

NEWS IN brief

Star-BSRM-Drishy debate contest final May 12

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cig
The quarter and semifinal rounds of The Daily StarBSRM-Drishy national English debate championship were held at the district Shilpakala Academy yesterday.

Youth beaten to death in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
A young man was beaten to death in the city's Pathantola area yesterday saying him 'theft'. The deceased was Foyez Ahmed, 18, son of Gous Miah of Ambarbhana area.

Muggers shoot trader, snatch Tk 4 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Muggers shot a trader and looted Tk 4.20 lakh from him in the capital's Jurain area yesterday. The victim Jamal Uddin, 45, is an owner of a grocery shop in Mirhajirbag.

NGO Affairs Bureau web hacked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The website of NGO Affairs Bureau (www.ngoab.gov.bd), which is under the supervision of the prime minister's office, remained closed for last two weeks as it was hacked, said the officials.

Book on Dr Khan Sorwar published

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangle Academy has published a felicitation book on reputed educationist and diplomat Prof Dr Khan Sorwar Murshid recently.

DHAKA TODAY
Roundtable: Shujan will organise a roundtable; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.
Rally: Bangabandhu Mancha will arrange a protest rally; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:00am.

Memorial meeting: Sector No-7 Muktijoddha Parishad will hold a memorial meeting; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 4:00pm.
Human chain: Bangladesh Polytechnic Shikkhak Samity and Bangladesh Polytechnic Shikkhak Parishad will stage a sit-in; Venue: Directorate of Technical Education, Agargaon; Time:

WEATHER TODAY
Change in temperature likely
UNB, Dhaka
Weather is likely to remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country having channels of rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Khulna, Rangpur, Rajshahi divisions in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Table with 5 columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet.



Black clouds of smoke billowing from a mock airplane accident staged at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday. The exercise, conducted every two years, involved fire fighters, armed forces personnel, airline representatives and others concerned. PHOTO: COURTESY

Declare Bangla as official UN language: President

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
President Zillur Rahman yesterday urged the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) to declare Bangla as an official United Nations (UN) language. "I hope the UN will consider the matter with due importance, showing respect to the Bangla-speaking people of the world," he said.

as International Mother Language Day. Bangladesh is a South Asian country of huge potential. "Unesco has been working for the development of education, science and culture of Bangladesh since the country's inception," said Zillur, chancellor of Dhaka University.

BEGUNBARI-HATIRJHEEL ROAD HC stays plot allotment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday stayed the allotment process of plots allegedly prepared on a proposed 60-foot-wide road of the capital's Begunbari-Hatirjheel development project. Issuing a suo motu order based on a newspaper report, the court said the stay order will remain in force till further orders.

Launch, bus catch fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A triple-decker passenger launch caught fire while being repaired in a dockyard at Kaliganj of South Keraniganj in the capital's outskirts yesterday. A firefighter, Zahid Hossain, suffered injuries while dousing the flames and had been admitted to Mitford Hospital.

Shahidul, also owner of the dockyard, Madaripur Dock, said by the time firefighters doused the flames around 12:50pm, only the launch's iron structure was left. He added that the launch, which plies on the Dhaka-Barisal route, was docked there for the last 10 days for repairs.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Irshad Hossain, director of United Services Ltd (local agent of TATA steel in Bangladesh), passed away at United Hospital in the capital yesterday at the age of 64.

Cop killed wife, body found after 19 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police recovered the decomposed body of a housewife yesterday from a water body at Uttara in the capital after 19 days of killing by her husband, a policeman. The victim is identified as Sumi Akhter, 19, wife of Abdul Alim Sumon, a constable working at Industrial Police of Gazipur.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Nurunnessa Begum, wife of late Qazi Mahtabuddin Ahmed, died of old-age complications at her Bakshibazar residence in the capital yesterday at the age of 90.

Book titled 'Bangladesh and Europe 2012' launched

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
The envoys of the European Union yesterday launched a book titled "Bangladesh and Europe 2012" marking the Europe Day and 40 years of partnership between Bangladesh and the EU. The book, which is first attempt to display the full extent of cooperation between the EU and Bangladesh, is also published on the occasion of celebration of 40 years of independence of Bangladesh.

'OCCUPYING' BANGLA COLLEGE LAND AL MP Aslamul to face court May 16

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court (HC) yesterday summoned ruling Awami League lawmaker Aslamul Haque to appear before it on May 16 to explain his role over the allegation occupying a four-bigha land of Government Bangla College at Mirpur in the capital. In response to a writ petition, the court directed the deputy commissioner of Dhaka to conduct a survey over the land through forming an expert committee and to submit a report along with relevant papers before it by May 16.

SAJIB MURDER 10 Ruet students expelled

RU CORRESPONDENT
Ruet authorities on Tuesday expelled ten students, also Chhatra League (BCL) activists, for involvement in the murder of a student. Those expelled for life include electronic engineering department students Mohaiminul Haque Polash, Sultan Rajibu Islam, Tanvir Ahmed and Zahangir Alam, in their fourth year, and Sufian Alam, in his third year, and a mechanical engineering department student, Md Arafat Al Jami Rezwan, in his third year.

JU BCL men vandalise Bangabandhu hall

JU CORRESPONDENT
Chhatra League (BCL) men of Jahangirnagar University's (JU) Moulana Bhasani Hall unit vandalised some rooms of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall yesterday over an attack on one of their activists. Injured Nur Nabi, of Moulana Bhasani Hall, was given treatment at the JU medical centre. He alleged that the Bangabandhu hall BCL men led by Rubel, Shagor and Shamim attacked him at the JU swimming pool, accusing him of being an outsider.