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# Rebel factor worries AL

RASHIDUL HASAN and PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

has started feeling the gaining grounds

The Awami League MUNICIPAL heat of rebel factor ELECTIONS 2015

ahead of the municipal polls as a number of grassroots leaders, who failed to get party tickets, want to contest the polls independently. Many of them have collected nomination forms and are

likely to submit those to the Election Commission today, the deadline for filing nominations for the December 30 elections to 235 municipalities. AL chief Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday night finalised the list

of the ruling party's mayor contenders while the BNP completed it yesterday. Unlike its archrival AL, the BNP did not have to face

much trouble in picking single candidates. It is likely to face rebel candidates only in Patiya of Chittagong and Singra, Baraigram and Gopalpur of Natore. The Daily Star contacted the leaders of AL chapters in 80

municipalities and found that the party-endorsed candidates may have to battle it out against one of their own in 45 of the places.

The party could not fare well in the last municipal elections, held in December 2010 and January 2011, mainly due to rebel candidates and intra-party conflicts. To avoid a similar result, it is now working to dissuade the prospective rebel candidates from contesting the polls.

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THE FASCINATING FLUTE ... Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia enchants the Dhaka audience with his flute performance on the closing night of Bengal Classical Music Festival.

РНОТО: RIDWAN ADID RUPON

#### Commute death sentence of Nizami

Counsel for the war crimes convict appeals to SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The principal lawyer for Jamaat chief Motiur Rahman Nizami yesterday appealed to the Supreme Court to commute his death sentence to life imprisonment considering his old age and illness if he is found guilty of committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

Khandker Mahbub Hossain made the plea to the Appellate Division during legal arguments on the appeal filed by Nizami that challenged death penalties and life imprisonment awarded to him for wartime offences.

Earlier, the counsel prayed to the apex court to acquit Nizami, 75-year-old ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, of all the charges levelled against him, claiming that he was not directly involved in any of those crimes.

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## Rich nations blamed as world seeks pact

Rich-poor divide re-emerges in climate talks

AGENCIES

Campaigners yesterday pointed a finger at the rich for dangerous warming of the planet as negotiators from 195 nations fought a grinding battle over the text of a pact to avert climate disaster. The rich-poor divide, which has for

decades bedevilled climate talks, reemerged on the sidelines of the UN conference in Paris, where participants reported mounting frustration over progress towards the post-2020 deal.

The UN talks aim to seal a deal that would slash carbon emissions -- which come mainly from burning fossil fuels such

as coal and oil -- and deliver hundreds of billions of dollars in aid for climatevulnerable countries.

It is the latest chapter in a 25-year diplomatic saga marked by spats over how to share the burden of reducing emissions, and hobbled by a negotiation system of huge complexity.

Behind their vows of support, many leaders have often preferred the short-term benefits of burning cheap and dependable fossil fuels to power prosperity, ignoring the consequences of carbon pollution.

British charity Oxfam issued a study saying the richest 10 percent of people SEE PAGE 10 COL 4 River-linking a matter of concern

India's plan will affect Bangladesh, says Mahmud

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

If Bangladesh cannot ensure water security, its national security will be at stake in the days to come, Water Resources Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud said yesterday.

The minister came up with the view while addressing a seminar on "Effects of Indian River Inter Linking Project on Bangladesh" at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh.

Retired Engineers' Association (REA) of the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) organised the seminar.

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PRAYER TIMING

DECEMBER 3

AZAN 5-15 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00

JAMAAT 5-50 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

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### Declare road map or face movement

Threatens Santu, demanding full implementation of CHT accord

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban** 

The government will face a non-cooperation movement by Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti if it does not formulate a time-bound plan before the year ends to implement the Chittagong Hill Tracts accord, says the PCJSS president. The signing of the peace accord reached its 18th

year yesterday but only 25 provisions out of 72 of the agreement have been implemented over the years as

পরিবারের পক্ষ থেকে অনুরোধ জানানো হলো।

claimed by PCJSS leaders at a rally organised in Rangamati to mark the occasion.

The government alone will be responsible for any undesirable situation in the hills if it tries to suppress the democratic movement of Jumma people instead of taking effective and visible measures for full implementation of the accord, said Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, also known as Santu Larma, president of PCJSS that had signed the accord with the government.

Addressing the gathering, Santu Larma, also chairman of the CHT Regional Council, added that Jumma people were determined and would even sacrifice their lives, if needed, to protect their national entities and territories.

