

Obituary

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Brig Gen. Faruque Ashfaq passed away on June 30, 2014 in a train accident near Mohakhali Rail crossing. A doa mahfil will be held at DOHS Baridhara Mosque (not Gulshan Jame Masjid as announced earlier) on Friday after Asr prayers.

Kamaruzzaman's

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killing Zahurul Islam Dara in Mymensingh and killing Golam Mostafa in Sherpur in 1971. The court fixed today for further hearing. On May 9 last year, the International Crimes Tribunal-2 sentenced Kamaruzzaman, one of the key organisers of the Al-Badr force, to death after finding him guilty of committing crimes against humanity during the war. Kamaruzzaman filed the appeal with the SC on June 6 last year seeking acquittal from all the charges.



Md Sabur Khan, chairman of Daffodil Group and Daffodil International University, handing over an invitation letter to Aung San Suu Kyi, Nobel Laureate for Peace, at her residence in Myanmar on Sunday, inviting her to join the upcoming convocation of Daffodil International University.

PHOTO: COURTESY

Qulkhwani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of Ayesha Khatun, mother of AKM Zakaria, senior deputy editor of the daily Prothom Alo, will be held at Syedpur village in Kachua upazila in Chandpur tomorrow after Juma prayers.



Another Qulkhwani will be held at Malibag Chowdhurypara Government Colony Mosque after Asr prayers on Saturday.

Ayesha, wife of late Abdul Majid Molla, died at the capital's Samorita Hospital due to old age complication on July 1. She was 89.

She served as the president of Abdul Majid Foundation until her demise.

She was buried at the family graveyard at Syedpur. She left behind six daughters and a son.

NEWS IN brief

Two shot in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals shot two activists of different pro-Awami League bodies at Bijoynagar intersection in the capital's Nayapalton early yesterday.

Ajnain Hossain Upal, 35, organising secretary of Muktijuddho Projonmo League central committee, with two bullets in the abdomen, and Ekramul Alam, 25, a Jubo league activist, with one in an arm was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Some six youths fired at them soon after they came out of Jubo League leader Mehedi Hasan's resident around 12:30am, police said.

Paltan police are investigating some suspects mentioned by the injured.

Man kills brother in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was stabbed to death by his younger brother over a trifling matter at South Paikpara in the capital yesterday.

The victim, Mohiuddin, 24, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital after his younger brother Hazrat Ali stabbed him at their house, said Inspector Mozzamel Haque, in-charge of DMCH police camp.

Police arrested Hazrat in this connection. Mozzamel said Hazrat confessed to the killing saying he stabbed his brother as Mohiuddin beat him regarding his involvement in a theft incident in the area.

Brac signs MoU with Maya for women empowerment

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The Gender Justice and Diversity Division of Brac, and Maya, the first website in Bangladesh dedicated to women's health and well-being, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on June 29, marking a new approach to ensuring women's rights and empowerment by closing the digital divide.

Sheepa Hafiza, senior director of the division, said this partnership will ensure justice for Bangladeshi women and allow practitioners to address gender discrimination.

Asif Saleh, senior director for Brac Communications, and Ivy Huq Russell, founder of Maya, (www.maya.com.bd), also spoke.

US embassy to remain closed today

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The US embassy, including its consular section and the American Center with the Archer K Blood American Center Library and the EducationUSA Student Advising Center, will remain closed today in observance of the US Independence Day.

For emergency services, American citizens should call 885-5500 and ask for the duty officer.

Rotary Club Dhaka announces board of directors for 2014-15

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Rotary Club of Dhaka Mega City recently announced its Board of Directors for 2014-2015.

The 17-member committee includes Mantosh Kumar Paul as president and Khalid Mustafiz Gaffar as secretary.



Mantosh Khalid Mustafiz Gaffar as secretary.

PM against subsidy

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last few years as the cost of power generation has gone up. The sector is getting Tk 5,100 crore subsidy this fiscal year, although the government has increased power tariff several times in the last three years.

The cost of power generation has jumped up from Tk 2.75 per kilowatt-hour (or a unit) in 2009 to Tk 6.12 in 2013. But the average sales tariff remains below Tk 5 per unit as of now.

"If we all become prudent and maintain austerity in using electricity and water, payment of bills will be less. Besides, the government will be able to give power connections to more people," she said.

Responding to a query, Hasina informed the House that the tender process for constructing 21 power plants with a capacity of 5,264 MW was underway.

There is a plan to set up eight power plants with 3,407 MW capacity, she said, adding that work on the construction of a 1,000-MW nuclear power plant was also in progress.

The premier also informed the MPs about her government's various measures, giving highest priority to ensure chemical and adulteration-free food.

CORRUPTION, CRIME

The prime minister also told the House that her government had taken a zero tolerance policy to eliminate criminal activities and fight corruption.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, she said "terrorism prevention committees" had been formed in different areas comprising imams

and muezzins of mosques, distinguished personalities and local representatives.

