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A photo book on a much-loved face of DU fine arts faculty

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SQ Chy shot at Nutan

Fourth witness testifies at war tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War crimes accused BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury shot two to three bullets at Nutan Chandra Singha a few minutes after then Pakistani occupation army had sprayed bullets on him, said the fourth prosecution witness.

Bullets had hit him on the left side of the face and chest, septuagenarian

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Kamaruzzaman indicted

Most of his 7 war crime charges involve murder; trial begins July 2

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Jamaat-e-Islami leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman has been charged with murder and torture of unarmed civilians and complicity in other crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971.

After framing seven specific charges against him yesterday, the International Crimes Tribunal-2 fixed July 2 for the beginning of the trial.

The charges are based on seven separate incidents of crimes against humanity that left at least 183 unarmed people dead and some women raped.

Born in Sherpur on July 4, 1952, Kamaruzzaman was president of Islami Chhatra Sangha in greater Mymensingh in 1971.

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Kamaruzzaman

No trial if I had joined AL

Angry Kamaruzzaman accuses a few AL leaders of war crimes

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Jamaat leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that he could have evaded trial for war crimes had he joined the Awami League.

Kamaruzzaman, senior assistant secretary general of the Jamaat-e-Islami, made the remark when the tribunal asked if he pleaded guilty or not.

Ignoring the judges' objection to making any

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Transit trapped

Connectivity expert Dr Rahmatullah talking to Star on dismal progress on the crucial issue

INAM AHMED

Although giving transit to India, Nepal and Bhutan in a proper way would benefit Bangladesh, the whole issue has now come to a standstill.

Also noticeable is a disturbing apathy among policymakers to charge rightful fees from Indian traders for using Bangladesh for transit.

Dr M Rahmatullah, who headed the sub-committee on infrastructure for transit, has told these in an interview with The Daily Star.

He said the core committee on transit had submitted its reports to the government last July after which the Prime Minister's Office made some observations.

"Based on the comments, the report was modified and resubmitted in January this year. After that there has been a sudden lull," said Rahmatullah who is a former director (transport) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-Escap).

He also observed that the government had taken an irregular step by allowing India to transfer materials for steel mills in Tripura, through Ashuganj.

"According to the joint communiqué signed during

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Teesta deal after a few more months

Says Indian water resources minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will have to wait for a few more months to sign the Teesta water-sharing treaty, Indian Water Resources Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal said yesterday.

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SAGAR-RUNI MURDER Quiz ATN Bangla chairman

Journo leaders ask govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of six journalists' organisations in a joint statement yesterday demanded that law enforcement agencies interrogate immediately the ATN Bangla chairman in connection with the

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Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed

CENSURING PROF SAYEED

Loose-talking MPs lambasted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deputy Speaker Col (retd) Shawkat Ali yesterday sharply criticised the Awami League-led ruling alliance lawmakers who slammed noted litterateur Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed in parliament on Sunday for his alleged "derogatory" remarks

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Shawkat Ali

IMAGE OF JS

Guilty, who?

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Unruly behaviour in parliament and the controversial activities of some MPs in and outside the House have contributed largely to a tarnishing of the image of the Jatiya Sangsad in the last three and a half years.

But no exemplary action was taken against any of those lawmakers who were, and indeed are, responsible for undermining the dignity of the House, although repeated warnings were issued by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also the leader of the House, against such rowdy behaviour.

Such non-action seems to have given birth to a culture of impunity for the ruling alliance MPs, who have earned a bad reputation for themselves and the government as a whole.

On the other hand, bashing the media and accusing civil society members of undermining the dignity of parliament have become fashionable for some lawmakers.

However, while hitting out at the media and eminent citizens, MPs keep quiet

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What he actually said

Accusing MPs cared not to find it out

MAHFUZ ANAM

We heartily congratulate

Deputy Speaker Shawkat Ali for taking the stance that a respected scholar and founder of the Biswa Sahitya Kendra (World Literature Centre) should not have been spoken about in the House in the manner and style that the discussion took place day before yesterday. He said before castigating a man of his stature the members of parliament



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should have checked the veracity of the report on which they were basing their accusations.

It reminds us of the well known Bangla folklore in which a man tells another that a bird has taken away one of his ears and the latter immediately starts running after the bird without putting hands over his ears to check whether it is actually the case.

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Credit card fraud ring busted

SAJJADUR RAHMAN and CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER

A credit card scam involving over Tk 10 crore has been detected at United Commercial Bank (UCB).

The bank has initially identified four of its top and mid-ranking officials who withdrew the amount from the bank by using 21 credit cards between 2007 and May 2012.

The four -- Assistant Vice-president Nahidul Haque, Executive Officer Zahid

Hossain and two senior officers Maruf Haider and Md Shahidullah -- were handed over to police on Sunday following an internal investigation of the bank, officials said.

A Dhaka court yesterday placed them on a four-day remand.

"They did it very accurately. They followed all the procedures to get the credit cards," Shafiqul Alam, additional managing director of UCB, told The Daily Star.

"They also showed the withdrawn money

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SOWING SEEDS OF SUCCESS

In 1980, a humble beginning with free saplings from British American Tobacco Bangladesh turned around the life of Mr. Md. Mozibur Rahman. He is a self-made, entrepreneurial farmer of Kushtia's Daulatpur Thana who now has a land holding of 30 bighas. A proud father of two graduate sons, he now dreams of building an old age home in his village.

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