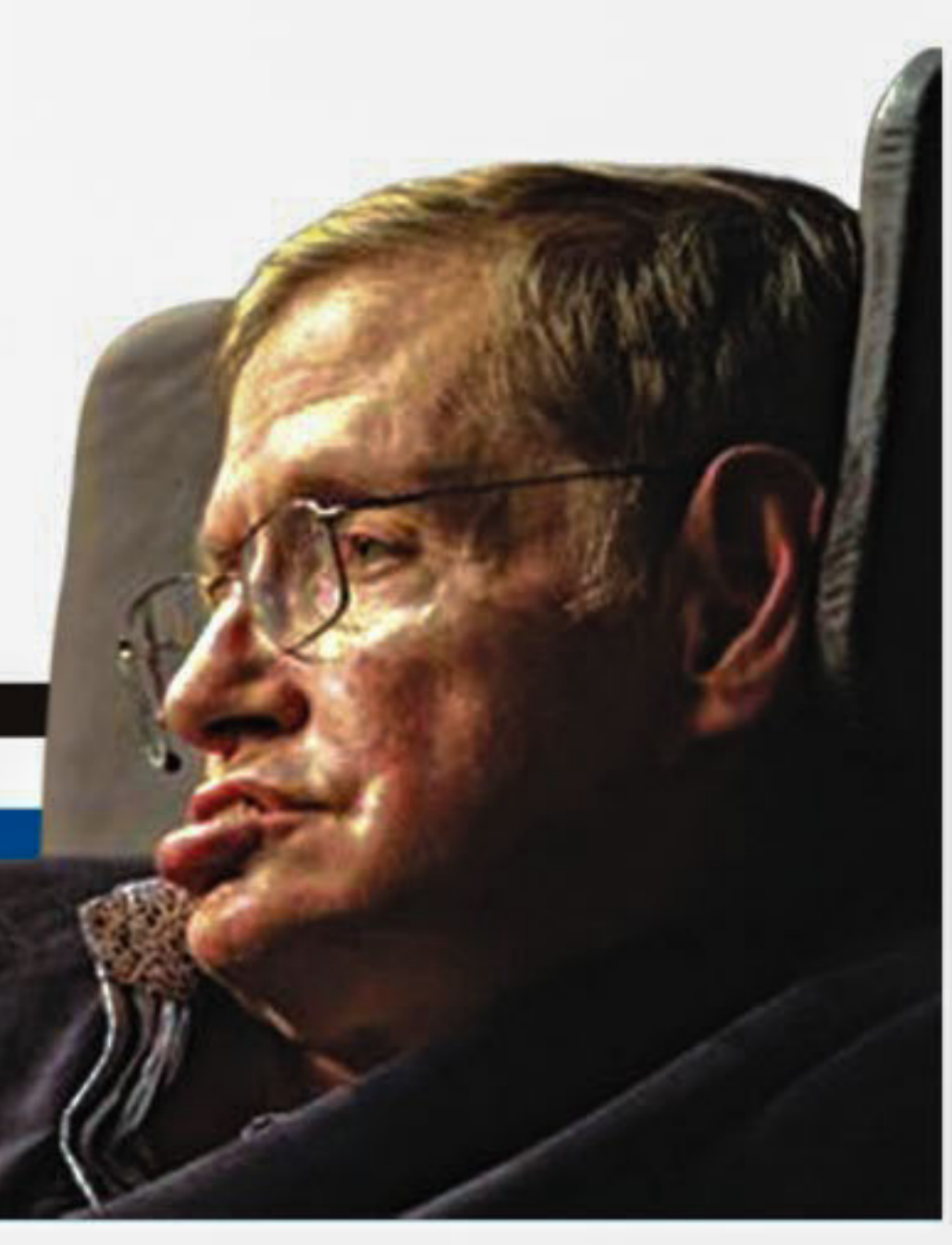


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**BNP takes road march to Ctg**  
More than 3,000 vehicles join convoy; Khaleda reiterates demand for caretaker govt  
RAKIB HASNET SUMAN, from Feni



In a massive convoy of vehicles, BNP chief Khaleda Zia, in the first white SUV, leads the road march towards Chittagong yesterday. The photo was taken near Kanchpur Bridge on Dhaka-Chittagong highway. More photos on page 2, 5 & 20. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

