

# Couple found dead at Ctg hotel

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**  
 A couple was found dead at a hotel in Chittagong city early yesterday.  
 Azizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Pahartali Police Station, said initially it seemed that the man killed his wife and then hanged himself.  
 The deceased were Saiful Islam, 35, and his wife Ajeda Begum, 32.  
 Police recovered the two bodies from Hotel New Golden City at Alanker intersection around 11:00am.  
 Quoting the hotel register, police said the duo checked into room no-205



**Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Executive Director Iftekhazzaman speaks at a roundtable, "The requirement of a code of conduct for lawmakers", organised by TIB and Shushashoner Janney Nagarik (SHUJAN) in the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday. On his left is former adviser to a caretaker government CM Shafi Sami and on his right are former chief election commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda, former Justice Kazi Ebadul Haque and SHUJAN Secretary Badiul Alam Majumder.**  
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# WOMEN'S POLICY 9-year work plan taken for execution

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 The government has taken a nine-year-long work plan to implement National Women Development Policy 2011, said State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroz Chumki yesterday.  
 Starting from this year, the implementation by the ministry would be in three terms -- short, mid and long of two, five and nine years respectively, she told a press briefing at a hotel in the capital.  
 Women's development is a prerequisite for the country's overall development, she said.  
 The nine-year plan took initiatives to ensure that 50 percent of the national and local election contestants were women politicians, she said.  
 In this regard, she said during the 2008 parliamentary election, her party, Awami League, gave nomi

# 5 held with fake visas at airport

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 14 gold bars also seized  
 Armed Police Battalion (APBn) arrested five Bangladeshis with fake Cambodian visas yesterday noon at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka.  
 The arrestees Mizanur Rahman, 26, Md Shahidul Islam, 24, Md Ali, 20, Md Faruk Sikder, 23, and Md Hajibul Islam, 25, were on their way to Cambodia via Malaysia.  
 In another incident, customs officials yesterday afternoon recovered a carton that arrived in a flight from Riyadh with 14 bars of gold inside.  
 Assistant Commissioner of Customs Sadia Afroz told The Daily Star that 1 kg 6 grams of gold worth approximately Tk 70 lakh, was found when the carton went through the scanner around 2:00pm.  
 However, the passenger who carried that could not be arrested as the person left the airport without collecting the luggage, she said.

# Code of conduct for lawmakers urgent

**SHUJAN, TIB roundtable told**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Speakers at a roundtable yesterday urged the government to formulate a code of conduct for lawmakers in the upcoming parliament session to ensure high moral standards in the House.  
 Manners and speeches of some lawmakers both inside and outside the House have become so rough that people from all walks of life demanded immediate formulation of the code, they said.  
 The roundtable was jointly organised by Shushashoner Janney Nagarik (SHUJAN), a civil society platform, and Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.  
 SHUJAN Secretary Badiul Alam Majumder presented a keynote paper stating that ruling Awami League (AL) lawmaker Saber Hossain Chowdhury had submitted a private member's bill in the House titled "Code of Conduct for Lawmakers, 2010".  
 "The parliamentary standing committee on private members' bills and resolutions should have kept section-12, which asked lawmakers to avoid vulgar comments and other odd attitudes to keep the honour of the House," he said.  
 "Moreover, the bill, submitted by the committee in March 2011, should have been passed in parliament a long time ago," he added.  
 Former chief election commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda said, "Our laws are adequate but some lawmakers, by violating those, are taking undue advantage of their positions."  
 It will be possible to ensure accountability of lawmakers if the House takes action against the guilty, he said.  
 AL lawmaker Md Shahiduzzaman Sarkar said the code was unnecessary. "It will be possible to ensure the accountability if we follow the rules of the parliament," he said.  
 TIB Executive Director Iftekhazzaman moderated the discussion where former cabinet secretary Ali Imam Majumder, former adviser to a caretaker government CM Shafi Sami and media personality Muhammad Jahangir spoke.

# Avoid crisis involving constitution

**Dr Kamal urges two top leaders**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Gonoforum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday urged the prime minister and the opposition leader to play their expected roles to avoid any constitutional crisis over an election-time government.  
 He stressed the need for dialogue to ensure that the next parliamentary election is held in a fair and neutral manner and suggested organising what he said "a mass convention" so that people from all walks of life could give their views over the poll-time government.  
 Dr Kamal was talking to reporters after attending a condolence meeting for constitution expert Dr Muhammad Zahir, who died on July 11 this year, at the Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (Bilia) in the capital.  
 The election must be held but it should also be free from controversy, he insisted.  
 Replying to a query, the constitution expert said it was possible to form an all-party interim government through consensus.  
 Separately, at a party meeting at his Baily Road residence, Dr Kamal urged the



# POLITICAL CRISIS Dr Zahir knew way out

**Speakers tell condolence meeting**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Eminent constitutional expert Dr Muhammad Zahir, if he were alive, could have suggested a way out from the ongoing political crisis with his wisdom which he applied amid similar past constitutional and political impasses, speakers said yesterday.  
 Addressing a condolence meeting, the speakers -- former chief justices, eminent jurists, educationists and civil society members -- said Dr Zahir's demise caused an irreparable loss for the country.  
 The meeting was organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs at its auditorium in the capital in memory of the eminent jurist, who passed away on July 11 at the age of 74.  
 Former chief adviser to a caretaker government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman said Dr Zahir had a very lively personality and used to say straight whatever he believed in.  
 Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain said Dr Zahir, being a non-partisan man, was respected by everyone, irrespective of their political affiliation.  
 He said Dr Zahir had a rare personality and his presence could have played a very important role at present for he could speak impartially.  
 Nowadays many people, despite understanding many



**Muhammad Zahir**  
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**Muddy water collects on craters, created following the movement of heavy vehicles working on the construction of a flyover, on this road near RK Chowdhury University College in the capital's Sayedabad. The photo was taken yesterday.**  
 PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ


# Obituary

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira**  
  
 Sheikh Amanullah, a Language Movement veteran and an organiser of the Liberation War, died at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 86.  
 He left behind his wife, two sons, and two daughters.  
 Amanullah, former headmaster of Kalaroa GKMK Pilot High School, will be buried at his family graveyard in Jhapaghat of Kalaroa upazila after his namaz-e-janaza on the Kalaroa Higher Secondary School premises at 10:00am today.

# Death anniversary

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
  
 Today is the 10th death anniversary of Noorjehan Murshid, an organiser of the Liberation War and the first state minister for health and social welfare of Bangladesh, says a press release.  
 Noorjehan Murshid Smriti Parishad has organised programmes, including placing a wreath at her grave.

# Khurshid Alam

**CITY DESK**  
  
 Today is the fourth death anniversary of fiction writer and former additional secretary Mohammad Khurshid Alam.  
 On the occasion, foods will be distributed among the poor today. All have been requested to pray for the departed soul.  
 He belonged to the 1982 batch of BCS Cadre (Admin). He died on this day at the age of 53.



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