

NEWS IN *brief*

Probe identifies 8 BCL men as attackers of JU cultural activists

JU CORRESPONDENT

A probe committee of Jahangirnagar University (JU) has identified eight activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of the university unit as attackers of cultural activists.

They are SM Mahtab Mehedi, Md Jahangir Alam, Md Saifur Rahman, Ferdaous Ahmed, Mitun Kumar Kundu, Mahmudur Rahman, MG Rabbi, and Sheikh Shariful Islam.

The list of the names was presented at a meeting on Sunday, said Proctor Tapan Kumar Saha.

A group of BCL workers stabbed at least 15 cultural activists of Jahangirnagar Sangskritik Jote on April 28 for carrying out movement against the then vice chancellor Shariff Enamul Kabir.

Later, a four-member probe committee, headed

Two electrocuted in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A 10-year old boy and an electrician were electrocuted in separate incidents in Chittagong city on Sunday and yesterday.

The boy, Mohammad Bappi, son of Peyar Ali of Suparipara area, came in contact with a live electric wire while offering prayers in a mosque Sunday night, said police.

He was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

Saidul Islam, 23, from Boalkhali upazila in Chittagong, got electric shock while working in an under-construction building, said police.

He was taken to CMCH where doctors declared

Two super shops fined in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court yesterday fined two super shops Tk 1 lakh for selling rotten and formalin mixed grapes and cherries in Chittagong.

The court led by Joyanal Abdin, executive magistrate of Chittagong City Corporation, fined super shop Wellmart Tk 50,000 for selling formalin mixed red grapes and rotten green ones.

It fined super shop Agora an equal amount for selling formalin mixed cherries.

The court also conducted a drive at Karnaphuli Complex in East Nasirabad area and fined a poultry shop Tk 2,000 for not using standard weights and two butchery shops Tk 2,000 each for running without health certificate from the city corporation.

New committee mulls central bus-truck terminal in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A 14-member technical committee was formed yesterday to study the feasibility of establishing a central bus and truck terminal in Chittagong city to reduce traffic congestion.

The team was formed at a meeting of Central bus-truck terminal implementation committee held in Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) auditorium hall.

CCC Mayor M Manjur Alam said to reduce traffic jam in the city it is necessary to set up truck and bus

Two held with Yaba tablets

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A total of 705 Yaba tablets were seized and two persons were arrested in separate drives by law enforcers in Cox's Bazar and Chittagong yesterday.

They are Afsar, 45, of Cox's Bazar, and Sujit Dey, 30, of Bandarban.

Tipped off, a team from Rab-7 Cox's Bazar Camp conducted a drive at Baruapara in Cox's Bazar around 1:00pm and arrested Afsar and seized 600 Yaba tablets from his possession.

Meanwhile, a team from Pahartali Police Station conducted a drive in front of CDA Market in Chittagong city around 6:30am and caught Sujit



Use of low quality materials in the construction of the Dhaka-Chittagong highway has left it in a dilapidated condition. *Inset*, two vehicles stuck in a crater filled with water on the highway. The photos were taken in Mirsarai of Chittagong on Sunday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

INDO-BANGLA BILATERAL ISSUES

Foreign secretaries meet today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The full range of bilateral issues will be discussed at the annual India-Bangladesh Foreign Office Consultations to be held in New Delhi today.

Agreement on Teesta river, Tipaimukh dam, trade imbalance, demarcation of boundary, exchange of enclaves and adverse possession territories, and killing in the border will be on top of the agenda at the foreign secretary-level meeting.

Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes and his Indian counterpart Ranjan Mathai will lead the delegations of their respective countries at the consultation.

Foreign ministry officials said the two foreign secretaries have no specific agenda of discussion and will hold talks on the full

range of bilateral issues.

They will hold detailed discussions on all aspects of the India-Bangladesh relationship, and, in particular, they are expected to focus on the follow up to decisions taken during the visit of the Bangladeshi prime minister to India in January 2010, the visit of the Indian prime minister to Bangladesh in September 2011, and the first meeting of the India-Bangladesh Joint Consultative Commission (JCC) held in New Delhi in May 2012.

The foreign secretaries will also gauge the progress made in their engagement across the whole range of issues, including political, defence, trade and investment, renewable and nuclear energy, water resources, connectivity, said Indian High Commission in Dhaka sources.

Student's body found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police recovered the body of a college student from the river Padma near Padma Garden in Rajshahi city yesterday.

The deceased Aslam Hossain Rocky, 19, was a student of Barendra College.

Boalia Police Station Sub-Inspector Nazrul Islam said a boatman found the body floating on the river in the morning. Following request from the victim's relatives and police, he dragged the body to the shore.

Rocky went missing on Saturday afternoon after he, along with two other friends, went to the river near Padma Garden for bathing, the police added.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Meer Hamida Aziz, former headmaster of the capital's Agrani High School and also the founding member of Sachetan Nagorik Committee (Sanak), Savar unit, passed away early yesterday. She was 62, said a press release.

