

NEWS IN *brief*

**30 medical students get Rotary Club scholarship**

**METRO DESK**  
Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka (RCMD) offered scholarships to 30 students of Dhaka Medical College (DMC).  
The awards and cheques of the Support Education Project RCMD Scholarship were handed over to the students through a ceremony at DMC auditorium on Tuesday.  
RCMD will award Tk 25,000 annually to each of the 30 students from the 1st year to the 5th year of their MBBS degree.  
The project aims to help those medical students who are facing difficulty in supporting the expenses of their medical studies.  
DMC Principal Prof Dr Quazi Deen Mohammad and RCMD President Syed Tahseen Huq, among others, addressed the programme.

**Buet asks teachers to withdraw work abstention**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) authorities have urged the teachers to withdraw their work abstention programme led by the Buet Teachers' Association and resume academic activities.  
The call came at an emergency syndicate meeting yesterday with the Buet Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Nazrul Islam in the chair.  
The syndicate sat to discuss the overall situation of the university as the academic activities are being hampered due to the work abstention since April 7 demanding resignation of the VC and pro-VC.  
The association has brought 16 allegations against the VC and pro-VC.  
They have announced that they will boycott class from April 15 if their demands are not met.

**Pakistan NDU team meets army chief**

**UNB, Dhaka**  
A 17-member delegation of Pakistan National Defence University (NDU) led by Brigadier Waseem Ishaque called on Bangladesh Chief of Army Staff General Md Abdul Mubeen, ndc, psc at the Army Headquarters in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.  
During the courtesy call, they exchanged greetings and discussed professional issues with the army chief.  
The NDU delegation, which arrived on a 7-day tour to Dhaka on April 7, is scheduled to leave the capital on April 13, said an ISPR press release.



Members of cabinet and chiefs of three services see off Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday prior to her departure for Turkey. PHOTO: PMO

**SAYEDEE'S TRIAL**  
**Last witness turns in war crimes reports**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The last prosecution witness in Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee's case yesterday gave the International Crimes Tribunal-1 several copies of newspaper reports on Sayedee's alleged crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.  
The tribunal, the first of two formed to deal with crimes committed during the 1971 Liberation War, would resume recording, for the fifth consecutive day, the testimony of witness Helal Uddin this morning.  
Helal Uddin, also the investigation officer probing the charges against Sayedee, presented old newspapers copies and some other documents related to the case before the tribunal yesterday.  
He presented 84 copies of Bangla daily Janakantha, which were part of a series titled "Sei Rajakar" (That Collaborator) published between January and March, 2001. He also provided 40 copies of another daily Bhorer Kagoj. Those were part of a series of reports "Rajakarer Ekattarnama" published between October, 2007 and January, 2008.  
Helal also presented some photocopies and original copies of daily Purbadesh, The Dawn, daily Ittefaq, Daily Pakistan, daily Azad, daily Sangram published in 1971 and 1972. He collected the newspapers from the Press Institute of Bangladesh and Bangla Academy.  
He also placed before the court photocopies of nomination papers and other election related papers of Sayedee which the accused had submitted to Pirojpur district Election Commission Office ahead of the parliamentary election of 2008.  
According to the affidavit paper, the nayeb-e-ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami was a writer by profession and he passed the Alim examination. As per his Dakhil certificate, his date of birth is February 1, 1940 and he passed Dakhil examination from Sarchina Darus Sunnat Alia Madrasa in Pirojpur.  
A day after walking out of the court, Sayedee's lawyers yesterday attended the tribunal proceedings headed by its Chairman Justice Nizamul Huq.  
They walked out of the tribunal on Tuesday protesting its decision to receive as evidence five volumes of foreign newspaper reports on the Liberation War.  
Sayedee is among six Jamaat leaders and two BNP leaders facing charges of crimes against humanity at the tribunal.

