

NEWS IN brief

CCC, BGMEA sign MoU to build Ctg apparel zone

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong City Corporation, and Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) yesterday to build an apparel zone in the port city's Kalurghat.

CCC Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin and BGMEA President Md Siddiqur Rahman signed on behalf of their respective organisations at a community centre in the city.

Under the two-year project, financed by garment factory owners, CCC will construct 10 to 11 seven-storey buildings on its around 10.36 acres of land, BGMEA sources said.

Road crashes kill two, injure four

CITY DESK

A six-year-old girl was killed when a battery-run auto-rickshaw ran her over while she was crossing the road in Ahammodnagar area of Jhinaigachi upazila in Sherpur yesterday.

The deceased was Jacklin Begum, daughter of Joinal Abedin of Bondobhatpara village.

Meanwhile BSS reports, Siraj Uddowla, 56, of Maroil village was killed and four others were injured when an auto-rickshaw collided head-on with a human hauler in Kasiadanga area on Rajshahi-Kakonhat road in Rajshahi city yesterday.

Qayum Reza Chy new UAPF chairperson

CITY DESK

Qayum Reza Chowdhury has been elected the new chairperson of the University of Asia Pacific Foundation (UAPF) and Board of Trustees of University of Asia Pacific for 2016-2017, said a press release.

The new Board of Trustees was formed following an annual general meeting on Thursday.

