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Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday alleged that the heads of some higher education institutions are actively patronising Islami Chhatra Shibir cadres in their bid to unleash countrywide terror.

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With help from the institution high-ups, the Shibir men are storing arms on campuses, launching grisly attacks on the BCL men and hampering academic activities, said Bodiuzamman Shohag, president of the student SEE PAGE 5 COL 8

Death anniversary CITY DESK

Today is

the 23rd

death



anniversary of Nurul Momen Khan

(Mihir), a former secretary.

On the occasion, the family requested his friends and well-wishers to pray for the salvation of the departed soul, says a press release.



Construction of Padma Multipurpose Bridge going on in full swing, with 16 pile pipes for the second pillar already driven into the river bed at Mawa end. The much-awaited bridge connecting Dhaka with south-western districts is scheduled to open in 2018. The photo was taken on Tuesday.

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Obituary

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Izahar Uddin Master alias Momtaz Uddin Mollah, father of senior reporter of the daily Kaler Kantho M Badi-Uz-Zaman, died of old-age complications at a hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 79.

He left behind three more sons and a daughter. He was buried at their family graveyard in Kanainagar village in Mohammadpur upazila of Magura, Badi-Uz-Zaman said.

KILLING OF WRITER AVIJIT ROY

# No headway in probe frustrates father

Farabi on four-day fresh remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Ajay Roy could not help but wonder about the investigators' failure to come up with a list of suspects even after nearly a month into the killing of his son Avijit Roy, a writer and blogger.

But Ajay revealed several clues to help law enforcers hunt down the murderers at the earliest.

Though he became hopeful of a quick probe after the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) joined hands with the local law enforcers, he was frustrated to announce yesterday that the detectives did not have much to share with people about the killing till now.

"I have given the investigators in the DB office photographs and name of each of them (the suspects) present there (with Avijit) that day," said Ajay, referring to his last correspondence with the investigators almost three weeks back.

ery of the fact that Avijit and his wife Rafida social media platforms, that militants had Ahmed Bonya had attended a meeting on

Bangla Academy book fair premises just before they came out of the venue to be attacked by assailants. Bonya survived the hacking, near Raju sculpture on Dhaka University on February 26.

According to Ajay, the meeting was organised by a Buet teacher, Farseem Mannan Mohammedy, whom he identified as an adviser to a publication called "Zero to Infinity", a science magazine published by alleged Islami Chhatra Shibir activists.

Farseem did not respond to the phone call of this correspondent.

"I am not aware about the probe making any progress after a month into the murder," Ajay said, at a meeting of Nagarik Committee at Dhaka University.

Immediately after the murder, Prof Ajay, a recipient of the country's highest civilian award, had suspected involvement of mili-

He mentioned in the case statement, besides providing copies of the death The correspondence followed his discov- threats the militants had given to his son on

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## Enrollment certificates for journalists mulled

Bangladesh Press Council plans to introduce enrollment certificates for journalists to ensure the entry of "competent people into the profession and bring about qualitative change" in the mass media, says its Chairman Justice Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed.

"No one will be able to join the profession of journalism without obtaining BPC enrollment certificates... the certificate has to be obtained through an examination once the system comes into effect," he said in an interview with the news agency.

Referring to the Bangladesh Bar Council, a statutory body regulating the lawyers that provides enrollment certificates for law graduates for their practice, Justice Mamtaz said he has a plan to introduce the first-ever enrollment certificate for journalists through examinations.

He said he also has a plan to introduce "benevolent" and "relief" funds for the welfare of the journalist community like other professionals, including the lawyers.

"We're considering a proposal in this regard (enrollmen and funds) which will be placed at a council meeting for approval," he added.

Asked what about those already in the profession, Justice Mamtaz said the working journalists will get the certificates upon recommendations by their respective media houses.

Justifying the BPC's plan, he said the local journalists SEE PAGE 5 COL 5

### Iron, folic acid supplements reduce anaemia

PREGNANT WOMEN

Says evaluation study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT The success of iron and folic

acid (IFA) supplementation

programme for pregnant

women can significantly increase through disseminating awareness, according to a pilot project implemented by the Institute of Public Health Nutrition (IPHN) and the Micronutrient Initiative (MI). The awareness creating project implemented in

Satkhira and Narsingdi between 2011 and 2014 found that nearly 98 percent of women in the districts received IFA in 2014 while only 51 percent women took the supplements in 2011. The evaluation report of

the project concluded that anaemia could be reduced in pregnant women, if they SEE PAGE 8 COL 4

# Withdraw proposal of conditional 16yrs

Rights activists urge govt

Women's Marriageable Age

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women's rights activists yesterday reiterated their call for the women and children affairs ministry to withdraw its proposal to relax women's marriageable age from 18 to 16 years if "done with the consent of her parents or court for valid reasons".

"If the age is reduced, parents will marry off their daughter at the age of 10 or 11," Prof Zeenat Huda of Dhaka University's sociology department told a discussion in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

16, parents of another woman aged 22 will feel social pressure to marry off their daughter," she added. The ministry prepared and recently sent the draft of The

"On the other hand, when a woman will get married at

Child Marriage Restraint Act-2014, containing the relaxation proposal, to the law ministry for vetting.

The existing Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 makes it a criminal offence to marry, or facilitate the marriage of a girl under the age of 18 or a man or boy under 21.

The discussion, "What will be Women's Marriageable Age? 16, 18 or more?" was organised by Women Envoy, a

forum campaigning for equal rights to paternal property. The country's women are now climbing mountains,

joining the army and participating in many development SEE PAGE 8 COL 4



Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, third from left, hands over to Prof Ajay Roy a citation protesting the killing of writer Avijit Roy, the son of the latter, in RC Majumdar Auditorium of Dhaka University yesterday, during a discussion organised by Nagorik Committee.

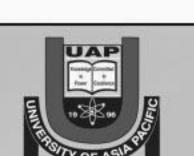
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#### Man held with 2kg of gold in Ctg airport STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man was held with two kilograms of gold hidden inside his socks at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong yesterday.

The detained, Jahangir Alam of Chittagong's Satkania upazila, arrived at the airport from the United Arab Emirates on an Air Arabia flight at 9:55am.

"His movement was suspicious. So, we searched him and found 16 gold bars inside the socks he was wearing," said Syed Mukaddes Hossain, assistant director of Chittagong Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate.



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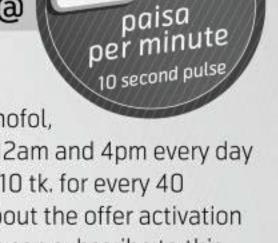
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