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Yunus receives Equitas Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel peace laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus has received the prestigious Equitas Award for his role in promoting human rights.



Melissa Sonberg, the chair of Equitas board, presented the award to the founder of Grameen Bank at a ceremony in Montreal, Canada on May 28, according to a statement issued by the Yunus Centre in Dhaka yesterday.

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Black flags are hoisted in Nimtoli of Old Dhaka yesterday to mark the fourth anniversary of the deadly 2010 fire that claimed 123 lives. The monument erected in remembrance of the tragedy in the background.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

TRAGEDY 4 YEARS OLD Nimtoli free of chemical stores

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and TAMANNA KHAN

A young boy's portrait hangs on the wall of Taj Decorator on the ground floor of Gulzar Elahi's five storey building at Nimtoli in Old Dhaka.

The shop, which rents out decorative and other equipment for parties or social functions, is located at the same place of a chemical storehouse from where a deadly fire had spread, killing as many as 123 people and injuring at least 200 others on June 3, 2010.

"This is my son's photo. He was one of the fire victims," said Mohammad Sadek, proprietor of the shop and owner of another five-storied building in Nimtoli which too bears the brunt of the inferno.

"I would never allow another chemical shop, storehouse or any other business establishment in this area," he said with conviction. "That is why I have rented this place and started a decoration business."

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PM sees 'plot' against Osmans

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hinting at "conspiracies" against the Osman family and its members in Narayanganj, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday in parliament said conspirators have been trying to destroy the family through repeated attempts.

She was speaking during the obituary motion on late Jatiya Party lawmaker Nasim Osman.

There are very few people in Bangladesh who had been in politics and did not commit any crime, she mentioned.

"But some vested quarters launched targeted propaganda against some particular families and individuals and attacked them," added the PM.

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BSF kills 1 Bangladeshi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenaidah

A Bangladeshi youth was shot dead by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at Sreenathpur border area of Maheshpur upazila in Jhenaidah yesterday.

The dead is Ripon Hossain, 26, son of Raihan Uddin of Sarishaghata village of the same upazila.

Ripon, a cattle trader, entered the Indian territory around 4:30am yesterday along with other cattle traders through Sreenathpur border, said

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SQ CHY'S VERDICT LEAK

8 months on, probe not complete yet

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Police could not complete investigations into the leak of the draft verdict in the war crimes case against Salauddin Quader Chowdhury even eight months after the sensational incident, frustrating both the special tribunal and the stakeholders.

The investigator of the case said the probe was "at the final stage", but one of his higher officials disputed the claim. However, both of them have said they had detected the involvement of at least four people, including a defence lawyer.

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Mamata now agreeable to enclaves exchange

Reports Indian daily

STAR DESK

Mamata Banerjee, chief minister of the Indian state of West Bengal, has said her government could agree to the exchange of enclaves between India and Bangladesh, provided there were no problems from "the other side".

Mamata Banerjee, who was in Siliguri to chair an administrative meeting on Monday, told reporters that her government had nothing against the proposed

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with a Unesco report that Bangladesh would not be able to ensure education for all by 2015?

Yes (89%)
No (11%)

TOTAL VOTES: 292

TODAY'S POLL

Do you agree with Dr Kamal Hossain that the NHRRC should be empowered further and provided with required resources so that it could act effectively?

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	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-45	6-50
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



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