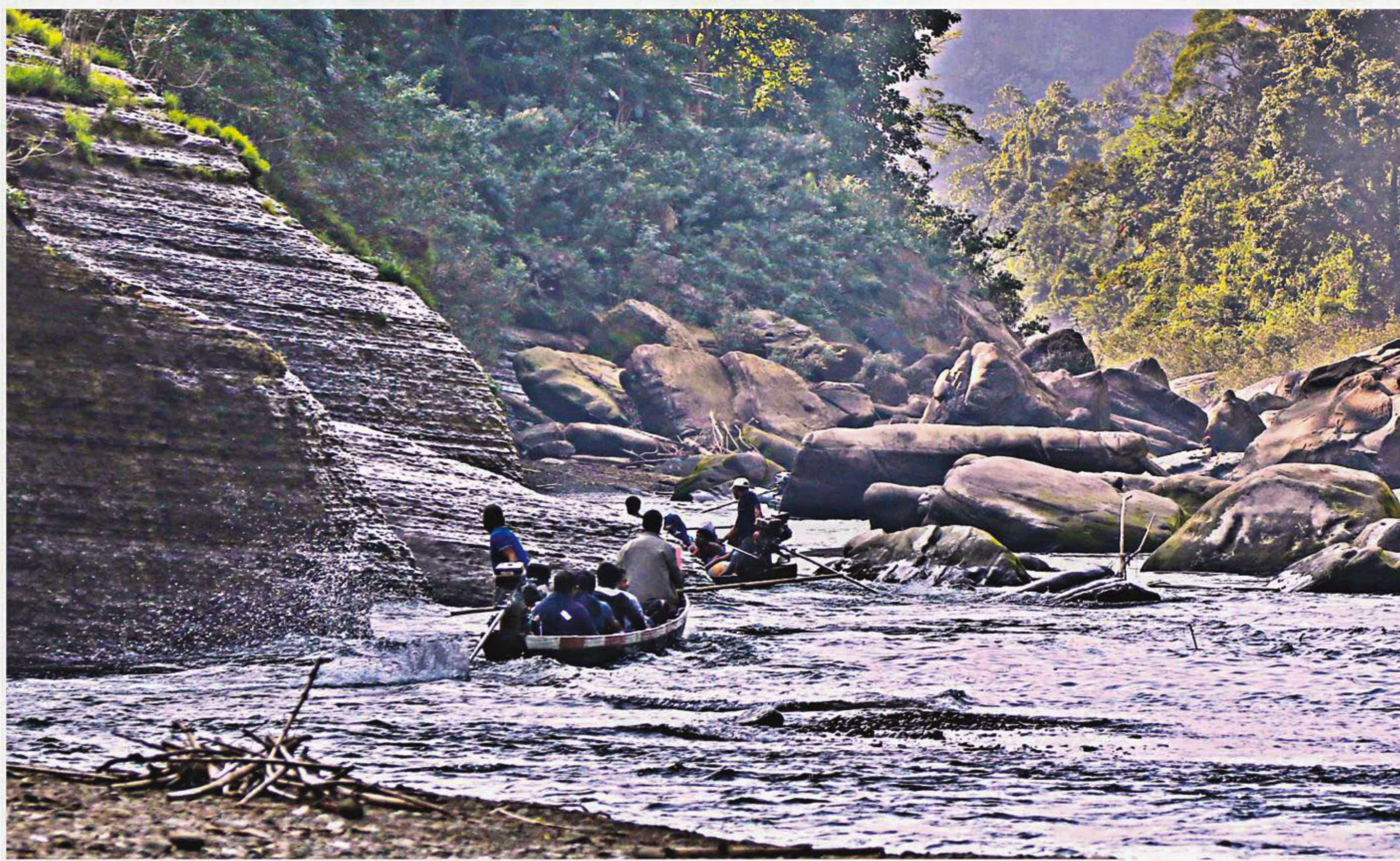


Journalist Jharna Moni gets award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jharna Moni, a senior reporter of Bangla daily Bhorer Kagoj, has won PIB-Sohel Samad Memorial Award-2015 for her story on the arson victims during 2014 blockade enforced by BNP-led alliance.

The story "Burn Unit-e Hartal Victim: Purchhe Manabota, Purchhe Swapno" won the jury award for feature category, said a press release. The journalist received Tk 50,000 and a crest at an event held at the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) in the capital yesterday.



Boats move through boulders in the Sangu river in Thanchi upazila, Bandarban. With verdant hills standing tall on both sides, cruising along the meandering, shallow river is a soothing experience, but it is expensive for local commuters. A trip from Thanchi to Remakri costs each passenger Tk 400. The boats take people to Tindu, Remakri, Boro Madak, and Chhoto Madak. The photo was taken on the way to Remakri from Thanchi yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Aug 21 attack aimed at destroying AL leadership

Industries Minister Amu testifies in court

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu yesterday told a Dhaka court that the 2004 grenade attack on an Awami League rally was aimed at assassinating the party chief and the then opposition leader, Sheikh Hasina, and other top leaders.

As a prosecution witness and victim of the attack, the AL leader said this while giving his testimony to the court for over an hour. The court recorded the statement and fixed today for the next hearing of the two cases filed over the attack on August 21, 2004. One case was filed for killing, and the other under the explosive substances act.

Amu said under the direct and indirect patronisation of the then four-party alliance government, Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami (Huji) leader Mufti Hannan and his accomplices carried out the gruesome attack to eliminate the AL leadership.

Hasina narrowly escaped death, but 24 leaders and activists of her party were killed and 300 others injured.

Amu was later cross-examined by the lawyers of all of the 19 fugitive accused including BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman. BNP leader Lutfozzaman Babar and 23 others are now in jail and another eight are on bail. Earlier, 204 prosecution witnesses, out of 491, testified in court.

Obituary

CITY DESK

AMAH Siddiqui, the founding director general of the Bureau of Manpower



Employment and Training (BMET), died of old-age complications in his Uttara residence in the capital on Friday night. He was 81.

Siddiqui, also the founding director general of Bangladesh Manpower Planning Centre, had served ILO as a senior labour and manpower expert. A doa mahfil will be held in his Uttara residence on January 9.

Five Jamaat men on 10-day remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed five Jamaat-e-Islami men, who were arrested in the capital's Banasree with Tk 1 crore on Saturday, on a 10-day remand each in two cases with anarchy and money laundering charges.

Rampura police produced the five, Giasuddin, chief accounts officer of Jamaat central committee and a rokon (policy-level leader), Aminur Rahman, Osman Gani, Lutfur Rahman and Shahadatur Rahman Soheli, before the court with a 20-day remand prayer. Several passports and organisational books were also recovered from Gias' house-cum-office.

Yesterday at a press conference, Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Miah said the detainees could not give any logical explanation about the source of the money.

In a press statement, Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday said law enforcing agency nabbed its men as part of the repression on its activists and to create confusion in people's minds about the political party.



