

### SQ Chy's son granted bail in attempted murder case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Hummam Quader Chowdhury, son of convicted war criminal and BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, was granted bail yesterday, a day after he was sent to jail in connection with an attempted murder case filed seven years ago.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md Kaisarul Islam granted Hummam bail as complainant Md Shamsul Huda, who was a friend of the accused, told the court that he had no objection if the court grants him bail.

The magistrate came up with the order after a short hearing on the bail petition filed by Hummam. He was not produced before the court yesterday.

The court on August 3 this year issued an arrest warrant against Hummam as he did not appear before it on different dates. Police arrested Hummam from his Dhanmondi home on Saturday, showing a warrant of arrest issued by a court in connection with the case filed in July 2008.

According to the prosecution, an altercation had taken place between the two over a matter in front of the International Club in the city's Gulshan area on July 25, 2008. Later Shamsul Huda filed a case against Hummam in this connection.

### Correction

In yesterday's The Daily Star on page 5 we inadvertently printed the wrong date for the photo attached to the report headlined "Temporary relocation becomes prolonged nightmare". The caption said the photo was taken on September 5, actually it had been taken earlier. We apologise for the mistake.



A Bogra-bound bus of Dipjol Enterprise from Dhaka collided head-on with a truck, inset, on Bangabandhu Bridge in Kamarkhanda upazila in Sirajganj yesterday, leaving three people, including a child, dead and 20 others injured.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH



# Commission must to protect child rights

## Only ombudsman won't do, ASK discussion told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In view of increasing violence against children incidents, a Child Rights Commission rather than a mere ombudsman is required in the country to protect and promote the interest of children, said speakers at a discussion yesterday.

At the discussion on "An Independent Institutional Body is needed for the Protection of the Rights of the Children", speakers agreed that a Child Rights Commission could both investigate and monitor cases of child rights violation and also take measures for overall development of a child's life.

Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) in association with Save the Children organised the discussion at Cirdap in the capital.

Reading out a concept note, Gita Chakraborty, deputy director of Child Rights Unit, ASK presented statistics of the organisation showing that 403 children were tortured and 164 children died between January 2014 and July 2015.

The concept paper mentioned that though the government passed a number of good laws and enacted policies to protect children, they remain unimplemented.

"Ombudsman is there to investigate any action taken by the ministry, statutory public authority or public officer," said Justice Muhammad Imman Ali referring to the Ombudsman Act of 1980 and mentioning the limitation of ombudsman's area of work.

He said the country needed an institu-

tional body, which could protect children's rights including the right to food, health, education and security from physical, mental and sexual torture.

"The commission, however, must be effective and have resources. People from all disciplines that affect children must be involved in it," said Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation.

Criticising the government's recent move to reduce the minimum legal marriageable age of girls from 18 to 16, human rights activist Hamida Hossain said, "The government would not have dared to take such a step had there been a Children Rights Commission." Sultana Kamal, executive director of ASK, among others, spoke.

### Aman gets bail in five vandalism, arson cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted ad-interim bail to BNP leader Amanullah Aman in five vandalism and arson cases.

The cases were filed with Paltan, Mugda, Mohammadpur and Motijheel police stations during the hartals and blockades enforced by the BNP-led 20-party-alliance since this January 5.

Aman's lawyer Sagir Hossain Leon said his client, who is now in the prison cell of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, cannot get release now as he has so far secured bail in 20 cases out of 69.

## NEWS IN brief

### Thai investors interested in exploring minerals in Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Thai investors are interested in the area of exploration of minerals and petroleum resources in the Bay of Bengal, said outgoing Thai Ambassador to Dhaka Madurapochana Ittarong at a meeting with Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at the latter's office in the capital yesterday.

The foreign minister proposed exchanging business delegations between the two countries.

### Reception marking North Korea's founding anniversary hosted

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The North Korean Embassy in Bangladesh on Saturday hosted a reception marking its 67th founding anniversary.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon, Fazle Hossain Badsha MP, North Korean Ambassador Ri Song Hyon, and ambassadors and high commissioners were present at the event.

The 67th founding anniversary of North Korea falls on September 9.

### Bangladeshi delegates leave for Thailand to join BIMSTEC meeting

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A 7-member Bangladesh official delegation yesterday left here for Thailand to join the BIMSTEC Trade Negotiation Committee (TNC) meeting for finalisation of four agreements.

Joint Secretary (FTA-1) of the commerce ministry Munir Chowdhury is leading the team at the 20th TNC's three-day meeting beginning today at Khon Kaen in Thailand.

### Two ice-cream factories fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday fined two unauthorised ice cream factories Tk 1 lakh each in the capital's Sabujbagh for manufacturing sub-standard ice creams and milk products in unhealthy environment.

