



Students perform a dance at German Cultural Centre in the city yesterday. Students from various English medium schools arranged the cultural soiree and a fair there marking the upcoming Christmas Day.

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## Attempts on to foil achievements

Says Dilip Barua

BSS, Dhaka

Industries Minister Dilip Barua yesterday urged the country's young generation to put in their best efforts to help carry out national-building activities in line with the spirit of the Liberation War.

He described the young generation as future of the nation and asked them to take a vow to work for establishing 'Sonar Bangla' as envisioned by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The industries minister was speaking at a discussion on 'Forty Years of Independence: Achievements and Expectations of Industry Sector' here.

The Ministry of Industries organised the discussion at the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) auditorium.

Industries Secretary KH Masud Siddique chaired the function while Prof Mostafa Nurul Islam spoke as the main speaker.

Barua said the anti-liberation forces had made an attempt to foil the achievements of the liberation war by assassinating Bangabandhu in 1975 and their conspiracies are still on to hinder the country's development process.

"We should hate the anti-liberation forces to show respect to the tens of thousands of martyrs, who sacrificed their lives for the independence," he said.



## Matin, Alamgir Cadet College Club president, secy general

METRO DESK

Engr Md Ruhul Matin and Group Captain (Retd) Muhammad Alamgir have been elected president and secretary general of Cadet College Club Limited for 2012, says press release.

The annual general meeting (AGM) and the election were held on the club premises on December 15.

Md Mahmoodul Haque, chairman of the election committee, conducted the election.

Other office-bearers are Vice President: Rashed Chowdhury, Joint Secretary General: Md Rezaul Haque (Razu) and Treasurer: Zahed Islam Chowdhury.

Members are Sohail Mahmud (FCC), Maj (Retd) Sk Md Moinul Alam (JCC), Dr Salimul Hoque Siddique (MCC), Md Akhtar Hamid Khan (RCC), Habibur Rahman (SCC), M Saifullah (CCR), SM Hasan Mahmud (BCC), Kazi Mahmud Rashid (PCC), Tahmina Rahman (MGCC), Dr Md. Manirul Amin Shami (CCC) and Maj (Retd) Manzoor Ahmed BP (WPCC).

## Thirteen killed in road crashes

METRO DESK

Thirteen people were killed and five others injured in separate road accidents in Dinajpur, Chittagong, Sylhet, Kustia, Jessore, Sirajganj, Pabna, Panchagarh and Faridpur on early Sunday and yesterday.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reports: Haresh Chan, 46, and Shanker Chandra Roy, 40, sons of late Monglu Roy of Phulbari upazila, were killed on the spot and three others injured when a bus knocked down them on Dinajpur-Bogra Highway near Rangamati village in the upazila yesterday.

In another accident, Ariful Islam, 7, was killed as a bus ran over him on Dinajpur-Rangpur Highway at Raniganj around 3:10pm yesterday.

Staff correspondent from Chittagong says: A truck knocked a CNG-run auto-rickshaw on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway in Sitakunda upazila on Sunday night killing its driver Abul Khaer, 45, son of Abu Taher and Mohammad Mamun, 35, son of Shah Alam and injuring another.

In Sylhet, two minor children were crushed under the wheels of truck while they were crossing the Sylhet-Tamabil Highway in Khadimnagar area yesterday afternoon.

The deceased are Fahim, 7, son of Fatik

Miah and Sumaiya Begum, 7, daughter of Joban Miah.

Our Kushtia correspondent reports: Aklima Haq Tama, 18, a college student, was killed and another injured as a truck ran over a rickshaw carrying them in Narikeltala area in the town yesterday.

Our Benapole correspondent says: A truck driver Lokman Hossain, 45, son of Foyes Ali of Jhikargachha upazila in Jessore, was killed when a truck hit him while he was working at the upazila truck terminal yesterday morning.

In Sirajganj, a bicyclist Osman Gani, 50, of sadar upazila, was killed on the spot as a Bogra-bound microbus crashed his cycle on western approach road of Bangabandhu Bridge yesterday morning.

In Pabna, an unidentified passer-by was killed as a bus hit him at Gaspara intersection of the district headquarters yesterday.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent says: Dukhu Mian, 60, of Atwary upazila, was killed when a motorbike hit him on Panchagarh-Atwary road in Panchagarh yesterday afternoon.

In Faridpur, Gobinda Saha, 55, of Shovarampur village, was killed as a speeding truck knocked him down in front of Sree Angayan of the town yesterday evening.

## Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Md Giasuddin, father of former hockey player of Abahani and national teams, Mahbulul Ahsan Rana, passed away on Sunday evening at his Gafargaoan home at the age of 80.

He left behind his wife, two sons and three daughters, said a press release.

Abahani executive board, staff and players condoled the death.

## Inu blames BNP-Jamaat for Sunday's killings

BSS, Dhaka

President of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) Hasanul Haque Inu yesterday said the trial of the war criminals could not be stopped by resorting to killing innocent people through bomb blasts and setting the vehicles on fire.

He said the BNP-Jamaat alliance has devised new strategies to protect the war criminals ignoring the problems of the public life.

Inu told a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club organised to protest against the BNP-Jamaat's pre-planned intrigues and terrorism designed to foil the trial of the war criminals.

## Ctg modern jail opens today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The expansion and modernisation work of Chittagong Central Jail has been completed recently at a cost of Tk 58 crore after 13 years.

Home Minister Sahara Khatun is scheduled to inaugurate the modern jail today.

Public Works Department (PWD) started the project in July, 1998 and completed it on June 30 this year. The jail was set up in 1885.

The newly expanded jail has the capacity of accommodating 1,715 prisoners against its existing capacity of 1,200, said Jailer Rafiqul Kader Khokan adding there were 4,349 prisoners in the jail yesterday.

Sources said some 35 buildings have been

constructed on over 16.87 acres area while the buildings house quarters for the prisoners, separate prison cells for the VIP prisoners, work shed, standard rooms for female prisoners and separate cells for juvenile prisoners, an administrative building, a 100-bed hospital, three staff quarters, warden barrack, an office of PWD, ten condemn cells, 32 security cells, residences of the DIG Prison and senior jail superintendent.

Necessary infrastructures, including residence for prisoners keeping spacious walking place, bathrooms, entrances, store rooms and meeting place for the prisoners with their relatives, have also been built.



Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) forms a human chain before Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday protesting conspiracy to foil war crimes trial.

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Country Manager of Commercial Bank of Ceylon S Prabagar hands over a cheque for Tk 4.50 lakh to the Principal of Notre Dame College Father Benjamin Costa at a function at the college in the city recently to raise a fund for the poor and meritorious students of the college.

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## WAR CRIMES TRIAL Rajshahi mayor for getting united

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi city mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton at a discussion meeting in the city yesterday called upon people to get united for holding the trial of war criminals successfully.

He said a section of people thwarted the trial for the last 40 years through terrorism and subversive activities adding that the same forces are now active dampening the government initiatives to try the criminals who committed mass killing, rape as well as arson during the War of Liberation in 1971.

He said there is no alternative to resist the evil forces as they are creating a dangerous situation.

Awami Lawyers' Council, the district unit organised the discussion on '40th Anniversary of the Victory and Trial of War Criminals' at the auditorium of Rajshahi Chamber of Commerce and Industries in which the mayor was as the chief guest.

Presided over by the council convenor Ibrahim Hossain, the discussion was addressed, among others, by lawyers Rabiul Haq Kakor, Nurul Islam Sarker, Layeb Uddin and Nasrin Akhtar Mita.

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