

# Principal held for damaging Shaheed Minar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested a madrasa principal from the Supreme Court premises few minutes after a High Court bench ordered for his arrest on charges of damaging a Shaheed Minar on February 21 in Mymensingh.

Earlier during hearing a rule, the HC bench directed Officer-in-Charge of Gafargaon Police Station Omar Faruk to arrest Md Abu Taleb, principal of Chairbaria Fazil Madrasa at Gafargaon, and to implicate him with sedition charge.

OC Faruk and Principal Abu Taleb appeared before the HC bench yesterday morning as per its earlier order.

An HC bench, however, exonerated the OC from the charges of negligence in taking action against Taleb, as he (OC) told the court that he had already filed a criminal case against Taleb.

The bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim said Taleb had hurt the people's feelings for the independence and Liberation War of the country by damaging the Shaheed Minar.

Justice Manik said Taleb should be sent to Pakistan due to his anti-liberation attitude.

On February 22, the HC bench summoned the OC and the principal to appear before it yesterday following a report published in the Bangla daily Prothom Alo.

The report said the principal damaged a Shaheed Minar built on the madrasa premises on February 21.

Deputy Attorney General ABM Altaf Hossain had placed the report before the HC judges on February 22.



Journalists stage a hunger strike before Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday demanding proper investigation into the murder of all journalists, including Sagar Sarwar and Meherun Runi, and exemplary punishment to the murderers.

PHOTO: STAR

# Indefinite bus strike in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The owners of inter-district buses in Sylhet division launched an indefinite strike yesterday morning, protesting vandalism and torching of three buses by locals Wednesday night.

No buses left for Dhaka and other districts of Sylhet division till 5:00pm yesterday. Nor was any bus allowed to enter Sylhet till that time, causing immense suffering to people.

The bus owners called the strike after locals vandalised and set afire three buses of Shyamoli Paribahan in Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj district Wednesday night, protesting the death of a schoolboy under the wheels of a Shyamoli bus that evening.

The agitating people also vandalised 20 other vehicles.

Zamir Ahmed, president of Sylhet Bus Coach Malik Samity, said the association demanded measures against people engaged in the vandalism and torching. Or else, bus operation will not resume, he added.

The bus owners sat down with the district administration yesterday noon in presence of Communications Minister Obaidul Quader, but to no effect.

# Return to capital by Sunday

BNP MPs asked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All BNP-led opposition lawmakers, some of whom are now outside the capital to join party meetings marking the March 12 rally, were asked to be in the capital by Sunday, BNP high-ups confirmed last night.

Opposition chief whip Zainul Abdin Farroque, however, denied giving any comment in this regard.

Rehana Akhter Ranu MP told The Daily Star, "I think we have been asked to be in the capital only to make the March 12 programme a success."

However, some lawmakers said there is a discussion in the party to return to the House to place the party proposal for the caretaker government system to oversee the next general elections.

The BNP-led opposition MPs have so far joined only 51 out of 273 sittings, boycotting over 68 consecutive sittings till yesterday.

# LIBERATION WAR HC summons six for distorting history

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned six academicians including pro-vice chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Harun-or Rashid before it on March 5 in connection with a writ petition filed on charge of distorting history of the Liberation War.

Five others are Bangladesh Open University (BOU) Vice Chancellor Prof Aminur Rashid, Prof Shawkat Ara Hossain, Prof Sadiha Sultana, Mahfuza Chowdhury and HM Delwar Hossain.

During hearing of the petition, the HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim asked them to appear before it to explain their roles in distorting information on the Liberation War in two textbooks written by them under BOU.

Supreme Court lawyers Altaf Uddin Ahmed and Mahmud Hossain had filed the petition with the HC in January 2010 saying that Sociology 2nd paper and Civics 2nd paper of HSC under the BOU have termed late president Ziaur Rahman the declarer of the country's independence, although the HC in a verdict in 2009 ruled that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was the declarer of the independence.

The books also said that Ziaur Rahman was the greatest son of the country and nation, although the HC termed Bangabandhu is the greatest Bangalee of thousand years.

The writ petition stated that the books were published suppressing the historical facts and incorporating false and fabricated information on the declaration of the independence.

The HC on January 25, 2010, directed the authorities concerned to stop publishing and circulating of the textbooks and also issued a rule upon them to show cause why the books should not be confiscated and their publications should not be declared illegal.

# Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



MA Wahab, former governor of Rotary International and president of Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI), passed away yesterday at the age of 90.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at his Narayanganj village home, said a press release. Wahab, former director of Pubali Bank Ltd and Rupali Bank Ltd, also established many schools, madrasas and colleges.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the 12th death anniversary of advocate Altaf Ali Hasu, a freedom fighter and former general secretary of Wrishiz Shilpi Goshti.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil and destitute feeding programme will be held at his village home at Patitapara in Bogra, said a press release.

The organisation will hold a memorial discussion and award giving ceremony at the Liberation War Museum in the capital on March 5.

# Reza A Karim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the fifth death anniversary of Reza A Karim Choudhury Chunnu Miah, a Language Movement veteran and Liberation War organsier.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held to pray for the salvation of the departed soul, said a press release.

