

NEWS IN

brief

### Two children drown in Savar

UNB, Savar

Two siblings drowned in a pond near their house at Bhakurta village at Bhakurta union in the upazila yesterday afternoon.

The deceased were identified as Rony, 7, Class I student of Morning Sun Kindergarten School and son of Fazlul Haque and his younger brother Riham, a Play Group student of the same school.

Locals said they drowned in the pond when they were taking bath.

Family members found them floating in the pond and rescued then in an unconscious condition.

They were rushed to a local hospital where the on-doctor declared them dead.

### JU form submission time extended

JU CORRESPONDENT, JU

The form submission time of first year honours admission tests at Jahangirnagar University (JU) for the academic year 2011-12 has been extended up to 5:00pm to 1:30pm.

Deputy Register Abu Baker Siddique said the time had been extended for the applicants who were coming from different places of the country.

Applicants now can buy application form till September 15 and the last date of submission is September 17.

The admission test will begin on October 8 and continue till October 17.

### Man's hanging body found in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the hanging body of a young man from his residence at Section No-11 of Mirpur in the city yesterday.

The deceased is identified as Mohammad Farhad, 28, a cable connector, of the area.

Police on information recovered the body after breaking open the door of his flat around 11:00am.

Police suspected that Farhad committed suicide anytime early yesterday.

Police said his wife Suma and his two-year-old child were not in the home at that time as his wife went to her father's house a day after Eid after a feud over family affairs.

Police sent the body to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

## 2 Bangla Vision staff assaulted by Rab

### Three closed to Battalion Headquarters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel were closed to Battalion Headquarters after they severely beat and injured two staffs of Bangla Vision, a private television channel, at Kathalbagan in the city yesterday.

The injured Cameraman Russel Mizan and Broadcast Engineer Hasanul Islam Raihan of Bangla Vision were admitted to Square Hospital.

Bangla Vision sources said an employee of the channel and another of United Leasing, a private company, locked in a quarrel in the afternoon inside a bus.

Both the channel and the company are situated on the same building in Kathalbagan.

When the two got down, they called their colleagues and a clash ensued around 4:45pm, said Officer-in-Charge Enamul Haque of Kalabagan Police Station.


At one point, one of the company's employees, claiming to be a former major of the army, threatened to call Rab, said the sources.

Sometime later, the three Rab personnel arrived in plain-clothes followed by another Rab team in uniform. Favoring the company, they joined the clash, severely beating the two, said witnesses.

In the evening, high officials of Rab brought the situation under control and had a meeting with the channel's authority around 8:00pm.

During this time, Rab freed one of the channel's employees they picked up during the clash, said the sources.

Commander M Sohail, director of Rab's legal and media wing, said three Rab personnel also sustained injuries during the clash. They would investigate into the matter, he added.



WEATHER  
TODAY

### Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over all the seven divisions in next 12 hours till 6:00pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

**The sun sets in the capital at 6:05pm today and rises at 5:44am tomorrow.**

Country's highest temperature 37.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 25.0 degrees Celsius at Rangamati.

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	36.2	27.1	60	60
Chittagong	32.5	25.4	76	87
Rajshahi	36.3	26.5	77	74
Rangpur	36.2	26.0	70	65
Khulna	35.5	27.0	86	67
Barisal	35.5	26.5	87	90



**Classical vocalist Ustad Rashid Khan of India performs at Standard Chartered-The Daily Star "Celebrating Life" Award Giving Ceremony 2011, organised by The Daily Star at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city yesterday. Standard Chartered supported the programme.**

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## 'Govt files case to keep BNP leaders out of next polls'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said the government is filing cases against senior leaders of the party one after another to keep them away from participating in the next parliamentary elections.

"Awami League destroyed democracy. Now they want to keep Tarique Rahman and other senior leaders of our party outside of election process", he said while addressing a discussion meeting in Bhasani auditorium in the city's Nayapaltan.

Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal, woman wing of the main opposition party, organised the meeting on the occasion of its 33rd founding anniversary. Noor-e-Ara Safa, president of the organisation, chaired

the meeting, which was moderated by its General Secretary Shirin Sultana.

Fakhrul said the government showed absolute failure in running the country and has destroyed all the institutions, pushing the economy downwards. "They also attacked Dr Muhammad Yunus by removing him from the Grameen Bank which he founded as he was trying to enhance our rural economy".

The BNP leader said the country is passing through a critical point and the economy is being weakened day by day. The country could not achieve anything from Indian prime minister's visit due to lack of a bold foreign policy, he said.

Fakhrul said there is no alternative to movement to protect democracy and independence of the country.

## Two factories, one shop fined in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court fined two factories and one grocery shop Tk 1.10 lakh in the city yesterday.

The court fined the factories and the shop for producing and storing duplicate products and running factories without licence of certification mark of the Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institute (BSTI).

The court fined the Century Cables Company Tk 50, 000 for producing duplicate cables using BRB and Para Sign logo, Mim Fresh Drinking Water Tk 50,000 for illegally producing water, and New Sadia Store Tk 10,000 for storing product without BSTI required information, says a press release of the BSTI.

A combined team of Dhaka district administration, BSTI, Rab and Dhaka Metropolitan Police led by Executive Magistrate Mohammad Selim Hossain conducted the drive at the city's Khilgaon and Nawabpur.

