

**8 personalities, organisations to get Nawab Ali Chyaward**

BSS, Dhaka

Eight personalities and organisations have been selected for the prestigious 'Nawab Ali Chowdhury National Award-2012' for their outstanding contributions in different fields.

On the occasion of the 83rd death anniversary of Nawab Bahadur Nawab Ali Chowdhury, the awards will be given to the recipients today, said a press release.

The award recipients under various categories are - late Lutful Hai Sacchu, MP (Freedom Fighter), Governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr Atiur Rahman (Banking and Finance), Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam (Journalism), Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (Poverty Alleviation), President of BASIS Mahboob Zaman (ICT), Country Director of Action Aid Farah Kabir (Women Empowerment), Notre Dame College (Education) and Shakib Al Hasan, player of Bangladesh Cricket team (Sports).

**Five bombs recovered**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police yesterday recovered a total of five bombs from Tetulia and Noapara areas in Jessore Sadar Upazila.

They recovered four bombs from near the pond of one Mozaffar Ali in Tetulia, said police sources.

In another drive police seized a powerful bomb from the bicycle garage of one Khalil Munshi in Noapara bazaar.

None were arrested in this connection. A case was filed.



Amra Blogger, a group of bloggers, displays photos on journalists Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi along with their only child demanding arrest and punishment of the killers of the couple. The exhibition was organised at Chhabir Haat of Dhaka University yesterday.

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**Petrol pump parishad postpones strike**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Petrol Pump and Tank-Lorry Malik Sramik Oikya Parishad postponed its strike, scheduled to begin from Sunday for an indefinite period.

The strike was postponed as a political party declared to observe a strike on the same day, says a press release signed by the parishad Convenor Nazmul Haque yesterday.

"Many people are trying to spread rumours that we called the strike after negotiations with the political party. We postponed our strike to avoid allegations of any political linkage to our programme," he said.

The strike was called on March 31 demanding a policy for establishment of petrol pumps and its publication in gazette, establishment of tank-lorry terminals at fuel depots, renovation of existing terminals, introduction of accident insurance worth Tk 5 lakh for tank-lorry drivers and increasing tank-lorry fares.

**Sajeda acts as AL president**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) Presidium Member Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury is acting as the president of the ruling party.

The charge came as the party chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is now on a four-day visit to Qatar.

Hasina will return home on April 24.

**Stop Tipaimukh dam to protect haors**

**Say green activists**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Green activists yesterday called upon India to stop the construction of the controversial Tipaimukh dam on the Barak river in its northeastern Manipur state as it will adversely affect the haors of different districts of Bangladesh.

The government should raise the demand for a neutral committee to conduct surveys on the impacts the dam will have on Bangladesh's hydrology, economy, environment and human habitation, they said.

They added that the outcome of the

surveys should be published so that the data can be further analysed by researchers, says a press release.

The activists were addressing a seminar, "Impacts of the Tipaimukh dam on Agriculture and Haor's Environment", organised by Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Haor Rokkha Andolon at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

Bapa General Secretary Dr Abdul Matin, the andolon Coordinator Alamgir Kabir and Prof M Shahidul Islam of the geography and environment department of Dhaka University addressed the seminar.

**Govt against use of religion in politics: Azad**

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Information and Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad has said the government in Bangladesh is against the use of religion as a political weapon.

"The government is running the country upholding the principles and ideals of Islam, which is helping in maintaining friendship, peace and tolerance among all communities," he said.

The minister was speaking at the 9th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (ICIM) in Libreville, capital of African country Gabon, on Thursday, said an official release here yesterday.

**Say no to graft**

**Urges Shafique**

UNB, Dhaka

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday called upon the land registration officials to shun corruption by saying no to the social vice.

"We have to make a corruption-free society like the present government wants", he said at the installation ceremony of the new committee of Bangladesh Registration Service Association.

Role of the registration department is essential in collecting revenue, he said, adding that a slip by land registration officials inflicted loss on the government and sufferings on people.

Saying that many cases emerge from land related dispute, the law minister urged the land registration officials to discharge their duties carefully.

He suggested the land registration officials look into the matter so that people do not face cases unnecessarily and are not deprived of getting their due services.

State Minister for Law Quamrul Islam also addressed the function held at Public Works Bhaban auditorium in the capital.

**Some media owners serve self-interest: AG**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some businessmen who do not understand anything beyond self-interest own the media, said Attorney General Mahub-e-Alam yesterday.

He also expressed his grief, as many journalists have to work under some substandard supervisors, but said these journalists can prove their merit by working under such conditions.

Mahub-e-Alam was addressing the inaugural ceremony of a training workshop for journalists organised by Law Reporters' Forum at the Annex Building of Supreme Court Lawyers Association.

Journalism is challenging and there is no certainty of shinning in life, he said.

