

**CHEATING CHARGE  
Court asks  
Nayeemul to  
appear Nov 17**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked Nayeemul Islam Khan, editor of the daily Amader Shomoy, to appear before it on November 17 to contest the cheating charge brought against him by a businessman.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Shahadat Hossain gave the order after MNH Bulu, chairman of BNS Group of Companies, filed a case against Nayeemul for misappropriating Tk 2.35 crore.

The complainant in the case also appealed to the court to issue an arrest warrant against the accused.



**Youth missing  
since Sunday**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth has remained missing since he went out of his home in Keraniganj, outskirts of the city, Sunday evening.

According to the General Diary (GD) filed by his wife with Tejgaon Police Station, Tasaufe Baki Billah Ribin, 30, son of Abdur Rauf of Baro Monohari, went to a bank at Gulshan in the morning to withdraw money.

Mariam Haque Mitul, wife of Ribin, stated in the GD that she talked with her husband last time around 5:45pm over cell phone when Ribin told her that he was stuck in traffic jam at Farmgate, and it would take a bit of extra time to reach home.

Since then the phone was found switched off after repeated attempts, and he did not reach home, Mitul added in the statement.

Sub-inspector Abdul Bari of Tejgaon Police Station, who was looking into the matter, said police are not sure from where the victim went missing. They were trying hard to identify the location and would work with his cell phone's call list to know his whereabouts, he added.



The city's Dhanmondi Road-7 gets flooded even after brief spells of rain as it lacks proper sewerage arrangement. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SHAWKAT JAMIL



**Sheikh Hasina's  
65th birthday  
today**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 65th birthday of Prime Minister and ruling Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina.

Different organisations across the country have taken up programmes to celebrate her birthday.

Marking the day, AL Central Working Committee will hold a discussion at Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in the city at 3:00pm today.

The party's acting President Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury will chair the discussion to be addressed by senior leaders of the ruling alliances.

AL General Secretary Syed Ashrafur Islam urged the party leaders and workers to properly manage all the programmes marking their party chief's birthday.

Hasina, the eldest daughter of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was born on this day in 1947 at Tungipara in Gopalganj.

She along with her sister Sheikh Rehana narrowly escaped the bloodbath on August 15, 1975 in which all of their family members were assassinated by a disgruntled group of army officers.

She was elected as the AL president in 1981 and was twice sworn in as the country's prime minister in 1996 and 2008 respectively.

Currently, Hasina is in the USA to attend the 66th UN General Assembly and she will return home tomorrow.

**Six arrested in  
Gazipur with  
pistols**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) early yesterday arrested six members of a criminal gang with firearms and lethal weapons from Gazipur.

Rab-1 officials said they arrested ring leader of the gang Mohammad Abdur Rahman alias Bachchu Miah, 32, and his cohorts Abdul Aziz, 30, Mohammad Rubel Hossain, 24, Mohammad Kamal Hossain, 28, Mohammad Shahidul Islam, 27, and Mohammad Yunus Miah, 20, in separate raids started around 1:35am.

Senior ASP Milu Miah Biswas said a team of Rab-1 arrested Bachchu, Aziz and Rubel from in front of Bachchu's house at Outpara and recovered a pistol, four bullets and two knives from their possession.

The Rab men also raided Kamal's house in the same area and arrested him with a pistol, five bullets and two knives, Biswas said.

**JOBLESSNESS AT HOME  
Libya returnees keen to  
migrate abroad: IOM**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Left without available livelihood options at home, majority of the Bangladeshis who escaped the Libyan conflict since February this year want to go abroad again but seek government's assistance for low cost migration.

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM), which is now managing the reintegration programme for around 37,000 returnees, said over 80 percent of them want to go abroad. They say their income overseas is better.

IOM Regional Representative for South Asia Rabab Fatima revealed this at a press briefing at its office in the city yesterday.

Working in collaboration with the government, IOM has already verified the authenticity of 24,543 returnees starting from July and managed transferring the cash grant to most of them. Each returnee is getting Tk 50,000.

The Bangladesh government borrowed \$40 million from the World Bank and is providing the grant to meet the immediate need of the returnees, many of whom have returned without any money and were indebted.

To make the cash transfer flawless, the authorities maintained a computerised database of all the returnees, later verified

those, and are providing the grant through Sonali Bank.

"We expect that all the returnees will get the grant by October," Rabab Fatima said, adding that they are maintaining a global standard in doing the job.