The main opposition BNP's road march, aimed at drumming up support for its demand to get the caretaker government system restored, reached Chittagong last night with the participation of thousands of activists and supporters.  
BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia left her Gulshan residence at around 10:20am to lead the road march, bigger  
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**Traffic chaos on highway to Ctg**  
RAKIB HASNET SUMAN, from Feni

Thousands of passengers had to endure immense suffering as traffic slowed to a crawl on Dhaka-Chittagong highway yesterday for BNP's road march towards the port city.  
The tailback gradually spilled onto other connecting highways. Hundreds of vehicles remained stuck on roads for hours as traffic police were busy helping the BNP Chairperson's motorcade cross the highway.  
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**Biman officials apologise for misbehaving with HC judge**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday exonerated four Biman officials of the contempt of court charge as they unconditionally apologised to the court for misbehaving with one of its judges at Shahjalal International Airport in the capital on October 28 last year.  
The officials -- Flight  
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**Home ministry moves to help service seekers**  
All files to be digitised, people can know status of every file  
M RAHMAN

The home ministry is going high-tech to rid itself of the bureaucratic tangle that often bogs it down and to let people know about the status of their files or services they sought from the ministry.  
The ministry is going to digitise its everyday functioning in order to move towards e-governance. It believes this step would rid the ministry of the red tape menace  
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**RECKLESS DRIVING**  
**Journo killed as bus hits his bike**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A journalist was killed when a bus hit his motorcycle from behind and then ran him over in the capital's Kakrail yesterday.  
Victim Dinesh Das, 47, died on the spot around 8:45am, police said.  
He was on his way after dropping off his class-III daughter at Viqarunnisa Noon School at Bailey Road, his wife Poly Rani told reporters.  
Dinesh had been a senior reporter at Bangla daily  
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**PM visits Tripura on Jan 11**  
REZAUL KARIM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will fly to Agartala on January 11 to receive an honorary Doctorate of Literature degree from Tripura University.  
The visit would be the first by any prime minister of Bangladesh to Tripura, which had played a key role in Bangladesh's Liberation War. It is seen as a compliment for the  
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**JMB chief's son arrested**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab personnel yesterday arrested a son of detained Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) chief Maulana Saidur Rahman and one of his accomplices from a village in Rajshahi.  
Saidur's son Abu Talha Mohammad Fahim alias  
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**ASSAULT ON UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR**  
**Ex-president's son held, 'freed'**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Imtiaz Ahmed, son of former president Iajuddin Ahmed, and two top officials of Atish Dipankar University were "released" hours after they were detained from the university's Banani campus on charges of assaulting its registrar.  
Imtiaz, along with Sirajul Huq Chowdhury, member of the university's trustee board, and Junayed Ahmed, deputy  
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**JOURNALIST ASSAULT**  
**Probe body holds school responsible**  
*Says nothing about Kamal Majumder*  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Monipur High School and College violated the right to information act by obstructing a journalist from carrying out her professional duties in a January 3 incident on the institution premises, says a probe committee report.  
The report, however, does not mention anything about  
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**CHILD MURDER AT DMCH**  
**Mother's friend confesses killing**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Little Ishrat Jahan Riya died so her mother could enter into a second marriage. Rozina Akhter, Riya's mother, allegedly plotted Riya's murder with her fiancé Sultan Mahmud Sabbir.  
Sabbir, who was arrested on Saturday, made the revelation before detectives yesterday, and confessed to killing the two-and-a-half-year-old girl last week inside Dhaka Medical College Hospital compound.  
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**Robber killed in 'gunfight' with Rab**  
A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A robber was killed in a 'gunfight' with Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members in Moheshkhali upazila of Cox's Bazar yesterday morning.  
The victim was identified as Didarul Alam alias Dildar.  
According to Rab sources, around 7:00am a team of Rab raided the den of the robbers in a dense forest of the upazila. Sensing presence of the law enforcers, the gang of robbers opened fire on them prompting the Rab team to counter fire.  
The 'gunfight' continued for thirty minutes and Didarul died on the spot. Other members of the gang managed to flee  
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