"But there is a problem as many media houses nowadays are owned by businessmen. They (businessmen) do not understand anything beyond their self-interest. But there is also some exception" Mahub-e-Alam said adding it is impossible for the good media houses to employ all journalists.

"You will be successful if work diligently. Money is not the only gauge of success, value is also related to it," said the attorney general.

He underscored the need for training to make journalists familiar with new technology and science.

Former justice Syed Amirul Islam advised journalists to beware of moral degradation as people keep cent percent faith on published news of media.

Dhaka University's law department teacher Hafizur Rahman Karjon also spoke while president of the forum Salehuddin chaired the programme.

**Govt to build Darussalam-Kachukhet road**

BSS, Dhaka

The government is set to construct a new road linking the capital's Darussalam in Mirpur and Kachukhet with a budget of Tk 485 crore to ease traffic jam in Dhaka.

The road will establish new traffic corridor which is expected to ease the vehicular movements in Dhaka's Mirpur, Ahmednagar, Kazipara, Shewdapara, Ibrahimpur, Kafrul and adjoining areas, said an official of planning commission.

Under the project, a parallel road will also be built that will link central Dhaka and Mirpur, he added.

The 3.6km road with a width of 100 feet will be built on 23.83 acres of land.

Local Government Division will implement the Darus Salam-Kachukhet road project under Dhaka City Corporation North by 2013.

**Check grabbing of 'debottor' property**

**Demand Hindu leaders**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A section of Hindu community leaders yesterday demanded effective measures from the government to prevent grabbing of endowed (debottor) properties illegally and ensure security of the minority community.

Till now, around 5 lakh acres of endowed lands of Hindu communities have been grabbed by vested quarters of the society, the leaders claimed and demanded recovery of those lands immediately.

They placed their demands at a press conference organised by the Bangladesh Debottor Sampotti Punoruddhar O Sangkar Parishad at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday.

Referring to the two recent attacks on Hindu communities in Chittagong and Satkhira, they said the fundamentalist groups are continuing to attack Hindus, as the government does not take punitive actions against the attackers.

They strongly criticised all the governments past for their failure to ensure security of lives and properties of minority community.

The Parishad General Secretary Suvash Boral read out a written statement, while Sanatan International Foundation General Secretary Probrir Mitra, Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Samaj Sangkar Samity President Prof Hirendra Natha Biswas, Bangladesh Hindu Dhormiyo Sammilito Parishad General Secretary Dilip Vodra, also spoke among others.



Colleagues, deputy leader of parliament, cabinet secretary, chiefs of three services and top government officials see off Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport as she departs for Qatar to attend the 13th UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

PHOTO: PTI

**Man detained on suspicion of murdering mother**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police detained a 25-year-old man from his residence in the capital's Merajnagar in Kadamtali yesterday after neighbours conveyed their suspicion that he murdered his mother.

The body of the mother, Rabeya Begum, 55, wife of late Hazrat Ali, was recovered by police from the residence around 6:00am yesterday and sent to the morgue of Sir Salimullah Medical College for autopsy.

The neighbours said they heard Rabeya and her only son, Mohammad Rasel, the only members of the residence, noisily quarrelling around 3:00am. Sometime afterwards they heard the son crying. On investigation, they found Rabeya lying dead by her bed.

Rasel, a carpenter by profession, claimed Rabeya died after falling down from the bed during an altercation about his marriage, said Sub-Inspector Abdul Awal of Kadamtali Police Station.

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**LINKING YOUNG MINDS**

Star Campus is a weekly publication of the Daily Star that comes out every Sunday. This week the Star Campus will have a number of amusing articles for its readers. The highlight this week is about the dilemma students all across the country have to face due to the unstoppable load-shedding.

There is a fun article that shows the diversity of celebration when Pahela Baishakh hit the town. The Campus Edibles this week is on the very beloved *murg* fry of Dhaka University that the students just never seem to get enough of. Fashion Designer, Afsana Ferdousi Worme, shares stories about her childhood and talks about how Fashion Design changed her life and so much more! Grab a copy of the Star Campus as it hits the town tomorrow, Sunday and, as always, have a good read!

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**Human chain**  
Jajjala Krishi Jomi Rakkha Andolon will form a human chain; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 2:00pm.

**Seminar**  
Centre for Sustainable Development will organise a seminar; Venue: Cirdap Auditorium; Time: 3:00pm.

**Human chain**  
Paribesh Bachao Andolon and Bangladesh Centre for Human Rights and Development will form a human chain; Venue: Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University; Time: 11:00am.

**Advocacy meeting**  
Odhikar will hold an advocacy meeting; Venue: Brac Centre Inn; Time: 9:30am.

**Citizens' rally**  
Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon will



Garments Sramik Trade Union Kendra stages a rally before Jatiya Press Club on a 10-point demand, including budgetary allocation for ration and housing of garment workers.

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