

NEWS IN *brief*

**Humayun Ahmed's 'Ghetuputro Komola' to compete for Oscar**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Ghetuputro Komola" (Pleasure Boy Komola), a film by late Humayun Ahmed, has been selected to contest for Oscar award, the greatest honour in motion picture industry, in "Foreign Language Films" category.

Oscar Bangladesh Committee Chairman Habibur Rahman Khan announced its selection at a press conference in the capital on Tuesday.

Ghetuputro Komola is the last film directed by Humayun Ahmed, who passed away on July 19. It will compete for the 85th annual Academy Awards.

Faridur Reza Sagar, managing director of Impress Telefilm Ltd, which produced the film, recalled a wishful Humayun while giving his reaction. "Before flying to the US, Humayun Ahmed told me if Bangladesh selected this movie for contesting Oscar, it would be an absolute pleasure for me."

**One dies as train hits him**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was killed and another injured when a train hit them in Kuril area in the capital yesterday.

The deceased Enamul Haque, 20, and the injured Mohammed Saju, 28, were construction workers.

They were crossing the twin railway tracks in the area when two trains came together from the opposite directions and any of the two hit them, co-workers said.

The men were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 7:00pm where Enamul was declared dead while condition of the other was

**Fake revenue stamps seized, 4 held**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch (DB) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) arrested four persons from Agrabad and Goshaldanga in the port city and seized fake revenue stamps and court fee worth Tk 17 lakh from their possession on Monday and yesterday.

The arrestees are Din Islam, 35, Firoz, 35, Kanchan Biswas alias Sumon, 30 and Mominul Hoque Saiful, 33. "Disguising ourselves we went to Agrabad area and arrested Saiful and Sumon when they tried to sell us fake court fee on Monday. We seized a fake revenue stamp worth Tk 1 lakh," said Humayun Rashid, sub-inspector of DB.

Police arrested Din that night and Firoz the following day and recovered the remaining fake stamps

**Woman dies from electrocution**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A housewife died allegedly from electrocution at her residence in the capital's Pallabi yesterday.

The deceased was Nahid Begum, 40, wife of metal scrap trader Md Shakil.

Quoting her husband, police said Nahid was electrocuted while switching on the electric water pump of her house around 8:00am.

Nahid's husband rushed her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared her dead. An Unnatural Death case was filed with Pallabi Police Station in this connection.



A man fishes with his cast net in a tremendously polluted Buriganga to the surprise of many who believe the river to be unfit for aquatic life to survive. Inset, a boy holding out a catch from the boat. The photo was taken near Second Buriganga Bridge in Keraniganj of Dhaka on Friday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

KARNAPHULI TUNNEL

**Feasibility study nearly complete: Quader**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The feasibility study on the construction of the country's first ever tunnel under the river Karnaphuli is at its final stage, Communications Minister Obaidul Quader told parliament yesterday.

The proposed tunnel will connect the southern part of Chittagong with Chittagong city as well as facilitating communications with the tourist city of Cox's Bazar.

"The construction work will begin on getting necessary allocation of money as suggested by the feasibility study," Quader replied to lawmakers' queries. "It is hoped that the construction of the tunnel will be completed within the next five years."

On the progress of widening of Dhaka-Mymensingh highway into four lanes, he said infrastructure works of the project had been divided into four packages. "But works of the first two packages [from Joydevpur to Mawna] have been suspended due to some problems with the contractors concerned."

He said fresh tender had been floated and evaluation process was under way to

select the bidder.

About the progress of two other bidders' works, he said 13 percent of their works had been completed and the total work was to be completed by next year.

**86,000 UNFIT VEHICLES IN DHAKA**  
Replying to another query, the minister said as many as 86,000 different types of unfit vehicles were plying the city roads illegally.

He also said two mobile courts of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority were taking legal actions against those who were operating those unfit vehicles.

On unnecessary speed breakers on highways, Quader said all the accident maker speed breakers would be replaced by rumble strips.

Rumble strips are a series of rough strips across the road used to warn the driver that they are approaching an intersection or need to slow down.

Quader said many speed breakers were built in an unplanned way and sometimes illegally resulting in road accidents.

GAZIPUR-4 ELECTION

**HC for letting Bazlul Haque contest**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the Election Commission to allow independent candidate Bazlul Haque to contest the Gazipur-4 by-election by accepting his nomination paper.

The court passed the order after hearing a writ petition filed by Bazlul challenging the legality of the EC's decision to cancel his candidature.

Bazlul's lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan said there was no legal bar to his client's participation in the election scheduled for September 30 following the HC order.

On September 5, the returning officer (RO) of Gazipur rejected Bazlul's candidature on grounds that he did not submit his attested educational certificates and the papers showing support of at least one percent of voters of the constituency along with his nomination paper.

The independent candidate filed an appeal with the EC on September 7 challenging the RO's order. On September 10, the EC upheld the RO's decision after rejecting his appeal.

Bazlul on Monday filed the writ petition with the HC, saying that he had submitted his attested educational certificates and relevant papers showing support of more than one percent of voters along with his nomination paper, but the EC officials did not apply their minds to the papers.

Yesterday, a vacation HC bench of Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury and Justice Quazi Reza-ul Hoque passed the order after disposing of the petition.

**Dy Speaker rejects BNP MP's notices**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deputy Speaker Shawkat Ali in parliament yesterday rejected all the 25 notices on various issues submitted by a BNP lawmaker for discussion.

BNP lawmaker Jafrul Islam Choudhury submitted the notices demanding for adjournment of the scheduled business of the House to discuss the issues including World Bank's allegations of corruption in the Padma Bridge project and Hall-Mark scam.

