

### Female resident students of CU still demanding delayed curfew

CU CORRESPONDENT

Students of three female residential halls of Chittagong University yesterday demanded the authority extend the entrance time limit for three hours. Students of Deshnetri Begum Khaleda Zia Hall, Pritilota Hall and Samsunnahar hall submitted a written memorandum to CU Vice-Chancellor Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury in this regard.

Most resident students of CU are from middle-class families and to meet up their educational expenses they go to the city to work as private tutors after finishing classes at 4:00pm, said the memorandum.

The students return to campus by shuttle train by 8:30pm which exceeds the stipulated hall entrance time for female students is 7:00pm, it added.

So the female students demanded the authority extend the hall entrance time from 7:00pm to 10:00pm.

Contacted, CU VC said they will consider the demand.



Singer-actor Shimul Yousuff sings songs composed by Altaf Mahmud at the publication ceremony of a book "Surer Barputra: Shaheed Altaf Mahmud" (The blessed son of music: Martyr Altaf Mahmud), written by Dinu Billah at the capital's Liberation War Museum yesterday.

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## Country's most gallant musician remembered in a book

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Many freedom fighters have been able to become cultural personalities today because of the sacrifice composer Altaf Mahmud made during the Liberation War, said some war heroes at a book launching ceremony yesterday.

"My brothers and I are alive today because he (Altaf) decided that he would rather be tortured to death than tell the Pakistan occupation army that we were freedom fighters," said Dinu Billah as he narrated an incident in 1971 when he, his brothers and Altaf were captured by the Pakistani army.

"Altaf said he was the only freedom fighter among us and denied our involvement in the war," Dinu said at the launching ceremony of his biography on Altaf Mahmud.

The book titled "Shurer Barputro" (the blessed son of music) was launched on Altaf's birthday on the Liberation War Museum premises.

The composer of "Amar Bhaier Rokte Rangano", a song that is an integral part of commemorating the Language Movement, Altaf touched the lives of many through his artistic talent rooted in his politics, said Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor.

"A hundred years from now, even if Bangladesh ceases to exist, I think the song 'Amar Bhaier Rokte Rangano' would be sung by a Bangali," said film director Nasiruddin Yousuff.

Singer and theatre personality Shimul Yousuff sang some songs composed by Altaf.

## Govt to open climate change fighting wing

Mixed reactions at Prothom Alo discussion about Bangladesh's Paris summit achievements; CPD calls for adopting low-emission economy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to open a separate "climate change wing" under the ministry of environment and forests to coordinate and bring pace in the climate change related works, Secretary to the ministry Dr Kamal Uddin Ahmed told a discussion yesterday.

Bangla daily Prothom Alo organised the discussion titled "Paris Climate Conference and Bangladesh" at the newspaper's office.

Meanwhile, think-tank Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) yesterday said the Paris agreement reaffirmed the necessity for Bangladesh to take adaptation measures to protect lives and livelihoods in a changing climate, and adopt a low-emission economy to continue growing as a prosperous country.

"Bangladesh has to invest in green technology," Fahmida Khatun, research director of CPD, said in her presentation at the capital's Brac Centre Inn, where CPD organised a press conference to give its reactions on the recently concluded global climate summit in Paris.

Regarding the Paris conference and Bangladesh's position, the secretary said the Paris agreement might not fulfil all the demands of Bangladesh and other vulnerable countries. But the country needs to capitalise on whatever was achieved in Paris, he said.

The secretary said the ministry would brief the prime minister about the Paris

agreement in the next cabinet meeting.

Dr Ainun Nishat, former vice chancellor of Brac University, and one of the key negotiators of Bangladesh, said now it was not the time to discuss what Bangladesh could not achieve in Paris but to work collectively to take the country forward.

Mirza Shawkat, director of UN convention, Department of Environment, said the Paris agreement was an excellent achievement while NGOs earlier criticised the agreement, saying Bangladesh should not have accepted it.

Dr Ahsan Uddin, executive director, Centre for Global Change, said the Paris agreement was nothing but a big illusion.

Actually Bangladesh achieved nothing out of this agreement; so Bangladesh should prepare to fight climate change with its own resources, he said.

Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, executive director of Coast Trust, said the agreement closed the opportunity of getting compensation forever because it did not recognise compensation.

Rashed Chowdhury, a Bangladeshi scientist working as chief scientific officer of ENSO Climate Prediction Centre, said Bangladesh should build capacity of predicting extreme climatic events.

