

# NEWS IN brief

## DU observes National Mourning Day

Dhaka University yesterday observed Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's 40th death anniversary and National Mourning Day with due solemnity. Different programmes including, discussions, documentary screening, and milad mahfils, were held to commemorate the great leader and his family members who were killed on August 15 in 1975. At 8:00am, teachers and staff led by DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique placed wreaths on Bangabandhu's portrait at the capital's Dhanmondi. An art competition was held at DU's fine arts faculty where Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor was present as chief guest.

## Ctg teenage boy stabbed to death 'by friend'

A teenage boy was stabbed to death allegedly by his friend before the victim's Gafur Colony house in Chittagong city's Nayahat yesterday. Md Babu, 17, son of Md Mosharruf, was declared dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital, said CMCH police. A mob beat the alleged killer Manir Hossain, 18, on the spot and he was being treated at CMCH, said EPZ police Officer-in-Charge Abul Kalam. Babu's elder brother Liton said Manir and some others had an altercation with the victim before killing him.



A large, aged Ashwattha tree (sacred fig) on Chittagong Court Building premises lost its main branches as the Power Development Board chopped those off to make room for electricity cables yesterday. Conservationists said though the tree would remain alive, a big part of it would dry out. Dr Onimesh Biswas, a botany teacher at Chittagong University, said, "We can destroy an ancient tree in 10 minutes but we have to wait about a hundred years to see a tree like this." He said rules were not followed in cutting the branches. Inset, a severed piece of a main branch lying on the premises.



## Police informant murdered in capital

Unidentified assailants killed a police informant in front of his Gudaraghat house in the capital's Mirpur-1 early yesterday. Police sent the body of Jashim Hawlader, 35, to Dhaka Medical College Morgue for autopsy. The killers stabbed him four times in the throat before slitting it, the morgue sources said. His younger sister Poppy Begum said Jashim, who lived there with his wife and three children, has been working as a police informer for the last one year. Shah Ali Police Station Officer-in-Charge AKM Shahin confirmed that the victim was a police informant and he could have made enemies in the criminal world. Three illegal drug dealers Mahim, Reza and Babu were detained in the area in this connection, he said.

## BRUR admission tests begin on December 6

The admission tests of first year honours courses under 2015-2016 academic session at Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur (BRUR) will be held on December 6, 7 and 8. The decision was taken at a meeting of the admission test committee held at BRUR Vice-Chancellor's office, said a press release. The date of online registration process for the tests will be announced later.

## Death anniversary

Today is the 12th death anniversary of Amenna Rahman; wife of late Mashiur Rahman (Jadu Mia), a former minister. A social worker, she died in Dhaka in 2003. She served as the women affairs secretary of National Awami Party. To mark the day, food will be distributed among the destitute in the capital and a milad mahfil and a Qurankhani will be held at her village home in Sundarkhata of Nilphamari. Another milad mahfil will be held in Shantir Bazar.

## Judge shortage makes Ctg litigants suffer

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with the Chittagong courts. Lawyers say due to the shortage of judges, trial processes are lingering and the number of under-trial cases is going up because of new cases, but court operations are almost absent in these courts, except for repeated rescheduling of the hearings. Giving a picture of the situation, lawyer Swagata Chowdhury Bidhan said on July 7, 2015 a court fixed January 1, 2016 as the next hearing date because it did not have any regular judge. Situations, however, have improved slightly after the Case Management Committee at the direction of the chief justice met thrice in the last three months, said PP Hashem. The state lawyer said the meetings stressed the need for adjudication of the cases lodged before 2000 within six months, but the shortage of judges might hinder the process. Md Mujibul Haque, president of Chittagong District Bar Association (CDBA), said they wrote a letter to the law ministry in June seeking appointment of judges. Accordingly the ministry sent the proposal to the chief justice, he added. Registrar of the High Court Division Abu Syed Diljar Hossain said they received the proposal, and appointment of judges was under way all over the country. However, the CDBA president said he did not see any such notice about the Chittagong courts. There are 31 lakh cases pending with the country's courts including the Supreme Court, while the lower courts have 400 vacant posts of judges countrywide, according to SC sources.

## PROPOSED 8TH GOVT PAYSACLE Public univ teachers to strike for 3hr every Sunday in protest

Teachers of different public universities will observe a three-hour work abstention on every Sunday of the running month to protest the proposed eighth national payscale and to press home their demand for a separate payscale for university teachers. Signatures of university teachers in support of the demand will also be collected. However, examinations will remain out of purview of the protest programme, said a press release of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) yesterday. Terming the proposed payscale "disgraceful and discriminatory" for university teachers, Dhaka University Teachers' Association will start signature campaign at the historic Batala of the university. The signature campaign will continue till August 20. The signatures from teachers of universities under FBUTA will be submitted to the government through the secretary general of the organisation Dr ASM Maksud Kamal. They will go for tougher movement, including continuous work abstention, if their demands are not met, said the release.

## Eviction leaves AGB Colony occupants

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"We received notices many times from the authorities including the latest one on August 7 but we just ignored those," said Sadia, another resident. Halima Begum, wife of a peon of Bangladesh Betar, said they did not have any option other than renting a room at the risky building because they could not afford alternative accommodation. Bhuiyan in this regard said it was not their responsibility to provide accommodation to illegal occupants. Twenty families living in two buildings claimed that they had permanent official allotments, and which was why they did not move out without alternative accommodation. Built in 1952, these buildings at first were allotted to cleaners and other lower-echelon government employees, according to a PWD official.

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