

# Ctg mayor warns of legal action for littering from January 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg  
 Legal action would be taken from January 1 next year against persons for dumping rubbish here and there, warned Chittagong city Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin yesterday.

He was addressing a press briefing at the city corporation organised to inform the public of the mayor's activities since he took office 100 days back. Nasir said, "After taking charge on July 26, I gave emphasis on ensuring a clean city and took initiatives to this end."  
 "Awareness campaigns have been going on since August 22 to inform city residents about dumping rubbish at designated areas between 7:00pm and 11:00pm," Nasir said, adding that this would continue till December 31.  
 Regarding the city's waterlogging problem, the mayor said apart from excavating drains and canals, illegal structures occupying canals would be evicted.  
 He said all important areas in the city will have Wi-Fi to ensure internet connections for city residents.  
 He added that initiatives are being taken to turn 16 intersections of the city to Wi-Fi zones within the next six months.  
 Nasir said he would take effective measures to remove illegal structures off footpaths.  
 Chief Executive Officer of the city corporation Kazi Mohammad Shafiqul Alam, among others, was present at the press briefing.

# KISHOREGANJ WAR CRIMES ACCUSED Another witness links them to Hindu man's murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
 Another prosecution witness yesterday linked war crimes accused Shamsuddin Ahmed to the murder of a Hindu man in Kishoreganj during the Liberation War in 1971.  
 Abdul Rashid Bhuiyan, of Ramnagar village in Karimganj upazila of the district, also told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that family members of Paresh could not cremate his body as per Hindu ritual following threats by Shamsuddin.  
 Earlier, Paresh's sister Basha Rani Chowdhury and his friend Shah Alam

gave similar descriptions of the incident. Shamsuddin is one of five accused facing seven charges. The others are: Gazi Abdul Mannan, Nasiruddin Ahmed, Hafiz Uddin and Azharul Islam. The last four are being tried in absentia.  
 Rashid, 14th prosecution witness in the case against the five, said he knew both Paresh and Shamsuddin as they all studied at the same school in 1971. Rashid said on September 7, 1971 he was fishing near Paresh's house and saw Shamsuddin along with two Razakars marching west. Shamsuddin called Paresh and scolded him for being a Hindu.  
 "Then I heard a gunshot and people screaming," said Rashid, adding when the Razakars left, he along with others carried Paresh to his house.  
 Paresh died a little later, he added.  
 One Shah Alam, who had to carry the bullet-box of the Razakars, said Shamsuddin threatened to burn the whole village down if they cremated Paresh's body.  
 Paresh was buried, Rashid said.  
 The defence completed cross-examination of Rashid before the tribunal adjourned the case proceeding until today.

# Navy's annual exercise ends

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg  
 Two modern corvettes, built in China, would be added to Bangladesh Navy's fleet by the end of this December, said Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral M Farid Habib yesterday.  
 Building of two more corvettes is underway and the force will become a three-dimensional naval force as two submarines will be added to it by 2016, the Navy chief told journalists after witnessing the concluding day of the 15-day annual sea exercise "Samudro Ghurni-2015".

# CLIMATE CHANGE Paris may be last chance for legally binding deal

Says German envoy in Dhaka adding that his country keen to help Bangladesh tackle impacts

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT  
 The Paris summit might be the final opportunity to jointly address the challenge of global warming by negotiating a legally-binding agreement to limit the temperature increase to a maximum of 2 degrees Celsius, said German Ambassador in Dhaka Thomas Prinz yesterday, adding that his country was ready to assist Bangladesh in its endeavour to prepare for the impacts of climate change.  
 "Due to its geography and demographics, Bangladesh is among the countries that are most prone to experience negative effects of global warming," said the ambassador on the first day of the UN Climate Conference in Paris.  
 "Germany acknowledges that climate change has numerous dimensions. On the one hand we urgently need to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions. On the other, preparation is essential to adapt to the consequences of global warming. Hence, this combination of mitigation and adaptation is essential for a sustainable solution in tackling climate change," he added.



Performers singing the national anthem at Aparajeya Bangla on Dhaka University campus at the first minute of today, ushering in December, the month of the nation's victory in the country's Liberation War. Sector Commanders Forum organised the event titled "December: The story of victory".

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# Obituary

CITY DESK  
 Begum Feroza Mahbub, wife of former Minister Mahbubur Rahman, died due to old-age complications at Apollo Hospitals in the capital yesterday. She was 75.  
 Her namaz-e-janaza will be held after the Zohr prayers today at Baridhara Central Mosque and she will be buried in Banani graveyard.  
 Her kulkhwani will be held on Friday after the Asar prayers at her residence, Feroza Manzil (House 9/K, UN Road, Baridhara).  
**WP urges EC**  
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 Badsha, who led a delegation to the meeting with the CEC, also requested to defer the municipality polls as they need more time for preparations. Polls to 236 municipalities will be held on December 30.

# BCL hands RU entry seeker over to cops

**Calls him Shibir man for having beard; dissolves Eden Women's College unit**

RU CORRESPONDENT  
 Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men of Rajshahi University yesterday held an admission seeker suspecting him to be an Islami Chhatra Shibir activist when he came to the campus for a viva voce.  
 They handed Abdul Kader, from Khulna, over to police. Witnesses said nine to ten BCL men caught Kader while he was sitting in front of a tea stall after the exam. They asked him why he had a beard and wore pants above the ankle, then they claimed to have found "proof" of his involvement in Shibir by going through his mobile phone. However, Humayun Kabir, officer-in-charge of Motihar Police Station, said they did not find any such proof. The phone of RU BCL Vice-President Mehedi Hasan was switched off. Meanwhile, BCL dissolved its Eden Women's College unit of the capital as its activities had remained halted for around two years, said a BCL press release yesterday.

