

NEWS IN *brief*

Case against Shaon withdrawn

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The murder case filed against Humayun Ahmed's wife, Meher Afroza Shaon, and Mazharul Islam, publisher of Anya Prokash Publication Ltd, was withdrawn by the plaintiff in Chittagong yesterday.

Advocate Nazrul Islam, who claims to be a writer, filed the case on August 1 accusing the duo of killing the litterateur to misappropriate his cash and property.

The plaintiff had stated the basis of his suspicion to be two news items published in dailies Amar Desh and Azadi and an article written by Abdul Hye Shikder.

Nazrul said he withdrew the case after many distinguished persons, through statements in newspapers, requested all to refrain from creating contro-

Three police impersonators held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested three persons with fake pistol as they tried to mug a beauty parlour employee in the guise of detectives in the capital's Gulshan area.

The arrestees are Shamsul Haque alias Babu alias Sagar, 28, Milon Hossain, 28, and Anwar Hossain alias Nayan, 30.

Police said introducing themselves as DB police, seven criminals put Habibur Rahman, a beauty parlour employee, into a microbus after he exited a bank.

The gang blindfolded Habibur and demanded money from him at gunpoint. When the victim cried for

HC declares Kollol publisher of Amader Shomoy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday upheld a Dhaka district magistrate's decision that declared Advocate SM Baksh Kollol as publisher of the daily Amader Shomoy.

The court delivered the verdict after rejecting a writ petition filed by Nayeemul Islam Khan, former editor and publisher of the daily, challenging the legality of the district magistrate's order on September 28 last year.

Following the writ petition, the HC earlier on January 16 stayed the district magistrate's order and also issued a rule upon Kollol and the government authorities concerned to explain why the order should not be declared illegal.

HC denies Golap bail in Faruk murder case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday rejected a bail petition filed by Rajshahi University (RU) unit Islami Chhatra Shibir President Shamsul Alam Golap in connection with RU student Faruk Hossain murder case.

Golap, now in jail, filed the bail petition on May 3 after HC issued a rule upon the government to explain why he should not be granted bail in the case.

After holding hearing on the rule, the HC bench of Justice Rezwan Ali and Justice SH Nurul Huda Jaigirdar yesterday rejected the petition considering that it was not moved before it.

Faruk, a Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activist, was killed by Shibir activists during a clash with BCL on February 9, 2010, according to the case statement.



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(From left) National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman, Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) Executive Director Shaheen Anam, CHT Regional Council Chairman Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, and lawmaker Rashed Khan Menon at a sharing meeting on "Customary Land Laws of 14 Indigenous Communities" in Cirdap auditorium in the capital yesterday. MJF and CHT Regional Council jointly organised the programme.

Int'l Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is being observed by the country's indigenous communities amid non-cooperation from the government in recognising and observing the day.

The government in March asked district and upazila administrations not to cooperate, patronise or even join the day's celebrations, an order that outraged indigenous people struggling to get state recognition and establish their rights.

"We shall observe the day with a sad mood but expect that the government will realise its faults," Sanjeeb Drong, general secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, told The Daily Star yesterday.

"We hope to get cooperation from the police and administration," he added.

The indigenous communities will hold a daylong programme in the capital's Central Shaheed Minar. This year's theme of the day is "Indigenous Media, Empowering Indigenous Voices".

Defamation case against Rizwana Hasan quashed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday quashed a defamation case against Chief Executive of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) Syeda Rizwana Hasan and Bela's lawyer Iqbal Kabir Lytton.

Manager of ship breaking company MAK Corporation filed the case in 2011 after Bela served two notices to the government saying the ship breaking company is preparing to export toxic ship ignoring an HC order.

The Mak Corporation manager in the case accused the duo of causing financial damage to his company and tarnishing its image and dignity.

The accused filed a petition with the HC on January 24 in 2011 to quash the case. The HC on that day issued a rule asking government and the plaintiff of the case to explain why the case should not be quashed and stayed the proceedings of the case.

Use of customary Adivasi laws to end CHT land disputes urged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a meeting yesterday stressed the need for application and preservation of customary laws and traditional practices of the indigenous people to resolve land disputes in the hills.

The customary laws which determine land ownership of Adivasis in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), however, should be made consistent with present realities, said Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, chairman of CHT Regional Council.

The traditional laws can also apply for plain land Adivasis, the speakers told the meeting where findings of a study on customary land laws of 14 indigenous communities were shared. CHT Regional Council and Manusher Jonno

Foundation (MJF) organised the programme in the capital's Cirdap auditorium.

Dr Mizanur Rahman, chairman of National Human Rights Commission, said the traditional rules or customs of the 14 indigenous communities needed to be preserved for the sake of solving future problems. General people consider land as capital but for indigenous people land is not only a means of production, it is everything—life, livelihood and culture, he said.

Larma alleged that the settlement of five lakh Bangalees in the hills since 1979 had been a process to eliminate the indigenous people. It also proved the government sees Adivasis with annoyance, he said.

The speakers demanded full implementation of the 1997 CHT Peace Accord to ensure rights of indigenous people and maintain peace and harmony in the hills.

The accord will have to be implemented fully within the tenure of this government, said Dr Mizanur, fearing that no other government would implement it.

A separate land commission for plain land Adivasis was also demanded.

Rashed Khan Menon, chairman of the parliamentary caucus on indigenous people, Shakti Pada Tripura, study coordinator of CHT Regional Council, and rights activist Sanjeeb Drong also spoke on the occasion. Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, moderated the meeting.



PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Jatiyatbadi Muktijuddher Projanmo forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday protesting the killing of a businessman in Jhenidah by Indian Border Security Force.

BISWANATH HARTAL DEATH 6 cops, 359 ruling party men sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A cousin of Jatiyatbadi Jubo Dal activist Monwar Hossain, one of the three victims killed in Biswanath during a BNP hartal, yesterday sued six policemen and 359 activists of the ruling Awami League and its front organisations.

Rais Ali filed the case with the Court-II of Senior Judicial Magistrate Sylhet Md Moazzem Hossain. The magistrate took the case into cognisance.

The policemen made accused in the case include OC Abul Kalam Azad, OC (investigation) Chand Miah, and two sub-inspectors and two constables of Biswanath Police Station.

Among the accused leaders are upazila AL President Mujammil Ali, General Secretary Babul Akhtar, upazila Sramik League President Sadhan Chandra Das, Krishak League Convener Sorab Ali, Swechhasebok League General Secretary Sirajul Islam, Bangladesh Chhatra League Convener Foyzur Islam Joy, and Jubo League Convener Mokaddus Ali.

The complaint says during the April 23 hartal called in protest of disappearance of Ilias Ali, the accused beat and shot Monwar dead. The prime accused, Foyzur Islam Joy, opened the fire on Monwar, it adds.

Opposition activists Selim Ahmed, Monwar Hossain and Zakir Hossain were shot dead as hartal enforcers clashed with police and AL supporters during the countrywide hartal.

Obituary

METRO DESK



Dabirul Hasan Junaid, an eminent tea planter, died at his residence in Dhaka on Monday. He was 73.

He is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren, said a press release.

Dabirul Hasan, the younger brother of Brac Founder and Chairman Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, was managing director of Progressive Brokers Limited, and director of Planters (BD) Ltd and Hasan Holding Ltd.

His qukhwani will be held after Asr prayers at Brac Centre (2nd floor) in the capital tomorrow.

All his relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to attend the programme.

Robbers loot valuables, injure four

UNB, Keraniganj

Robbers looted valuables, including 2.5 tolas of gold ornaments, from a house on Chunkutia Girls' School Road in South Keraniganj yesterday.

Four people were also injured, one of them with bullets, in the broad day light robbery.

Police said 5-6 robbers attacked the house of one Sharif around 1:00pm and looted 2.5 tolas of gold ornaments, one mobile phone set, and other valuables worth about Tk 2 lakh at gunpoint.

Soni, 24, wife of Sharif, her six-year-old son, and her younger brother were injured while trying to resist the robbers.

Rahim Badshah, a guard at the house, sustained bullet wounds as the robbers fired at him when he tried to prevent their escape.

He was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

PM to attend Aug 12 Global Hunger Event in London

OUR CORRESPONDENT, London

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will attend the Global Hunger Event to be held in London at the close of the Olympic Games on August 12.

British Prime Minister David Cameron will challenge global leaders to step up efforts to improve nutrition and reduce the rate of stunting among the world's poorest children between now and the next Olympics in 2016.

The Global Hunger Event will help to strengthen these commitments by identifying pioneering new ways of working to tackle malnutrition and bringing in new champions to support the global movement.

Almost one in three of the world's poorest children cannot reach their full potential due to malnutrition.

As the London Olympics closes, UK Prime Minister David Cameron and Vice President of Brazil Michel Temer will call on the world to take the action needed to transform the life chances of millions of children before the 2016 Olympics.

A new global target to reduce the number of stunted children by 70 million or 40 percent by 2025 has been agreed by the World Health Assembly. The UN secretary general recently challenged all to create a world free from stunting.

Britain hopes this event on the closing day of Olympics will mean that London 2012 has a lasting legacy for millions more children around the world by improving their nutrition and giving them the opportunity to fulfill their potential too.

DHAKA TODAY

Discussion
Society for Peace and Progress will organise a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:00am.

Human chain
Chittagong Hill Tracts Equal Rights Movement will form a human chain; Venue: in front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

Workshop
Institute of Governance Studies will hold a workshop; Venue: Brac Centre inn; Time: 4:30pm.

Citizens' rally
Nagorik Sanghati will organise a citizens' rally; Venue: in front of Bangladesh National Museum; Time: 10:30am.

Discussion
Grameen Bank Rokkha O Durjon Protirodh Kendra will hold a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:30pm.

Discussion
Old Dhaka Youth Club will hold a discussion; Venue: in front of Kona Community Centre, Bangshal; Time: 4:00pm.

Programme
Bangladesh Adivasi Forum will organise a programme; Venue: Central Shaheed Minar premises; Time: 10:00am.

Discussion

WEATHER TODAY

Change in temperature unlikely

UNB, Dhaka

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

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

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

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:36pm and rises tomorrow at 5:32am.

Country's highest temperature 34.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sayedpur and lowest 24.3 degrees at Cox's Bazar.

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	32.5	26.0	86	91
Chittagong	30.0	25.2	93	85
Rajshahi	33.6	26.5	91	80
Rangpur	33.3	27.0	81	77
Khulna	31.5	26.5	98	87
Barisal	31.5	26.2	94	76

COMING OUT TOMORROW **theSTAR**

As an Eid gift to our readers, *the Star* has brought out a literary issue of fiction and poetry of Bangladeshi and South Asian writers. Don't miss this special issue that exposes the creative endeavours that are born from the convergence of cultures. Wait also for the August 17th issue, which is another Eid Special aimed to bring laughter and fun to this festive occasion.

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