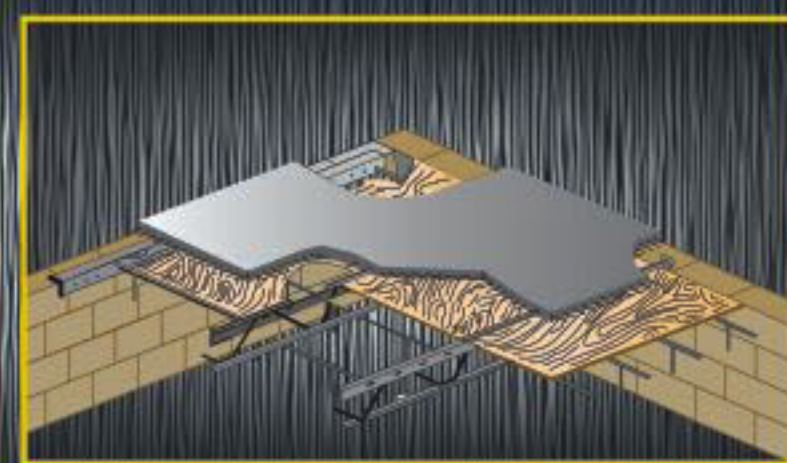


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**BNP man, 2 robbers killed in 'gunfights'**

STAR REPORT

Three people, including a union-level BNP leader and two alleged robbers, were killed in separate "gunfights" in Meherpur and Bagerhat yesterday, law enforcers claimed.

In Meherpur, Ramjan Ali Sheikh, 42, vice-president of Pirojpur union unit of BNP, died in a "shootout" with police.

Police arrested Ramjan, son of late Amir Sheikh in Rajnagar village of Meherpur Sadar upazila, from his village around 8:30pm on Sunday.

As per his information, the law enforcers along with Ramjan went to Bandar Shashan ghat (cremation ground) in

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**NIKO GRAFT CASE**

**Khaleda gets bail after surrender**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in the Niko graft case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in 2007.

Judge Md Aminul Islam of the Special Judge Court-9 passed the order after the former prime minister, accompanied by her lawyers, surrendered before the court and sought bail.

The court also fixed December 28 for hearing on charge framing against Khaleda and 10 other accused in the case.

During the bail hearing, Khaleda's counsel Khandker Mahub Hossain told the court that his client did not misuse the privilege of bail she was given earlier.



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Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma mesmerising the audience with his santoor on the fourth day of the Bengal Classical Music Festival 2015 at the Army Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: RIDWAN ADID RUPON

