

NEWS IN *brief*

**SB official becomes victim of doping gang in capital**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A member of special branch (SB) of police was allegedly doped by "Agyan Party", a group of muggers who make people unconscious by doping them, in Segunbagicha area of the capital yesterday.

The victim Shahiduzzaman, 35, assistant sub-inspector at SB reserve office in the capital's Malibagh area, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Humayun Kabir, assistant sub-inspector at the SB office, said Shahiduzzaman left his office for Audit Office in Segunbagicha area around 2:30pm.

"He drank a green coconut from a footpath shop and became unconscious at the stairs of the Audit

**Cuet admission process starts September 2**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Admission process for honours programme at Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (Cuet) in 2012-2013 academic session will begin on September 2 and continue till October 9.

Students can apply through sending an SMS from mobile operator Teletalk and foreign students and those who completed A-levels have to apply through Cuet's website www.cuet.ac.bd.

The list of students qualified for the admission test, to

**SAU admission test on Nov 30**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The admission test for the first year honours courses under 2012-13 academic sessions at Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU) will be held on November 30.

The decision came at the central admission committee meeting headed by Vice-Chancellor Prof Mohammad Shadat Ullah yesterday, said a press release.

Admission seekers can submit application for the test by sending message (SMS) through any number of telecom operator Teletalk.

The students have to pay fee Tk 560 for the admission test.

**VoIP equipment seized**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized VoIP equipment worth around Tk 1 crore and arrested a youth in this connection in Khasdobir area of the city Wednesday evening.

The arrestee Ziaul Haque, 20, hailing from Fulbaria of Mymensingh, used to work in a firm, Sagorika Enterprise.

On information, the Rab seized the VoIP equipment and arrested him from a house in the area. However, two main suspects in the illegal business, managed to escape.

Rab said a gang, led by Azmal and Sohel in the city's Shahi Eidgah area, has been running the illegal business in the name of the firm for long.



A Dhaka city corporation truck transports waste violating the city corporation rules that prohibit movement of uncovered garbage trucks to prevent environmental pollution. The photo was taken in Shahbagh area yesterday noon.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

**BCL ACTIVIST MURDER 5 JCD men get life sentence**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Five fugitive Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activists were sentenced to life in prison by a Sylhet court on Wednesday for killing a Bangladesh Chhatra League man on November 19, 1999.

JCD is a pro-BNP student organisation and BCL is a pro-Awami League student organisation.

The convicts were also fined Tk 50,000 each, in default, to suffer two more years in prison. They are Lakshman Malakar and Kamal Ahmed of Sylhet city's Khuliapara area, Shubhra Bhattacharya of Sachna in Jamalganj upazila under Sunamganj district and Abdul Wahab Quaiyum and Shueb Ahmed of the city's Sheikhghat.

The victim, Jhuton Mazumder, was called out from his Mirza Jangal residence in the city and then stabbed and shot dead. His brother Liton Mazumder filed a case with Sylhet Kotwali Police Station the following day accusing 12 people. Police submitted the charge-sheet against six of the accused on May 2, 2000.

The Additional District and Sessions Judge III Manzurul Haque Khan acquitted the sixth accused, Bishnu Pada.

**PADMA BRIDGE Don't insult people**

Matia urges World Bank

UNB, Dhaka

Criticising the World Bank for scrapping its loan deal on Padma Bridge construction, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury yesterday called upon the global lending agency not to insult the people of Bangladesh.

"Don't insult the people of Bangladesh...come up with funding for the Padma Bridge," she told a discussion at the National Press Club expressing her anger at the WB dilemma over reviving its loan deal.

Matia said construction of the Padma Bridge is their (AL govt) election pledge and the government would implement the project at any cost.

Bangladesh Krishak League arranged the event marking the 37th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The minister said the present government could successfully run the country over the last three and half years.

Matia urged the opposition to come up with the constructive criticism of the government on its activities. "The opposition is our friend...we want their constructive criticism."

Despite a rise in oil prices in the international market, the government could keep the oil price at tolerable level, Matia said adding, "We could also control the price hike of essentials."

Food and Disaster Management Minister Abdur Razzaque, AL Organising Secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim, Privatisation Commission Chairman Dr Mirza Abdul Jalil, also spoke on the occasion. Krishak League President Motaher Hossain Mollah presided over the event.

**DESTINY SCAM Bail hearing for 5 top officials deferred**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday deferred till September 12 the hearing on petitions seeking cancellation of bail of five Destiny Group top officials, including its managing director, in two money laundering cases.

Judge Mohammad Zahurul Haque of the Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order though the prosecution was ready to take part in the hearing.

The judge also asked both the prosecution and the defence to place legal opinion on September 12 whether the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court had any jurisdiction to grant them bail.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Erfan Ullah granted bail to the five Destiny officials after the accused surrendered before it on August 6.