**ASSISTING TO FLEE**  
**Azad's friend on 2-day remand**

**COURT CORRESPONDENT**  
Abul Kashem Azad, a friend of fugitive war crimes suspect Abul Kalam Azad, was placed on a two-day remand yesterday over a case filed for allegedly assisting the latter flee the country.  
Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Hasibul Haque passed the order after Sub-Inspector (SI) Nizam Uddin of Uttarkhan Police Station, also the investigation officer of the case, produced Kashem before it.  
Earlier on Tuesday, the same court remanded two sons and a brother-in-law of Abul Kalam Azad for two days over the assistance allegations. The four were arrested by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) the same day.  
SI Nizam, in his report yesterday, said Kashem was directly involved in allowing Abul Kalam Azad stay in his hotel and helping him flee the country.  
Kashem, therefore, needs to be remanded so that vital clues about the incident and the whereabouts of another accused, Dr Yusuf, a retired National University teacher, can be known, he said.  
Abul Kalam Azad, widely known as Bachchu Razakar, left Dhaka on March 30 and stayed at hotel Capila, owned by Kashem, at Hili Port. He then fled to India through the Hili border in Dinajpur on April 2, said Rab, quoting the detained sons.  
The International Crimes Tribunal-2 issued an arrest warrant against Abul Kalam Azad on April 3 for allegedly committing crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War.  
Meanwhile our correspondent from Dinajpur reports: Police yesterday afternoon arrested Azizul Haque Munshi, 45, son of late Jamal Uddin of Basudevpur village under Hakimpur upazila from Hili Port over the assistance allegations.

**Youth killed only for Tk 500 by fellow RMG worker in Ctg**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**  
A youth met a tragic end as his fellow worker stabbed him to death for only Tk 500 in the port city on Tuesday.  
The deceased, Mohammed Parvez, 20, was a worker of the garment factory of Techno Dress Limited in the city's Dewanhat.  
Police arrested Manjurul, 19, Hanif, 30, Nurul Nabi, 30, Shahjahan, 20, and Mohammad Shopon, 26, all workers of the factory, in connection with the killing.  
Manjurul, while talking to journalists at Double Mooring Police Station yesterday, confessed that he gave Tk 500 to Hanif to kill Parvez.  
He and Nurul were also present at the spot when Hanif stabbed Parvez in Wapda Colony area around 11:30pm on Tuesday, confessed Manjurul.  
Following the incident, locals and relatives rushed Parvez to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead around 1:00am yesterday, said hospital sources.  
Manjurul said he had been angry with Parvez following an altercation and scuffle between them on Sunday.  
Shahjahan and Shopon, however, denied their involvement in the killing while Manjurul said they knew about the incident.  
Inspector (Investigation) Satyajit Barua of Double Mooring Police Station made the arrests after a case was filed in this regard.

**Teenaged boy commits suicide for cricket bat**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
A teenaged boy committed suicide as his maternal aunt refused to buy him a cricket bat at Uttar Goran of Khilgaon in the capital on Tuesday night.  
The deceased Yunus Hawlader Milon, 15, son of late Jahangir Hawlader, worked at an embroidery shop in Khilgaon Taltola area.  
He had been living with his aunt Laboni Akhter, who works at a garment factory, at her Uttar Goran residence since his childhood as his father died and mother got married again.  
He told his aunt to buy him a cricket bat on Tuesday noon, but Laboni refused to buy the bat as she did not have money.  
After being refused Yunus made scratches on his hands with a blade, which angered Laboni. She slapped him and left the house for work.  
After returning home at night, Laboni found Yunus' body hanging from the ceiling of their tin-shade room.

**2 boys crushed under truck wheels**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Two teenage boys on a bicycle were crushed under the wheels of a rice-laden truck at the turning near Inland Container Depot of Kamalapur Railway Station in the capital's Motijheel yesterday at around 11:00pm.  
Police managed to halt the fleeing vehicle near Mugda Stadium area and arrest the driver, Habibur Rahman, said Assistant Sub-Inspector Rezaul Alam of Sabujbagh Police Station.  
Police said the bodies of the victims, Swapan, 16, and Mijanur Rahman, 18, of Dakkhingao in Sabujbagh, were taken to the Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.



