



CITIES CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

(Clockwise from top) A performance in Bangabandhu National Stadium in the capital yesterday marking Independence Day. Similar displays organised by the district administration at MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong city. Police on horseback at the former. Songs being rendered on the Central Shaheed Minar premises during a cultural programme organised by Lions Club. BNP leaders place a wreath at the altar of the National Memorial in Savar. Raushan Ershad, leader of the opposition in parliament, places another. President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina pay their respects right after the clock struck midnight.

PHOTO: STAR, BANGLAR CHOKH



BSF returns 4 DB men

UNB, Brahmanbaria

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) early yesterday returned four members of Detective Branch (DB) of police at the Akhaura border checkpost hours after picking them up from the Ashabari border area in Comilla.

Sub-inspectors Alamgir and Sabuj and constables Tapash and Selim entered Indian territory during an anti-smuggling drive in Ashabari frontier area on Wednesday afternoon, said Assistant Superintendent of Police (Comilla Sadar A Circle) M Jahangir Alam.

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Battalion 12 Commanding Officer Lt Col M Nazrul Islam, Brahmanbaria Superintendent of Police Moniruzzaman and BSF Battalion 158 Commander Ragbir Singh were present.

5 BNP, Jamaat-Shibir men arrested in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested a Jubo Dal leader and four Jamaat-Shibir men in Chittagong yesterday for their involvement in subversive activities.

Of them, Nurul Goni Mohsin, 26, vice-president of Kumira No-2 ward Jubo Dal, and Nurul Azim, 30, a Jamaat man, were arrested in Sitakunda upazila, said police.

Meanwhile, Md Tarek, 25, and Raza Mia, 27, were arrested in Lohagara while Saddam Hossain, 20, was arrested in Satkania upazila.

Sunnydale becomes best in Biochemistry Olympiad

CITY DESK

Sunnydale School has been awarded the Best Institution trophy in the HSC/A-Level category at the 6th Biochemistry Olympiad, organised by the biochemistry and molecular biology department of Dhaka University.

Amritabha Guha secured the 2nd position among 334 students from different schools and colleges of the country.

The students of Sunnydale have been participating in a wide range of co-curricular activities and bringing laurels for the school.

Rangpur road crash kills 3, injures 20

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three people were killed and 20 others injured as a bus carrying them fell into a ditch beside Rangpur-Kurigram highway after hitting a chariot from the opposite direction at Jummapara in Kawnia upazila of Rangpur last night.

The identities of the dead could not be ascertained immediately. The injured were taken to different local hospitals.

A horse was also killed in the accident which occurred around 10:20pm, Kawnia police Officer-in-Charge Rezaul Karim told The Daily Star.

DHAKA TODAY

<p>Discussion Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts will organise a discussion on the Independence Day. Venue: Bulbul Auditorium, Time: 10:00am</p>	<p>Workshop Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will organise a workshop on Compilation Style. Venue: Auditorium of the Society, Nimtali, Time: 9:30am</p>
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Acid attack victim dies at DMCH

UNB, N'ganj

A woman, who suffered burn injuries in an acid attack allegedly by her husband over family dispute in Fatullah area of Sadar upazila three days ago, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) last night.

The deceased was identified as Yasmin Begum, 32, wife of Polash, son of Ahammad Ullah of

Bhuigarh area in Fatullah. The couple had three children.

The victim's family members said Yasmin's husband Polash, accompanied by others, hurled acid at her through the window of the house of her father Gulzar Hossain at Bhuigarh around 1:30am on March 23, causing serious burn injuries in her face as well as in the rest of her body.

She was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) and admitted to the burn unit. She succumbed to her injuries at the burn unit on Thursday night.

Meanwhile, Yasmin's brother Shah Alam has filed a case in this connection. Police also arrested five people, including Yasmin's four in-laws after the filing of the case.



This canal serves as a drainage outlet for at least three neighbourhoods of the capital -- Madartek, Basabo and Nandipara -- and will be even more necessary in the upcoming monsoon to prevent waterlogging, but local residents continue dumping rubbish into it while the city corporation is seemingly not interested to dredge and clean the channel. Dhaka city is chronically faced with waterlogging, particularly because of encroachment and lack of maintenance of the waterbodies criss-crossing it. The photo was taken in Nandipara on Monday.

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Slum dwellers

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depend on slum owners for electricity, water supply and toilet facilities.

The study found that a lack of basic civic rights like drinking water, healthcare and sanitary latrine is one of the main obstacles to coming out of the vicious cycle of poverty.

The number of population in urban areas is increasing at a rate of 2.92 percent; so, it is time to seriously consider the growing deprived population in urban areas, the study emphasised.

ActionAid Country Director to Bangladesh Farah Kabir, IDS fellow Dolf te Lintelo were also present at the programme.

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