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briefInjured supporter of Haji Selim dies
after attack by "Mostafa Jalal's men"

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A supporter of independent lawmaker Haji Mohammad Selim, who was injured along with two others in an attack allegedly by the people loyal to former Awami League lawmaker Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin in the capital's Azimpur, died yesterday.

Shahbuddin Shabu, 35, a TV cable service provider, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 7:00am.

On Friday, the incident took place over "controlling a kitchen market" on the footpath in Chhapa Mosque area around noon, said police.

Mostafa denied the allegations.

Boy stabbed to death in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified miscreants last night stabbed a boy to death before his aunt's house at the capital's Mirpur-6.

Emon Sarker, 14, son of Nazrul Islam Sarker of the area, was a class VII student of Mirpur Adarsha High School.

Nurul Afsar, sub-inspector of Mirpur Police Station, told the Daily Star that Emon came under the attack when he went to buy cookies from a shop there.

He was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

VIEW Foundation distributes kits for learning among blind students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Visually Impaired Education and Welfare Foundation, a voluntary non-government organisation, yesterday distributed education materials among 60 visually impaired students.

The organisation gave the gifts including an mp3 with audio lessons and the Quran in Braille to the students of Badrunnessa Specialised College at a programme at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

Nazrul Islam Khan, secretary to the ministry of information and communication technology, among others, spoke at the programme.

Apollo Hospital launches economy package for heart screening

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To commemorate the World Heart Day on September 29, Apollo Hospitals Dhaka has offered an economic heart screening package at Apollo Master Health Check Clinic.

It includes different tests to detect risks of heart diseases and based on the test reports cardiologists will provide treatment on the same day.

Those who want to avail this offer are requested to come within September 15 to 30 at the clinic before 8:00am after fasting overnight.

For details, contact phone: 02-8401600.

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Closing ceremony

Closing ceremony of Actions for Combating Trafficking in Persons programme, organised by Winrock International and Usaid, will be held. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre. Time: 10:30am-12:00noon.

Launching ceremony

Usaid's Bengal Tiger Conservation Activity (Bagh) will be launched. Venue: Pan Pacific Sonargaon. Time: 7:00pm.

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Subhan took part in Pabna massacres

Freedom fighter testifies at war crimes tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdus Subhan had planned and participated in the massacres carried out in several villages of Pabna on May 12, 1971, a freedom fighter testified yesterday, apparently corroborating the versions of several other prosecution witnesses.

SK Shahidullah, a resident of Nishchintapur village in the district's Sujanagar upazila, said he had seen the Pakistani army carry out atrocities and learnt about Subhan's involvement from locals and his elder brother, who was shot but survived on that fateful day.

The 29th prosecution witness in

Subhan's case told the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that the Pabna Peace Committee, an anti-liberation platform, was formed in the first week of May 1971 with a Pakistani army captain, Jayedi, as its chairman and Subhan as secretary.

Earlier, several prosecution witnesses linked Subhan, then ameer of Pabna Jamaat, to the mass killings in the villages that left 170 to 175 people dead on May 12, 1971.

Subhan, a Jamaat nayeb-e-ameer, faces nine charges of crimes including genocide in Pabna. The accused, in his 80s, however, pleads not guilty in court.

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GRABBING OF GOVT LAND
Court accepts charges against Moudud

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday accepted the charges against BNP leader Moudud Ahmed and his brother Monjur Ahmed in a case filed allegedly for grabbing government land worth over Tk 300 crore in Gulshan of Dhaka.

After scrutinizing the case docket and other relevant documents, the court took cognizance of the charges in the presence of Moudud.

It also issued an arrest warrant against Monjur as he was shown fugitive in the case. The court fixed October 22 for starting hearing on charge framing.

After an investigation that started during the period of caretaker government in 2008, Harun-ur-Rashid, deputy director of the Anti-Corruption Commission, lodged the case with Gulshan Police Station on December 17 last year.

Moudud and his brother grabbed the land, stretching over around one bigha and 13 katha, between 1978 and 2006, says

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RAMNA EXPLOSIVES CASE
Fresh charges against Mufti Hannan
13 others framed

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed fresh charges against top Haji leader Mufti Abdul Hannan and 13 others in a case filed under the Explosive Substances Act.

The case was filed with Ramna Police Station against them for blasting bombs during Pahela Baishakh celebrations at Ramna Batamul in 2001 that killed 10 people and injured many.

