



## Dutch queen arrives Nov 16

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Queen of the Netherlands Máxima Zorreguieta Cerruti is expected to arrive in Bangladesh on November 16 on a four-day visit.

Diplomatic sources said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's ongoing three-day visit to the Netherlands and the subsequent visit of the queen will strengthen ties between the two countries.

The queen will visit some UN and Dutch projects in Bangladesh. Queen Máxima will meet President Abdul Hamid, Sheikh Hasina, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali and other stakeholders during her visit.



This is how sewage from surrounding houses has been flowing into the capital's Gulshan-Banani Lake, and polluting it over the years. The photo was taken Tuesday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

## Hand grenade found at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

A hand grenade was found on the Rajshahi University central mosque premises yesterday morning.

Security guard informed police after finding the grenade lying on the ground. Later, the bomb disposal unit of Rapid Action Battalion deactivated the grenade at 7:00pm, said police.

Following the incident, additional police were deployed on the campus as around 10 theatre groups from Bangladesh and India were staying on the campus to perform stage show at RU drama festival.

On October 29, a hand grenade was exploded at the university's Shaheed Shamsuzzoha Hall while a crude bomb was recovered from the roof of an international dormitory on Oct 27.

## War crime trial against 5 starts

First two PWs link them to killing of nine in Kishoreganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first two prosecution witnesses in a war crimes case linked the five accused of Kishoreganj to the killing of at least nine people during attacks on four villages under the then sub-division on November 12 and 13 in 1971.

Mehedi-ul Alam, 60, a freedom fighter, and Adam Ali, 61, son of a victim, gave similar descriptions to International Crimes Tribunal-1.

At the beginning of the trial yesterday, Sultan Mahmud Simon read out prosecution's opening statement.

Shamsuddin Ahmed, 60, who was present at the dock yesterday, denied the seven charges pressed against the five.

The remaining Gazi Abdul Mannan, 88, the alleged commander of Karimganj Razakar camp and alleged Razakar members Nasiruddin Ahmed, 62, Hafiz Uddin, 66, and Azharul Islam, 60, are on the run.

Mehedi said the Pakistani occupation army entered Kishoreganj on April 19 and Karimganj the next day and anti-liberation Peace Committees

were formed.

Karimganj Razakar Bahini was formed under the leadership of retired army man Gazi and the rest joined it, he said, adding that he and his friends had trained in India.

Mehedi said the five and 70 to 80 other Razakars killed eight persons and carried out atrocities attacking Bidyanagar, Ayla, Fatehgup and Kiraton Bilpara villages on the first day.

The victims are Abdul Berek, Malu, Chandu Sheikh, Aftabuddin, Sirajuddin, Habibullah, Abdul Majid and Jabbar. One Hashu survived after being shot, he added.

The next day, all except Gazi attacked again and Nasiruddin shot one Mia Hossain dead, said Mehedi, adding that they learnt these from sources.

Razakars targeted people of Kishoreganj's haor areas as it was a stronghold of freedom fighters who destroyed a bridge to prevent the Pakistani army from coming over.

In his statement, Adam, son of Abdul Berek, said he saw the five and other Razakars besieging Bidyanagar, where he lived, and neighbouring Ayla

villages while he was coming back from Karimganj Bazar around noon on November 12.

Staying hidden, he saw Nasiruddin and Shamsuddin tying his younger brother Majibur Rahman Mangal to a tree and heard Nasiruddin telling Berek, who was pleading for Mangal's release, to bring another son who joined the Liberation War.

Nasiruddin first hit Berek with a rifle and when he tried to stand up, Nasiruddin shot him dead, said Mehedi.

Other Razakars brought Sheikh Chandu Mia, Sheikh Malu Mia, Aftab Uddin, Siraj Uddin and Hasu Miah and Nasiruddin and Shamsuddin took them behind Chandu's house, he said.

There were five to six gunshots and the duo left, said Mehedi, adding that he found the bodies and that only Hasu survived.

State-appointed defence counsel Abdus Shukur Khan completed cross-examining the witnesses before the three-member tribunal led by Justice Anwarul Haque adjourned proceedings until today.

## DU Gha unit, JnU D unit admission tests tomorrow

DU CORRESPONDENT

The admission tests of "Gha" unit of Dhaka University and D unit of Jagannath University for the first year honours courses will be held tomorrow.

The DU test will begin at 10:00am at 87 centres in the capital, including DU campus, while the JnU test will be held at 3:00pm.