**A night of legends**

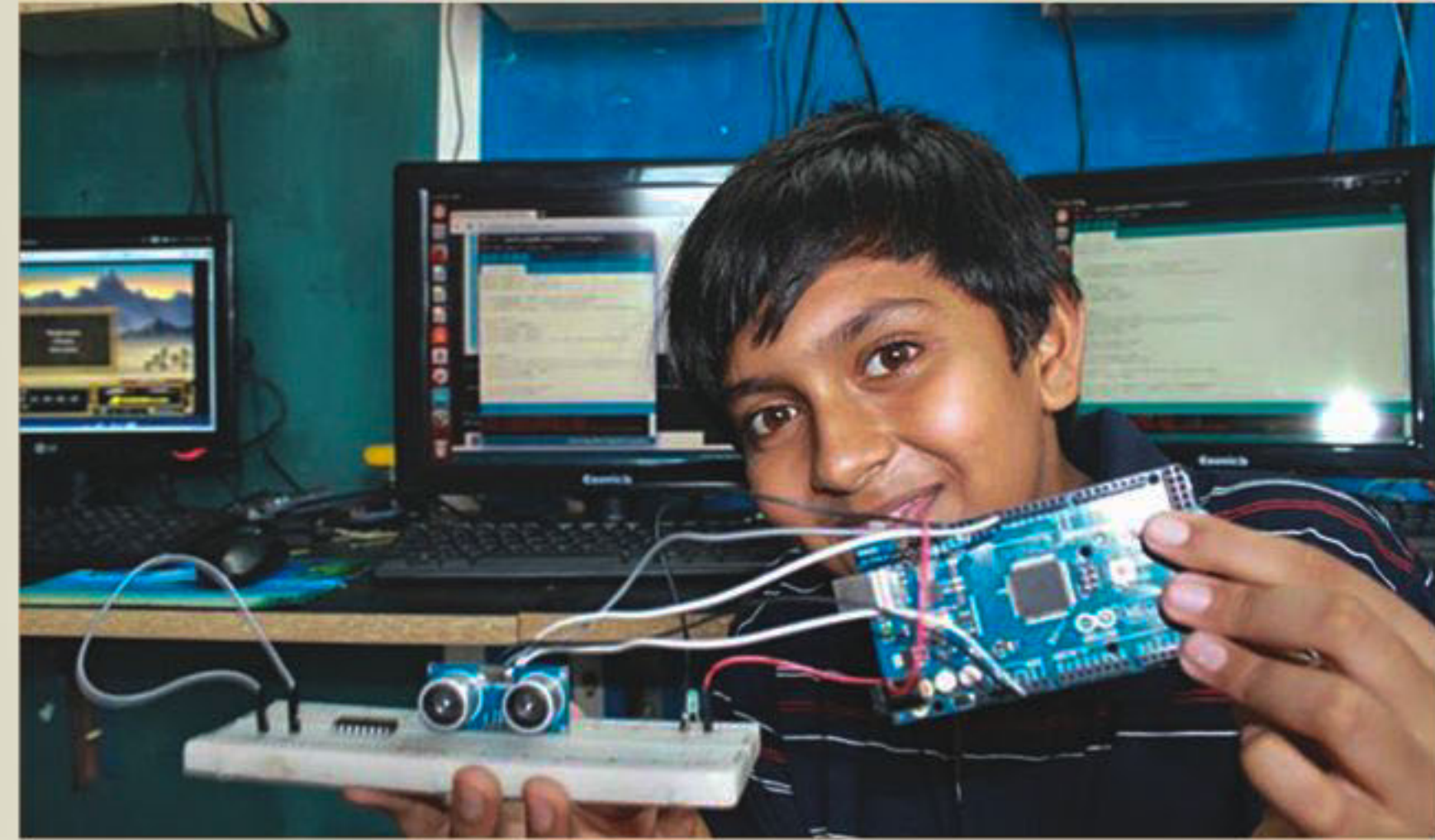
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People from all walks of life flooded the Bengal Classical Music Festival 2015 on its fourth night, to experience the tabla of Ustad Zakir Hussain, an icon of classical music, and Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma's magical santoor recital. Even the oft-modestly filled VIP area spilled over with enthusiastic attendees.

The evening began in sombre remembrance of Qayyum Chowdhury, who passed on at this very stage exactly a year ago. An audio-visual on the artist's life and works was shown before the evening's performances began.

