

# NEWS IN *brief*

## Tokyo to continue help for Dhaka

BSS, Dhaka

Outgoing Japanese Ambassador Tamotsu Shinotsuka yesterday said his country's assistance for socio-economic development in Bangladesh would be continuing in future.

He gave the assurance during his farewell call on President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban in the city, said an official release.

The envoy said Japan likes it very much that the people of all faiths live in Bangladesh with equal respect and dignity.

He noted that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's recent visit to Japan enhanced cooperation between the two countries.

## BNP leader shot dead in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Some unidentified miscreants yesterday shot dead BNP general secretary of Vaina Union unit under Horinakundu upazila in Jhenidah.

The deceased BNP leader Nausher Ali alias Madhu, 60, son of late Rostom Ali of Vaina village in the upazila, is a quack doctor.

Abul Khair, office-in-charge (OC) of Horinakundu Police Station, said, when returning home around 7:40pm, Madhu was shot dead by some miscreants near the Vaina bazaar area.

On information, police recovered the body from the spot.

The reason behind the killing could not be ascertained nor the culprits could be caught, said the OC.

## CPC book festival kicks off

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A two-day book festival began yesterday at Chittagong Press Club (CPC) with 200 books written by 50 journalists.

This is the first festival of its kind organised by the CPC. Abu Sufian, president of the press club, formally inaugurated the event by releasing balloons at 10:00am.

CPC general secretary Rashed Rauf and Chittagong Union of Journalists secretary Nazimuddin Shyamal spoke, among others, at the inaugural ceremony.

## ICDDR,B with US org to fight cholera


UNB, Dhaka

The International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) and US humanitarian organisation AmeriCares will jointly launch a Global Cholera Preparedness programme to prevent thousands of deaths over the next two years worldwide.

The technical expertise of ICDDR,B combined with appropriate medical supplies and AmeriCares' emergency response capabilities would facilitate timely and effective responses to cholera outbreaks.

AmeriCares has been responding to emergencies all over the globe for nearly 30 years while ICDDR,B has 50 years of expertise in responding to cholera epidemics.

Now an emergency cholera response team of the ICDDR,B is providing its help to famine-hit people to fight cholera in Somalia.



### PROCESSION

Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) will bring out a celebratory procession. Time: 3:30pm. Venue: South gate of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

### Discussion

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will hold a memorial discussion. Time: 5:00pm. Venue: The academy auditorium.

### Rally

Meghmala will host a music event.

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Citizens Rights Movement will hold a rally. Time: 10:30am. Venue: Jatiya Press Club.

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Bangladesh Awami Ulema League will organise a protest rally. Time: 2:00pm. Venue: South gate of Baitul Mukarram Masjid.

### Music Evening

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## WEATHER TODAY

### Light to moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

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

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:55pm and rises tomorrow at 5:48am.**

Country's highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 23.0 degrees 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	31.7	26.5	65	66
Chittagong	31.7	25.4	74	80
Rajshahi	32.6	26.0	83	76
Rangpur	33.0	26.0	74	82
Khulna	30.3	25.0	81	92
Barisal	31.1	25.0	97	86



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina holds talks with Qatar Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani in New York Wednesday.

PHOTO: PID

# Teacher killed in broad daylight

## Half-day hartal today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A primary school teacher was hacked to death allegedly by Bangladesh Chhatra League cadres in Gournadi upazila yesterday morning.

Family sources said the cadres waylaid Shah Farid Zamaddar, 29, on his way to work at Pinglakathi Government Primary School around 9:40am and fled the scene after leaving him hacked beside the road in Pinglakathi village.

Protesting the murder of Farid, also a former leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, the local leaders of BNP called half-day hartal for today (Friday) in the upazila. At a rally, they demanded immediate arrest and punishment of his killers.

However, no case was lodged till filing of this report at 9:00pm last night as Shah Jamal Zamaddar, brother of the victim, said police were pressuring on them to drop the names of BCL leaders and cadres and delaying to register the case.

Jamal said his brother got an altercation with local Awami League and BCL cadres over a football tournament for primary schools in the upazila last month. Over that incident, a group of BCL cadres led by the upazila BCL secretary, Nayon Sharif, murdered Farid.

Witness to the incident and a village woman, Shefali, said three youths riding on motorcycle fled the scene after chopping Farid. The victim was former president of Chandshi union and vice-president Gournadi Government College units of JCD.

# President seeks UK's help in education

BSS, Dhaka

President Zillur Rahman yesterday sought extensive British assistance for extending more education and social development activities in all districts in the country.

"Provide further assistances targeting the whole country, not for any particular part or areas," he said while visiting British parliamentary delegation led by Chairman of British Conservative Party and Minister Baroness Sayeeda Warsi paid a call on him at Bangabhaban in the city.

Warsi was accompanied by five British members of parliament - Tobias Ellwood, Nickey Morgan, Anna Main, Andrew Stephenson and Eric Ollarenschaw and one member of European Parliament Syed Kamall.

# Two die in workplace accidents in city


STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A construction worker died after falling from a twelve-storey building while another worker was electrocuted in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

The construction worker Rakib Hossain, 25, was killed as he slipped from the rooftop of the under construction building at Motijheel Bank Colony and fell down on the ground while he was carrying water from the ground floor around 9:30am.

Another worker of a parts assembling factory was electrocuted while he was working in the factory at Section-1 of Mirpur.




The worker is identified as Abdus Sobhan, 20.



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