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will set in the capital today at 5:46pm and rise tomorrow at 6:38am.



What once used to be a pond at Ramna Kali Mandir in the capital is now a stretch of uneven land used to discard objects past their expected service. Digging it up for fish farming and surrounding it with trees could be one way of revitalising the area. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

No step against main accused SI; ADC claims probe is on against him, other alleged accomplices

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of Ramna Police Station was "closed" while till yesterday no steps have been taken against Sub-inspector (SI) Mehedi Hasan who allegedly led the beating up of New Age's Dhaka University (DU) correspondent and the journalist's friend after being about to be photographed violating a recent ban by riding pillion on another policeman's motorcycle in the capital's Bijoynagar on Sunday.

ASI Golam Mostafa has been "closed" while an additional deputy commissioner was probing the involvement of others, said Officer-in-Charge Moshiur Rahman last evening. The journalist, Nazmul Huda Suman, a thirdyear DU political science student, and Kairuzzaman Shuvo of management were shifted to the DU medical centre yesterday. They were first treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Yesterday, journalists' organisations demanded immediate punitive measures against SI Mehedi and threatened to otherwise embark on tough agitation programmes in the next couple of days.

Jatiya Press Club and a faction of Bangladesh Federal SEE PAGE 4 COL 6, RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 4

## ASI closed Malodour chokes Mohammadpur

Two big open dumpsters on Jakir Hossain Road of capital have become a crying shame; city corporation claims National Housing Authority sitting on request for land to remedy the situation

HELEMUL ALAM

Two big dumpsters on the capital's busy Jakir Hossain Road near Town Hall in Mohammadpur not only adds to the traffic rush there but also spreads bad odour making life miserable for residents and commuters.

"Every day I have to bear this unpleasant smell when I leave my house for work," said Farida Begum, who works at Labaid Hospital.

strewn on the road and footpath mak- several years ago. ing it difficult for vehicles and pedestri-

ans to pass through, she said.

Shital Rojario, a staff of St Joseph Higher Secondary School, said the dumpsters, which are about 10 feet apart, take up a large portion of the road narrowing the space for vehicles.

Mohammad Abul Hossain Sourav, a driver, said the dumpsters are placed near an intersection so it is difficult to make turns leading to traffic conges-

According to residents of the area, More often than not, garbage is the containers were placed in the area

busy road," said Jakir, father of a student of Lalmatia Girls School.

authorities to put rubbish bins on a

Mezbahul Karim, superintendent engineer of Dhaka North City Corporation, which has jurisdiction over the area, said around four months back, they sent a letter to the National Housing Authority requesting them to handover their land behind Town Hall to set up a waste transfer station.

"If we get the land, we will immediately start working to set up a transfer station there and remove the bins," he "It is a really bad practice of the said.

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#### PDP president Quarishi warns AL, BNP of 'dire consequences' STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ahmad Quarishi yesterday warned that both the ruling Awami League and the BNP would face "dire consequences" if the parties do not break the political stale-Addressing a press conference at PDP's office on

Progressive Democratic Party (PDP) President Ferdous

Topkhana Road in the capital, Quarishi said, "If they [the parties] fail to solve the ongoing political crisis, both the parties will cease to exist."

He said the parties have the turned the word "dialogue" into a funny one.

"You have to sit for effective talks and solve the problem," the PDP leader said.

#### First arrest made in Jubo League man murder case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

the murder of a Jubo League Haidkandi union unit Saiful Islam is one of the 31 local BNP and Jamaat-e-

Police yesterday arrested a youth in connection with

Islami men accused in the case filed by the brother of the deceased, Md Mohiuddin, who was hacked and burnt to death in his Mirsarai residence in Chittagong by masked assailants early Sunday.

Police did not reveal the political identity of Saiful who was arrested in Sitakunda upazila.

#### Shibli made SC registrar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Farid Ahmed Shibli, a district and sessions judge, and secretary to Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission, has been appointed as registrar of the Supreme Court on Sunday.

Incumbent SC Registrar SM Kuddus Zaman, who is a senior district judge, has been transferred to the post of district and sessions judge of Dhaka, said law ministry sources. Shilbi will be given charge of the SC registrar on February 4.

Additional District and Sessions Judge of Bogra Sabbir Foyez has been appointed as additional registrar of the SC.

#### Road crashes kill 5, injure 3

CITY DESK

Five people died and three others were injured in road accidents yesterday.

In Sirajganj, three people were killed and three others injured as a truck collided head-on with a CNG-run auto-rickshaw in Parkula Bazar area of Shahjadpur upazila.

