

NEWS IN *brief*

**Construction worker falls to death**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A construction worker died as he fell from an under construction building after being electrocuted in the capital's Dakkhin Banasree area yesterday morning.

Kabir Hossain, 27, hailed from Barguna Sadar upazila.

He came in contact with a live electric wire while tiling a wall and fell down from the third floor of the building.

Kabir was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

An unnatural death case was filed with Khilgaon Police Station.

**Housewife 'commits suicide'**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A housewife allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from a rafter of her tin-shed residence in Madhubagh area of Ramna in the capital early yesterday.

The victim is Tania Begum, 24, wife of Abdul Mannan, a vendor.

Ramna police said Tania committed suicide following a quarrel with her husband about family matters.

Tania's husband broke open the door and found her hanging by a piece of cloth. He took her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared her dead, Ramna police added.

**Reason behind Junu's death still unknown**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The reason behind the death of Syed Wahidul Alam Junu, a prosecution witness in a war crimes case against BNP lawmaker Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, is still unknown as the post mortem report is yet to be submitted.

Junu was declared dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital on Friday night after a veiled woman left him there following his disappearance since Thursday night.

He had testified against Salauddin before the International War Crimes Tribunal on February 12. Junu's family members alleged he was murdered for giving the testimony.

**4 killed in Munshiganj road crash**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four people were killed as a truck hit a motorcycle and a small engine run improvised three wheeler on Dhaka-Mawa highway in Munshiganj yesterday.

The deceased are Imdad, Swapan, and Liton. the identity of the other could not be known immediately, reports our Munshiganj correspondent.

Police said the accident took place as the truck hit the vehicles in Shomoreshpur Keutkhira area around 8:30pm.

Three of the victims were killed on the spot and the other died when he was being taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.



Presence of vehicles on the streets in Chittagong city was almost normal yesterday in defiance of a hartal, called by eight Islamist parties and supported by Jamaat-e-Islami and BNP. The photo was taken from Agrabad area.

PHOTO: STAR

**Boy found dead in bus repair shop**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A boy was found strangled inside a bus at a workshop in Gabtoli Beribandh of the capital yesterday.

The deceased, Shamim Hossain, 12, hailed from Gouranadi in Barisal.

He had been working as an apprentice at Dipnagar Khan Jahan Ali Engineering Workshop for the last one year, said its owner Rafiqul Islam.

On information, Darus Salam police recovered the body from the workshop around 12:15am yesterday. A scarf was tied around the boy's throat, said police.

The body was sent for autopsy to Dhaka Medical College morgue where morgue sources said the boy was strangled.

Police said another worker of the workshop, who was sleeping on the spot beside Shamim on Saturday night, has been missing since the incident.

Police suspect that the employee may have killed the boy and fled.

Workers found the body hidden behind a seat in the bus, said the victim's uncle Shamsul Islam, quoting workers and locals.

**DEMANDING DEATH PENALTY FOR WAR CRIMINALS  
Journos to hold rally tomorrow**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BIFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists will hold rallies across the country, including the capital, tomorrow demanding death penalty for the war criminals.

The rally will be held also to protest attacks on journalists, burning of flags in different parts of the country and damaging several Shaheed Minars last Friday.

In the capital, the rally will be held in front of Jatiya Press Club, said speakers at a meeting yesterday held in preparation of the grand rally.

Meanwhile, TV Cameramen Journalists Association organised a rally in Sylhet yesterday demanding quick arrest of culprits behind the attack on journalists and

damage of camera equipments and burning of motorcycles on Friday.

Speakers condemned the assault on journalists who were attacked while doing their duty by trying to prevent vandals from desecrating and damaging the Shaheed Minar in Sylhet.

They demanded law enforcing authorities and political leaders to quickly arrest criminals who were responsible for the attack on journalists, stating that the criminals could be easily identified.

Journalists in Sylhet will start protest movements if concerned authorities failed to ensure quick arrests, speakers added.

They further demanded compensation for journalists who were attacked and whose camera equipments and motorcycles were damaged.

**Arrest warrants issued against 2 cops for extortion**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court has issued arrest warrants against two policemen of Darussalam Police Station in the capital in connection with a case filed against them for extorting Tk 20,000 from a book trader in July last year.

The accused are Sub-Inspector Prodip Chandra Saha and Assistant SI Mohammad Anis.

Metropolitan Magistrate Amit Kumar Dey on February 19 passed the order directing Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner to submit report on execution of the arrest warrants by March 14.

In August last year, Mohammad Ibrahim, a book trader of Hazrat Shah Ali School and College Market at Mirpur in the capital, filed the case against the two for confinement and extortion.

In his complaint, Ibrahim said in July last year the policemen picked him up at gunpoint, took him to Dwipnagar Embankment and ordered him to hand over his pistol. Ibrahim told them that he had no firearms.

Ibrahim was then tortured and taken to Darussalam Police Station. The policemen demanded Tk 1 lakh from Ibrahim's wife for her husband's release and threatened that if she failed to pay, Ibrahim would be implicated in murder and robbery cases.

However, as she only paid Tk 20,000, police forwarded Ibrahim to a Dhaka court in connection with a pending theft case, the statement added.



