

NEWS IN *brief*

## 6 held with fake notes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six people were arrested along with fake local and foreign currency notes worth Tk 1 lakh 62,000 in the city on Saturday night.

The arrestees are Saber, 32, Abbas, 26, Dulal, 33, Badol Rahman alias Shamim, 30, Sajib, 24, and Swapon, 35.

Detective Branch of police said in a drive on the third floor of a rented flat at Jorakhambha Janatabagh they arrested Saber, Abbas and Dulal with 97 pieces of fake notes of Tk1000 and 30 pieces of fake notes of Indian Rs 500.

Meanwhile, DB police arrested fake note traders Badol and Sajib with 50 fake notes of Tk 1000 near Razmoni Cinema Hall in Kakrail.

According to their information, DB arrested another fake note trader Swapon from North Shahjahanpur at the city's Uttara.

## CU to launch engineering faculty

CU CORRESPONDENT

The authorities of Chittagong University (CU) will launch a new faculty named Faculty of Engineering incorporating Computer Science and Engineering department and Applied Physics, Electronics and Communication Engineering department.

The decision was taken in a meeting of academic council yesterday, said acting Registrar Prof Dr Mohammad Shafiu Alam.



## Tennessee Williams' contribution recalled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Viewing to generate more interest towards the works of the renowned American playwright Tennessee Williams, the English department of Dhaka University (DU) yesterday organised a day long programmes celebrating the birth centenary of the writer.

The organisers said one of the main targets of celebrating the day was to make students and academics familiar and interested toward the classic works of Williams.

At the opening session, scholar Prof Niaz Zaman presented a keynote paper on the eventful life and works of Williams in front of scholars and students at RC Majumder auditorium at DU.

Faculty of Arts Dean Prof Sadru Amin and the department's Chairperson Rebecca Haque spoke at the session.

Teachers and students of the department, Independent University and East West University joined the day's programmes which included discussion and screening of films.

A special commissioned documentary on the life and achievements and a play of Williams "A Streetcar Named Desire" were shown during the afternoon session.

Williams, born on March 26, 1911, worked principally as a playwright in the American theatre while writing short stories, novels, poetry, essays, screenplays and a volume of memoirs.

Williams received virtually all of the top theatrical awards for his works of drama, including a Tony Award for best play for The Rose Tattoo (1951) and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama for A Streetcar Named Desire (1948) and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1955).

Williams, acknowledged as one of the most accomplished playwrights in the history of English speaking theatre, died on February 25, 1983.

## Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

 Today is the first death anniversary of Hafizunnesa Chowdhury, a language movement veteran and wife of industrialist Shamsul Karim Chowdhury of Narayanganj, says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil and qurankhwani will be held at her residence at Daovog of Palpara in Narayanganj.

Besides, doa mahfil will also be held at different institutions founded by Hafizunnesa Chowdhury in Narayanganj on September 30.

Relatives and well-wishers are requested to attend the programmes and pray for salvation of the departed soul.

COP ASSAULT OF PICKET  
JS body asks IGP to explain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary standing committee on home ministry yesterday sought explanation from Inspector General of Police (IGP) for assaulting a picket by a policeman during hartal hours on September 22.

Strongly criticising the police boss Hassan Mahmood Khandker, the committee members also wanted to know why and how a police official could assault a picket by kicking him in his chest and throat that tarnished image of the government.

The IGP told the committee that he has nothing to say about the incident at this moment as a police team is investigating the matter.

"Such an incident by police has definitely tarnished image of the government. We don't expect such inhuman attitude of police in the name of controlling pickets during hartal," Mujibul-Haque Chunnu told the meeting held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Talking to The Daily Star, Chunnu, a Jatiya Party lawmaker, said the committee asked the IGP whether the policeman concerned intentionally committed such an inhuman incident to tarnish government's image.

"The IGP assured us of informing about the incident after investigation," Chunnu quoted IGP as saying in the meeting.

The committee also sought an explanation from the Rab director general about the arrest of a fake Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) member in Sylhet who died in custody.

In reply, the Rab boss told the meeting that the person's health condition was quite normal while Rab members handed him over to the police.

## Appeal not to call drivers 'killer'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transport workers yesterday reiterated their appeal to the people as well as members of the civil society and media not to call the drivers "killer" if any accident occurs.

They said drivers are not solely responsible for the accident as it can occur for various reasons like faulty design of roads, shops and markets on highways and movement of animals on roads. So people should not call the drivers "killer", they added.

They were speaking at a rally organised by Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Sramik Federation in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

Federal General Secretary Osman Ali Khan said drivers serve the country and countrymen as they transport goods and carry passengers. The leaders said the federation will hold a grand rally at Central Shaheed Minar on October 23 to press home their demands.

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