

JBH to provide free treatment to Ramu victims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Japan Bangladesh Friendship Hospital will arrange a two-day long medical camp at Ramu in Cox's Bazar to provide free medical support to the victims of September 29 violence.

An emergency medical response team of the hospital will provide medical assistance on October 18 and October 19.

Japan Bangladesh Friendship Hospital Chairman Prof Dr Jonaid Shafiq and Managing Director Prof Dr Sarder Nayem will lead the team.

The team comprising of 20 doctors, nurses, and pharmacists will leave for Ramu on October 17 to give free treatment there.

The hospital also opened a booth at its headquarters for financial donations to help Ramu victims.

The booth will remain open till the night of October 17.

36 air force officers receive bachelor's degree

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirty-six air force officers received bachelor's degrees at a graduation ceremony in Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) auditorium at Bangladesh Air Force Base Bir Shreshtho Matiur Rahman in Jessore yesterday.

Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Muhammad Enamul Bari handed over the Bachelor of Science (Aeronautics) and Bachelor of Business Studies (Pass) degrees to the graduates, said a press release of InterServices Public Relations (ISPR).

The graduates, all of whom obtained first class, appeared in BSc (Aeronautics) and in BBS (Pass) examinations after three years' courses under Bangladesh University of Professional (BUP), the release said.

Speaking on the occasion, Muhammad Enamul Bari said for maintaining war-fighting skills, there is no alternative to acquiring knowledge and effective training.



Youths release Koi fishes into a crater filled with water on Arakan road in Chittagong's Changaon area yesterday to highlight the dire condition of the road. Jatisheba Paribahan Malik Samiti, a bus owners' association of the port city, organised the programme alongside a human chain to demand repair of the road that connects to the busy Bahaddarhat-Kaptai road.

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## SAGAR-RUNI MURDER

# Five suspects sent on remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Five suspects in Nitai murder case were sent on a five-day remand each in connection with the killing of journalist couple Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Rumi.

The five suspects, who were in jail in Nitai killing case, were shown arrested in the journalist couple murder case on October 10 after its investigation officer (IO) Zafar Ullah, also senior SP of Rab, sought remand for 10 days each from a Dhaka court.

The five suspects are - Masum Mintu, Bakul Miah, Rafiqul Islam and Abu Sayeed-- and Kamrul Hassan Arun, a former driver of Dr Nitai, an assistant professor of the National Institute of Diseases of the Chest and Hospital (NIDCH). Nitai was killed on August 23.

Following the remand prayer, Metropolitan Magistrate Keshab Roy Chowdhury granted a five-day remand for each yesterday.

The same court on October 10 granted an eight-day remand to two other suspects in the couple murder case - Tanvir Rahman, an

official of English medium school Scholastica, and Palash Rudra Pual, a security guard of the building where the couple was murdered.

On October 9, Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir at a press conference named the seven suspects for the journalist couple murder.

The five suspects broke into tears in the dock yesterday after the magistrate asked them about their involvement in the murder. The accused said they knew nothing about the couple murder.

IO Zafar in his forwarding report said the information obtained from the five suspects proved that they were involved in the couple murder. More information about the murder could be gathered if they were interrogated intensively, he added.

Sagar news editor of private TV station Maarsanga, and his wife Rumi, a senior reporter of ATN Bangla, were killed at their rented apartment in the capital's West Razabazar on February 11 this year.

RONY'S DEATH  
Family labels it as pre-planned killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The family of a youth, who died in what police claimed an "exchange of gunfire" with criminals at Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital on Saturday, claimed that it was a pre-planned killing over a land-related feud.

Monir Hossain, maternal cousin of the deceased Shahadat Hossain Rony, 18, yesterday said Rony left his Kaundia residence in Savar after receiving a phone call around 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and they received the news of his death at 7:00 p.m.

Later they came to know that Rony, a second-year student at Mirpur Government Bangla College, had gone to visit a friend's aunt in Bagbari area of Kashimpur, he said.

The friend, Nayan, is one of the six police arrested after the exchange of gunfire.

The aunt's daughter, Kamrun Nahar, said Nayan and his friends, including Rony, came to their house and left after taking lunch.

Kamrun said two of their neighbours, with whom they had a dispute over an 82-decimal land since 1985, had used Detective Branch (DB) of Police to kill Rony, arrest the six and stage the gunfight to grab the land.

Rony's family claimed that there was no case filed against Rony.

Ashulia Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Badrul Alam said DB filed a murder case and an arms case with the police station over Saturday's incident.

