

IBRAHIM MURDER Court decision on charge sheet Feb 6

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court gives its decision on February 6 whether the charges brought against six accused in connection with the killing of Jubo League leader Ibrahim Ahmed in August 2010 will be taken into cognizance.

Metropolitan Magistrate Kamrunnahar Rumi yesterday set the date for acceptance of the charge sheet after scrutinising the case dockets and other relevant documents.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Wednesday pressed charges against six people, excluding ruling Awami League lawmaker Nurunnabi Chowdhury Shaon, in the murder case.

The accused are Shaon's bodyguard Delwar Hossain, driver Kamal Hossain Kala, personal secretary Sohel Ahmed, Jubo League activist Golam Mostafa Shimul, Mazharul Islam Mithu and Nur Hossain Munna.

CID Assistant Superintendent of Police, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court of Dhaka naming 43 people as prosecution witnesses.

The charges have been filed in a murder case lodged with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station on September 2 in 2010.

In the charge sheet, the IO said during the investigation Kala told a magistrate that he killed Ibrahim with Shaon's licensed pistol following an altercation.

Strong ties in science, tech with US stressed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A United States science envoy to Bangladesh yesterday put emphasis on strengthening mutual collaboration and cooperation in the field of science and technology to address different challenges, including climate change vulnerability, food security and public health.

Priority should be given to the development of mechanisms to address the climate change issue, to have better food production and to ensure public health safety by using the knowledge of science and technology, said Dr Rita Colwell.

Colwell, a renowned marine microbiologist, made the remarks while exchanging views with journalists at the American Recreation Association (American Club) in the city.

She has worked with different organisations in Bangladesh for more than 35 years to prevent the spread of cholera.

Terming science, technology and engineering as key tools for a country's economic growth, Colwell stressed the need for expansion of science and technology-based education in Bangladeshi universities.

She also promised to discuss with the US government the issue of more scholarships for Bangladeshi students in science and technology.

Aiming to make school going children more interested in science and technology, she opined that there should be more science related topics with graphics and easy explanations in textbooks.

"Bangladesh has tremendous intellectual potential," she said, adding that the country had the opportunity to become a food-exporting country in future.

Saying that garments and textile industries were rising sectors in the country, Colwell suggested using science and technology based knowledge for the betterment of the sectors.

She also urged newsmen to disseminate science and technology related news accurately in a more attractive manner to make people interested in it.

NU admission now till Jan 18

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The deadline for admission to the Honours and Degree courses at the respective colleges under the National University of 2011-2012 academic session has been extended up to January 18.

The successful candidates, whose names were declared in the first merit list, will avail themselves of the scope.

Besides, the aspirants of first merit list will be able to apply for migration of their subjects through the university website by January 25, said a press release.

The second merit list will be published on February 1.

Woman found dead in her city flat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the hanging body of a housewife from her residence at west Shewrapara of Mirpur in the city yesterday.

The deceased is Shahanara Rashid Shanu, 28, wife of Arzu Ahmed, a clerk at Public Works Department (PWD), Azampur division.

On information from the owner of the flat, police recovered the hanging body by breaking open the door of the flat, police said.

The body was hanging from the ceiling fan.

The flat owner came to collect the house rent yesterday noon and found the flat locked. Unable to open the door, he informed police.

Shanu's husband had not been seen after Wednesday evening, said the neighbours.

Her brother AHM Shahjahan said his sister married Arzu about two and a half years ago following a love affair. Since then they have had very little contact with their respective families.



A group of devotees rides a pickup van towards the bank of the Turag in Tongi yesterday. The three-day Biswa Ijtema, the world's second-largest Muslim gathering, begins today. (Story on Page 20)

PHOTO:
RASHED SHUMON

e-management training begins

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The first training course on effective use of e-file management system in the Ministry of Public Administration (MoPA) began yesterday, says a press release.

The sessions of the 11-day training are being held at the newly remodeled computer lab of the ministry with technical assistance of Korean International Cooperation Agency (Koica).

Some 24 deputy secretaries and senior assistant secretaries are taking part in the training to familiarise themselves with the newly established e-file management system.

HC summons Barisal medical college doctor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned a doctor of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College (BSBMC) for mentioning a 13-year-old violated girl as a mother aged 25 of three children in the forensic report.

In a suo moto order, the court directed Dr Akhteruzzaman Talukder of forensic department to appear before it on January 19 to explain his conduct in this regard.

Sub-Inspector of Ujirpur Police Station Lutfur Rahman, investigation officer of the case, has also been asked to appear before the court the same day to explain his role over the case.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim passed the order following a report published in a Bangla daily yesterday with a headline "Forensic report of BSBMC: Raped girl of Ujirpur a mother of three children" yesterday.

Deputy Attorney General ABM Altaf Hossain brought the newspaper report to the attention of the judges.

The report said the girl, who is aged 13 years and one month, was raped on November 19 last year. The culprits also threatened to publish the video pictures of the act on the website.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the ninth death anniversary of former minister M Mansur Ali.

On the occasion, M Mansur Ali Smriti Sangsad arranged a discussion and doa and milad mahfil at around 4:15pm at Sathkira Jana Samity office at 44-F/7, Panthapath in the city, said a press release.

Md Ziaur Rahman

METRO DESK



Today is the third death anniversary of Md Ziaur Rahman, a renowned

cricketer of Bogra in 1960s.

On the occasion, a Qurankhwani will be held at House No-8, Block # A, Pallabi extension, Mirpur in the city, said a press release.

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DHAKA TODAY

Convention
The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh will hold its 53rd convention. Venue: IEB Headquarters, Ramna, Time: 9:00am.

Human chain
Save Nature and Wildlife will form a human chain. Venue: Before Jatiya Press Club, Time: 10:30am.

Prize giving
Aloha Bangladesh will hold a prize giving ceremony. Venue: Shilpakala Academy, Segunbagicha, Time: 3:15pm.

Human chain
Bangladesh Garments Workers Unity Council will form a human chain. Venue: Before Jatiya Press Club, Time: 11:00am.

Human chain
Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will form a human chain. Venue: Before

21st Anniversary of The Daily Star

BANGLADESH THE YOUNG AND THE FUTURE

On the occasion of our 21st anniversary, we at **The Daily Star** have decided to dedicate our anniversary supplement to recognise and profile the achievements and visions of our youth. The supplement which will be titled "Bangladesh: The Young and The Future" will aim to highlight the work of young achievers from every corner of the country and bring them to national focus.

If you know of any extraordinary young people in the categories given below please send us their brief profiles. The categories are:

1. Technology (also science)	5. Academia (also vocational learning, skill development, etc.)	8. Agriculture
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3. Politics	7. Environment	10. Industry & Service Sector
4. Entrepreneurship		11. Sports

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