



Behind bars for life

Rapist teacher finally punished by court



"Both investigators of the case ... showed extreme inefficiency and negligence during the probe. Such negligence from two inspector-level

JUDGE SALEH UDDIN AHMAD

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER and TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Porimol Joydhor, a sacked teacher of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, was sentenced to rigorous life imprisonment for raping a Class X student in 2011, ending a 39-month legal battle in the sensational case.

The Fourth Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression in Dhaka also fined him Tk 50,000, payable within 90 days, in default of which he will have to serve six more months in jail.

The violated girl will get the money as per the verdict pronounced by the tribunal Judge Saleh Uddin Ahmad.

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Manipuri women performing a traditional dance known as Maha Raas on the occasion of Raas Purnima, the biggest festival of the Manipuri community, at Jora Mandap of Madhabpur village in Moulvibazar yesterday. During the performance, they wear a special dress called Kumin, made by local weavers who work intricate designs and patterns into it. The festival is usually held at full moon in Kartik-Agrahayan.

PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

'JMB leader' killed in 'gunfight'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A "JMB leader" was killed in "gunfight" with members of the Detective Branch (DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police in Gabtoli area of the capital late last night.

Deceased Shahdat Mahfuz Al Bani, 35, was the operations commander of a JMB faction, DB officials claimed.

The officials told The Daily Star that they were raiding different places and had set up a checkpoint in Ashulia in the afternoon to capture Shahdat, alleged leader of the Ashulia bank robbery in April.

He was also involved in the killing of former Power Development Board Chairman Khijir Khan in Badda in October, the DB

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Threat-caller a 'Jamaat' man

Police say arrestee threatened 153 top citizens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives have arrested a Jamaat-e-Islami activist who, they say, issued death threats to 153 eminent citizens, sometimes masquerading as the so-called Islamic State, over the last one and a half years.

Arrested Abdul Haq, a former teacher of a madrasa at Jakiganj in Chhatak of Sunamganj, issued the threats using

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Abdul Haq



Nahid Hasan

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EP to debate on freedom of speech in Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The European Parliament will have a debate today on a motion to adopt a resolution on freedom of expression and other rights issues in Bangladesh.

The 15-point motion, brought by the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats

Common concern for all

AL, BNP, JP to struggle for picking single candidates in municipality polls

RASHIDUL HASAN and SHAKHAWAT LITON

Major political parties are trying to make sure that they do not have rebel candidates slicing away their precious votes in the polls to 236 municipalities on December 30.

Almost all the major parties in the recent past had learnt the hard way how troublesome dissident candidates could be in local government elections.

The elections are set to generate some heat in the country's political landscape. Party policymakers would have to struggle

to pick just one candidate for each mayor post and enhance their chances of winning.

The ruling Awami League top brass knows this very well and they would sit today to fix the criteria for picking the party's mayoral aspirants. Members of AL Central Working Committee and the parliamentary board would sit together at the Gono Bhaban with party chief Sheikh Hasina, said the AL in a press release yesterday.

"The meeting will specially discuss the municipality elections," AL Joint Secretary

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NEWS ANALYSIS

CODE OF CONDUCT

Flawed or harsh?

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The new electoral code of conduct makes no distinction between partisan and non-partisan municipality polls with regard to imposing restriction on electioneering by individuals enjoying government facilities.

When the municipality election was non-partisan in nature, the code of conduct had imposed the restriction. It was to make VIPs -- including ministers, MPs and government officials -- refrain from joining any electoral activities or electioneering for their favourites.

The provision did not generate any debate or controversy

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Wasfia Nazreen, the National Geographic Adventurer of the Year 2014-15, climbing down a cable down peaks in the Carstensz Pyramid, the highest mountain of Oceania. With this, she completed her most challenging campaign of scaling the crests of all the highest mountains in the seven continents.

PHOTO: FACEBOOK

7 CHEERS!

Wasfia becomes first Bangladeshi to scale seven summits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

No mountain is high enough for Wasfia Nazreen, who became the first Bangladeshi to climb all seven highest peaks in seven continents, also known as the "Seven Summits".

The National Geographic adventurer reached the summit of Carstensz Pyramid, the highest mountain of Oceania/Australasia, completing the challenge of scaling seven highest mountains around the world.

With this, the 33-year-old mountaineer and a rights activist completed her campaign named "Bangladesh on Seven Summits".

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বাংলাদেশ ব্র্যান্ড ফোরাম আয়োজিত "বেস্ট ব্র্যান্ড অ্যাওয়ার্ড ২০১৫" আয়োজনে ফ্রুট জুস ক্যাটাগরিতে বাংলাদেশের সেরা ব্র্যান্ড-এর অ্যাওয়ার্ড পেলে ফ্রুটিকা। ৪র্থ বারের মত আপনাদের প্রিয় ব্র্যান্ড "ফ্রুটিকা" এই গৌরব অর্জন করলো। সারাদেশে পিওরিটি ছড়িয়ে দেয়ার মাধ্যমে যে সকল ক্রেতা ও বিক্রেতা বন্ধুরা পরম আস্থা আর বিশ্বাসে আমাদের পাশে ছিলেন, তাদের প্রতি আমাদের অকৃত্রিম কৃতজ্ঞতা। আপনাদের আন্তরিক সমর্থন ও সহযোগিতায় আমরা এজাবেই এগিয়ে যেতে চাই সাফল্যের পথে।

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Crown Cement Signs Treaty to be Supplier on Padma Bridge Project

Crown Cement and SINOHYDRO Corporation signed a treaty on November 23, 2015 confirming the usage of Crown Cement in the construction of Padma Bridge Project. Crown Cement's Additional Managing Director Mr. Alamgir Kabir and SINOHYDRO Corporation's Project Manager Mr. Ku Yan signed said treaty. Crown Cement's Director Mr. Mizanur Rahman Mollah, Advisor Engr. A. Majid Chowdhury, Senior General Manager Engr. Md. Sahidur Rahman, SINOHYDRO Corporation's Deputy Project Manager (Commercial) Mr. Zhu Keshang and other notable personages from both organizations were present at the signing ceremony.