The premier also said a process was going on to form a specialised counter terrorism unit in police to combat terrorism.

On the fight against corruption, the PM, however, did not give any details in her scripted reply.

Replying to another query, Hasina said Bangladesh would consider taking part in the Chinese initiative to form a new bank if it seemed profitable for the socioeconomic development of the country.

China has taken an initiative to establish the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) by the end of this year to finance big infrastructure projects of the Asian countries.

Of the \$100 billion capital for the proposed AIIB, China alone would contribute \$50 billion and the member countries would contribute the rest.

The Chinese government has requested Bangladesh to become one of the founder members of the bank being launched.

"The present world is a globalised village; no one can move alone in this world. Regional cooperation is needed.

"If anyone takes an initiative, at first we have to ascertain as to what degree Bangladesh will be benefited from such initiatives," she observed.

Regarding Rohingyas, the premier said the Myanmar government was very much sincere in taking back their 39,000 registered refugees from Bangladesh, BSS adds.

Rab back on streets

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arms, ammunition and explosives, and busting armed criminal gangs.

It also gathers intelligence on criminals and crime, investigates any offence as per government directives, and assists other law enforcement agencies in maintaining law and order.

Contacted, State Minister for Home Affairs Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said apart from patrolling the streets Rab would also be deployed at shopping malls and in

important areas of "mega cities".

Rab received serious allegations in May after the abductions and subsequent killings of seven people in Narayanganj.

Three Rab-II officials -- commanding officer Lt Col Tareque Sayeed Mohammad, Maj Arif Hossain and Lt Commander MM Rana -- were forced into retirement following the allegations.

They were later arrested and also gave confessional statements before a court regarding the abductions and killings.

5 accused threatened

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public prosecutor (PP) of the court. The copy of the GD was placed before the court yesterday, he said.

After hearing the news of attack on Himu, Jawed rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Later, Himu described the incident and revealed the names of the attackers before him and few others, which Kashfi, vice-president of Shikar, recorded through his mobile phone device, said Jawed during his deposition.

The court fixed July 15 as the next date for cross-examination, said the PP.

Himadri Majumdar Himu, an A-level student of Summerfield School and

College, was brutally beaten, unleashed upon by dogs, and then he was pushed off from the fourth floor of a building in Panchlaish Residential Area of Chittagong city on April 27, 2012. Later, he succumbed to his injuries at a hospital in the capital on May 23 the same year.

Himu was an active member of Shikar and was probably killed for his anti-drug campaign role in the locality.

On May 24, 2012, a murder case was filed with Panchlaish Police Station accusing the five persons in this connection.

Of the accused, Tipu, Shawon, Saju were produced before the court yesterday while the other two are on the run, said court sources.

JS makes new law for CHT

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in 1976. The Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board will now set up its office in Rangamati.

There will be a 6-member committee with a chairman and a vice-chairman under

the board.

The government will appoint its chairman, preferably from tribal community, as per the terms and conditions of the board.

The vice-chairman will enjoy the status of joint secretary, while the members of the board will have the status of deputy secretary.

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Request for Proposal

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh seeks quotations from interested Companies for supplying IEC materials for UPGP & UZGP Project.

This procurement process will be conducted through online tendering system of UNDP. Bidders who wish to submit an offer must register in the system in order to access the bidding document and submit a proposal. To register please visit the link: <https://etendering.partneragencies.org> and use the user name and password provided below to start the registration:

Username: event.guest
Password: why2change

The complete user guide can also be downloaded from the UNDP Bangladesh website in the link below: <http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/procurement/>

A pre-bid meeting will be conducted at UNDP, IDBhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar on **7 July, 2014 at 11.a.m.**

The deadline for submission of Proposals is **Thursday, July 17, 2014, 4:30 p.m.** Local time.

VACANCY NOTICE

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces a vacancy for the position of **Senior Economist (Service Contract, SB-5 Level)** with **"Support to Sustainable and Inclusive Planning (SSIP)"** Project.

The duration of the Service Contract is one year initially, subject to renewal upon satisfactory performance.

For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply for the above position, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Applications should be received no later than on **Wednesday, 16 July, 2014.**

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

VACANCY NOTICE

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces a vacancy for the following position with **"Improving Kiln Efficiency in the Brick Making Industry (GREEN Brick Project)"**:

1. Team Leader, Green Brick Initiative - 1 (One) position
(Service Contract, SB4 Level)

The Service Contract is subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply for the above position, please visit our website: <http://www.bd.undp.org>. Applications should be received no later than on **Thursday, 10 July, 2014.**

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

VACANCY NOTICE

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces a vacancy for the following position with **"Development of Sustainable Renewable Energy Power Generation (SREPGen Project)"**:

1. Project Manager - 1 (One) position
(Service Contract, SB4 Level)

2. Monitoring and Evaluation Officer - 1 (One) position
(Service Contract, SB3 Level)

3. Admin & Finance Assistant - 1 (One) position
(Service Contract, SB2 Level)

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