

NEWS IN *brief*

Bhasani's death anniversary observed

UNB, Dhaka
The 36th death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani was observed yesterday. On the occasion, different organisations chalked out elaborate programmes. Awami League, BNP, Jatiya Party, National Awami Party (NAP-Bhasani), Maulana Bhasani Science and Technology University, and Bhasani Smriti Sangsad placed wreaths at the grave of Bhasani at Santosh in Tangail, and offered fateha there. President Zillur Rahman, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia issued separate messages paying their rich tributes to the memory of the

Teenage garbage collector dies after being beaten

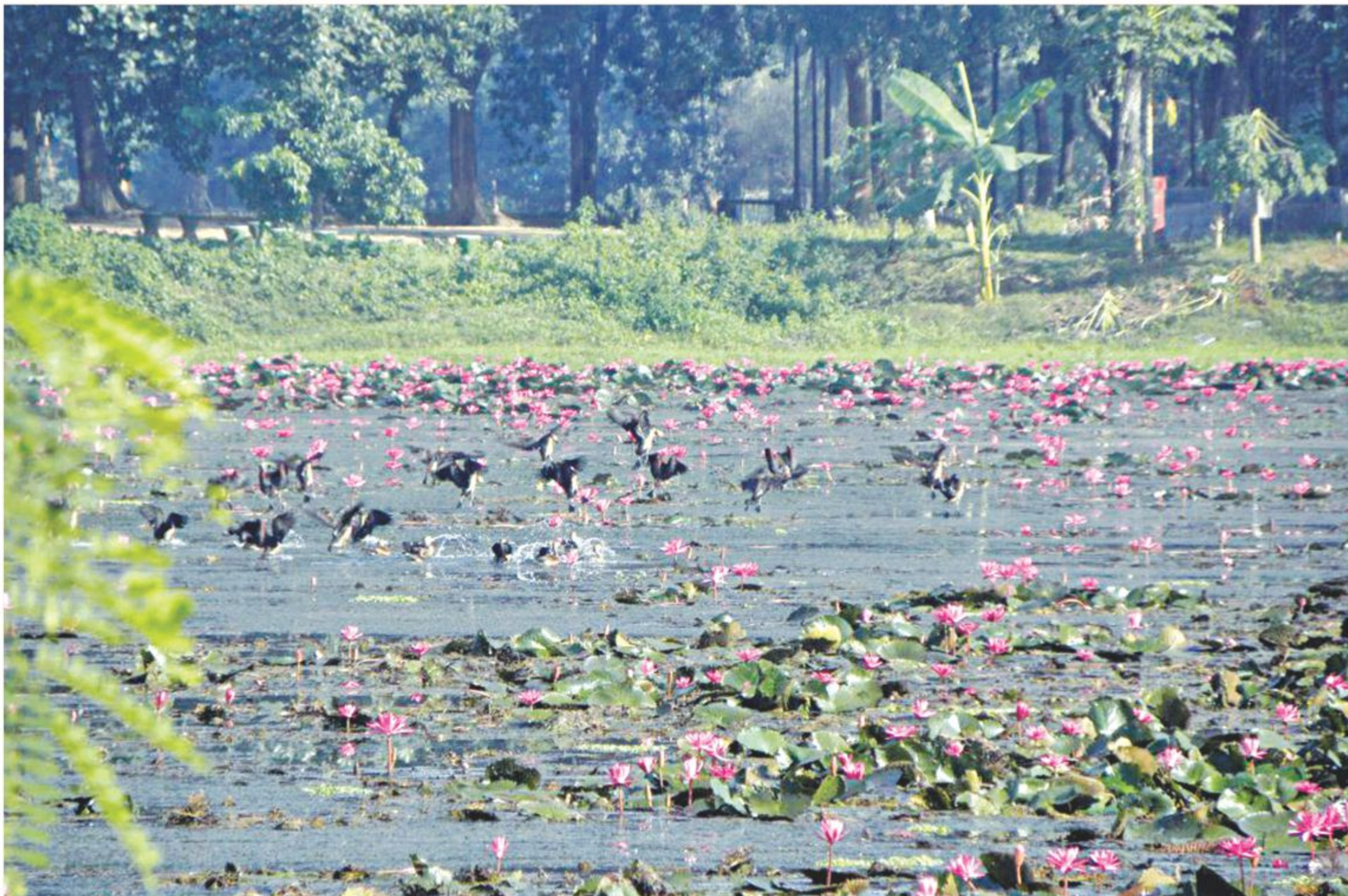
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A teenage garbage collector, who was beaten up by a chauffeur of a private car at Arifabad in the capital's Rupnagar residential area Thursday afternoon, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. The victim was Parvez Mridha, 15, of Baker's slum in the capital. Police said Joynal Abedin, a businessman's car driver, hit in the head of Parvez with a stick following an altercation over delay in collecting the garbage from the house of Joynal's master.

