

NEWS IN *brief*

**Sust admission tests Nov 24**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Admission tests for the honours programmes at the Shahjalal University of Science & Technology (Sust) for the academic session 2012-13 will be held on November 24.

The tests under Ka unit will be held at 10:00pm and the exam under Kha unit at 2:00pm.

**Man's body recovered**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The body of an unidentified man aged around 35 was found yesterday morning in a paddy field at Chhoykut in Moulvibazar of Sylhet.

Police recovered the body having its hands and legs tied up with ropes and also with several injuries in the head from the field beside Moulvibazar-Shamshernagar road in Kamalganj upazila. They also recovered a hammer from nearby which might have been used to kill the man, the police suspected.

Police sent the body to Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy and filed an

**Youth dies as train runs him over**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

A mentally imbalanced youth died after being run over by a train at Harindia rail crossing in Kotchandpur upazila of Jhenidah district yesterday.

Government Railway Police recovered the body of the youth, Golam Rasul, 25, son of Moktar Hossain of the upazila's Laxmipur village, said the station master of Kotchandpur Rail

**Worker dies from electrocution**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A construction worker died from electrocution while working at the site of an under construction showroom in the capital's Azimpur yesterday afternoon.

The 20-year-old Mohammad Sohel, a mason, came in touch with a live electric wire while going to a bathroom.

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

Azizul Haque, officer-in-charge of Lalbagh Police Station, said they visited the spot and were investigating.

**Army chief accords reception to decorated freedom fighters**

UNB, Dhaka

Chief of Army Staff General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan accorded a reception to gallantry award holder freedom fighters from Bangladesh Army and their next of kin on the occasion of Armed Forces Day at Officers' Club of Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. The army chief recalled their role in the Liberation War and honoured as many as 21 gallantry award holder freedom fighters/successors with token of gifts, said an ISPR release. Senior officers of Bangladesh Army were present



Shattered glass doors of the office of Focus, a university admission coaching institution in the capital's Farmgate, which was vandalised yesterday by some men claiming to be activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League.

PHOTO: STAR

JNU, KABI NAZRUL GOVT COLLEGE CLASH

**One held, three cases filed**  
*Over 450 unnamed persons accused*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested a youth on Wednesday night in connection with a series of clashes between students of Jagannath University (JnU) and Kabi Nazrul Government College in Old Dhaka that day over a trifling matter.

The college principal filed the first case against some 400 unknown persons with Sutrapur Police Station for torching vehicles and vandalism on the campus.

The student, Nazmul Alam Nahid, accused 400 to 500 students of JnU, 27 by name, over the same charges.

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**Help resist BNP-Jamaat anarchy**

*Home minister urges citizens*

UNB, Dhaka

Home Minister Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir yesterday urged people to help law enforcement agencies so that BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami could not create anarchy over the war crimes trial.

"Under the existing laws of the land, every citizen of the country has the right to nab criminals. Please come forward and unite to prevent the criminals from creating anarchy," he said.

He was addressing a protest rally organised by Pallabi thana Awami League before the capital's Purabi Cinema Hall.

Muhiuddin reaffirmed that the trial would be completed. "By completing the trial, we will prove that Bangladesh is not a place for criminals and those who had worked against the interests of the country have no right to live here."

AL Joint General Secretary Mahub-ul-Alam Hanif said BNP and Jamaat were carrying out criminal activities to create anarchy to hinder the trial.

"The trial will be held on Bangladesh's soil crushing all conspiracies. No force in the world will be able to prevent the trial as people are with the government in this regard," he said.

AL Dhaka City unit General Secretary Mofazzel Hossain Chowdhury Maya also spoke at the programme.

**Bill placed in House seeking record keeping of foreign visitors**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A private member's bill was placed in parliament proposing to enact a law for collecting and preserving information of foreigners who visit Bangladesh.

The bill placed by Awami League MP Israfil Alam also proposed to set up a cell under the home ministry to keep all records on foreigners' entry to and departure from Bangladesh.

According to provision of the bill, foreign citizens willing to visit Bangladesh will have to fill up a registration form along with the application seeking Bangladeshi visa.

All Bangladeshi missions abroad will collect and send the forms to the cell under the home ministry for preserving them.

The bill also proposed that an individual may be fined with Tk 1 lakh for providing false information in the form and s/he may be sentenced to jail for one month for failure to pay the fine.

If any Bangladeshi citizen is found involved in giving false information, s/he will also face the same punishment.

The bill was sent to the parliamentary standing committee on the private members' bill and resolution for scrutiny.



A number of environmental groups bring out a procession from Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding immediate release of climate fund from industrialised countries and cut of emission by them ahead of the forthcoming Climate Change Conference scheduled for November 26 to December 7 in Doha, Qatar.