# Obituary

DU CORRESPONDENT  
 Habiba Karim, wife of late Munsur Ul Karim, died due to old-age complications at her Uttara residence on Sunday. She was 82. Her namaz-e-janaza will be held at Gulshan Azad Mosque today after the Zohr prayers. A doa mahfil will be held at her residence on Friday after the Maghrib prayers.



# Death anniversary

CITY DESK  
 Today is the 11th death anniversary of Selina Bahar Zaman, an educationist and cultural activist.  
 Selina Bahar Zaman Smriti Parishad will hold a memorial lecture at 4:30pm on Saturday at RC Mojumder Auditorium of Dhaka University, delivered by Trustee of Liberation War Museum Mofidul Huq.



# Inter-ministerial disputes to be

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 Authority to construct and maintain bridges measuring 1.5km in length or more, flyovers, tunnels, expressways, elevated expressways, causeways, and ring roads in the country.  
 The Bridges Authority will have the jurisdiction to fix and realise tolls or fees from organisations, transports and individuals for using establishments or part of establishments under it, added Alam.  
 Under the law, a 15-member administrative board will be formed with the road transport and bridges minister as its chairman and secretary of the ministry as vice-chairman to oversee the activities of the Bridges Authority.  
 Under the proposed law, the authority can impose a fine up to Tk 10,000 for creating any obstruction to vehicular movement, damaging any boundary wall or road signs, he said.

# Detectives arrest 'spy of foreign

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 "In only last two years, he (Idris) made 48 trips to Pakistan," Monirul added.  
 Their ultimate target was to carry out destructive activities and also to finance sabotage to destabilise the country and embarrass the government, he said.  
 Asked whether any High Commission is involved in destabilising the country, Monirul said, "We will let you know after further interrogation."  
 According to the detectives, Sharif went to Pakistan in 1985. Sharif, a frequent traveller to Karachi, had contact with Rohingya militant leader Abdul Kuddus Bormi, who is training Rohingyas militants in Karachi, they claimed. He is involved in human trafficking and used to send Rohingyas with fake passports to Pakistan and others to Canada and Australia. Salam, who belongs to the Bihari community, also used to visit Pakistan while Mostafa was an assistant traffic inspector of Pakistan International Airlines.

# 390 DU students get EBL-DUAA Scholarship

DU CORRESPONDENT  
 A total of 390 students of Dhaka University were awarded with EBL-DUAA Scholarship yesterday for their outstanding academic results in various examinations.  
 Prime Minister's International Affairs adviser Gowher Rizvi distributed the scholarships among them at an event at the university's Senate Bhaban.  
 DU Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique, DU Alumni Association (DUAA) President Raquibuddin Ahmed and Managing Director and CEO of Eastern Bank Ltd (EBL) Ali Reza Iftekher were present among others.

# 2 students of DU nuke engineering dept selected for int'l award

DU CORRESPONDENT  
 Two students of the nuclear engineering department of Dhaka University have been selected for distinction award for a case study on nuclear security in an international competition.  
 The Institute for Nuclear Security of the University of Tennessee, US organised the international contest for the students of nuclear engineering.  
 Mobasher Ahmed and Omer Ahmed of the department were selected for the top award for their case study titled "Addressing the Tunnel Threat at Nuclear Facilities". Assistant professor of the department Shafiqul Islam coordinated the team.

# Energy secy Abu Bakar passes away

UNB, Dhaka  
 Abu Bakar Siddique, secretary to Energy and Mineral Resources Division, died of cardiac arrest at the capital's Square Hospital yesterday, aged 58.  
 He was born in Shariatpur's Naria on March 3, 1958. On April 22, 2001, he was posted in Bangladesh Secretariat as a senior assistant secretary and, later, worked in different ministries, divisions and departments.

# Obituary

CITY DESK  
 Ata Uddin Khan, former minister and vice-chairman of Board of Trustees of Bangladesh University, died of old-age complications at his Mohammadpur residence yesterday. He was 88.  
 He was the founder president of Eastern News Agency, and Greater Dhaka Lions Club. His namaz-e-janaza will be held on the premises of Mohammadpur Preparatory School and College after the Zohr prayers today.



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# Prevent schools from charging

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 authorities of different high schools in Barisal are imposing excessive fees on the guardians of SSC examinees for the examination, ignoring the instruction from the Barisal Education Board.  
 The school authorities are collecting an additional Tk 500 to 2,000 from each SSC examinee in the name of tuition fees, coaching, management, development, magazine, sports, milad mahfil, mosques, salaries of class IV employees and others. The education board has fixed the fees between Tk 1,355 to Tk 1,545 for the SSC examinees of different groups, according to the report.

# Ambiguity dogs proposed Child

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 was asked to give its opinion if the age limit could be reduced from 18 to 16.  
 As number of protests came up from different human, women rights and civil society organisations, ministers kept on assuring that the minimum age would remain at 18. However, they kept mum regarding the special provision.  
 Reacting to law ministry's consent about the provision, Samajik Protirodh Committee, a platform of 68 women, human rights and development organisations, and Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) yesterday in two press statements said addition of such a provision to the law would be contradictory to the UN Convention on the Rights of Child which recognised everyone below 18 years as children. They reminded the government that Bangladesh is a member and signatory to the convention.  
 The existence of the provision would have negative impact on girls' health, empowerment, decision-making power, economic empowerment and also would increase risk of violence against women, they observed. Meanwhile at the roundtable, Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJE, stressed the need for valuing and recognising the unseen work including household chores done by women, so that the society learns to respect women for their contributions.

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