Transport workers go on strike on 19 routes in Ctg today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Transport workers of southern part of Chittagong district will observe a daylong token strike on 19 routes today protesting killing of a bus driver by robbers on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway. Md Jasim Uddin, a driver of Trisha Paribahan, was shot dead at Chakaria around 8:00pm on Friday. At a meeting at its Badurtala office in Chittagong, Arakan Road Transport Labour Union yesterday took the decision of observing the strike. They raised a three-point demand which urges the government to arrest the killers, provide compensation to the driver's family and ensure secu-

Asia-Pacific youth forum opens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The 7th Asia-Pacific Regional Youth Forum began yesterday at Brac Centre for Development Management at Savar. Cultural Affairs Minister Abul Kalam Azad inaugurated the forum hosted by Bangladesh Scouts. The forum with the theme "Scouting Bridging the Gap" will continue till November 21, says a press release. A total of 71 youths, both male and female, are representing as many as 24 countries in the forum.



Migratory birds have started arriving at the lakes of Jahangirnagar University with the advent of winter. The university authority took different steps to ensure that the birds return following a scanty appearance last year. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: STAR

Implementation of CHT accord in phases: PM

BSS, Bandarban
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday reassured that her government would implement all clauses of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Agreement in phases to ensure a peaceful and prosperous life of the people in the hilly region. "We want implementation of the CHT accord and our government is fully engaged in the task," she said. Some clauses of the agreement have already been implemented and the remaining ones would be implemented gradually, she added. The prime minister was addressing a public meeting at Rajar Math in Bandarban yesterday. She went to Bandarban on a day-long visit to inaugurate a number of development projects. Urging hilly people to remain alert against all conspiracies against CHT accord, Hasina said a section is trying to create provocation and destroy harmony among the people. "You have to remain careful about their

ill motive," she said. Expressing her government's firm commitment to ensure equal social and religious rights for every people, she said the constitution has been amended to give the issue legitimacy. The government has given special allocation for development of the CHT as it wants overall progress of the people in the region, she said. The Awami League had acknowledged the CHT conflict as a political one, Hasina said adding that her party took the initiative to resolve the crisis politically without any military intervention. "Our stride was successful and peace accord has ushered in immense hope in people about development of the naturally enriched region," she said. With president of AL Bandarban district unit Prasanna Kanti Tanchanga in the chair, Communications Minister Obaidul Qader, Primary and Mass Education Minister Afsarul Amin, and CHT Development Board Chairman Bir Bahadur MP also spoke.

Migratory birds back at JU

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Much to the relief of nature enthusiasts and environmentalists, migratory birds have started arriving while water lilies have begun blossoming on the lakes of Jahangirnagar University with the advent of winter this year. Last year, only a few water lilies blossomed and even fewer migratory birds arrived due to fish farming, disturbance through human presence, poaching, increase in establishments and water pollution, said JU environment experts. JU zoology department and environmentalists started holding birdwatching camps, photography exhibitions, children's drawing competitions and discussions to raise awareness on environment protection few years back. The exception was last year. With no birds, there were no festivities. Last July, a biodiversity preservation committee was formed, headed by Prof Abul Khaiyer, dean of biological science faculty, to ensure the return of the birds and flowers. Some steps were taken including a stop to fish cultivation since Eid-ul-Fitr so that no chemicals causing the water's pH-imbalance were used. Large fishes which eat small fishes, food of the migratory birds, have been caught and water hyacinths, which consume essential nutrients, have been cleared. VC Prof Anwar Hossain said, "Initiatives to make the campus environment friendly have been taken."