PHOTO: STAR

**BCL men vandalise 2 coaching centres in capital**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some men, claiming to be the ruling pro-Awami League student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists, yesterday ransacked two coaching centres in the capital's Farmgate, stating that those were run by Islami Chhatra Shibir.

No one was reportedly injured as the officials and students of the medical college and university admission coaching centres fled seeking the attack.

The vandals said it was in retaliation to the attack on a former BCL leader of Rajshahi University whose left leg tendon was cut allegedly by cadres of pro-Jamaat-e-Islami student organisation Shibir on Wednesday.

Witnesses said the BCL men, armed with sticks, suddenly raided the offices of Focus and Retina, housed on a building's second and third floors, around 3:00pm.

They vandalised the furniture and broke the glasses but could not enter the rooms inside as its officials had locked them before fleeing, said a security guard of the building.

The youths also vandalised a glass of Al-Razi Diagnostic Centre, housed in the same building.

"An investigation is going on to determine who carried out the attack and for what," said Additional Deputy Commissioner Biplab Sarkar of Tejgaon Zone, adding that no one had filed any complaint in this regard yet.

**Court allows blast case against 18 BNP activists**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday took into cognisance the charges against 18 BNP leaders and activists, including Swechhasebak Dal President Habib-un-Nabi Khan Sohel and former Jatiyatatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) president Sultan Salauddin Tuku, in connection with a blast case.

Police filed the case with Ramna Police Station against them on charges of exploding two cocktails near Shilpakala Academy, Dhaka, during the hartal hours on June 5 last year.

Judge Mohammad Zahirul Haque of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court accepted the charges brought against them and fixed January 3, 2013 for the hearing on charge framing against them in the case.

Sohel, Tuku and 16 others, now on bail, were present in the court yesterday.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Citizens' rally**  
Club; Time: 10:30am.  
Nagorik Sanghati will arrange a citizens' rally demanding an end to killing in Palestine; Venue: In front of National Museum; Time: 10:30am.

**Cultural programme**  
Women and Gender Studies Department, Dhaka University will organise a cultural programme marking International Day for the Elimination of Violence against

**Discussion**  
South Asians Lawyers' Forum will hold a discussion on the next parliamentary elections; Venue: Jatiya Press

**WEATHER TODAY**

**Slight fall in night temperature**  
UNB, Dhaka  
Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.  
Light fog may occur over the river basins of the country during late night till morning, Met Offices said.  
Night temperature may fall slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.  
**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:11pm and rises tomorrow at 6:19am.**  
Country's highest temperature 31.5 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and lowest 12.5 degrees at Dinajpur.  
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	28.6	20.5	44	42
Chittagong	29.8	23.0	60	57
Rajshahi	28.5	14.2	76	66
Rangpur	28.4	14.0	74	80
Khulna	29.2	18.5	60	75
Barisal	29.0	18.4	58	85

**CORRUPTION CASE AGAINST EX-AMBASSADOR Majeda's bail petition rejected**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday rejected two separate bail petitions filed by former Bangladesh ambassador to the Philippines Majeda Rafiqun Nessa in connection with two corruption cases.

On October 31, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the cases with Shahbag Police Station. According to the case statements, Majeda misappropriated Tk 8.70 lakh, and appointed her three family members to different posts at her office in the Philippines during her tenure between September 2010 and July 2012.

She filed the anticipatory bail petitions with the HC on November 15.

The court rejected the bail petitions, said ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan.

Majeda's counsel Barrister Abdullah-al Mamun said they will move an appeal before the Supreme Court against the HC order.

**POPULATION, REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, GENDER DEVELOPMENT Implement policies in, outside JS**  
*Speaker urges lawmakers*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker Abdul Hamid yesterday called upon lawmakers to engage in implementing policies on population, reproductive health and gender development both in and outside parliament.

"As a lawmaker, you have the opportunity to play a direct role in determining policies to run the country. On the other hand, you have the vast opportunity to create consciousness among people as their representative," he said.

Hamid was addressing a workshop on inception of a project, "Strengthening parliament capacity in integrating population issues into development", funded by UNFPA and being

implemented by the parliament secretariat, at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Speaking as chief guest, Hamid said lawmakers should speak in parliament on youths and their rights so that they get proper direction. "You (lawmakers) can help the government fix proper policies on youths in light of your experience."

He said the unplanned rise of population would amplify social and environmental disasters and the country would face various challenges.

Jatiya Sangsad Acting Secretary Mahfuzur Rahman presided over the workshop while Deputy Speaker Col (ret'd) Shawkat Ali and State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Ministry Mozibur Rahman Fakir also spoke on the occasion.