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Hate has to stop

Says post-9/11 killer before his execution in Texas; his Bangladeshi victim feels this death won't gain anything after failing to save the attacker's life



Rais Bhuiyan Mark Stroman

BBC ONLINE

In the nine years Mark Stroman has been on death row in Texas, he says he has watched 208 people walk past him on the way to be executed.

Yesterday it was his turn. Stroman, a multiple murderer who went on the rampage after the 9/11 attacks, killing two people he thought were Arabs, was executed in the US state of Texas.

The 41-year-old died by lethal injection despite last-minute representations by his lawyer at the US Supreme Court.

In his final weeks Stroman's plea for clemency was backed by Rais Bhuiyan, who was shot in the face but survived and was blinded in one eye.

The execution at Huntsville prison was delayed slightly by the final legal appeals, before Stroman was taken to the death chamber.

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A DAILY FIGHT



City dwellers at Farmgate yesterday elbow each other to get into a bus which is already full. Every day in the evening thousands of office goers come down to the streets to go home and all that waits for them is this struggle. Those fit enough to get into the few buses that arrive still have to suffer. For some it takes several hours to reach home in the evening rush.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

TOXIC SHIPS HC extends again time for import

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday once again extended till October 12 its order allowing conditional import and dismantling of toxic ships, mentioning the importers and ship-breakers must ensure environmental safety.

An HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore passed the order after hearing a petition filed by Bangladesh Ship Breakers' Association (BSBA) seeking permission to import ships for

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1977-78 EXECUTIONS IN ARMY Probe disappearances, unresolved killings

Lifschultz spurs govt at Taher's death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should survey the disappearances during mass executions in Bangladesh military in 1977 and '78, said renowned US journalist Lawrence Lifschultz yesterday.

"The current government should conduct a survey among the families of the missing to determine who died and where their mortal remains are laid to rest," the journalist said.

While delivering his speech as the key speaker at a discussion marking the 35th death anniversary of Col Abu Taher in the Teacher-Student Centre auditorium of



Lawrence Lifschultz

Dhaka University, Lifschultz said an independent commission should be established to investigate the disappearances of people during that period.

"Such a commission should be established and funded to investigate these disappearances and many unsolved killings that still have not been resolved," he said.

Lifschultz quoted different local and international newspapers which had reported about the killings of hundreds of army personnel by firing squads and by hanging in 1977 and '78.

About the High Court verdict on Col

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OMS of rice extended to 7 cities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Ministry of Food and Disaster Management has decided to launch open market sale (OMS) of rice ahead of Ramadan in seven divisional headquarters and in some

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POULTRY, FISH FEED Govt asked to stop use of toxic waste

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to stop use of tannery waste in poultry and fish feed production in the

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Stop coaching business

Teachers demand at meeting with education minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Heads of top city schools and colleges yesterday demanded the government take action to stop private tuition and coaching, holding these responsible for manifold unethical practices in educational institutions.

If needed, the authorities should arrange extra classes in the campus itself, they insisted.

Agreeing with their demand, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid noted the practice of coaching cannot be stopped immediately. It is possible only when the teachers complete lessons in classrooms.

The teachers made the appeal at a meeting at the education ministry in the wake of a series of events including sexual harassments of female students by male teachers and students.

Guardians and students staged protests recently after the alleged molestation of a student of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College by her teacher.

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National film award 2009 announced

UNB, Dhaka

The government yesterday announced names of the recipients of the National Film Award-2009.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will distribute the awards among 28 personalities in 26 categories at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre tomorrow.

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad announced the recipients' names at a press conference at PIB in the city.

Those who will receive the awards are: Eminent actress Sultana Zaman (lifetime achievement), producer Anjan

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it is justified for BNP to term the Election Commission controversial and not join the dialogue with it on electoral reforms?



TOTAL VOTES: 595

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the two big political parties' run for making alliances is a sign of looming political confrontation?

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Asan	Jamaat
Fajr 4-15	4-50
Juma 12-30	1-15
Asr 5-00	5-15
Maghrib 6-54	6-58
Esha 8-15	8-45



Space shuttle Atlantis with vapour trails from its wings is landing for the last time yesterday. Atlantis' touch down at Kennedy Space Centre in Florida marks the end of the 30-year US shuttle programme. Story on page 6

PHOTO: AFP

6-hr shutdown at gas stations

Decides govt to tackle electricity crisis during Ramadan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The CNG filling stations across the country will remain closed between 3:00pm and 9:00pm for nearly a month starting from the first day of Ramadan as part of a government initiative to improve gas supply to power stations and tackle power crisis.

At present, the closing time for CNG stations is from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

The decision of extending the closure period by two hours came at a meeting between Petrobangla, Bangladesh CNG Filling Station and Conversion Workshop Owners' Association and gas companies at Petrobangla Office in the capital yesterday.

"The Petrobangla chairman said that the CNG stations will return to the four-hour closure period after 27th of Ramadan," Zakir Hossain Nayan, general secretary of the association, told The Daily Star.

He also said the meeting decided to ensure maximum power supply during iftar, sehri and tarabih prayers in the holy month.

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