Judge Shahab Nur Uddin of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1

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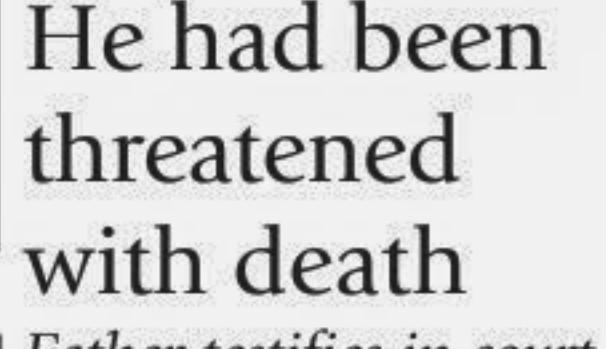


Centuries after the end of the age of barbarians, when the world is fighting to ensure human rights, a rickshaw puller, Sajib Miah, in Ashulia's Koltashuti, kept a captive, with a shackled foot, *inset*, and tortured in a garage yesterday, as the rickshaw he had leased from Rafiqul Islam had been stolen on Saturday evening. Rafiqul is determined to continue to confine Sajib until he pays him Tk 60,000 as compensation. Officer-in-charge of Ashulia Police Station Sheikh Badrul Alam said, "If anyone complains to us I will take proper action."

PHOTO: STAR

ATTACK ON PROF MAHBUBULLAH
SCBA condemns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

HIMU
MURDER CASE

He had been threatened with death

Father testifies in court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Seven months before his death, Himu was threatened with death by Tipu and Shaju for trying to stop Shaju from taking drugs in the locality, stated Himu's father before a Chittagong court yesterday.

A general diary was filed with Panchlaish Police Station in this connection on October 20, 2011, Prabir Majumder added while testifying before Judge Reza Tareque Ahmed of Chittagong Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal.

The cross-examination of the ninth prosecution witness began yesterday and the court adjourned it till today, informed court sources.

An A level student of Summerfield School and College in Chittagong city, Himadri Majumder Himu, 18, was beaten up brutally and pushed off the fourth floor of Farhad Mansion in Panchlaish residential area on April 27, 2012.

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The Supreme Court Bar Association yesterday strongly condemned the attack on Prof Mahbubullah, and demanded arrest and exemplary punishment for his attackers.

The association made the demand at a press conference held in its auditorium yesterday.

Mahbubullah, a pro-BNP former teacher of Dhaka University, was attacked on Saturday while he was leaving the SCBA premises after attending the launching ceremony of a book written by BNP leader Moudud Ahmed.

It is not possible for miscreants to attack Prof Mahbubullah without instigation of the government, said SCBA President Khandker Mahbub Hossain.

"We think Professor Mahbubullah was attacked as he made comments against the government on television talk shows," he said.

It is unfortunate that law enforcers have not taken any effective step to arrest the culprits even though 24 hours have passed since the incident, said the SCBA president.

He said police can identify the culprits through CCTV footage, as such cameras are installed at different points on the SC premises.

Haven for abandoned

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names and their parents' names and nothing more, said Bandana Rani Sarker, an assistant teacher at the shelter. The shelter has books and teachers to provide the children with education.

Abandoned babies are given new names at the shelter.

One such child is three-year-old Sanjida Akter Mitu. Just a month old, she was abandoned in front of Sudharam Model Police Station in Noakhali in June 2011.

Hasan Masud, deputy superintendent of Chhotomoni Nibas, said they try to find out the addresses of children who somehow became lost.

"But it is difficult to find out about their parents as most of the children do not know their addresses," he said.

Ganges barrage high-priority

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Prof M Monowar Hossain, executive director, IWM, attended the programme as special guest, while Md Salim Bhuiyan, director general of Warpo, chaired it.

In the inaugural session, Saiful Alan, director (technical) of Warpo, presented the current status of the country's water resources highlighting trans-boundary river flows, groundwater depletion, and pollution and grabbing of the rivers around Dhaka city.

Warpo has been conducting the water

resources assessment in association with IWM and some international experts. The study is financed by the World Bank under the Water Management Improvement Project.

The overall assessment of surface water includes both quantities and qualities in time and space with reasonable accuracy as required for updating the National Water Management Plan (NWMP). The Bangladesh Water Act 2013 made it mandatory to formulate the NWMP.

Sylhet BCL leader assaults

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Sylhet district while the rest were outsiders. The president, Shahriar, hails from Moulvibazar and the general secretary, Raihan, from Sunamganj, both living in rented houses in Sylhet city, he said.



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