

NEWS IN *brief*

BCL clash victim dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A student of Dhaka Polytechnic Institute died in a city hospital yesterday, six days after he was injured in a factional clash of Bangladesh Chhatra League. The deceased, Raisul Islam Rahid, 19, a second year student of civil engineering department, hailed from Khakuria village of Laxmipur. Rahid suffered serious head injuries as two BCL factions loyal to the unit president and secretary clashed over grabbing a chair in the dining room on September 14. Witnesses and police said Rahid belongs to the president-led faction. He was wounded in an attack by the rival faction led by Rasel, the unit secretary, that night. Rahid was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital the same day and was shifted to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University where he died yesterday.

IUB holds seminar

METRO DESK

Independent University, Bangladesh held a seminar titled "Career in financial institutions" at its permanent campus yesterday, says a press release. The office of Career Guidance and Placement (CGP) of the university organised the event where Managing Director and CEO of Mutual Trust Bank Ltd Anis A Khan was the keynote speaker. Khan said discipline and integrity are the most vital elements one needs to acquire in order to have a successful career in any financial institutions. CGP Consultant Mizanur Rahman delivered the welcome speech on the occasion while IUB Vice Chancellor (in-charge) Prof M Omar Rahman and Director of School of Business Prof Nadim Jahangir spoke, among others.

British MPs visit eye hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Four British lawmakers visited VARD eye hospital in Balaganj upazila and met the beneficiaries of "Vision Bangladesh" programme in different upazilas of Sylhet yesterday. VARD (Voluntary Association for Rural Development), a local NGO, runs the hospital while Vision Bangladesh project aims to operate cataract patients in the region for free. The British team of lawmakers includes Nicky Morgan, Andrew Stephenson, Anne Main, and Tobias Ellwood.

BTRC viva postponed to Sep 26

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The viva voce for the positions of first and second class assistant director (general) and administrative officer of Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has been pushed forward to September 26 due to unavoidable reasons, a press release said yesterday. The exams were earlier scheduled to be held September 22.

Jordan urged to hire more Bangladeshis

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni has urged the Jordan government to hire more workers from Bangladesh, who can effectively contribute to the economic development of Jordan. She made the call during her meeting, held on the sideline of the on-going UN General Assembly, with her Jordanian counterpart Naser Judeh in New York Monday. The foreign minister also sought Jordan's support for Bangladesh's candidature for the non-permanent seat of the UN Security Council for the term 2016-17. Naser Judeh assured the candidature of Bangladesh will receive attentive consideration by the Jordanian government considering the special relations existing between the two countries. Earlier on the day, Dipu Moni attended a business meeting hosted by the Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU) in a local hotel. She drew attention of the audience made up largely of US business leaders about the hefty US tariff being charged on the RMG products of Bangladesh in the US market.

WEATHER TODAY

Rise in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, and Dhaka divisions in 12 hours till 6:00pm today. Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said. Day temperature may rise slightly over the country. **The sun sets in the capital at 5:57pm today and rises at 5:48am tomorrow.** Country's highest temperature 35.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi, Dinajpur and Sayerpur and lowest 25.2 degrees Celsius at Cox's Bazar. 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	34.0	26.6	75	74
Chittagong	32.8	26.0	77	82
Rajshahi	35.0	26.5	88	87
Rangpur	33.8	26.5	80	95
Khulna	33.5	26.5	84	86
Barisal	32.8	26.5	81	75
Sylhet	34.5	26.6	92	80
Cox's Bazar	32.8	25.2	71	81



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addresses an anti-terrorism symposium as the key speaker at the UN headquarters in New York Monday. PHOTO: PID

Four judges transferred

UNB, Dhaka

Four additional district judges have been transferred and given new posting in latest reshuffle in lower judiciary. The government took the decision after consultation with the Supreme Court, according to an official release. Bagerhat Additional District Judge Belayet Ullah was made Netrakona Additional District Judge, while Kushtia Additional Judge T M Musa appointed to Patuakhali, Chuadanga Additional District Judge Momtaz Parveen to Kushtia and Kushtia Additional District Judge Mohammad Rabiul Islam to Bagerhat. Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry issued a notification in this regard.

PM seeks Kuwait's help to procure dredger

UNB, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has sought Kuwait's cooperation to Bangladesh for procuring high profile dredger for its ongoing capital dredging in different rivers across the country. She made the request during a meeting here with Prime Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Nasser Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah. Hasina informed her Kuwaiti counterpart that her government had taken extensive measures for the capital dredging of rivers to make them navigable. "We need your cooperation to procure more modern dredgers," she said. Hasina also invited the Kuwaiti prime minister to invest in different sectors of the country as Bangladesh is a very attractive place for foreign investment. "We offer attractive packages for

the foreign investors and these offers might be very useful for the Kuwaiti investors to invest in Bangladesh," she said. During the meeting, the two prime