### Appeal for help

METRO DESK



Monwara Begum, a 35 year old woman, lost use of both her kidneys and is now seriously ill.

She is a resident of Charpalash village, Post Office Kodalia of Pukundia upazila in Kishoreganj district.

A huge amount of money is required for her treatment which her family cannot afford.

The generous and well-off of society are requested to come forward with financial donations in this regard.

Financial assistance can be sent at Savings Account number 002097274, Sonali Bank Limited, Katiadi Branch, Kishoreganj, or online at Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd, Foreign Exchange Branch, Savings Account number 105-101-309539.



Swasthya Andolan forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday demanding arrest and trial of those involved in the country's illicit kidney trade.

PHOTO: STAR



## Dr Meherun Nessa passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noted gynae specialist Dr Meherun Nessa breathed her last yesterday morning due to a cardiac arrest at her residence at city's Dhanmondi at the age of 85, says a press release.

Dr Meherun Nessa was the executive committee member of Bangladesh Cancer Society and wife of former principal of Dhaka Medical College ProfDrAbulKashem.

She left behind her one son, two daughters, grand children and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn her death.

Her first namaz e janaza was held at Baitul Mamur Mosque at Dhanmondi after Zohr prayers.

She was buried at her family graveyard at Gachha after her second janaza at Masjid-un Noor at Gachha union in Gazipur after Asr prayers.

Dr Meherun Nessa passed her MBBS from Calcutta Medical College in 1950. She worked at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital from 1951 to 1958. She started private practice at her residence chamber after resigning from the government service.

Her quikhwani will be held at her residence at Dhanmondi (Road-5, House-5) after Asr prayers on Friday.

Expressing deep condolence, leaders of Bangladesh Cancer Society and Bangladesh Cancer Hospital and Welfare Home said Dr Meherun Nessa was involved in many social welfare activities. They also prayed for salvation of the departed soul of Dr Meherun Nessa.

## Jamaat clash with police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 people, including five policemen, were injured as activists of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami clashed with police in the city's Malibagh yesterday afternoon.

Police arrested about 25 Jamaat activists on charge of attacking the law enforcers and injuring them, said Ramna Police Station Officer-in-Charge Rafiqul Islam.

Witnesses said the clashes erupted when several hundred Jamaat men were parading roads in Malibagh demanding the release of detained Jamaat leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee.

During the clashes, Jamaat men scuffled with the law enforcers and pelted them with masonry while police used batons and teargas.

"At least five policemen were injured as the attackers swooped on the law enforcers", said the Ramna OC.

## Attend classes regularly to avoid fine: VC

### DU students for rationalisation of fine

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) students yesterday protested the university authority's decision to impose a fine of Tk 5,000 on the students who have less than 75 percent class attendance in a semester for attending the final examination.

At a rally at the base of Aparajeyo Bangla, they termed the fine excessive and demanded to rationalise its amount considering the students' economic condition.

On August 7, DU academic council decided that if a student fails to attend less than 75 percent classes in a six-month long semester, he or she will have to pay Tk 5,000 as a fine for taking the final exams.

If a student fails to attend the classes less than 60 percent in a semester, the student will be barred from sitting for exams for that particular term.

Hundreds of DU students are forced to take part-time jobs in coaching centers, call centers and shopping malls to meet their

educational expenses and support their lives, the students said adding, thus it is impossible to achieve 75 percent attendance or pay the fine if they fail this requisite.

"Being a member of lower middle class family, I have no other way but to do a part-time job. It is indeed impossible to attend over 75 percent classes if I do a job," Atikur Rahman, a student of DU.

"The decision of disallowing students at the final exams due to less attendance will destroy normal flow of their education life," he said.

Contacted, DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique said there is no rule of joining part-time jobs for DU's undergraduate students, but they often overlook the matter for the students' welfare.

"If a student attends the classes regularly, he or she need not pay any fine," he said adding that DU academic council decided to impose the fine in a bid to improve education quality.

### DU CAMPUS VIOLENCE

## Gen Moeen to testify in teleconference today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former army chief General Moeen U Ahmed will give his testimony on the 2007 Dhaka University campus violence via teleconference today.

A parliamentary sub-committee, which is investigating the incident, will start taking the testimony at 10:00am. This is the first ever testimony through teleconference before any parliamentary sub-committee in the history of Bangladesh parliament.

"The respective room of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban has been equipped with necessary technical supports", Rashed Khan Menon, chief of the four-member probe body, told this correspondent.

Gen Moeen, who has been living in the US for the last one and a half years, is believed to be a key player during the last caretaker government as the DU violence took place on August 20-22.

Menon said the former army chief will respond to the queries by the probe body. "We will ask him about his role during the atrocities on students and teachers of Dhaka University and other educational institutions".

Earlier, the past caretaker government chief adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed and Moeen sent their reply in letters to the sub-committee and claimed they were not involved in the DU violence.

The committee rejected their versions and asked them to appear before the committee and give testimony in details on the incident.

Moeen then requested the sub-committee to take his testimony via teleconference, saying he was ill. As Fakhruddin, also living in the US, did not respond, the committee had decided not to contact him further.