(From left) Airtel Bangladesh Ltd CEO and Managing Director Chris Tobit, artists Rafiqun Nabi, Kaium Chowdhury, Muniruzzaman and Nesar Hossain, and Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman hold the design of an alpana in front of Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan in the capital yesterday. Airtel, with the cooperation of Prothom Alo, will organise the painting of 'the world's largest alpana' on Manik Mia Avenue from 11:00pm on Friday. PHOTO: COURTESY

**Student talent hunt from next year**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The government will launch next year a nationwide talent hunt to pick out creative students from class VI to class XII through an annual competition on four subjects.  
The main objective of this first-of-its-kind talent hunt is to flourish creativity in students and create a band of national icons, said Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid.  
The minister endorsed a draft of Creative Talent Hunt Policy 2012 at a meeting at the ministry's conference room yesterday.  
According to the draft policy, the four subjects are Language and Literature (Bangla and English), Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology), Mathematics and Computer, and Bangladesh Studies (History, Civics, Economics and Social Science).  
Students from class VI to XII of all public and private educational institutions can participate in the competition, which will be held between January and March every year, it said.  
The contestants will have to take part in a number of tests including essay competition, story telling, and extempore speech (Language and Literature), scientific write-up and presentation (Science), written and oral test (Mathematics and Computer), and MCQ and oral test (Bangladesh Studies).  
A total of 96 students from eight divisions, three from each subject at each level, will become finalists. From them, 12 students, one from each subject of three levels, will be selected as champions.  
"The champions will be recognised as national icons and will be provided with special merit scholarship", the policy said.  
The competition will be held in three phases, starting with upazila level schools. Winners from this level will participate in the district level competition.  
The district level winners will qualify for divisional competition, which will be held in seven divisions and in Dhaka metropolitan area.  
A steering committee headed by Education Secretary Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury will finalise the policy soon and the competition would begin next year.

**Warehouse gutted in Ctg**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**  
Fire gutted a chemical warehouse at Kalurghat in the port city early yesterday.  
The fire had originated from chemical reaction in chemical materials kept at the warehouse, said fire service sources.  
Two fire fighting units from Kalurghat fire station rushed to the spot and doused the blaze.

**WEATHER TODAY**

**Rain or thundershowers likely**

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahia, Rangpur, Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.  
Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places over the country, Met Office said.  
Day and night temperature may rise by 2-3 degree Celsius over the country.  
The sun sets in the capital today at 6:19pm and rises tomorrow at 5:39am.  
Country's highest temperature 33.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Khulna and lowest 17.0 degrees at Dinajpur.  
Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.2	19.4	68	56
Chittagong	31.0	20.0	62	69
Rajshahi	31.8	19.0	77	72
Rangpur	28.0	17.5	72	65
Khulna	33.2	20.4	66	78
Barisal	31.4	20.0	76	72
Sylhet	27.6	18.0	86	66
Cox's Bazar	32.0	20.0	66	74

**100 injured in clash over UP poll results**

**A CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur**  
More than 100 people were injured in a clash between the supporters of two chairman candidates over the results of Durgapur Union Parishad polls in Mithapukur upazila last evening.  
The agitated people set fire to a local Awami League office and two BRTC buses and blockaded the Rangpur-Dhaka highway for hours till filling up this report at 9:00pm.  
Police and local sources said three candidates ran for chairman in the Durgapur Union Parishad election, which was held peacefully yesterday.  
In the evening, independent candidate Nur Bokt was unofficially declared as the chairman of Durgapur UP after counting of votes around 5:00pm.  
But soon afterwards, all on a sudden, Awami League candidate Robiul Islam Pramanik was declared the winner of the polls.  
Hearing the news, the agitated supporters of Nur Bokt took a protest procession towards the UNO office, where the supporters of AL candidate attacked them, triggering the clash.  
Police used batons and fired 50 rounds of tear gas shells to bring the situation under control.

**Dyeing factory fined**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined a dyeing factory Tk 21 lakh for running the factory by violating DoE orders.  
The dyeing factory, Pacific Fiber Corporation, was also asked to stop its operation, says a DoE release.  
The factory owner in a written statement informed the DoE on January this year that he stopped production as it had no effluent treatment plant (ETP). But an enforcement team led by Deputy Director of DoE Abdullah Hakkani in a sudden visit yesterday found that the factory was running.  
The factory has been polluting the river Turag since 2006 by discharging untreated dyeing waste.



Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury, vice chancellor of Green University Bangladesh, inaugurates an admission fair organised by the university on its campus in Mirpur of the capital yesterday. PHOTO: COURTESY