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Durga Puja begins today

BSS, Dhaka

The five-day Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of the Hindus, begins today at temples in Dhaka and elsewhere across the country. "The festival inaugurates on Sashthi with Kalparambha in the morning and Bodhon, Amantran and Adhibas of the Goddess Durga in the evening," said Niranjan Moharaj, assistant secretary of Dhaka Ramkrishna Mission and Moth yesterday. "Recitation from verses of the holy Chandī will be held at puja mandaps

JAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY
BCL men foil anti-VC demo

Several agitating teachers 'assaulted'

JU CORRESPONDENT

A group of Chhatra League activists yesterday foiled a sit-in of agitating Jahangirnagar University teachers, who have been demanding the resignation of Vice-chancellor Prof Anwar Hossain.

It all started as a group of teachers, who staged a sit-in in front of the university's administrative building, barred the VC from entering his office around 3:00pm. The VC was scheduled to hold a syndicate meeting there.

The agitating teachers alleged that Prof Anwar physically assaulted two of their colleagues on his way to the office.

But the VC dismissed the allegation, and said he just tried to enter his office to hold the syndicate meeting.

Following the incident, BCL activists gathered before the administrative building and forced the teachers to leave the place. They also vandalised the chairs the teachers were sitting on, witnesses said.

The agitating teachers claimed three of their colleagues were attacked by the BCL men, and accused the VC of using the BCL men for his own interest.

Two assistant proctors -- Lecturer Enamul Haque and



PHOTO: STAR/ FOCUS BANGLA
Chhatra League cadres swoop on teachers staging a sit-in for the removal of the vice-chancellor in front of the administrative building of Jahangirnagar University yesterday. They threw away chairs and allegedly assaulted some of the teachers.



Alim's family to challenge conviction

STAR REPORT

Family members of war crimes convict Abdul Alim yesterday said they will challenge the conviction of Alim in the Supreme Court.

Following the pronouncement of the verdict by the ICT-2, Alim's son Sazzad bin Alim said, "We are aggrieved [by the verdict] and didn't expect such a verdict. It's a travesty of judgment."

He also claimed that his father could "never commit" crimes against humanity. "The people of Joypurhat elected him [Alim] seven times. Had he committed

Superior status skipped

Prosecution failed to charge Alim over his role in Peace Committee

MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

Convicted war criminal Abdul Alim held "superior status" over the local Peace Committee in Joypurhat during the Liberation War, which was an aggravating factor in sentencing him.

The International Crimes Tribunal-2, however, did not punish the "atrocious and potential leader of Joypurhat Peace Committee" on this ground as the prosecution did not bring the charge of superior responsibility against him.

Interestingly, a source in the prosecution has said the team did not bring the charge of superior responsibility against BNP leader Alim as they were

A hideout unheard of

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Could you guess where war criminal Abdul Alim hid when freedom fighters raided his house in Joypurhat during the Liberation War?

It was in the unlikely of places. For the freedom fighters of Bogra and Joypurhat, the war crimes verdict against Alim was something they had long waited for, though the sentence was not quite to their satisfaction.

One of them is Ataur Rahman Golap, a freedom fighter of Sector-7, who led a seven-member guerrilla group that raided the house of Abdul Alim on April 20, 1971. The 64-year-old recalled how they

Fugitive BNP leader Khokon indicted

Tribunal frames 11 charges including genocide, torture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday indicted fugitive BNP leader MA Zahid Hossain Khokon on 11 charges, including genocide, torture, abduction and confinement during the Liberation War.

The three-member tribunal, headed by its Chairman Justice ATM Fazle Kabir, with members Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim and Justice Anwarul Haque, fixed November 3 for the opening statement of the prosecution.

The prosecution witnesses would also testify on that day. Justice Selim read out the war crimes charges framed against the fugitive known as Khokon Razakar.

Khokon, now 70, was a local leader of the Razakar, an auxiliary force of



PHOTO: STAR
An under-construction memorial at Karai Kadipur village in Joypurhat for the victims of a massacre during the Liberation War, 1971. Abdul Alim was the key man behind the daylong mass killing at five Hindu villages, including Karai Kadipur, on April 26, 1971.

VICTIMS' FAMILIES UNHAPPY

Though families of those killed by Alim and his men in Joypurhat in 1971 are disappointed that the war criminal has not been condemned to death, there's a sense of relief that he has at last been brought to justice. Tamanna Khan and Kongkon Karmaker talked to them for their reactions.

Abdul Hye
Abdul Hye, 64, had seen his brother Fazlul Karim get killed by Alim and his accomplices during the Liberation War. He yesterday lamented that his mother, who died in 2011, could not see the justice done. "She used to ask me if there would ever be a

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Kazi Ezaz Ahmed
Kazi Ezaz Ahmed, one of the grandchildren of Abdul Kashem and a prosecution witness, remained silent for a couple of minutes after he heard the news of the verdict. "Maybe they [the judges of the tribunal] have considered his [Alim] health and given

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Bhanubhusan Chakraborty
He was only six when he lost his father Monibhusan Chakraborty. Monibhusan along with nine other Hindus from Uttar Hatsahar and Harunja Hat villages of Joypurhat was dragged out of their houses and killed by the Pakistan

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Trio win Nobel in chemistry

AFP, Stockholm

Three scientists won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry yesterday for devising computer models to simulate chemical processes, providing a revolutionary tool for drug designers and engineers.

Martin Karplus, a US-Austrian citizen, Michael Levitt, a US-British citizen, and Arieh Warshel of the US and Israel, were honoured "for the development of multiscale models for complex chemical systems," the Nobel jury said.

The three were being honoured for "taking the experiment to cyberspace," it added.

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Five meals a day help weight loss

THE TELEGRAPH ONLINE

Researchers say a daily routine of breakfast, lunch, dinner along with two further snacks a day can help shed pounds. But breaking the routine can lead to weight gain

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CTG MADRASA BLAST
Izhar's son arrested

One more student succumbs to injuries; murder case filed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Harun Izhar, son of Hefajat-e-Islam Nayeb-e-Ameer Mufti Izharul Islam Chowdhury, was arrested along with his bodyguard early yesterday, police say.

Harun, who is Hefajat's publicity secretary, is one of the prime accused in the cases filed on the explosion at Jamiatul Ulum Al Islamia Madrasa in Chittagong on Monday morning.

Also yesterday, Jubair Ahmed, 22, a student of the madrasa, who suffered 80 percent burns in the blast, passed away at Chittagong Medical College Hospital around 6:00am.

Habibur Rahman, 24, another injured, died at the hospital on Tuesday.

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The Daily Star

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for the education ministry to ask agitating teachers of JU to stop their ongoing movement demanding vice-chancellor's resignation?

Yes (46%)
No (54%)

TOTAL VOTES: 147

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think secretary-general level talks between the AL and the BNP will help to break the political standoff as both sides remained rigid on their stance?

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PRAYER TIMING October 10

Azhan	Jamaat
Fajr 4-45	5-20
Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 4-15	4-30
Maghrib 5-45	5-50
Esha 7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

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