Dance aficionados of Dhaka watched in awe as a new classical dance form left

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**Tech school for kids**

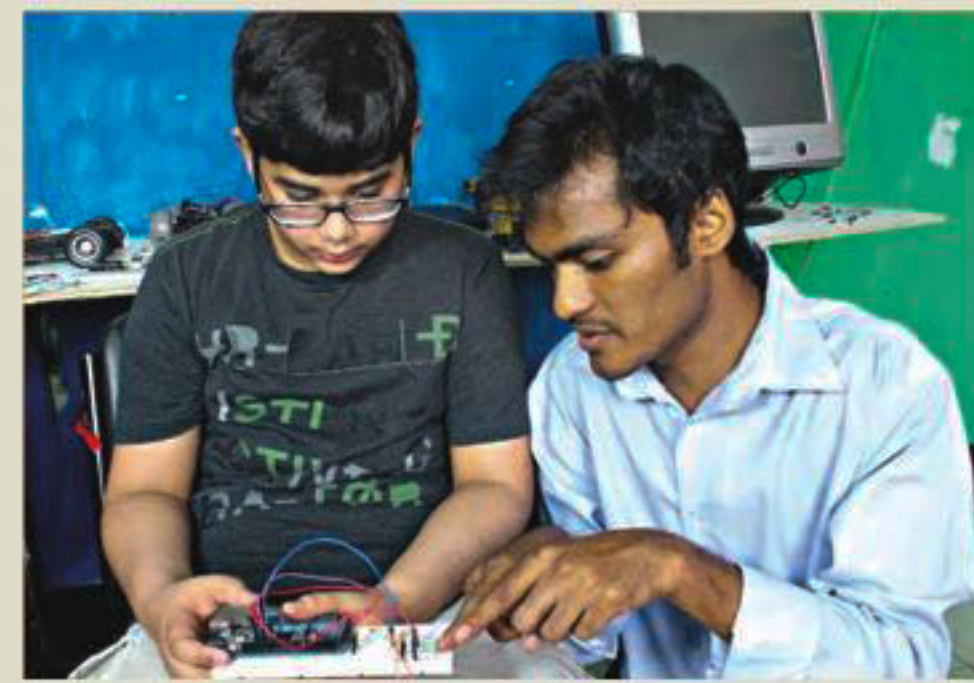
SMA RONIE

Back in May, we came across seven steel violins installed on the walls at an art exhibition at the Bengal Art Lounge in Gulshan. These violins would automatically start playing when visitors came close to them.

If that doesn't surprise you then you might be surprised to know that the idea came from a group of 20 tech whiz kids. They used sensors in the violins that trigger a sound when you come close.

This group of children is being mentored at The Tech Academy. This is a tech firm that sponsors children's talents in electronics, software programming, hardware and

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Abrar Jawad, 10, showing his Bluetooth-based toy car at The Tech School. Bottom, Sawfan Rahman, 11, working on a project with his mentor Shams Jaber. Shams and his partners started the school in the city's Banani in 2013 to teach children programming, robotics and engineering.

PHOTO: STAR

**Tejgaon road free of illegal parking**

DNCC looking for land to build truck terminal outside city, says Annisul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A day after an eviction drive ended in a clash between transport workers and police, the busy road in front of Tejgaon Truck Terminal was yesterday freed from illegal parking.

Around yesterday noon, no vehicles were seen parked on the road that links Karwan Bazar and Tejgaon Industrial Area.

Usually, trucks and lorries turn the wide road into a narrow alley by parking their large vehicles. The vehicles were parked inside the terminal yesterday, said transport workers.

However, this has happened before and has not been sustainable since the trucks and lorries resume parking on the road under the patronage of locals who have vested interest, sources said.

Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Annisul Huq claimed that the drive was a success and that it was a result of repeated meetings with owners and transport leaders.



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**Cop who escaped from court held**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A day after he escaped from police custody at a Dhaka court, a suspended police officer was arrested yesterday.

Rezaul Karim Patwari, a former sub-inspector (SI) of Kafrul Police Station, snuck passed court policemen at the Metropolitan Session Judge's Court in Old Dhaka on Sunday afternoon.

The incident happened moments after he was denied bail and ordered to be sent to jail in a case filed for the custodial death of a businessman in 2012.

An official of the prosecution division of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday said an investigation was underway against five court policemen over their negligence of duties.

Police sources said Rezaul got out of the court premises that day without "minimum resistance" from the guards concerned as "they failed to recognise him as an accused".

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**3 to die for killing 9-yr-old**

21 others also get death sentences in separate murder cases

STAR REPORT

A Sylhet court yesterday handed down capital punishment on three persons including a sacked police constable for killing nine-year-old Abu Sayeed for ransom.

Judge Abdur Rashid of Sylhet Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal also fined the condemned convicts Tk 1 lakh each in default of which they will have to serve one year in prison.

The convicts are Abdur Rakib, general secretary of Sylhet district unit Awami Olama League, Ebadur Rahman, a sacked constable of Sylhet airport police, and Aatur Rahman Geda, a police informant.

"I think capital punishment would suffice to stop repetition of such occurrences," said the judge.

The convicts were present in the court when the verdict was pronounced in a crowded

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Abu Sayeed



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**We Mourn**

The members of McDonald family are deeply shocked at the sad demise of Alhaj Habibullah, renowned businessman and Chairman, McDonald Group of Company on November 30, 2015 at 5:00 AM (Inna Lillahe Wa-inna Elaihe Razeun).

He was also the former Chairman of National Bank Ltd., Multimode Group and Managing Director, City Hospital Ltd. We all pray to Almighty Allah so that he is granted eternal peace in Jannah. He left behind his wife, one son, three daughters, grand sons and grand daughters to mourn his death.

On behalf of the family members and the company - colleagues, relatives, well wishers and others are requested to attend his Qulkhani at Banani Jamme Mosque (Near Banani Bazar) on Friday December 04, 2015 after Asr prayers.

On behalf of Management, officers and employees of McDonald Group of Company



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