Pavel Hossain Khan, a returnee who hails from Munshiganj, said, "I received the government money whose major portion has been used for meeting the family needs."

He said he was seeking to go abroad with jobs but was not able manage one.

The agents want more money ranging from Tk 1-1.5 lakh, said Pavel, adding that it is not possible for him to manage. He said it will be best if the state-owned recruiting agent BOESL sends them abroad at minimal cost.

Another returnee, Mohammad Shohag, said while going to Libya in 2009, he and many others were sent there on tourist visas and initially they had to suffer a lot though gradually they managed to get some jobs. "We don't want to fall in that sort of troubles," Shohag said.

On the present status of Libya and Bangladeshi migrants, Rabab Fatima said conflicts are still on in parts of Libya and some Bangladeshis are still returning home with IOM assistance.

**40 more illegal  
structures  
demolished**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another 40 semi-concrete and makeshift structures encroaching the Ramchandrapur Canal in the city's Mohammadpur was demolished yesterday as Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) continued its drive to save the canal.

Kazi Wasiuddin, executive magistrate of Dhaka Wasa, led the fourth day of drive conducted from at 10:00am to 5:00pm.

"We have demolished 20 makeshift and 20 semi-concrete structures yesterday into the bazaar area of Nabodoy Housing," said Ruhul Amin, executive engineer of Wasa drainage division.

The drive will be continued for two more days, he added.

The drive launched by Wasa is aimed at freeing a 1.5-km stretch of the three-km long canal, stretching from Mohammadia Housing Ltd to Gabtoli, of illegal occupancy.

**WAR CRIMES TRIAL  
Decision on charge  
framing against  
Sayeede on Oct 3**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal will decide on October 3 whether it will frame war crime charges against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delawar Hossain Sayeede.

After hearing arguments on charges submitted by the prosecution yesterday, the three-member tribunal headed by its Chairman Justice Nizamul Huq fixed the date.

Defence counsel Tajul Islam told The Daily Star that the tribunal will either frame charges against his client or exonerate him of the allegations of crimes against humanity committed during Bangladesh's Liberation War in 1971.

During the hearing, prosecutor Syed Haider Ali told the tribunal that they submitted formal charges with sufficient evidence last month to frame charges against Sayeede.

There are chronological descriptions in the formal charges on the offences committed by Sayeede during the liberation war, he said, adding that there is no legal bar on the tribunal in framing charges against him based on formal allegations.

There might be confusion over the exact dates of the offences committed by Sayeede 40 years ago, but the confusion will be gone when witnesses give their statements after the court frames charges against him, Haider Ali said.

Sayeede's counsel Tajul Islam told the court that the formal charges submitted by the prosecutors against his client are totally vague, since they failed to show Sayeede's involvement in the crimes, and their specific place of occurrence.

The tribunal cannot frame charges against Delawar Hossain Sayeede on the basis of vague allegations, he added.

**Sand lifting leaves Parky Beach at risk  
DoE asks CPA to take action**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Department of Environment (DoE) sent a letter to Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) yesterday to take necessary steps to stop lifting of sand from the Parky Beach area of Anwara upazila in Chittagong.

DoE officials said they came to know that a stretch of around 120 acres of land at the estuary of Karnaphuli river has slumped down due to lifting of sand by Bashundhara Industrial Complex which has caused huge damage to the locality.

Contacted, CPA secretary Syed

Farhad Uddin Ahmed said they sent notice to the company yesterday to remove their equipment from the project area.

Mentionable, Bangla daily newspaper Prothom Alo published a report on lifting of sand at Parky Beach area under the headline 'Parky Beach at Risk' yesterday.

According to the report, the sea beach has slumped down at least three to four feet in last two years which has caused death-risk to about 5,500 tamarisk trees. Due to removal of earth from beneath the trees, about 500 trees have already

died.

Quoting a source in the forestry department, the Prothom Alo report says the age of the trees at risk are from eight to 18 years and height from 40 to 70-80 feet. To save coastal upazila Anwara from cyclone and surge of the sea these trees were planted in 1992 and 2002 on about 78 hectares land on the south bank of Karnaphuli river at its estuary with Bay of Bengal.

DoE sent the letter to CPA yesterday following the report published in the news paper.



Ministry of Tourism takes out a procession in the city yesterday on occasion of World Tourism Day.

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