Mujibur Rahman of Danish Ice Cream Factory and Anwar Hossain of Tripti Ice Cream Factory will have to suffer one month's imprisonment in default. Rapid Action Battalion-2 officials also destroyed 1.05 lakh pieces of sub-standard ice creams for not having BSTI approval.

### Chhatra Union council to start Sept 13

DU CORRESPONDENT

The three-day 37th national council of Bangladesh Chhatra Union, a student organisation backed by the Communist Party of Bangladesh, will begin on September 13, said Chhatra Union President Hasan Tareq at a press briefing at Dhaka University yesterday.

Prof Dwijen Sharma, an eminent scientist, is expected to inaugurate the event at 11:00am at DU.

### Obituary

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Syed Quamrul Hussain, founder-proprietor of Modern Art Press and Modern Library of Khulna, died on Friday. He was 78.

He will be buried at Banani graveyard today following his namaz-e-janaza after Asr prayers at Eastern Point Housing Complex mosque in Shantinagar. Qulkhani will be held on September 11 after Asr prayers in the complex.



The Asiatic Black Bear in a cage after the forest department in Chittagong handed it over to Bangabandhu Safari Park in Gazipur on Saturday. The rare animal along with its mother and a sibling were captured by Kala Chan Chakma, an indigenous farmer, in Baghaichhari area of Rangamati nine months ago. Later, the mother was killed and the other cub died. Kala Chan handed it over to the forest department on September 1.

PHOTO: STAR

### CU starts taking admission applications today

CITY CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University is going to accept admission applications for first-year honours courses under academic 2015-16 academic session from today.

Candidates can apply till September 30 through Short Message Service (SMS) from teletalk numbers and the tests will be held from November 1 to 9.

Details can be found at www.cu.ac.bd

### Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the fourth death anniversary of Momtaz Begum, mother of former general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League Mahfuzul Haider Chowdhury Roton.

A Qurankhwani and a milad mahfil will be held today at Box Ali Chowdhury Bari in Cohira village of Rauzon.

### Obituary

CITY DESK

Fatema Khatun; mother of Hedayetullah Al Mamoon, senior secretary of the Commerce Ministry; died due to old-age complications on Friday night. She was 80. Tofail Ahmed, commerce minister, mourned her death.

### DMP gets

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each headed by an assistant commissioner. Now each division has two additional deputy commissioners which will be increased to three. One more inspector for operations and for management will be posted in each police station alongside the officer-in-charge and inspector (investigation).

## Man held with 3 lakh yaba pills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) has seized three lakh yaba tablets worth around Tk 12 crore and detained an alleged yaba trader in Chittagong's Anwara upazila.

The detainee is Amir Hossain, 35, of Marine Academy area in Karnaphuli.

Lt Col Miftah Uddin Ahmed, commanding officer of Rab-7, yesterday at a press conference at his office said they had information that Amir was hiding a huge amount of the contraband pills at his father-in-law's house in Mohammadullah Para.

Around 10:00pm Saturday, the elite force members raided the house and caught Amir while he was trying to flee. Some 30,000 yaba tablets were found there.

Based on information divulged by him, the rest of the three lakh pills were recovered from the same house in two phases later, said Rab officials.

According to the crime busters, Amir took control of the yaba smuggling racket in the port city after his nephew Mohammad Jafar, an enlisted yaba smuggler, was killed in a "gunfight" with law enforcers on July 26.

The Rab-7 claimed to have recovered over 28 lakh yaba tablets in different drives this year.

### Charge framing hearing of

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now behind bars, while Ashraf Hossain, Prof Sharif Ahammed, Abdul Mannan, Abdul Bari, Harun, and Abul Hashem are on the run.

All the three alleged Razakars from Habiganj -- Mujibur Rahman Boromian, 65, Mujibur Rahman Angur Mian, 60, and Abdur Razzak -- are in jail. Meanwhile, the same tribunal yesterday deferred to Sept 13 the hearing on charge framing in the case against five alleged Razakars of Kishoreganj.

### Shykh Seraj's

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accolade 'Ekushey Padak' for his contribution to development journalism.

He received over fifty honours and accolades from home and abroad, including Bangladesh Economic Association Gold Medal, UK's BCA Golden Jubilee Honour Award, and Green Award from Birmingham community.

### Charge framing

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killed and 70 others injured in a grenade attack on a public rally of Awami League at Baiddar Bazar in Sadar upazila in the district on 27 January 2005.

The tribunal sources said earlier the date for the charge framing had been deferred for eight times.

Assistant Superintendent of CID Munshi Atique submitted a charge sheet against 10 BNP leaders and activists on 19 March 2005.

On June 20, 2011, CID Senior Assistant Superintendent Rafiqul Islam submitted a supplementary charge sheet incorporating the names of 14 more people, including former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar and Mufi Hannan, following a no confidence petition filed by the plaintiff. The rest accused including Babor were present at the court.

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