The officials are -- Destiny's Managing Director Md Rafiqul Amin and its Director Lt Gen (ret'd) M Harunur Rashid, Destiny-2000 Ltd Chairman Mohammad Hossain and its two directors Gofranul Huq and Sayed-ur Rahman.

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the petitions on August 13 challenging the legality of the lower court order that had granted bail to the five top officials.

On July 31, the ACC sued 22 officials of Destiny Group for laundering Tk 3,285.26 crore by cheating investors.

**NHRC boss for creating human rights awareness**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Chairman Mizanur Rahman yesterday urged people to create mass awareness to establish human rights for every citizen of Bangladesh.

He was addressing as chief guest a view-sharing meeting, "Working together for the promotion of human rights", organised by NHRC in the Rangpur Deputy Commissioner's conference room.

Mizanur Rahman said the country's people fought in the 1971 Liberation War to establish social justice, equal opportunity and self-respect and to achieve social, cultural, economic and political independence by ensuring human rights.

He said the government was responsible as per the constitution to ensure human rights for every citizen of the country and

NHRC was working to this end.

An executive of United Nation's Development Programme for Human Rights Project, Md Zakir Hossain, narrated the NHRC activities. Additional Deputy Commissioner in Rangpur Abul Foyez Mohammad Alauddin Khan presided over the meeting.

NHRC Secretary Tazul Islam Chowdhury, Deputy Inspector General of Police for Rangpur Range Binoy Krishna Bala, Superintendent of Police of Rangpur Saleh Mohammad Tanvir, Prof Dr Rezaul Haq, Prof Abdul Alim and Rangpur Civil Surgeon Dr Rezaul Karim also spoke at the meeting.

Heads of different government and non-government organisations, educational institutions, freedom fighters, businessmen, students, lawyers, socio-cultural and human rights activities and journalists of both print and electronic media took part in the meeting.

**Two women shot in capital**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman and her niece were shot and injured by unknown criminals following a feud allegedly over drug trading in the capital's Uttarkhan area yesterday.

Bullet-hit Shamsunnahar Champa, 38, and her niece Jui Akhter, 20, were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Champa sustained wounds in her abdomen, leg, finger and right hand while Jui in her right leg.

Md Yunus Ali, officer-in-charge at Uttarkhan Police Station, said two armed criminals banged on the door of Champa's Noapara residence around 7:30am.

As Champa opened the door, the criminals shot her and Jui, he said adding that they were investigating the matter.

Champa told journalists at DMCH that associates of Chhuni, a drug trader in Khilgaon area, were involved in the incident.

According to Champa, she got involved in drug trading through Chhuni's persuasion about six years back when she lived at Ohab Colony of Basabo area. But, later she left the business that made Chhuni angry.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Seminar** Time: 8:00am to 4:00pm.  
Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) will organise a seminar; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:00am.

**Discussion**  
Bangabandhu Parishad will hold a discussion; Venue: 87, Bashir Uddin Road, Kalabagan; Time: 10:00am.

**Roundtable**  
Swadesh Jagoron Parishad will arrange a roundtable; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

**Election**  
Bangladesh Computer Society (BCS) will organise its management committee election; Venue: Seminar Room, Buet Engineering Bhaban;

**Discussion**  
Dakastha Dashmina-Galachipa Jatiya Shok Dibas Udjapan Committee will hold a discussion; Venue: Moitree



People rarely visit this open market sale (OMS) point at Beribandh Chand Udyan in the capital's Mohammadpur to buy rice after the Eid vacation. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

**2 left parties protest power tariff hike**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two left-leaning political parties yesterday protested the government move to increase power tariff, which they said would be effective from September, and urged the government not to renew contracts for rental and quick rental power plants.

Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh, in a statement, said increasing the power tariff without improving the service quality was putting the country's macro economy under pressure and would adversely affect productive sectors, like agriculture and industry, said the statement.

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) in another statement, said the government increased power tariff five times till date.

CPB suggested that the government moves forward with long-, mid- and short-term plans to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

**WEATHER TODAY**

**Rain likely**

UNB, Dhaka

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

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 6:17pm and rises tomorrow at 5:41am.**

Country's highest temperature 35.4 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 25.8 degrees Celsius at Satkhira, Comilla and Cox's Bazar.

The highest maximum temperature is likely to be 35-36 degrees Celsius and the lowest minimum temperature may be 25-26 degrees Celsius.

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	27.8	69	72
Chittagong	31.8	26.2	79	76
Rajshahi	35.4	27.0	86	81
Rangpur	33.0	27.6	85	80
Khulna	33.4	27.0	84	82
Barisal	32.6	26.5	78	76