

# 7,360kg stolen govt wheat recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A mobile court recovered 7,360kg of wheat, stolen from a government warehouse, at Hijuli village in sadar upazila of Meherpur district on Thursday afternoon.

Abu Naser Uddin, executive magistrate of Meherpur, said his mobile court raided a privately owned food warehouse of one Joyanal Hossain in the area and recovered the wheat.

The court also sealed off the warehouse.

Sources said the wheat was stolen from Amjhupi government warehouse in Mujib Nagar upazila of Meherpur on Thursday.

Abu Naser said locals found some people loading the wheat in two trucks at noon the same day.

Joyal remained absconding.

Amjhupi warehouse In-Charge Israt Jahan was absent during the occurrence although she was supposed to be present at her office.

Israt said she knew nothing about the incident.

Delwar Hossain, deputy commissioner (DC) of the district, told The Daily Star that he will visit the food warehouse tomorrow (Sunday) to take necessary steps.



Former Indian President APJ Abdul Kalam at a views exchange meeting with children, organised by the Indian High Commission in Dhaka, at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel on Thursday.

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## Matlub Anam's second death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the second anniversary of death of Matlub Anam, a language movement veteran and columnist.

He was the third son of renowned litterateur, journalist and politician late Abul Mansur Ahmad and elder brother of Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star.

Matlub Anam was born at Dhanikhola village of Trishal thana in Mymensingh on December 25, 1933.

He was jailed for taking part in the historic language movement in 1952. In his colourful professional career, Matlub Anam served different renowned multinational pharmaceutical companies, including Pfizer, Searle, SK&F and Social Marketing Company (SMC).

He went into retirement after serving as the managing director of Ganoshasthya Pharmaceuticals.

Matlub Anam used to write regular columns in different national newspapers on contemporary issues.

On this occasion, a doa mahfil will be held at his residence after Asr prayers today (Saturday).

## Maritime university to be set up in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to set up a maritime university in Chittagong.

The university, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Maritime University, will be established on the campus of the Bangladesh Marine Academy at Anwara in Chittagong city.

To this end, the education ministry finalised a draft of the specialised university at an inter-ministerial meeting on Thursday.

The ministry considers establishing the university important especially in the perspective of the landmark verdict that upheld Bangladesh's claim to the Bay of Bengal.

## Dhaka needs global support to fight climate change: Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said Bangladesh deserves high level of international support, technological and financial assistance for its climate change adaptation and mitigation initiatives.

She said this when outgoing Dutch Ambassador Alphons Hennekens met her at her office on Thursday.

The Dutch envoy underscored the need for strengthening regional cooperation and sharing of experiences to face the adverse impacts of global climate change.

After the meeting, PM's press secretary Abul Kalam Azad briefed reporters.

Hennekens told Hasina that his country will continue its cooperation to Bangladesh.

## Govt firm to modernise armed forces

Says prime minister

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said her government is pledge-bound to ensure the country's development and modernise the armed forces.

The prime minister said this while addressing a function marking the 37th founding anniversary of the President Guard Regiment (PGR) at Dhaka Cantonment on Thursday.

She said implementation of the "National Defence Policy" and "Forces Goal-2030 of Bangladesh Army" is underway.

The prime minister said her government always feels the need to build a modern armed force with research, training and adequate administrative equipment.

"The Awami League government always takes effective steps to develop the armed forces as it believes in development,

expansion and modernisation of the army," she said.

Elaborating various steps of her government during the current tenure and its previous term for the development of the armed forces, Hasina said her government during its previous term (1996-2001) implemented massive programmes to this end.

The programmes include setting up of a number of units, brigades, and various institutions such as National Defense College, Military Institute of Science and Technology, Armed Forces Medical College and Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support and Training.

Hasina said her government procured more than 150 APCs for strengthening the army and established an AD regiment for the army after assuming office this time.



President Zillur Rahman addresses the Darbar of the President Guard Regiment at the PGR Headquarters in Dhaka Cantonment on Thursday marking its 37th founding anniversary.

PHOTO: PID

## 2 killed by lightning

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Two men were killed by lightning in two separate incidents in Patgram and Hatibandha upazilas yesterday.

