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HIMU MURDER IN CTG

5 accused indicted

Trial opens Feb 18

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Nearly two years into the murder of Himadri Majumder Himu, a Chittagong court yesterday framed charges against five accused.

The five are Shah Selim Tipu, his son Junaid Ahmed Riad, Riad's friends Zahedul Islam Shaon, Shahadat Hossain Shaju and Mahboob Ali Khan Danny, said court sources.

Chittagong Metropolitan Sessions Judge SM Mojibur Rahman framed the charges and fixed February 18 to open the trial in the sensational murder case.

An A level student of Summerfield School and College in the port city, Himu, 18, was beaten up brutally and pushed off the fourth floor of Farhad Mansion in the city's Panchlaish residential area by the accused on April 27, 2012. The accused also set a dog on him.

Himu succumbed to his wounds at the capital's Square Hospital on May 23.

The schoolboy was killed for his anti-drug activities, said Himu's friends and family members.

Himu was involved with Shikor, a local anti-drug organisation. Its members kept vigil in the area to check drug peddling and drug taking, said Jawed Ali Chowdhury, general secretary of Shikor.



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Boatmen wait for people wanting to cross the Buriganga near Shaheednagar of Lalbagh in the capital. Wholesale encroachment has narrowed the river channel to the width of a canal while mindless pollution made the water jet-black.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

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DU students take note

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The proceedings in the constituent assembly were keenly monitored by the students of Dhaka University. The dismissive manner in which Dhirendranath Dutta's

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HC grants bail to 4 BNP leaders

Fakhrul chargesheeted in one case, granted bail in 3 others

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted bail to four BNP leaders for different periods in arson attack and vandalism cases.

They are Moudud Ahmed, Khandker Mahbub Hossain, Sadeque Hossain Khoka and Maj (ret'd) Hafizuddin Ahmed.

Moudud, Khoka and Hafiz got bail for six months while Mahbub till disposal of an HC rule. In the rule, the court asked the government to explain why Mahbub should

not be granted regular bail in the case filed against him.

Now there is no legal bar to the release of Moudud, Mahbub and Hafiz as they have secured bail in all the cases filed against them, AKM Ehsanur Rahman, M Masud Rana and Saqeb Mahbub, lawyers for the BNP leaders, told The Daily Star.

However, Khoka will not get released now as he stands accused in other cases, Saqeb Mahbub added.

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KILLED IN 3 MONTHS

BNP to reveal new list of party men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will today release a list of opposition men "killed" and "disappeared" in the last three months.

She would also talk about the current political situation at a press briefing to be held at a hotel in the capital around 4:00pm, sources in the party told The Daily Star yesterday.

It will be Khaleda's second press meet since

TK 16CR HEIST PROBE

Govt asked to engage Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab will now probe the Sonali Bank heist case involving Tk 16.40 crore, as the High Court yesterday ordered the government to hand over the case to the elite force from police within 48 hours.

The court also issued a rule upon the government to explain in two weeks why it should not be directed to investigate allegation of terrorist link with the theft in Kishoreganj.

In the rule, the HC asked the authorities concerned of the government to show cause as to why they should not be directed to find out the real culprits of the heist and bring them to book.

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Paresh Barua in China

STAR REPORT

Ulfa chief Paresh Barua, who faces death penalty in Bangladesh in the 10-truck arms haul cases, is now in China, an Indian newspaper reported yesterday.

The Times of India quoting intelligence sources said Barua had been living in Rui Li town of China possibly with a woman friend for the past two years.

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Bangladesh cricket captain Mushfiqur Rahim (L) enjoys a light moment with batsman Imrul Kayes -- who may return to the Test side in today's second Test against Sri Lanka -- during practice at the Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Indigenous diets cure modern illnesses

THE GUARDIAN ONLINE

Unprecedented levels of chronic non-communicable diseases are prompting calls to revert to the diets of our ancestors to regain lost nutrients.

It is believed that such a shift would help to improve society's

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think that the government should proactively disclose information instead of creating barriers to bring down corruption?

Yes (84%)

No (16%)

TOTAL VOTES: 177

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think ruling Awami League will take any stern action against its student wing Bangladesh Chhatra League activist for Sunday's incident at Rajshahi University?

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Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	4:15	4:30
Maghrib	5:52	5:56
Esha	7:15	7:45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Major reshuffle in administration

25 senior officials transferred, posted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As part of a major plan to reform the administration, the government yesterday ordered transfers and postings of 25 senior bureaucrats.

"The government wants to make bureaucracy more efficient, and speed up implementation of priority projects. So the better performing officials are being posted to key ministries," Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury told The Daily Star.

Sheikh Altaf Ali, senior secretary of the water resources ministry, has been transferred to the president's office, while Monzur Hossain, secretary of the president's office, has been posted to the Local Government Division, according to a circular issued yesterday by the public administration ministry.

Expatriates Welfare Secretary Zafar Ahmed Khan has been transferred to water resources ministry, Housing and Public Works Secretary Khondkar Shawkat Hossain to the expatriates welfare ministry, and Local Government Division's acting secretary Md Golam Rabbani to housing and public works ministry.

Additional secretaries (in situ) Md Shafiqul Islam and Kamal Uddin Ahmed of home ministry have been appointed to the same posts.

Additional secretaries Begum Rokhsana Quader (OSD) has been posted to health and family welfare ministry, Md Mahfuzur Rahman (OSD) to finance division, ALM

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ARREST ATTEMPT

Jamaat leader killed in crash while fleeing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Jamaat leader, trying to evade capture by the police, was hit by a speeding pickup and killed in the capital's Pallabi area yesterday.

The dead, Belal Hossain, was the ameer of the Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Darussalam unit. He was also imam of Ibn Sina Medical College Hospital Mosque.

The incident happened when around 50 activists of Jamaat and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir brought out a procession at

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