

## NEWS IN *brief*

### Two killed in road crash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man and his girlfriend were killed as a motor-bike they were riding slid on a slope throwing the riders off at a bridge in Hatirjheel area of the capital last night.

The victims were Sharif Mashullah Bappi, 25, a BBA student of a private university in Dhanmondi; and Tanzila Anowar Sajoni, 19, a student of a college in Laxmi Bazar.

### Patenga beach to get new look

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A project to modernise and rejuvenate Patenga beach, a major spot for recreation in Chittagong, was inaugurated in the port city yesterday.

Environment and Forests Minister Hasan Mahmud laid the foundation stone for the Tk 7.14 crore project which is expected to be completed by 2014.

The Department of Environment is financing the project that includes building of a two-kilometre long walkway, a changing room, a main entrance, sitting arrangement and afforestation. All the shops existing on the beach will be re-

### Woman dies as train runs her over

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A woman was killed as a train ran her over in Tangail sadar upazila yesterday morning.

The identity of the woman, aged around 20, could not be known immediately.

Jalal Uddin, station master of Gharinda Railway Station, said the woman was crushed under the Rajshahi-bound train from Dhaka while she was crossing the railway tracks at Gharinda Kolapocha area around 9:30am.

### Seminars on GBC held in Ctg

METRO DESK

CIMA Bangladesh yesterday organised two seminars in Chittagong city to announce its activities on Global Business Challenge (GBC), an international business management competition for full time business undergraduate students.

The seminars were held at East Delta University (EDU) and Southern University.

Teams from 25 countries will participate in the contest. The champion team from Bangladesh will be sent to South Africa to compete with other 24 regions. Interested students can register by

### Obituary

METRO DESK

Md Abdul Mannan, former director of Bangladesh Power Development Board, died of a heart attack at his residence in the capital's Mirpur DOHS on Tuesday. He was 59.

He left behind his wife, and a daughter. He was buried at a graveyard in Jessore town.



Devastation left by a fire in densely-located shanties in the capital's Kamrangirchar yesterday. The fire also left three, including two children, dead.

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## Fire at Kamrangirchar kills 3, guts 80 shanties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three people, including two children, were burnt to death after a fire razed dozens of densely-located shanties in the capital's Kamrangirchar yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Ananya Hossain Kathak, 7; Ferdaus Alam, 12; and Zainal Abedin, 65, said fire service sources.

The fire originated from an electric short circuit in a tin-shed house in Kalunagar Beribadh area around 2:20am and spread to dozens of adjoining shanties, said the sources.

Around 80 shanties, including eight shops, were gutted before 10 fire fighting units doused the fire around 3:30am, said

the sources.

Maulana Ilyas, teacher of the Jamia Ubaydia Madinatul Ulum Madrasa, said he and two teachers along with the children were sleeping when the fire broke out.

The entrance to the madrasa was blocked off by the fire and Ananya and Ferdaus went missing while they were rushing to make it out over the roof through the back, he said.

Meanwhile, Zainal was sleeping in his son's tin-shed house after locking it from inside for fear of thieves and in the rush every one forgot about him, said Md Zamal, nephew of the victim.

Fire fighters later recovered the three charred bodies.

## HALL-MARK LOAN SCAM Two Sonali Bank officials quizzed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday interrogated two former deputy managing directors of state-run Sonali Bank in connection with the Hall-Mark loan scam.

They are Mostaque Ahmed, now managing director of Karmasangstan Bank, and Kazi Fakrul Islam, currently working at BASIC Bank.

Based on investigation findings, the two are now likely to be included in the list of accused in the case filed in connection with the scam, said ACC officials.

They were interrogated at the commission's Segunbagicha office in the capital.

Mostaque and Fakhrul were summoned as they held key positions in the bank when the scam took place between 2010 and May 2012, sources added.

A Bangladesh Bank investigation found that Hotel Ruposhi Bangla branch of Sonali Bank lent Hall-Mark Group and five other companies Tk 3,547 crore on forged documents.

## Saraswati Puja today

BSS, Dhaka

Saraswati Puja, a religious event of the Hindu community, will be celebrated today throughout the country with traditional gaiety and spirit of pursuit of art and knowledge which Goddess Saraswati provides.

The Hindus worship Saraswati, the Goddess of knowledge, music, art and culture, on the Vasant Panchami day with pomp every year mostly in educational institutions, where the students seek the blessings of Saraswati.

Saraswati, a mythological companion of Lord Brahma, is the personification of knowledge – arts, science and crafts. She represents power, creativity and inspiration and presents herself when the weather is pleasant and nature is in its full grandeur.

Depicted as a graceful woman with a crescent moon adorning her brow, she is shown riding a swan or a peacock, or is seated on a lotus flower.

On this day, children are also imparted their first lessons in reading and writing.



## Sgt Zahurul Haque's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 44th death anniversary of Shaheed Sergeant Zahurul Haque.

On the occasion, different organisations and his family members will place floral wreaths at his grave in the morning, says a press release.

Besides, Liberation War Museum and his family have jointly organised a painting competition for children on its premises at 10:00am today.

Zahurul, an accused of Agartala conspiracy case, was killed by Pakistan military in 1969.

Following the killing, the movement demanding unconditional release of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and other arrestees in the case got a momentum.



## BEING PART OF ONE BILLION RISING



- 1) Human rights organisations form a human chain before Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday as part of the One Billion Rising global movement to end violence against women.
- 2) Manusher Jonno Foundation forms a human chain in Gulshan-1.
- 3) Nari Unnayan-Odhikar o Nirapotta Forum, Bangladesh and Bangladesh Lekhika Sangha jointly form another human chain before University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh in Dhanmondi.
- 4) Indigenous People's Development Services forms a human chain on Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban premises calling for a stop to violence against indigenous women.

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**Album publication**  
Performers' School will arrange a publication ceremony of the new album of Sujit Mostofa's modern song; venue: Chhayanaut Auditorium; Time: 6:30pm.

**Time:** 3:30pm.

**Discussion**  
SMS Sangskritik Academy will hold a discussion on role of media in making society free from contraband drugs; Venue: Rabindra Sarobar, Dhanmondi Lake; Time: 4:00pm.

**Roundtable**  
Free Thinkers Forum will arrange a roundtable discussion on mass media; Venue: Jatiya Press Club;

**Drawing competition**  
Rongin Bhuvan will organise a drawing competition for children;

**Slight rise in temperature likely**  
UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country and having chances of light rain or thundershowers at one or two places over Rangpur division till 6:00pm today.

Light fog may occur over the river basins of the country during late night till morning, Met Office said.

Night and day temperature may rise slightly over the country.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:54pm and rises tomorrow at 6:31am.**

Country's highest temperature 33.2 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sitakunda and lowest 12.0 degree Celsius 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	29.4	19.2	51	36
Chittagong	30.0	17.5	91	44
Rajshahi	29.0	12.2	81	52
Rangpur	27.7	13.5	82	48
Khulna	30.5	17.2	63	59
Barisal	29.5	15.5	75	61