

Charge framing hearing against SQ Chy on March 7  
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A Chittagong court on Tuesday fixed March 7 for hearing on charge framing against BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury in a case filed against him in connection with vandalising vehicles in Sitakunda in Chittagong in November 2010.

The court also granted him bail on a bond of Tk 50,000 after hearing a bail petition submitted by his lawyer advocate Enamul Hoque.

Meanwhile, police arrested 20 supporters of Salauddin Chowdhury from the court premises yesterday during a chase and counter chase on the premises.

SM Tanvir Arafat, assistant commissioner (Detective branch) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, said DB police arrested four people around 11:30am on charge of sabotage.

Md Alamgir Hossain, officer-in-charge (Enquiry) of Kotwali Police Station, said, Kotwali Police arrested 16 others around 11:45am while they were trying to create anarchy in the area.

The BNP leader was produced before the court of Chittagong District and Sessions Judge Abdul Kuddus Mia around 11:00am.

When submitting the bail prayer, Salauddin's lawyers told the court that their client's name was not mentioned in the First Information Report.

His name was implicated in the charge-sheet to harass him, the lawyers said.

The case relates to the incident when some BNP activists put up a barricade on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway and vandalised vehicles at Banshbaria and Siliimpur Paka Rasta areas on November 7, 2010.

Police arrested four people at the time. Two cases were filed on November 8, 2010 in this connection.



People from all walks of life, including cultural personalities, pay their last homage to the legendary actor Humayun Faridee, inset, placing flowers on his coffin at Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

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## RECKLESS DRIVING Traffic sergeant hurt as car hits him

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A traffic sergeant suffered injuries after being hit by a recklessly driven private car at Panthapath in the city yesterday.

The victim, Riazul Islam Riaz, 40, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with severe head injuries. Later, he was shifted to Square Hospitals Ltd.

Police said a BBA student of a private university was enjoying the joyride in a private car to celebrate Valentine's Day with a girl, whom he later introduced as his friend. Police detained the youth Aliul Islam, 22, and the girl along with the car.

Abdul Jalil, sub-inspector of Tejgaon Police Station, said Riazul was on duty near Basundhara Shopping Mall. He noticed the "madly driven" car coming from Green Road around 10:00am. He signaled for the car to stop.

The car hit the sergeant as it tried to escape defying his signal.

Locals chased down the car some yards off the spot.

The youth told police that he hangs out using his father's car from their Gulshan-2 residence. He claimed that he had a driving licence but lost it.

## Valentine's Day adds colour to Boi Mela

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamal Hossain, who works at a private organisation, took leave to spend Valentine's Day with his beloved and as part of the plan the couple visited the Amar Ekushey Boi Mela yesterday.

Jamal in formal dress and his girlfriend in a saree spent a couple of hours at the Bangla Academy premises and both gifted books to each other as a sign of love.

Like Jamal and his girlfriend, hundreds of couples in colourful sarees and panjabis with flowers in hands flocked to the fair premises yesterday afternoon, turning the venue into a place for happy and colourful celebration.

Though young couples made a significant portion of yesterday's visitors, the pres-

ence of the elderly and children was also noticeable.

Fifty-nine-year old Mohammad Nayeem, a London expatriate, came to the fair with his wife Godhuly Nayeem as a part of their Valentine's Day celebration.

"I will leave the country within a few days, but the celebration of the day will remain alive in my memory throughout my life in abroad", he said. Nayeem came from the city's Uttara.

Meanwhile, a total 132 new books arrived at the book fair yesterday.

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Journalists form a human chain before Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday protesting the killing of Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi.

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**COUPLE MURDER**  
**SCBA to provide legal supports**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) President Khandker Mahbub Hossain yesterday said his association will provide all kinds of legal assistance to move the case against the killers of journalist couple Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi.

He said this to reporters at his office yesterday. He said the association is also ready to give legal assistance to all the journalists, who have fallen victims to tortures across the country.

S C B A S e c r e t a r y Bodruddoza Badal and Treasurer Fahima Nasrin Munni, also were present at the briefing.

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