Abdul Qayyum, associate editor of Prothom Alo, moderated the session while Matiur Rahman, the editor and publisher of Prothom Alo, was also present.

## Independent commission must for protecting child rights

Ain o Salish Kendra-NHRC-Save the Children meeting told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a country where majority of the children, who account for over one third of the population, are vulnerable to violation of rights, an independent commission and monitoring organisations are essential to protect their rights, a meeting was told yesterday.

The meeting on the draft National Child Rights Commission Act 2015 was organised by Ain o Salish Kendra, and National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) with support from Save the Children at LGED building in the capital.

Shamsul Alam Bakul, deputy director, Child Rights Governance, Save the Children, said civil rights bodies had

been advocating for the appointment of a "Children's Ombudsperson" for almost two decades but a commission would be a more democratic organisation than an ombudsperson.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, said there should be checks and balances in the act to keep it free from influence, especially political influence.

She also expressed her concern about an increasing number of children getting addicted to drugs and access to pornography through the internet.

Syeda Munira Sultana, national project coordinator of the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour, stressed

the need for creating a research cell within the commission to study child related issues and maintain a database.

Kazi Reazul Haque, NHRC's fulltime member, said the commission should get the budgetary allocation directly from the parliament.

Justice Md Iman Ali, Supreme Court judge, drew attention to the fact that whether the proposed commission would be able to hold institutional bodies like police, juvenile correction centres, ministries working with children, and educational institutions accountable if their actions violated child rights.

Tapos Bandhu Das, a lawyer, presented the draft law.

## Dr Abdullah Shibli's books out

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two books, "Economics is Fun: Short Essays for the Masses" and "A Chance Encounter", of Dr Abdullah Shibli, a regular contributor to The Daily Star, have been published.

Finance Minister AMA Muhit unveiled the cover of the books at the capital's Ladies Club yesterday.

The book, Economic is Fun, a collection of articles published in the Op-Ed section of The Daily Star between 2008 and 2015, provides readers' analysis of current events, social issues and international cross-currents. Dr Shibli also offers a critical application of economic tools in his analysis of diverse current and chronic issues in today's world.

The book is designed with three groups: International Economics, Environmental Policy and Development Economics.

Dr Shibli, in the other book, a collection of short stories published in the Star Literature Review in the same period, has brought together expat experience, beauty, nature, and angst of failing in love.

English Professor Manzoorul Islam of Dhaka University, A Momen, former permanent representative to UN Mission in New York, Dr Ahsan Habib Mansur, Policy Research Institute's executive director, and Professor Syed Mustaque Ahmed of Cameron University of USA also spoke.

Dr Shibli did his graduation in Economics from Boston University and worked for Harvard University and the World Bank. He also taught at Dhaka University and several US universities.

## Public place

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move a writ petition before the High Court for necessary orders on the authorities to stop smoking in public places, if they fail to implement the sections of the law in seven days.

Secretaries to the ministries of health, law, and home, and director general of the health services department, and inspector general of police have been made respondents.

## Campaign

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He said they had so far found land for establishing 10 such stations but "in case land is not available for all 57, we will set some collection bins underground."

Replying to how he would deliver on all such ambitious promises only in a year, he said, "We have to start somewhere."

About unauthorised billboards set up by the government, along Abdul Gani Road for example, the mayor said, "We will write to them requesting to remove such billboards."



From left, Prof Syed Mustaque Ahmed, Finance Minister AMA Muhith, A Momen, Dr Abdullah Shibli, and Prof Manzoorul Islam hold copies of two books "Economics is Fun: Short Essays for the Masses" and "A Chance Encounter", written by Shibli, at a publication ceremony at the capital's Ladies Club yesterday.

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### CORRIGENDUM

**DHAKA ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED (DESCO)**  
in Association with  
**Institute of Architects Bangladesh**  
**ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITION**  
for the Design of DESCO Head Office Building

