

NEWSIN brief

Hefajat's Shapla Chattar rally Dec 24

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The grand rally of Hefajat-e Islam scheduled to be held on November 15 will now be held on December 24 at the capital's Motijheel Shapla Chattar.

Hefajat Secretary General Junaid Babunagari declared the fresh date of the rally at a press conference at the organisation's central office in Hathazari upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

In the early hours of May 6, law enforcers flushed out hundreds of Hefajat activists from the same place after the latter went on the rampage from Paltan to Bangabandhu Avenue and from Motijheel to Bailey Road from 11:30am the day before.

Five police officials transferred

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday transferred five police officials holding the posts of deputy inspector general (DIG) and superintendent of police (SP).

Commissioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police (SMP) Nibash Chandra Majhee was made DIG to Tourist Police in Dhaka, while Additional DIG Mizanur Rahman of Dhaka range was appointed SMP commissioner. Additional DIG Shafiqul Islam of the police headquarters was transferred to Dhaka range.

SP Abdur Rahim Shah Chowdhury of Chuadanga was transferred as Special SP in Special Branch of Dhaka, while SP Rashidul Hasan of Police Training Centre in Rangpur was made SP of Chuadanga.

DoE fines two factories Tk 42 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) fined two industrial units a total of Tk 42 lakh in Gazipur for polluting the Turag river.

Karuni Knit Composite was fined Tk 40 lakh for operating a faulty effluent treatment plant (ETP) and releasing untreated waste materials into the river while Hamza Chemical Industries Tk 2 lakh for dumping unrefined sodium silicate, an ingredient of glues, said a press release.

At the DoE office yesterday, representatives of the factories promised to take proper steps.

Man found dead in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A man was found dead at a paddy field behind Bhawal Badre Alam College in Dighir Chala area of Gazipur city yesterday.

Joynal, 25, supervisor of Diganta Sweater factory, used to reside in the area.

Joynal's wife, Rubina said he went out of the house after receiving a phone call on Saturday night.

The body with an almost severed leg also bore several stab injuries in the throat, arm and face, said police who sent it to Gazipur Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Three arrested for killing man at Kamrangirchar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven months after the recovery of seven pieces of the body of a man from the capital's

Kamrangirchar, detective police arrested three persons at Hasan Nagar in Kamrangirchar and Hasnabad in Keraniganj early yesterday in a case filed over the killing.

On April 18 and 19, police recovered the dismembered parts of Monir Hossain in two sacks and two bags from the bank of the Buriganga.

The arrested are Shorna Akter Kakuly alias Nipa, 27, former wife of the victim; Sharif, 35, Nipa's current husband; and Anwar Hossain, 38, former member of Gram Sarkar.



Protest rally

Communist Party of Bangladesh will stage a protest rally demanding that the government refrains from signing the Trade and Investment Cooperation Framework Agreement (Tica); Venue: before Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:30pm.

Views-exchange meeting

Jatiya Granthakendra will organise a views-exchange meeting marking the upcoming Dhaka International Book Fair-2013 from December 12; Venue: its premises; Time: 4:00pm.



An activist from a procession of Jamaat-e-Islami and pro-Jamaat student organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir vandalises a truck in Chittagong city's Laldighi area during Jamaat's dawn-to-dusk hartal yesterday protesting the recent murders of a leader and an activist.

PHOTO: STAR

Writ filed for JS dissolution before polls schedule announcement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A writ petitioner yesterday sought High Court directives on the prime minister to advise the president to dissolve the parliament before the Election Commission declares the 10th general election's schedule.

The petition said according to the Supreme Court's judgement in the case of the 13th amendment to the constitution, the dissolution should be within a reasonable period, which may be 42 days, before the declaration.

The prime minister, Speaker, law and cabinet secretaries and the chief election commissioner

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27 Bangladeshis finally have hope of return

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After being confined in an Iraqi labour accommodation for nearly 10 months, 27 Bangladeshis yesterday finally got the assurance and some tickets to start returning home from tomorrow.

"Our employer Haider today gave 10 return tickets for flights within November. He assured of providing the rest tickets for flights between December 1 and 10," Shaon Ali, one of the 27, told The Daily Star over phone.

The development came amid a sit-in by relatives before the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) in the capital's Kakrail demanding either repatriation or employment.

The 27 construction workers went to Iraq in February and March through four Bangladeshi recruiting agencies spending Tk 3 to Tk 4 lakh

to work for an Iraqi company, M Kodia Co General Trading, for a monthly salary of US \$350.

The company failed to start its construction project and kept the workers confined in the compound in Najaf, 160 kilometres off Baghdad.

Expecting that the stay was temporary, the migrants waited. But seeing no hope, they communicated of their situation to their relatives, who appealed to the expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry and BMET in late July.

The relatives demonstrated in Dhaka twice and attended four BMET hearings between the relatives and the agencies, Morning Sun Enterprise, Meghna Trade International, East Bengal Overseas and Idea International, to no effect.

Shaon said they employer did not say whether they would be

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No step to be taken against Kazi Zafar

Ershad on Saturday's statement lambasting his decision to join poll-time govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party (JP) Chairman HM Ershad yesterday said he would not take any action against Presidium Member Kazi Zafar Ahmed though the latter, in a statement on Saturday, lambasted him for joining the poll-time government.