Meanwhile, admission test of public and private home economics colleges affiliated with DU will be held at 10:00am on November 27.

Information are available at DU website admission.eis.du.ac.bd, and JnU website www.jnu.ac.bd or www.result.jnu.ac.bd.

## Seven DMP OCs transferred

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has transferred seven officers-in-charge yesterday.

A circular issued by the DMP headquarters said Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sabujbagh Police Station, has been transferred to Rampura Police Station.

Bangshal OC Abdul Quddus Fakir and Wari OC Tapan Chandra Saha have been transferred to Sabujbagh and Sutrapur police stations.

Inspector Nure Alam Siddiqui of the prosecution department and DB Inspector (Uttara) Zehad Hossain have been made officers-in-charge of Bangshal and Wari police stations respectively.

Rampura OC Mahbubur Rahman Tarafdar and Sutrapur OC Khalilur Rahman Patwari have been transferred to the Detective Branch (West), the circular added.

Muntasirul Islam, deputy commissioner (media) of the DMP, said the transfers were regular changes and nothing out of the ordinary.

However, the transfers come after a recent spat of violence and high-profile murders, including the improvised grenade attack at Hossaini Dalan, the killing of an Italian citizen in Gulshan, murder of an assistant sub inspector in Gabtoli and attacks on two publishers which left one killed.

## NEWS IN brief

### DSCC to repair 300 lanes, by-lanes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mayor of Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) Sayeed Khokon yesterday said they will repair around 300 lanes and by-lanes in his areas by the end of December. He was addressing the inaugural programme for a newly constructed 3.04km road at Jurain.

### 2 Rotarians to be honoured by UN

CITY DESK

Two leaders of Bangladesh Rotary will be honoured by the United Nations for their welfare activities, said a press release yesterday.

The leaders -- District Governor of Rotary International Bangladesh Dist-3281 SAM Sawket Hossain and Hashrat Ara Begum -- will receive the honour from UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon at a ceremony in the UN headquarters in New York.

### BIDS dissemination event today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) has organised a dissemination event "Presentation from the BIDS Research Almanac 2014-15" in its auditorium today, said a press release.

BIDS Director General KAS Murshid will chair the day-long programme while Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal will be the chief guest and State Minister for Planning and Finance MA Mannan will be the chief guest.

### Another gold medal introduced at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

"Sanghanayaka Shuddhananda Mahathera Gold Medal" was introduced at the Department of Management Information Systems of Dhaka University yesterday.

Promoth Barua, Vice-President of Bangladesh Bouddha Kristi Prachar Sangha, handed over a cheque for Tk 5 lakh to DU authority at the Vice-Chancellor's office.

### Free press a must

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of Mediastar Limited, which owns Prothom Alo, said they had to face different kinds of pressures in the past 17 years.

"We, however, have to carry on with the values and policy that we believe in. We cannot even think of running after anyone with any motive. But we must neither falter on exposing anything that is damaging for the country and society," he said.

There is adequate reason to be complacent with the successes the daily has achieved, he said, but there is still a need for undertaking tougher challenges to achieve even greater goals.

Prothom Alo Editor Motiur Rahman said the paper played its role in the development of the country by telling inspirational success stories of people over the past 17 years.

"We will withstand all the pressures to carry on with honest journalism," he said, adding that the daily was "a record in Bangladesh's newspaper history".



Ten participants from Barisal who were chosen out of 36 people competing in the Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef-2016 at Barisal Club yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Two selected from Barisal region

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Two women won the Barisal regional round of Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef-2016 held at Barisal Club yesterday.

Rupchanda, the flagship brand of Bangladesh Edible Oil Ltd, and The Daily Star jointly organised the competition to seek out the country's extraordinary culinary talents.

Ten participants were preliminary selected from among 36 competitors through a written test. Later, Sonia Haque and Moriom Akhter of Barisal, who won a 30-minute cooking test, were selected to compete with other regional round winners in Dhaka.

The champion will receive a cash prize of Tk 10 lakh while the first and second runners-up will win Tk 5 lakh and Tk 2 lakh respectively.

Armin Sultana Jui and Nasrin Hossain, first and second runners up of Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef-2014 competition respectively, judged the competition. Jahid Mahamud, script writer, and Faisal Mahmud, marketing manager of Bangladesh Edible Oil Ltd, attended the programme.

Khulna regional round will be held tomorrow.



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Chittagong Collegiate School, Chittagong

**Sharar Islam**  
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