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US man walks free after 30 years on death row for 1985 double murder

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Khaleda going to court, finally

Plans to seek bail 39 days after arrest order, may return home afterwards; BNP men back in central office

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is likely to surrender before a Dhaka court today to seek bail in Zia Orphanage Trust and Zia Charitable Trust cases, as the court resumes proceedings in the two corruption cases.

"The BNP chief will appear before the court around 11:30am tomorrow [today]. She will seek bail," Khaleda's counsel Sanaulah Mia said yesterday.

Some senior BNP leaders and staffs at Khaleda's Gulshan office also confirmed this to The Daily Star.

"Khaleda Zia will leave her Gulshan office around 9:30am for the court in Bakshibazar area, and then go to her Gulshan residence from there," Syrul Kabir Khan, staff of the BNP chairperson's media wing, told this correspondent last night.

On February 25, the Special Judge's Court-3 cancelled her bail and issued warrants for her arrest for dodging court hearing on four consecutive dates.

Following issuance of the warrants, she lost the right to defend herself in the two cases until she surrenders, as the court declared her a fugitive.

During a hearing of the cases on March 4, Judge Abu Ahmed Jomadar



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MESSAGES, DO WE GET?

Drained of energy, running from one car window to another at the stoplight, and tired of waiting for the mother to take him home, a child falls asleep with his begging bowl by his side while vehicles whiz past late at night. He is one of the countless kids losing their precious childhood to the struggle to get by in this city of cruel apathy. The photo was taken at the Manik Mia Avenue-Mirpur Road intersection at around 11:00pm Thursday.

PHOTO: FAHD MANNAN



Fourteen killed in nor'wester

Cluster of billboards collapses on vehicles in capital

STAR REPORT

At least 14 people were killed and scores injured as a nor'wester lashed Dhaka and different northwestern districts yesterday.

Five people, including a child, were killed in Bogra and four in Rajshahi, while one each was killed in Dhaka, Naogaon, Natore, Pabna and Sirajganj, according to our reporters from different districts.

The storm damaged hundreds of houses in Dhaka, Bogra, Naogaon, Natore, Chapainawabganj, Pabna and elsewhere.

The electricity lines were snapped as power poles fell over

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CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS 2015

No luck in appeal

Mintoo 'mistake' too costly for BNP; Abbas party candidate for DSCC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP seems to be in a difficult situation over mayor candidate in Dhaka North City Corporation polls, as Abdul Awal Mintoo's appeal against the cancellation of his nomination was rejected yesterday.

The party, however, has decided to back Mirza Abbas as mayor candidate for Dhaka South City Corporation, pro-BNP educationist Prof Emajuddin Ahmad told report-



ers after a meeting with Khaleda Zia last night.

Earlier in the day, Divisional Commissioner Zillar Rahman rejected the appeal filed by Mintoo against the returning officer's cancellation of the BNP leader's nomination for the elections.

Mintoo's lawyers now plan to move to the High Court in a bid to keep the lone BNP-backed mayor candidate in the DNCC polls.

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AVIJIT MURDER

Three suspects identified

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Investigators claim to have identified three suspected killers of writer-blogger Avijit Roy by examining photographs and video clips of Amar Ekushey Book Fair at Bangla Academy.

The photos of the three were shown to Zikrullah and Ariful Islam, who were caught by people and handed over to the police soon after the killing of online activist Oyasiqur Rahman Babu.

"Both the arrestees said they know the three," said a top investigator. "There may be a correlation between the two killings," he said, without disclosing the names.



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TOP QUOTE

"You [police] would produce someone [before the court] after four/five days of his arrest and show on documents that he was picked up in 24 hours. Please don't make such a mockery of the people."

NHRC CHAIRMAN PROF MIZANUR RAHMAN AT A SEMINAR IN THE CAPITAL

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