"I doubt whether Kazi Zafar had even made the statement. Even if he did it, I am sure it is a pique of the leader.

"We have passed a long time together and I treat him as a family member," Ershad told journalists at the JP office in the capital's Banani.

Kazi Zafar had said by joining the poll-time

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Vehicles damaged in Ctg Jamaat's hartal

Primary terminal examinees face hard time reaching centres

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Jamaat-e-Islami and pro-Jamaat student organisation Islami Chhatra Shibir activists torched at least four vehicles, vandalised three and blasted several cocktails in Chittagong city during Jamaat's dawn-to-dusk hartal in Chittagong district yesterday protesting recent murders of a leader and an activist.

Examinees, especially those sitting the primary terminal examinations, which was left out of the hartal's purview, had a hard time reaching the exam centres due to the sparse presence of public transport.

Bringing out a flash procession, the activists set ablaze two battery-run three wheelers and two CNG-run auto-rickshaws and exploded two cocktails on seeing police at Chittagong city's No-2 Gate area around 8:45am, said police.

They also vandalised three CNG-run auto-rickshaws at Jail Road and detonated two cocktails at Baluchhara around 9:00am, added police. No inter-district bus plied but train services ran.

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Atlanta city to host Nobel peace laureates' summit 2015

CITY DESK

The city of Atlanta in the US will host the 2015 World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates, a prestigious event, which will focus on promoting global peace.

The pre-announcement ceremony was held at the Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta on Friday. A host of international leaders and celebrities were present on the occasion, says a press release.

Mayor Kasim Reed accompanied Prof Muhammad Yunus in announcing that Atlanta will host the summit that will bring the international superstars to the city from November 15 to 19, 2015.

Prevalent public figures such as former president Jimmy Carter, Ted Turner, and Ambassador Andrew Young gave words of excitement and anticipation for the coming event.

"Atlanta deserves to be the host city for the Nobel laureates for many reasons," Prof Yunus said, mentioning the city's history in civil and human rights.

"Atlanta deserves for this to not be a temporary event but a permanent event to remind the world of a peaceful world with human rights. That's the objective, that's the goal that this summit will have," he said.

Prof Yunus also praised Ted Turner, who will serve as the honorary chair of the summit, for championing the elimination of nuclear warheads.

In its fifteenth year, the summit will feature over 2,000 global leaders from all around the globe and over 25,000 students to engage in discussions and activities to promote global peace.

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PHOTO: COURTESY

Prof Muhammad Yunus with other participants at the pre-announcement ceremony for the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates 2015 at Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta, US on Friday.



Nestlé Bangladesh Ltd Managing Director Stéphane Nordé, Corporate Affairs Director Naquib Khan, and Corporate Affairs and Communication Senior Manager Mirza Golam Hossain at the inauguration of a water tank Nestlé provided at Hailjure Union High School, Gazipur on Saturday.

PHOTO: COURTESY

Road crashes kill 12

CITY DESK

Twelve people were killed and nine others injured in separate road accidents in the country yesterday and Saturday.

Our Madaripur correspondent reports, three people were killed and four others injured as an oncoming truck rammed a human hauler at Kalibar on the Dhaka-Barisal highway in Rajoir upazila of Madaripur yesterday.

The dead were Jalal Sheikh, 30, the driver, and Nazmul Akand, 27, both of Pashim Rajoir, and Aktheruzzaman, 25, of Mollahkandi. The injured are undergoing treatment at Faridpur Medical College Hospital.

A Comilla correspondent adds, a passenger was killed and four others were injured when a covered van collided head-on with the CNG-run auto-rickshaw carrying them at Gazipur on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway in Daudkandi upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Shahanaz Begum, 40, vice-president of Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal Daudkandi municipality unit.

The injured were admitted to Gouripur Health Complex.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent adds, Selim Miah, 28, of Brahmanbaria, died after a car hit him near Water Development Board

area in Moulvibazar town.

Meanwhile at Nadampur, Sobjan Bibi, 60, of Sadar upazila, died when a speedy bus veered out of control and hit her in the upazila.

Our Khagrachhari correspondent reports, Sanjoy Tripura, 20, a first year student of Khagrachhari Government College, died after a truck rammed his bicycle in Larma Square area of Khagrachhari district town.

Police arrested the driver, Sabuj Tripura. Protesting the accident, agitated locals blocked Khagrachhari-Dighinala road for about two hours.

Our Netrakona correspondent adds, Tohima Begum, 60, died after a truck knocked her down at Dewli in Sadar upazila yesterday.

Our Dinajpur correspondent adds, Nazmul Haque, 35, of Phulbari upazila, died after a shallow engine-run three wheeler hit him Joynagar-Phulbari road yesterday.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent adds, a rickshaw passenger was killed and another injured when a truck hit the vehicle on Panchagarh-Boda highway at Vasainagar in Boda upazila on Saturday night.

The deceased was Samsul Alam, 55, of Vasainagar village.

Agitated locals barricaded the road demanding arrest of the truck driver.

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PM must suspend her executive power

Says Bar Council

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bar Council yesterday demanded that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina suspend her executive power through amending the constitution during election period for the sake of holding a free and fair parliamentary election.

The PM should take immediate steps on reaching a compromise with the main opposition for holding the next general election under a non-partisan and neutral government and for resolving the prevailing political impasse, said Khandaker Mahbub Hossain, vice-chairman of the council.

He was addressing a

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