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ministers also discussed various bilateral issues. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said that Bangladesh is doing very well economically and maintained 6.7

percent GDP growth despite the recent recession across the globe. She also said that Bangladesh wants to maintain good relations with its neighbours and wanted to go for development works with mutual cooperation. Hasina thanked the Kuwaiti prime minister for his country's extensive cooperation to Bangladesh for its development. The Kuwaiti Prime Minister assured Sheikh Hasina that they will continue their cooperation towards Bangladesh. Briefing reporters after the meeting, PM's press secretary said prime minister also requested her counterpart to recruit more manpower from Bangladesh as the government has undertaken effective programmes to groom skilled workers. Bangladesh's Permanent Representative to UN Dr AK Abdul Momen and Ambassador At-Large M Ziauddin were, among others, present during the meeting.

Musa Ibrahim tourism envoy of Tanzania

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's first conqueror of Mount Everest, Musa Ibrahim was yesterday honoured as the Tourism Ambassador of Tanzania in Bangladesh. The permanent secretary of Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism of Tanzania Dr Donatus MK Kamamba made the announcement at a reception programme at Hadary Plaza in Dar es Salaam. The programme was organised by Bangladeshi expatriates in Tanzania to honour Musa and his two associates, Niaz Patwari and MA Sattar. After the mountaineers made a PowerPoint presentation, on "Tourism of Bangladesh", Dr Kamamba, cited similarities between the landscapes of the two countries. He said it should be easy operation in tors between Bangladesh. "I hope help us make endless possibilities to tourism has to be easy operation in tors between Bangladesh. Musa would use of the bilities that our offer," he said. Sharif, C o n s u l t a n t of government R a h m a n, s e n t a t i v e of India Ltd spoke on the occasion. Sharifuddin Babul, the president of Bangladesh Association in Tanzania, Zahoro Kimwaga, the acting director of ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism were also present, among others. Prior to the programme, Musa met Kamamba and gave him a souvenir from Bangladesh. Earlier on September 14, Musa reached Uhuru Peak, the highest point of Mt Kilimanjaro, along with Niaz Patwari, who accompanied Musa to the base camp during his Everest triumph on May 23 last year. The mountaineers are scheduled to return to Dhaka on September 22. On August 28, Musa was announced as the Tourism Ambassador of Bangladesh.



Police take Jamaat's acting secretary general ATM Azharul Islam, centre, and other leaders of the party to the court of Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate yesterday. The Jamaat leaders were detained over Monday's violence in the capital and elsewhere in the country. PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

WATER DISPUTE Regional collaborative mechanisms stressed

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Indian Vice-president Md Hamid Ansari has stressed the need for regional collaborative mechanisms and preventive diplomacy to resolve water disputes. He was addressing a function here on Monday after launching a book titled "Water: Asia's New Battlefield." Indian Council of World Affairs organised the programme. "To be equitable and reasonable should be the underlying principles, on which international disputes can be worked on," observed Ansari. He also underscored that all sides should be unemotional in resolving water issues. There are 57 river basins in Asia and there have been just four trans-border river water-sharing agreements including the 1996 Ganges water treaty between India and Bangladesh and the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 between India and Pakistan.

SAYEDEE'S CASE

Hearing postponed till Sept 21

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday postponed the hearing on charge framing against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee as he was reportedly 'unfit to travel' to the court from jail. The scheduled hearing against the Jamaat leader for his alleged crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971 was postponed till September 21, Shahinur Islam, the registrar of the tribunal, told The Daily Star. The trial will be held at 10:30am today. Prior to resumption of the day's trial the jail authorities formally informed that Sayedee would not be produced before the court as he was 'unfit to travel' to the court, Shahinur added. The registrar, however, could not confirm whether the Jamaat leader was sick. Lawyer of the accused, Tajul Islam, said Sayedee needs to be present before the court during the hearing. A number of policemen were deployed at the tribunal premises since morning to ensure security. Earlier on Monday, hundreds of Jamaat leaders and activists engaged in a furious battle with the police for over an hour in the capital's Kakrail, Bijoy Nagar and Paltan.

BALID's silver jubilee celebration begins

METRO DESK

A three-month celebration for the silver jubilee of Bangladesh Association of Librarians, Information Scientists, and Documentalists (BALID) began in the city on September 17, says a press release. Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique inaugurated the programme as the chief guest, which was followed by a procession from Aparajeyo Bangla to Jatiya Press Club. The programme was jointly organised by Information Science and Library Management departments of Dhaka University and Rajshahi University and the Library Association of Bangladesh (LAB). Later BALID held a news conference at Jatiya Press Club in the city where DU Professor SM Mannan read out 10 demands of the association. The demands include introduction of library cadre service in government sector, setting up a separate ministry for supervising all libraries of the country, and graduating status of the librarians. BALID chairman M Hossam Haider Chowdhury delivered the welcome address at the conference where Dean of Arts Faculty of DU Prof Sadrul Amin was present as a special guest.

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