She left behind her husband, two daughters and one son.

TIB and Sanak expressed deep shock at her death.

Zainab Alam

METRO DESK

Zainab Alam, mother of Shahin Akhter, staff correspondent of the daily New Age, died of diabetes complications at Bangladesh Medical College and Hospital in the capital yesterday. She was 56, said a press release.

She is survived by her son and four daughters.

She was buried at Azimpur graveyard in the capital following her namaz-e-janaza at a local mosque after Asr prayers.



Opposition Leader in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia hosts an Iftar party for political leaders in LD Hall of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: BNP

Enlighten youths with Tajuddin's thoughts

Speakers tell discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday urged the government to spread the ideologies and thoughts of Tajuddin Ahmed, the first prime minister of Bangladesh government in exile, among the young generation.

They also highlighted the sharp political knowledge of the leader who played a pioneering role by forming the Bangladesh government in exile and organised the Liberation War of 1971 in the absence of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

On the occasion of his 87th birth anniversary, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote held the discussion at the public library in the capital's Shahbagh.

Veteran cultural activist Syed Hasan Imam said the political philosophy of Tajuddin Ahmed was very sharp. He could see the future of the nation and would think about it, he said.

A section of people with international conspiracy, who assassinated Bangabandhu, also killed Tajuddin with three other great heroes of the Liberation War, he added.

Dr Enamul Haque, another cultural person-

ality, said the ideologies of Tajuddin Ahmed should be transmitted to youths to complete the history of the country's independence.

Awami League leader Suranjit Sengupta, also a minister without portfolio, said Bangabandhu and Tajuddin Ahmed were the names of the same entity, whose roles in the Liberation War could not be separated.

Tajuddin Ahmed was involved in all progressive movements of the country, including the language movement, the movement for economic emancipation of the people, and anti-communal movement.

After the independence of Bangladesh, he played a vital role in framing the constitution as a member of the constitution framing committee, according to Baglapedia.

Born at Dardaria village under Kapasia upazila in Gazipur on this day in 1925, Tajuddin was involved in politics from his student life.

He was one of the main initiators in the formation of Awami League in 1949 and in the formulation of six-point demand in 1966.

Tajuddin Ahmed was killed inside Dhaka Central Jail along with three other national leaders on November 3, 1975.

GRENADE ATTACK CASE

Plan hatched at Pintu's house

Says CID official

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Defence lawyer for BNP leader and former deputy minister Abdus Salam Pintu yesterday for the second day continued cross-examination of a Criminal Investigation Department (CID) official in connection with the August 21 grenade attack case.

In response to a question, the CID official Abu Hena Md Yusuf, also the investigation officer (IO) of Ramna Batamul blast cases, said Harkatul Jihad (Huji) chief Mufti Abdul Hannan told him that a meeting was held among Hannan, Pintu, Huji leader Moulana Tajuddin, who is a brother of Pintu, and other Huji leaders and activists at Pintu's Dhanmondi residence to work out the plot of carrying out the grenade attack on an Awami League rally on Bangabandhu Avenue.

Yusuf recorded the statements in writing during the investigation of Ramna Batamul blast cases.

He submitted the written statement to his superiors -- the then additional inspector general of police Khoda Baksh Chowdhury, CID special superintendent of police Ruhul Amin and ASP Munshi Atiqur Rahman.

The high-up got upset with the CID official, as he included information on the August 21 grenade attack in his written statement. They directed Yusuf to drop it from the statement and record a confessional statement of Hannan.

Yusuf dropped the information from the statement. Hannan later made a confessional statement to the Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court but he did not mention anything about the grenade attack, Yusuf said.

Judge Shahed Nuruddin of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 fixed August 5 for the next hearing. The witness will be again cross-examined on that day.

AMINBAZAR KILLING

Accused denied bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected a bail petition of Nihor alias Jamsher Ali, an accused in killings of six students in Aminbazar on the outskirts of the capital in July last year.

The court passed the order after Jamsher's lawyer filed an appeal against the rejection order of the lower court on July 2.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on June 28 arrested Jamsher from Bardeshi village. Later, Jamsher gave a confessional statement before a magistrate on July 2 and was denied bail.

On July 18, six boys, all school and college students, were beaten to death at Bardeshi village in Aminbazar.

CID has so far arrested twelve accused in the killings.



Change in temperature unlikely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka, Sylhet, Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions in 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at places, Met Office said.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:45 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:25am.

Country's highest temperature 35.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 24.0 degrees at Feni and Teknaf.

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	32.9	27.7	75	71
Chittagong	30.0	26.0	89	88
Rajshahi	35.5	27.4	76	77
Rangpur	31.2	26.2	92	95
Khulna	33.0	26.6	92	73
Barisal	31.6	26.5	85	92