In Patgram, Rashidul Islam, 28, son of late Kachuya Shaikh of Dangarbari village, was killed instantly as he was hit by a thunderbolt while he was catching fish from a canal near his home around 3:00pm, said police.

In Hatibandha, lightning struck Aminul Islam, 38, son of Kashem Ali of Kashimbazar village, while he was returning home from a local market at around 4:00pm, killing him on the spot.

## 8 geckos rescued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) rescued eight geckos and arrested two persons who tried to sell the reptiles illegally at Chandrima Udyan on Thursday.

A mobile court sentenced the poachers to six months jail each. The convicted are Md Bashir Uddin, 32, and Anwar Hossain, 55, of Gournadi in Barisal.

Rab sources said that they received information that a gang of poachers has brought some geckos, locally known as 'takkhok', to the capital. They went to the area and caught the poachers trying to sell the reptiles.

The accused confessed to their crimes to the mobile court.

## Two ACC staff impersonators held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two youths were arrested by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) on Thursday for allegedly impersonating the chairman and a commissioner of Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and extorting around Tk 8 lakh from some 16 people over phone.

The arrestees, Ziaur Rahman, 28, and Mohammad Israfil, 27, were produced at a press briefing at the ACC office in the capital yesterday.

A team of Rab-10 arrested Ziaur from the capital's Jurain and, as per information retrieved from him, Israfil from Rampura.

Ziaur said they targeted government officials and private executives against whom corruption allegations were circulating in the media.

Claiming to be ACC Chairman Ghulam Rahman or Commissioner Shahabuddin, they extorted these people, promising that charges would not be pressed against them, he said.

Ziaur, a resident of Madaripur, said they opened a bank account in Dutch Bangla Bank's Shantinagar branch in 2011 using Ghulam's name and asked the victims to deposit the money there.

## Trader injured in attack dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A trader, who was stabbed by some people in the capital's Chawkbazar area on Wednesday, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital early yesterday.

The deceased was Delwar Hossain, 48, a plastic utensil seller and a resident of West Islambagh in the capital.

Muhammad Chanchal Bepari, a cousin of Delwar, said some 20 to 25 people attacked Delwar with sharp weapons in front of his house.

He claimed that fellows of Moazzem, another local trader who was killed by some miscreants on Tuesday night, attacked Delwar following the killing.

Delwar and Moazzem had a feud over their business, he said, adding that relatives of Moazzem sued Delwar in connection with the killing.

Locals said Delwar and Moazzem had feud over drug trading in the area.

## ROBI-IUB JOURNO CONTEST

# RU, IUB adjudged winners

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two teams of students from Rajshahi University (RU) and Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) were adjudged winners in the Robi-IUB Young Journalist Contest 2012.

The first runners-up were from American International University, Bangladesh and RU while the second runners-up were from IUB and Daffodil International University.

Robi Axiata Limited Chief Technical Officer AKM Morshed, Chief Financial Officer Mahtabuddin Ahmed and Chief Strategy Officer Yoshishige Hasegawa distributed certificates and prizes among the winners at its head office in the capital on Thursday.

The contest, launched in March, aimed at inspiring students studying media and journalism at different universities of the country to portray their talents.

Students were asked to form teams comprising three to five members and submit a two-minute video presentation alongside the written text covering a news item.

The six winning teams were selected in two categories: "Judges Choice", where a board of judges chose the top three, and "Popular Choice", where another top three were chosen based on the highest number of likes on Facebook.

IUB Head of Media and Communication GM Shahidul Alam and Robi Executive Vice President Md Zabid Ahsan (brand and market communication) and vice presidents Mohiuddin Babar (communications and media relations) and Khandaker Ashraf Hoque (brand and market communication) were present at the awarding ceremony.

## 12th DEATH ANNIVERSARY



Today is the Death Anniversary of our beloved father Mr. Musharraf Hussain Chowdhury. He was a Vanguard soldier of language movement of 1952 and in recognition of this contribution he was awarded Ekushe Padok. He was also the former Managing Director of Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd.

The family members of late Musharraf Hussain Chowdhury have requested all his relatives, friends, former colleagues and well-wishers to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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