Five police impersonators arrested

Uniforms, walkie-talkies seized
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Ramna police in overnight drives on Friday arrested five police impersonators with two sets of uniforms, two pairs of handcuffs, two walkie-talkies and other police equipment in their possession in the capital and its outskirts. The arrestees are Mosaddeq Ali Makhon, Mohammad Babul, Afzal Hossain, Saju Miah and Rustum Ali. Shah Alam, officer-in-charge of Ramna Police Station, said they first arrested Makhon from the capital's Shantinagar area. Later, the others were arrested from Jatrabari and Keraniganj areas. Apart from the uniforms, walkie-talkies and handcuffs, a microbus, two knives, a whistle, two belts, torchlight and a signal light were also seized from their possession, he said. Impersonating themselves as law enforcers, the gang had been committing various crimes like robberies and mugging, Alam said. "In the name of searching, they often used to set up check-posts on roads and snatched away valuables and money from the people," he said. "The gang also used to enter many houses in the name of searching or arresting people, and loot those houses," he added. Syed Nurul Islam, deputy commissioner of Ramna Division of police, said a section of dishonest businessmen are involved in selling the uniforms and equipment. They often supply the walkie-talkies, handcuffs, uniforms and other equipment to the criminals, he said. "A lack of monitoring is responsible for it," he added.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Anik Sarker, 14, a meritorious student, has been suffering from rare lymphoblastic leukemia for over two months and is undergoing treatment at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University. Anik, hailing from Manikganj, got scholarships while studying in class five and eight from Ghior Adarsha Govt Primary School in 2008 and 2011 respectively. The ailing teen wants to be a doctor in the future. Anik is being treated under the supervision of Prof Md Jalilur Rahman (Ward-D1511, Bed-MNP Red 02) who advised for better treatment of Anik. The treatment requires a huge amount of money. Anik's father is unable to continue his son's treatment with his meager income and negligible support from relatives. At this state, Anik's father appeals to affluent and generous people to come forward with financial assistance for his only son's treatment. For contributions, please call at 01718-110897. Any financial support can be sent to: Anath Chandra Sarker, Savings Account No 5160 Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Jagir Branch, Manikganj or Savings Account No 149-101-185799, Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd.



People throng Central Shaheed Minar in the capital to pay last respects to Subhash Dutta, an iconic figure of Bangla film, yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

TEESTA WATER-SHARING, LAND BOUNDARY DEAL Indian FM to initiate resolution process

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi
India's External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid said he would launch an initiative to resolve pending bilateral issues, including water-sharing of Teesta river, and a clear picture was expected in four weeks' time. He would soon hold "transparent and frank" discussions with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Teesta water-sharing and land boundary agreement implementation, Khurshid told Indian journalists at Hyderabad House in New Delhi on Friday. "I have good relations with Mamata Banerjee. We have worked together in the past. The (Teesta) treaty is very important for both the countries. I'm sure she understands that and we understand her local compulsions," he said. The Teesta deal could not be signed during Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to Dhaka in September 2011 following last-minute reservations by Mamata. She said it would adversely affect the people of northern part of West Bengal state. Referring to the land boundary accord, Khurshid said his government was moving ahead with a "clear plan" and talks were on with opposition leaders and Congress' allies.

Subhash Dutta cremated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Subhash Dutta, an iconic figure of Bangla film, was cremated on Postagola Cremation Ground in the capital yesterday. Earlier, he was given last respects and love by the people, and a guard of honour with gun-salute by a contingent of police at Central Shaheed Minar. Dutta died of old age complications at the age of 82 at his Ramkrishna Mission Road house in the capital on Friday. After according the state honour his body was taken to Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (FDC) where artists, litterateurs, politicians and common people paid their last respects to him. Cultural personality Asaduzzaman Noor MP recalled his contributions saying Subhash Dutta and other Bangalee filmmakers of the then East Pakistan had introduced a different track in the film industry. Celluloid hero Razaque said the people could not forget Subhash Dutta for his outstanding contributions to Bangla film industry. Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu said the collections of Dutta's works needed preservation and the government would do its best for that.

DHAKA TODAY

Roundtable Time: 9:00am.
The Daily Star and UNFPA will jointly organise a roundtable, "Role of Media in HIV prevention in Bangladesh"; Venue: The Daily Star Centre; Time: 10:00am.

Seminar
SME Foundation will hold a seminar, "Competitiveness: Prospects and Challenges for SMEs"; Venue: its premises; Time: 3:00pm.

Road show
Dhaka South City Corporation will hold a "Road Show" to create awareness on paying the corporation taxes; Venue: from Bahadur Shah Park;

Handicrafts exhibition
Bangladesh National Museum will organise a traditional handicrafts exhibition; Venue: its premises; Time:

WEATHER TODAY

Rain or thundershowers likely
UNB, Dhaka
Light rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and the regions of Faridpur and Dhaka till 6:00pm today. Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country, Met Office said. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged and night temperature may rise by 1-2 degree Celsius over the country. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:12pm and rises tomorrow at 6:16am.** Country's highest temperature 32.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and lowest 13.6 degrees at Chuadanga. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max:	Min:	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	30.7	18.2	60	66
Chittagong	30.6	22.0	85	77
Rajshahi	30.7	15.3	86	75
Rangpur	29.7	16.6	72	74
Khulna	30.2	19.2	60	86
Barisal	30.2	21.0	75	91