Foreign Minister Dipu Moni talks to visiting Greek Minister of Public Order and Citizen Protection Nikolaos Dendias during a call on by the latter at her office in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: COURTESY

**Bangladesh becoming economic power  
Says visiting Greek minister**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is evolving as an impressive economic power and sets a good example as a voice of moderation in the Muslim world, said the visiting Greek minister of Public Order and Citizen Protection, Nikolaos Dendias, yesterday.

Calling on Foreign Minister Dipu Moni at her office, he also acknowledged Bangladesh's credentials and commitment for combating terrorism.

Welcoming him, Dipu Moni expressed happiness for the existing cordial relations with Greece, a country of ancient civilization and cultural heritage having profound influence in intellectual and cultural life of the educated section of Bangladesh.

She recalled with gratitude the valuable moral and diplomatic support Greece extended during the 197 Liberation War and its prompt recognition of Bangladesh's independence on March 11, 1972.

Observing that potentials for forging mutually gainful bilateral relations remain largely unexplored, Dipu Moni stressed on exchange of high level visits between the two friendly countries. She informed that Bangladesh made impressive progress in some sectors, including ready-made garments, pharmaceuticals, ceramics, jute products, frozen food and leather products.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Cultural programme** 10:00am.  
Swapnakuri will organise a cultural programme marking its 26th anniversary; Venue: Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy; Time: 6:00pm.

**Memorial meeting**  
Liberation War Museum will organise a meeting in memory of journalist and writer Abdul Matin; Venue: its premises; Time: 4:00pm.

**Roundtable**  
USAID, The Asia Foundation, Governance Coalition and UKaid will hold a roundtable, "Agriculture development: Responsibilities of state services and policy assistance"; Venue: Cirdap Auditorium; Time: 10:00am.

**Citizens' rally**  
Citizens Rights Movement will hold a citizens' rally demanding removal of all of the capital's illegal structures, including the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters

**WEATHER TODAY**

**Dry weather likely**

UNB, Dhaka

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged and day temperature may rise slightly over the country, Met Office said.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 5:58pm and rises tomorrow at 6:24am.**

Country's highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and lowest 11.8 degrees at Srimongal.

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	31.6	19.0	65	36
Chittagong	30.6	16.6	63	56
Rajshahi	31.0	14.5	76	53
Rangpur	31.0	15.2	76	53
Khulna	31.5	15.3	78	66
Barisal	31.5	15.0	68	66
Sylhet	34.5	17.1	57	42

**Obituary**

METRO DESK



Al-hajj Md Giash Uddin Ahamed, father of Reaz Ahamed, chief operating officer of TVS Autos Bangladesh, died on Saturday evening. He was 71.

He had been suffering from kidney diseases. Giash left behind his wife, a son and two daughters to mourn his death.

He was buried at Jurain graveyard after his namaz-e-janaza was held yesterday after Zohr prayers at Kamalapur Station Jame Masjid.

His qukhwan will be held on Wednesday after Maghrib prayers at his residence at Bailey Ritz Apartment on Bailey Road in the capital.

**COUNTRY'S LARGEST YABA HAUL  
Govt to challenge Amin Huda's bail**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Following widespread criticisms, the government has taken steps to move appeals before the Supreme Court challenging a High Court order that recently granted bail to Amin Huda, who had been sentenced to 79 years' imprisonment last year by a lower court in connection with the biggest haul of Yaba tablets.

It has also taken steps to submit a prayer for directing the law enforcers to arrest Amin Huda again.

Yesterday, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told journalists that his office will file two separate appeals with the SC today seeking cancellation of the HC's bail order.

He also issued a show-cause notice against a deputy attorney general and two assistant attorneys general concerned for not informing him (Mahbubey Alam) about the HC order.

He said he was examining whether the law officers concerned of the HC bench

had any negligence to oppose the bail petitions filed by Amin Huda.

On February 11, the HC granted bail to the business man for six months on health ground.

On July 15 last year, the Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 of Dhaka sentenced 79 years' rigorous imprisonment to Amin Huda and his partner Ahsanul Haque Hasan in two cases filed with Gulshan Police Station.

On October 25, 2007, Rapid Action Battalion seized 130,000 Yaba tablets and 5,000 Yaba alternative drugs from the possession of Amin and Ahsanul at their Gulshan office in the capital.

They also seized 818 SIM cards, one sex stimulating tablet, 139 bottles of foreign liquor, three pieces of IPS, one local area network switch, 15 cellphones, a pair of handcuffs, six computer CPUs, one laptop, one gear switch, two channel boxes, three PC monitors, 2.5 litre orthophosphoric acid, one bottle diethylethol and 10 tolas of gold.

**25 YEARS**

বিজয়ীরা এবার যাবে গ্রীস, লিথুওনিয়া, ইন্দোনেশিয়া

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**৮ ম বাংলাদেশ অ্যাস্ট্রো-অলিম্পিয়াড**

অধ্যাপক মোহাম্মদ আবদুল কর্নার

আন্তর্জাতিক অ্যাস্ট্রোনামিক অলিম্পিয়াড - যে সমস্ত দেশে অংশ নিয়েছে বাংলাদেশ: ২০০৬ - ভারত, ২০০৭ - বাইল্যান্ড, ২০০৯ - ইরান + দক্ষিণ কোরিয়া, ২০১০ - চীন + ইন্দোনেশিয়া, ২০১১ - পোল্যান্ড এবং ২০১২ - ব্রাজিল + বাংলাদেশ

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