Shawkat Ali, who was presided over the sitting at that time, said he has examined the content of the notices and found that some of the notices are based on guess and the rest can be settled through other provisions of the rules of procedure of parliament.

The opposition lawmakers have been boycotting parliament proceedings since March.

**41 tortoises recovered, one held**

A CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Forest officials of Khulna yesterday recovered 41 Sundhi tortoises and arrested a man in Batiaghata upazila of the district.

The arrestee Sanjoy Kumar, 40, hails from Agalghara of Barisal.

Sanjoy was produced before reporters, where he said he came to Khulna to sell about 37kg of Sundhi tortoises, which were captured recently from different canals and rivers of Barisal.

The Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court in Khulna sent Sanjoy to jail after the Wildlife Division filed a case against him asking compensation of Tk 1.14 lakh.

As per the court order, Abu Nasser Muhammad Yasin Newaz, divisional forest officer (DFO) of The Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Department, released the tortoises in the Bhairabriver.

**National Cycling Day demanded**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers yesterday urged the government to declare September 18 as National Cycling Day saying cycling is one of the most important means of transportation considering environment and health.

They were speaking at a rally organised by Bangladesh Cycling Federation, Dhaka Cycling Club, and Nirapad Development Foundation at Aparajeyo Bangla of Dhaka University.

They said fuel-run transports emit carbon dioxide, which is contributing to climate change. Cycles can be a safe transport for commuting in Bangladesh if authorities concerned take necessary measures.

Bangladesh's first Mount Everest conqueror Musa Ibrahim, among others, spoke at the rally.



Cyclists yesterday bring out a procession from Aparajeyo Bangla of Dhaka University demanding September 18 as National Cycling Day.

PHOTO: STAR

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Seminar**  
National Human Rights Commission will organise the second phase of a seminar; Venue: Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel; Time: 10:00am.

**Programme**  
Directorate General of Family Planning, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and USAID SHOPS Project will arrange a programme on permanent methods of family planning; Venue: Ball Room, Ruposhi Bangla Hotel; Time: 11:00am.

**Roundtable**  
Development Initiative for Inclusive

**WEATHER TODAY**

**Rain likely**

UNB, Dhaka

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

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

Day and night temperature may rise slightly over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 05:58pm and rises tomorrow at 05:47am.**

Country's highest temperature 33.7 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 24.6 degrees at Rangamati.

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	33.0	26.5	74	73
Chittagong	31.0	26.0	83	80
Rajshahi	32.0	26.0	97	90
Rangpur	32.2	25.5	84	86
Khulna	33.2	26.5	84	84
Barisal	32.4	26.4	80	83

**Girl dies in accident**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A girl died as a blown off nozzle of a tyre pumper hit her in the head in the capital's Gabtoli yesterday.

The victim was, 8, Subarna Akhter, daughter of day labourer Mohammad Tuhin.

Khalilur Rahman Patwari, officer-in-charge at Darus Salam Police Station, said Subarna received head injuries as the nozzle hit her when she was eating bread near to a workshop around 3:00pm.

A new tyre was being pumped at the workshop, he said.

The victim's mother Hosne Ara, who works at a restaurant near to the workshop, said she was working inside the restaurant leaving her daughter outside.

Subarna was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors

ADMISSION TO BUET

**Committees formed to begin process**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Academic Council of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) yesterday formed admission committees to begin the first year admission process for the academic session of 2012-2013.

A central admission committee was formed at a meeting chaired by dean's committee chairman Prof Muhammad Zakaria. Prof Roxana Hafiz, dean of architecture and planning faculty, was made convener of committee.

However, Vice Chancellor Prof SM Nazrul Islam did not attend the meeting. He sent a note to the council mentioning that he could not attend the meeting because of his illness and asked the council members to continue the meeting as per the rules.

Meanwhile, the council members expressed no confidence in two members of the newly formed admission committee and requested the university authorities not to keep them in the committee, said some members preferring anonymity.

The two members -- Controller of Examinations Prof Dr Moazzem Hossain and Directorate of Students' Welfare Director Professor Dr Nazrul Islam are the ex-officio members of the committee.

The committees will hold a meeting soon to set a date for the admission test, said the members.

**Boy's body found, 4 held**

STAR CORRESPONDENT

The body of a five-year-old was recovered from the water reserve tank of his neighbour's house at Ananadnagar in the capital's Darussalam on Monday.

The deceased, Nayeem, son of Raju Mollah, went missing since Sunday afternoon.

Police yesterday arrested his neighbour Md Rana and three others on suspicion of being involved with the murder.

Nayon Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Darussalam Police Station, said Rana discovered the body floating inside his house's water tank around 10:00pm on Monday.

Hearing his screams, Raju and other neighbours rushed in and rescued the body.

BORDER FENCE

**BGB, BSF carry out joint inspection**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday made a joint inspection of 21 patches of the border in West Tripura district where India proposes to construct a single-row fencing.

BSF sources said although 80 percent of the 856 km border with Bangladesh in Tripura had been fenced to check infiltration and smuggling.

Sixty-one patches of the border in the state could not be fenced due to resistance of local people for possible damage to their properties including houses, temples and water bodies, they said.

A double-row barbed wire fencing was constructed 150 yards away from the zero line of the border according to the Indira-Mujib pact signed in 1974.

BGB officials said India's proposal to construct the single row fencing near the zero line would be placed before Bangladesh government for a decision.

It was likely that another meeting between BSF and BGB would be held next month for review of the progress.

The BSF, which is the nodal agency for construction of barbed wire fencing, has set a target to complete the fencing by the next year.