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### 'Criminal' killed in 'gunfight' with Rab

He was picked up on Nov 19, alleges family

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

An alleged criminal was killed in a "gunfight" with Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) at a mango orchard in Chak Alampur village in Sadar upazila early yesterday. The dead, Tofayel Ahmed Milon, 20, was

the son of Abdus Salam of Ramchandrapur village under the upazila. When a patrol team of Chapainawabganj

Rab camp reached near Tin Sakor intersection on its way to Chak Alampur around 2:30am, a gang of criminals opened fire on them, said Squadron Leader Mobashwer Rahim, commander of the camp.

In retaliation, the Rab men returned fire, triggering the "gunfight" between the criminals and the elite force.

After half an hour of the gun battle, the gang members fled, and the Rab members SEE PAGE 10 COL 4

#### Chennai floods stop 137-yr-old newspaper BBC ONLINE

One of India's oldest news-

papers has not been printed for the first time in 137 years due to rains and floods in the southern city of Chennai (Madras). The Hindu, published

daily since 1878, did not come out yesterday as workers could not access the press.

The paper's publisher N Murali told BBC Hindi's Imran Qureshi that it was the first time this had happened. The rains have sus-

pended flights and trains and hundreds of people are without power. SEE PAGE 10 COL 4



Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan with their newborn daughter Max. PHOTO: FACEBOOK

### Zuckerberg to give away 99pc of shares

**BBC ONLINE** 

Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg and his wife Priscilla Chan say they will give away 99% of their shares in the company to good causes as they announce the birth of their daughter Max.

Zuckerberg made the announcement in a letter

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#### কুলখানি

বিশিষ্ট সমাজ সেবক জনাব আতাউদ্দিন খান বিগত ৩০ নভেম্বর ২০১৫ তারিখ, সোমবার, সকাল ৭:৩০ মিনিটে মোহাম্মদপুরস্থ নিজ বাসভবনে ইন্তেকাল করেন (ইন্লালিল্লাহি...রাজিউন)। জীবন দশায় তিনি বিভিন্ন প্রকার সামাজিক ও প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক কর্মকান্ডের সাথে সুনিবিড় ভাবে যুক্ত ছিলেন। তন্মধ্যে উল্লেখযোগ্য- মোহাম্মদপুর প্রিপারেটরি স্কুল এভ কলেজের চেয়ারম্যান, বাংলাদেশ ইউনিভার্সিটির ভাইস চেয়ারম্যান, দোহার - নবাবগঞ্জ কলেজের প্রতিষ্ঠাতা, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের প্রাক্তন শিক্ষক - কমার্স ফ্যাকাল্টি, গালিমপুর রহমানিয়া হাইস্কুলের চেয়ারম্যান, সাবেক মন্ত্রী, শিল্পপতি ও সিনিয়র চার্টার্ড অ্যাকাউন্টেন্ট, আতাখান এন্ড কোম্পানির ফাউন্ডার পার্টনার এবং চেয়ারম্যান ছিলেন বাংলাদেশ কোল্ড স্টোরেজ এসোসিয়েশন, বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক এবং অগ্রণী ব্যাংকের সাবেক চেয়ারম্যান, আতা খান জেনারেল হাসপাতাল লি.-এর চেয়ারম্যান এবং ই.পি প্রভিন্সিয়াল এসেমব্লির সাবেক সদস্য ছিলেন। মৃত্যুকালে তিনি তার ৩ ছেলে ও ৩ মেয়েসহ অসংখ্য গুণগ্রাহী রেখে গেছেন। তাঁর মৃত্যুতে স্কুল-কলেজসহ সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের শিক্ষক-শিক্ষার্থী, কর্মকর্তা-কর্মচারী ও পরিবারবৃন্দসহ সমাজের সকল শ্রেনীর ব্যাক্তিবর্গ গভীরভাবে শোকাহত। আগামী ৪ ডিসেম্বর ২০১৫ রোজ শুক্রবার, বাদ আসর মোহাম্মদপুর প্রিপারেটরি স্কুল এন্ড কলেজ, ১৫/১, ইকবাল

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We are shocked and deeply saddened at the sudden demise of Mr. Md. Abubakar Siddique, Secretary, Energy & Mineral Resources Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. We gratefully acknowledge his valuable contribution as an esteemed Member of the Board of Directors of the Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company Limited (KAFCO).

We pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of the departed soul and also express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.