A victory award as a freedom fighter was conferred on him in 2000.

Chunnu, founder of Borhanuddin College in Bhola, was elected an Awami League lawmaker in 1970 in the then East Pakistan.



# Zillur, Iqbal Mostafa president, gen secy of taxes bar assoc

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Zillur Rahman and Syed Iqbal Mostafa were elected president and general secretary of Dhaka Taxes Bar Association.

Sarder Akil Ahmed Farooque was also elected treasurer in the new 23-member executive committee for the period of 2012-13, said a press release.

The committee was formed through an election held at the association's hall room on February 29.

Other elected members include Md Abul Kalam Azad and Md Abul Kashem Jinnah, vice presidents; Abu Nasar Mazumder Mazbah, assistant general secretary, Md Badiuzzaman, library secretary, Md Towhid Uzzaman Khan, sports and cultural secretary and Md Nur Ullah Bhuiyan, welfare secretary.

Zillur and Iqbal bagged 745 and 940 votes while Sarder Akil bagged 888 votes in the polls, the press release added.



A truck set on fire by agitating locals near Chashara Shaheed Minar in Narayanganj yesterday after it hit and left an aged woman dead.

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# Death anniversary

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Today is the 12th death anniversary of Azizur Rahaman Chowdhury, brother of eminent poet late Shamsur Rahman.

He left behind his four sons and one daughter to mourn his death, said a press release.

On the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held after Juma prayers at his third son Abidur Rahman Chowdhury's Bakshi Bazar residence.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme.

# Corruption at Sylhet BRTA alleged

## 3-member committee formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday formed a three-member committee to look into the alleged corruption in the regional office of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA).

Communications ministry's parliamentary standing committee member Md Abu Zahir was made its convener while lawmakers Imran Ahmed and Shofiqur Rahman Chowdhury members.

The committee was asked to report in 15 days.

Meanwhile, the minister made a surprise visit at the office and talked to some people. They raised allegation of corruption against the staffers of the office.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Human chain**  
Bharatia Parishad will form a human chain; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

**Rally**  
Sammilita Torun Peshajibi Parishad will organise a rally; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:00pm.

**Mourning meeting**  
Bangalee Sangskriti Mancha will hold a mourning meeting; Central Shaheed Minar; Time: 4:00pm.

**Memorial meeting**  
Gonomuktir Ganer Dal will arrange a

# PM has to pay tax

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two bills were placed in parliament yesterday seeking to repeal provisions from two laws that exempt the prime minister, ministers, state ministers, and deputy ministers from paying taxes on their salaries for about the last 38 years.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, who is also in-charge of the cabinet division in the parliamentary business, placed the bills to amend the Prime Minister's (Remuneration

and Privileges) Act 1975 and Ministers, Ministers of State and Deputy Minister (Remuneration and Privileges) Act 1973 to this effect.

Both the bills, which were sent to the parliamentary standing committee on the law ministry for scrutiny, will take effect from July 1, 2011.

On Wednesday, parliament passed two bills scrapping "discriminatory" provisions from two laws that exempted the speaker, deputy speaker, and MPs for around 38 years from paying taxes on their remunerations.

# 10 deaths in road crashes

METRO DESK

Ten people died in separate road accidents in Barisal, Sylhet, Natore, Chapainawabganj and Thakurgaon yesterday and on Wednesday.

Our Barisal correspondent reports: Five people died in four separate road accidents in Barisal yesterday.

The deceased are Md Shahid of the city's Sagordi area, Alam Majhi of Gabkhan Boidarapur, Ridoy Khan of Rajapur, Mainuddin of Boirkathi in Jhalakathi and Badhan Sardar of Morakathi in Uzirpur.

Motorcyclist Shahid died when a jeep hit his motorcycle at Dudhal Mou of Bakerganj on Barisal-Patuakhli highway. Motorcyclists Alam Majhi died instantly while Ridoy Khan succumbed to his injuries as a truck hit their motorcycle on Barisal-Dhaka highway at Mundupasha.

Badhan Sarkar and his mother Hena Begum died after a truck ran them over at Morakathi on Barisal-Dhaka highway. Motorcyclist Mainuddin died while trying to save a stray dog at Sreerampur on Barisal

Jhalakathi highway.

Our Sylhet correspondent adds: A speeding truck collided with an auto-rickshaw in Moiarchar on Sylhet-Badaghat road yesterday leaving Jalal Ahmed of Katipur village dead on the spot while Ershad Miah of Kalinagar village in Derai upazil of Sunamganj succumbed to his injuries afterwards.

Our Natore correspondent reports: A three-year-old boy, Tuhin Ali, son of Asatul Ali of the village, died in a road crash in Mominpur village of Natore sadar upazila on Wednesday morning.

Our Chapainawabganj correspondent reports: A bank manager, Shamsul Alam, 45, died after being run over by a truck in Baludanga bus stand area of Naogaon town yesterday.

Our Thakurgaon Correspondent adds: A motorcyclist, Rajoni Kanta of Chitram Barman of Kochubari village in Thakurgaon upazila, died after a bus hit his motorcycle on Thakurgaon-Panchagarh highway near Bhullu Bazar yesterday.

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