ruhul Haque yesterday said the present government is reopening the union-based community clinics to ensure health services to the people.

Awareness would have to be created among the people of the unions that the community clinics belong to them and it is their responsibility to make them sustainable, he added.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of a programme on community healthcare-related training at Bangladesh Medical Research Council in the city.

He said the government is going to take initiatives to form a special safety net to give free health services to the ultra poor.

Project Director of Revitalisation of Community Healthcare Initiative in Bangladesh Project Dr Makhduma Nargis presided over while Prime Minister's Advisers Dr Syed Modasser Ali and Dr Gowher Rizvi, State Minister for Health Dr Mujibur Rahman Fakir and World Health Organisation Country Representative Dr Arun Chandra Thapaspoke at the function.

Dr Ruhul said the recruitment of community healthcare providers for the community clinics would be completed soon.

# 448 flats to be built for JS staff

BSS, *Dhaka*

The government took a Tk 168.22 crore project to build 448 flats for officers and employees of Jatiya Sangsad secretariat.

Under the project, eight 16-storied buildings will be constructed in the city's Agargaon area, close to the parliament secretariat, aimed at meeting their housing demand.

The construction work is scheduled to begin in the 2011-12 fiscal and to be completed in 2014, said a source at Public Works Department (PWD).

"For the first time after War of Liberation, the government took an initiative to solve the housing problem of the officers and employees," PWD Chief Engineer Dewan Mohammad Yamin told the news agency yesterday.

Their housing problem will be solved if the project is implemented, he said, adding that it will soon be placed before Executive Committee of National Economic Council for approval.

They need to live close to the parliament, Yamin said.

Sources said the total number of officers and employees of parliament secretariat is 951. Only 311 employees were allotted houses as per seniority. The flats will be allotted to 448 officers and employees out of the remaining 640.

The flats have a range of sizes -- 56 flats will be 1,250 square-foot each, 112 flats to be 1,000 square-foot and 168 of 600 square-foot. All facilities including utility services will be provided under the project.

## Obituary

BSS, *Chittagong*

Sekandar Hossain, former social welfare secretary of Chittagong Press Club (CPC), passed away at his city residence at Masuajhorna yesterday at the age of 56, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, three sons and three daughters.

He worked for the Daily Azadi, Dainik Michhil, the Daily Naya Bangla, Dainik Swadhinata and the Daily Purbokone.


He was buried at Masuajhorna graveyard after second namaz-e-janaza after Asr prayers. His first namaz-e-janaza was held on CPC premises.

Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) and CPC leaders condoled his death.

CPC and CUJ will jointly hold a condolence meeting on July 7 at CPC auditorium in the port city.

## Death anniversary

METRO DESK



Today is the third death anniversary of Syed Hossain.

Osmany, former additional secretary to the Ministry of Law, says a press release.

He also served as a district judge.

On the occasion, milad mahfil will be held Sir Salimullah Muslim Orphanage mosque at Azimpur in the city after Asr prayers today.



DHAKA  
TODAY

### Workshop

Bangladesh Enterprise Institute will organise a workshop; Venue: Hotel Westin; Time: 9:00am.

### Convocation

Uttara University will hold its convocation; Venue: Bangabandhu International Conference Centre; Time: 11:30am.

### Discussion

Thikana Bangladesh will organise a discussion; Venue: Dhaka Reporters' Club; Time: 4:30pm.

### Launching

Quantum Foundation will hold a launching ceremony; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 5:00pm.

### Discussion

Steps Towards Development will organise a discussion; Venue: Chhayanaut Sangskritik Bhavan; Time: 4:30pm.