Dhaka D B O C Wahiduzzaman denied Kamrun's allegations, stating that there were many witnesses to the gunfire exchange.

## Road crashes kill one, injure eleven

METRO DESK

A trucker was killed and at least 11 people, including ten army men, were injured in separate road accidents in Gaibandha and Tangail on Saturday and yesterday.

Our Gaibandha correspondent reports, a truck driver was killed and his helper injured when the vehicle fell into a ditch beside Gobindaganj-Dinajpur road at Shahebganj cane farm on Saturday night.

Police said the Dinajpur-bound goods-laden truck plunged into the ditch when it tried to go back as a gang of robbers put up barricades on the road with logs.

The trucker Ramjan Ali, 45, succumbed to his injuries on the way to a health complex.

The injured was Rezaul, 25, the truck helper.

Our Tangail correspondent reports, a total of 10 army men were injured when their truck skidded off Bangabandhu Bridge approach road in Salla area of Kalihati upazila yesterday morning.

Bangabandhu Bridge East Police Station Sub-Inspector (SI) Rezaul Islam Khan said the truck carrying the army men were going to Ghatail Cantonment from Jamuna Cantonment at the eastern end of the bridge.

Being informed, a team from the Jamuna Cantonment rushed to the spot and sent the injured to Combined Military Hospital in Ghatail Cantonment, the SI added.

4 HC judges to be sworn in today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four High Court judges, whose appointments were regularised on October 13, will be sworn in today.

They are Justice Ruhul Quddus, Justice Md Khasruzzaman, Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Farid Ahmed.

Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain will administer the oath of the newly appointed judges at the Supreme Court auditorium this morning. SC Registrar AKM Shamsul Islam told The Daily Star yesterday.

On October 13, President Zillur Rahman confirmed their appointments as regular judges and the ministry of law yesterday issued a gazette notification to this effect.

**Selim CPB president, Zafar general secretary**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday elected Mujahidul Islam Selim and Syed Abu Zafar Ahmed as the party's president and general secretary respectively.

They were elected during the first meeting of a 49-member central committee, which was formed at the end of the party's 10th congress. However, names of seven members of the committee were not announced immediately.

Besides, the names of presidium members, central committee organisers, four advisers, and a 211-member national parishad were also announced, CPB leader Rubin Hosain Prince told The Daily Star.

A three-day 10th congress of the party ended on Saturday in the capital.

During the congress, the party amended some provisions in its manifesto including that a member of the party can be elected as president or general secretary maximum twice, added Prince.

The presidium members of the party are Haider Akbar Khan Rono, Md Shah Alam, Mohammad Altaf Hossain, Laxmi Chakraborty, Shamsuzzaman Selim, Kazi Sajjad Jahir Chandon, Ahsan Habi, Lablu, and Rafiquzzaman Layek.

The last committee was formed at the 9th national congress in 2008.

## Ensure jobs for physically challenged women

Roundtable urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday urged the government to ensure employment opportunities for the country's physically challenged women and implement the reserved quota for them in government jobs.

They also demanded 15 percent allocation for physically challenged women in the government's safety nets programmes.

Besides, they urged the women and children affairs ministry to ensure ten percent quota for physically challenged women under its different training programmes.

Access Bangladesh Foundation, with the assistance of Manusher Jonno Foundation, organised the roundtable on the "Role of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs for the Development of the Physically Challenged Women" in the capital's Biam auditorium.

Given proper education and employment facilities, the physically challenged women of the country could contribute to its development, said speakers.

Some physically challenged women, who

participated in the discussion, alleged that the government facilities available for the physically challenged people are limited.

Moreover, a large portion of the government allocation for these people is being spent in the urban areas than the rural areas, they alleged.

They also alleged the government officials responsible for supervising women development issues at upazila and district level of being negligent to their duties.

Ashraf Hossain, director general of the Department of Women Affairs, said necessary steps will be taken after discussion with the government high-ups to help the physically challenged women to earn their livelihoods by themselves.

Mahua Paul, vice-chairperson of Access Bangladesh Foundation, presented a keynote paper at the roundtable.

CM Tofael Sami, chairperson of Access Bangladesh Foundation, chaired the programme while Najrana Yasmin Hir, programme officer of Manusher Jonno Foundation, and poet Kazi Roji also addressed it.



Bangladesh Rickshaw-van Malik-Sramik Sangram Parishad forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday to press home their five-point demand including immediate declaration of a date for rickshaw licence renewal.

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