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# Bangladeshi woman killed in India

MOHSIN MILON, Benapole

She had gone to India for treatment, but came back dead yesterday, around a month after being killed by criminals in Faizabad of Uttar Pradesh state.

Family members of Nargis Begum received the body at Benapole check post at 11:30am.

Nargis, 32, of Sonadanga in Khulna along with her visually impaired mother Anowara Begum and six-year-old daughter Kakoli had gone to India on March 7 for treatment of herself and her mother.

"We left for treatment there, but my daughter returned home dead. Put the criminals on trial," wailed Anowara.

On March 9, the three started off for New Delhi from Kolkata by a train. When they reached a station around 3:30am the following day, some people approached them and said they were in New Delhi, Anowara told The Daily Star.

They alighted from the train hurriedly, leaving a bag in the coach. Nargis stepped back onto the train. As she got down with the bag, criminals waylaid her and took her away in an auto-rickshaw.

Kakoli witnessed the incident and told her grandmother about it. As they screamed for help, some people gathered there and took the two to the police.

Later they came to know that it was Badhan Railway

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Spawn collectors with their boats and nets through the river Halda as mother fishes have released sample eggs into the breeding ground. Indigenous fishes pour into the river from other water bodies every year in April-May amid thundershowers and flash floods. First, they release sample eggs to test the environment. If satisfied, they start spawning in full swing. The photos were taken in Moduna Ghat area yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Plagued by perennial problems, Dhaka and Chittagong -- our two major cities -- go to polls on April 28. What will a mayoral hopeful do to solve those problems if elected? How all the modern amenities will be ensured? What is his vision for the future of the city?

Looking for the answers, The Daily Star has talked to a mayoral candidate.

## Welfare of the poor

Pledges Dhaka south mayoral aspirant Firoz

AKRAM HOSEN

He has been in politics for more than 35 years. His dream of an equitable society had drawn him to the left tent when he was a student at Dhaka University. And over the years he has been at the forefront of several popular movements for a better Dhaka.

Now, with a vision to work for the welfare of low-income group in the capital, Bazlur Rashid Firoz is contesting the mayor election to Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC).

"About 40 lakh slum dwellers live without any ameni-



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ties. The middle class, working class and the homeless people who are the actual driving force of the city are the least served by the administration," he observed.

If elected, Firoz's main aim is to serve that section of the society which has been apparently neglected by the authorities so far.

"An administration may not make Dhaka one of the best cities in the world overnight.

But our age-old issues like waste disposal, waterlogging and traffic jam can be solved with commitment and coordinated efforts," he told The Daily Star

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## 35 SUST teachers quit admin posts

Demand removal of VC

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Thirty five teachers of Sylhet Shahjalal University of Science and Technology yesterday resigned from their administrative posts amid a movement demanding the removal of the vice chancellor.

A pro-Awami League teachers' platform Mahan Muktiuddher Chetonai Udbuddho Shikhok Parishad (MMCSP) launched the movement protesting VC Prof Dr Aminul Haque Bhuiyan's alleged misbehaviour with some teachers on April 13.

The teachers of the platform in an earlier demonstration on April 15 announced they would resign if the VC did not step down by Sunday.

They submitted their resignation letters yesterday to the university's registrar Ishfaqul Hossain as per their announcement at 10:45am.

Dr Syed Shamsul Alam, panel convener of MMCSP, said, "The VC on several occasions has insulted the teachers."

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## PM flies to Jakarta today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves for Jakarta this morning to attend



jubilant celebrations of a conference that eventually laid the foundation for the Non-Aligned Movement.

Indonesia is hosting the 60th anniversary of the Asia-Africa Conference as well as the 10th anniversary of the New Asian-African Strategic Partnership in

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CHANGE OF ROLES: For a change the Tigers who, after completing a series win with a match to go, took a day off, while the traditional favourites Pakistan sweated it out during training at Mirpur yesterday afternoon.

PHOTO: STAR

BLOGGER OYASIQUR KILLING

## Arrestee 'confesses' his involvement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Madrasa teacher Saiful Islam yesterday "confessed" to a Dhaka court that he and six to seven other men, including detained Zikurullah and Ariful Islam, planned to kill blogger Oyasiquur Rahman Babu for his Facebook posts critical of Islam.

The planning was done in two meetings in the capital's Jatrabari, court sources said.

The name of the madrasa Saiful works and the exact place of the meetings could not be immediately known.

Metropolitan Magistrate SM Masud Zaman recorded Saiful's statement, after investigating office Moshirur Rahman produced him before the court following eight days' remand.

Saiful told the court that he did not take part in the killing as he was arrested by

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## Mob beats man to death after he kills two

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

A youth was beaten to death after he hacked his parents-in-law to death following an altercation over divorce in Rampur union of Chandpur Sadar upazila yesterday.

Police and locals said Sumon Sheikh, 30, killed his father-in-law Iqbal Hossain, 48, a farmer, and mother-in-law Mamta Begum, 43 in the early hours. He also attacked his wife Sharmin Akter, leaving her critically injured.

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HASAN'S WAR CRIMES TRIAL

## Verdict any day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 is set to deliver the verdict any day in the case against Syed Hasan Ali for his alleged crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

The proceedings in the case completed yesterday. The alleged Razakar commander of Kishoreganj faces six charges of crimes against humanity and genocide. He is now on the run.

In the closing arguments of the trial, the prosecution urged the court to sentence Hasan to capital punishment claiming that it has been able to prove all six charges levelled against the accused.

However, the state-appointed defence counsel sought acquittal of his client saying that the prosecution "utterly failed" to prove the charges.

According to the prosecution, Hasan, alleged commander of Tarail thana

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## Poorer children have smaller brains: Study

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Children from lower income families have smaller brains than those from more affluent backgrounds, a study in the US has found.

Researchers stressed that the links found do not mean that poverty hinders cognitive development or that poor children are less intelligent.

The study, led by researchers at The Saban Research Institute of Children's Hospital Los Angeles and Columbia University Medical Centre, in New York, looked at almost 1,100 people between the ages of three and 20.

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## CIA chief holds Egypt talks

AFP, Cairo

US Central Intelligence Agency director John Brennan held talks with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi during an unannounced visit to Cairo, the president's office said.

The Sunday evening meeting came amid a quickening rapprochement between the longtime allies after Washington in March lifted a partial freeze on its \$1.5 billion annual aid to Egypt that it imposed when then-army chief Sisi ousted elected president Mohamed Morsi in 2013.

"The meeting underscored the strong ties between Egypt and the USA and the importance of their

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