The deceased were Samsul Islam, 35, Shahdat Hossain, 45, Ibrahim Hossain, 50, of the upazila.

In Barisal, Md Selim, 35, of Dhamsar village died when a vehicle hit him on Barisal-Dhaka highway in Joyoshri area of Wazirpur upazila.

In Bogra, Zakaria Parvez, 29, a BRAC bank official died when a truck hit his motorcycle on Bogra-Dhaka highway in Garidaha area of Sherpur upazila.

#### AL, BNP affiliated lawyers

scuffle at SC SCBA demands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

govt quit

Lawyers loyal to the two major political blocs scuffled over the use of a microphone when they were holding separate programmes in support and in protest against the ongoing hartal and blockade on the Supreme Court premises yesterday.

The pro-Awami League lawyers snatched the microphone from a rally of the BNP-affiliated group because it was "hampering" the former's human chain, held only a couple of yards away. The squabble ended a few minutes later when

law enforcers intervened. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court Bar Association yesterday called for resignation of the government and "peaceful handover" of power.

Addressing a press conference in its auditorium, SCBA President Khandker Mahbub said the political parties should talk and agree on who would take

This government has "messed up" fearing whether it can "stick to power illegally", the BNP chief's adviser said, stressing that a fair national election was the only way to exit the current political impasse.

SCBA Secretary AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon also spoke on the occasion.



One of the two dumpsters placed on Jakir Hossain Road in the capital's Mohammadpur, the malodour being a nuisance for the neighbouring residents and the road narrowed down increasing the traffic congestion. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

## Hasan accused of yet another murder

Witness testifies at war crimes trial; another witness corroborates previous allegations of anti-Hindu pogrom including killing, rape against Forkan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday testified before International Crimes Tribunal-1 how fugitive war crimes accused Syed Hasan Ali chased and shot dead the former's fleeing neighbour from

behind during an attack on Kishoreganj's Baligati village and, accompanied by other Razakars and the Pakistani occupation army, looted valuables and cattle, tortured villagers and set fire to 64 houses on December 11 during the 1971 Liberation

Hasan Ali

Meanwhile, a witness testified supporting others before him over Forkan



Forkan Mallik

three brothers to convert to Islam and raping two women and a girl, leading to the latter's death.

Hiding in a jungle behind his house, the then 13-year-old Atahar Ali saw Hasan, the Tarail Thana commander of Razakars, the Pakistani army's auxiliary force, shoot dead Abdur Rashid in one Kashem Ali Fakir's paddy field where the victim had tried

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Mallik's alleged

atrocities against

Hindus during the

1971 Liberation War

including bayoneting

to death a neighbour-

ing woman clasping

to herself her dying

husband, forcing

## 35 new books on second day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the launching of books and announcement of new arrivals at the Nazrul Mancha

inside the Bangla Academy, the second day of the Amar Ekhushey Granthamela somewhat recovered from the tardiness of

Sunday when most stalls were yet to complete their decorations. Thirty-five new books including stories for children and teenagers,

biography, drama, EKUSHEY and travelogue arrived yesterday. খ

In the afternoon, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq

AMAR fiction, poetry, essay,

launched "Address '71" by Sheikh Abdur Razzak and freedom fighter Amina Begum.

The 71-page book, published by Bhalobasha Prokashani, contains the SEE PAGE 5 COL 7

#### **BOOKS TO LOOK FOR**



Kathaprokash

BDT 600

Publisher **Mawla Brothers** 

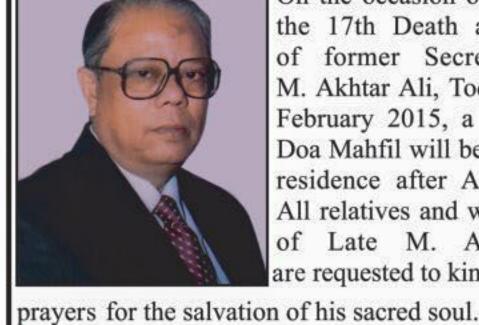
BDT 550

Publisher Bhalobasha Prokashani

BDT 71

In this Book has some address & stories of BEER MATA of 1971 who known as Beerangana.

### 17<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of former Secretary M. Akhtar Ali



On the occasion of observing the 17th Death anniversary of former Secretary Late M. Akhtar Ali, Today the 3rd February 2015, a Milad and Doa Mahfil will be held at his residence after Asr prayers. All relatives and well-wishers of Late M. Akhtar Ali are requested to kindly join the

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