<b>JURORS</b>	1. Ar. Nahas Ahmed Khalil 2. Ar. A B M Mahbulul Malik 3. Ar. Mohammad Foyez Ullah 4. Mr. Md. Abdullah Al Masud Chowdhury 5. Engr. Md. Rabiul Hasnat
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	1. <b>SUBMIT Registration Fee to IAB office and obtain a Registration Number from Dec 26, 2015 to Jan 10, 2016.</b> Registration fee-TK 3,000/- (non-refundable) 2. <b>Download "Registration Form" from <a href="http://www.iab.com.bd">www.iab.com.bd</a></b> 3. <b>Fill-up the "Registration Form" and mail to <a href="mailto:desco.iabcompetition@iab.com.bd">desco.iabcompetition@iab.com.bd</a></b> 4. One registered participant can submit only one proposal.
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<b>TIMELINE</b>	<b>First Stage:</b> Announcement in Newspaper Dec 14, 2015 CORRIGENDUM (Announcement) Dec 24, 2015 Registration opens Dec 26, 2015 – Jan 10, 2016 Receiving Queries Jan 07, 2016 – Jan 13, 2016 Reply to Queries by email Jan 16, 2016 Design Submission Mar 10, 2016 Jury Proceedings, Announcement of Results and Exhibition opening Mar 12, 2016 – Mar 16, 2016 <b>Second Stage:</b> Letter to Short Listed Firms Mar 14, 2016 Handing Over of the Jury's First Stage Report Mar 18, 2016 Design Submission May 07, 2016 Jury Proceedings and Announcement of Result May 09, 2016

All other information remains same as the announcement of 14/12/2015.

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## Rangunia, Sitakunda of Ctg

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two candidates. Shajahan is the religious affair secretary of AL north district unit, while Helal is the joint convener of the BNP's Rangunia municipality unit.

The two other candidates are Islami Front's Abdur Rahman Jami and independent candidate Mojamel Haque.

In Sitakunda, during their campaigns all six mayor aspirants are pledging to resolve the major prob-

lems, including waste management and poor condition of roads.

Most of the roads in ward no 8 have remained in dilapidated conditions and they are not paved, said seventy-year-old Monzurullah. Lawyer Nasir Uddin said both AL- and BNP-backed mayors were elected in the last two terms but major problems of the area were not resolved.

Posters with symbols and photos of candidates are hanging overhead in the whole area. The aspirants are

moving door to door to seek votes. Badiul Alam is AL candidate. But there are two rebel AL candidates -- Siraj-ud-Daula and Saful Alam. Jatiya Party's candidate Nurun Nabi Bhuiyan is also contesting.

BNP nominated Abul Mansur while Jamaat's municipality unit Amir Tawhidul Hoque Chowdhury is contesting independently.

Tawhidul, an accused of 32 violence cases, is still absconding. His wife Kamruzzahan and other family mem-

## Ex-MP Shakhawat, 8 'cohorts'

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while the rest were members of the force.

**CHARGES**  
According to the first charge, on Shakhawat's directive, Ibrahim and the two Aziz along with 10-12 Razakars picked up a woman of Boga, who was a source for freedom fighters, on Ashwin 27 and detained her at Chingri Bazar camp for three days. Shakhawat allegedly tortured and raped the woman there.

One day in the middle of Bangla month Sraban, Shakhawat along with 25 to 30 Razakars convened a meeting where Shakhawat delivered an inciting speech to kill supporters and activists of Awami League and pro-liberation persons.

On Ashwin 28, Shakhawat accompanied by eight other accused and several other Razakars caught local Awami League leader Chadtullo Gazi and kept him detained at the Razakar camp for four days. He was later shot dead on the bank of the Kapatakkha River, the charge added.

The third charge says, on Ashwin 25, around 10-12 Razakars, including Mujibur, Ibrahim and Khaleque, on Shakhawat's instruction, picked up Nur Uddin Morol around 7:00am and brutally tortured him at the Razakar camp. He, however, was later released after giving bond.

According to the fourth charge, on a late Ashwin night, Razakars of Chingri

Bazar camp picked up a source for freedom fighter Malek Sardar from his house and tortured the victim at a torture camp. He was later shot dead by Shakhawat around 8:00am on Ashwin 28 near the ferry ghat of Chingri Bazar and his body was thrown into the Kapatakkha.

At the beginning of Ashwin, Razakars, upon receiving Shakhawat's instruction, went to capture freedom fighter Miron Sheikh around 10:00am. When Miron tried to escape, Razakars shot him and took him to Chingri Bazar camp. As a result of brutal torture, the victim became crippled and Razakars threw him into Kapatakkha thinking him dead, the last charge reads.

## BNP's Bodi denied bail in Savar

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violence took place in Savar during BNP-led alliance's agitation on January 5 last year. Bodiuzzaman sought anticipatory bail in the case

as he did not know about the case earlier but the HC denied him bail as police had already submitted the charge sheet in the case, he farther said.

Replying to a question, Masud said there is no legal bar to his client's contesting the upcoming election which is scheduled for December 30.