As part of making city dwellers aware of cleanliness, Rapid Action Battalion removes garbage from in front of the office of Rab-3 in the capital yesterday. Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon and Rab Director General Benazir Ahmed participated in the campaign.

PHOTO: STAR

N'ganj 7-murder accused ex-Rab man Tareque shifted to DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sacked Rab official Tareque Sayeed, who is an accused in the Narayanganj seven-murder case, was shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital from Dhaka Central Jail as he felt pain in the legs, waist, and spinal cord yesterday, sources said.

Sources at Dhaka Central Jail said Tareque, who was held in May, 2014, had been feeling pain while walking in recent days.

On April 27, 2014, Narayanganj panel mayor Nazrul Islam, his four associates, and senior lawyer Chandan Sarker and his driver were abducted. Their bodies were later found floating in the Shitalakkhya river. Three Rab officials -- Tareque, Arif Hossain and SM Masud Rana -- were sacked later following the murder.

Depiction of '71 rape victims

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public consciousness as a "spectral wound". Showing photos of some victims, she said the war heroines were dominantly represented as dehumanised victims with dishevelled hair and a vacant look.

In some pictures they are seen covering their face with scarves, she said, and these connoted rejection by the community which actually inflicted wounds upon them.

She added, "These flatten the diversity of their experiences through which Birangonas

have lived with the violence of wartime rape."

Women's rights activist Taslima Akhter said through critically examining the pervasiveness of the Birangona construction, Mookherjee showed how raped women faced discriminations in their portrayal.

Photographer Shahidul Alam praised the book as a rare research work.

The book can be ordered online at www.combinedacademic.co.uk and availed at a 20 percent discount using the code CSF715SPEC.

ACC challenges

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moving the prayer before it.

He also said a judgment will come from the HC on Tarique when it holds the hearing on the appeal.

The anti-graft watchdog filed the case against Tarique and his friend and business partner Giasuddin Al Mamun in October 2009 for siphoning off Tk 20.41 crore to Singapore between 2003 and 2007.

On November 17, 2013, a Dhaka court acquitted Tarique and sentenced Mamun to seven years' imprisonment and fined him Tk 40 crore in the case.

On December 5 that year, the ACC appealed to the HC, challenging Tarique's acquittal.

Following the appeal, the HC on January 19 in 2014 asked the lower court to send the case records to it and ordered Tarique to surrender before the trial court in the case.

The HC, however, asked the trial court to grant him bail after his surrender.

The money laundering case is one of the 16 cases, including the August 21 grenade attack cases, filed against Tarique. He was arrested on March 7 in 2007 during a crackdown by a military-backed caretaker government.

After securing parole, Tarique went to London in September 2008 for treatment and has been living there ever since.

Following an appeal filed by Mamun, the HC on April 29 in 2014 stayed his fine of Tk 40 crore in the money laundering case.

Teachers unaware of benefits

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resolve the issue despite being told to do so. In public service, there is a super grade for senior secretaries, at present numbering 10 among 2 lakh cadres, and in that ratio only one of the around 11,000 teachers can get that grade, he said.

Muhith said a process needed to be formulated to select teachers for the grade.

However, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid in a programme told journalists that the government was trying all out to meet the teachers' demands.

Teachers at different universities, as per their earlier decision, wore black badges

while taking classes and would enforce a two-hour strike at universities from 11:00am on January 7.

Teachers of all 37 public universities under FBUTA, since May, have been stating that the 8th pay scale had downgraded their status.

They said the selection grade professors enjoyed the top grade along with secretaries and major generals in the seventh pay scale. Senior professors were placed in grade-2 and professors in grade-3.

The new pay scale retained the grades of professors and senior professors but did not separately mention the selection grade professors, one of the agitation's issues.

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Tender ID and package No.	Name of work	Last date and time of purchasing/downloading document	Closing date and time	Opening date and time
42839, 13/e-GP/GRD/2015-2016	Supplying stone chips and course sand for routine maintenance work at different roads of Gopalganj Road Sub-Division under Gopalganj Road Division during the year 2015-2016	17-Jan-2016 12:00	17-Jan-2016 16:00	17-Jan-2016 16:20
42840, 14/e-GP/GRD/2015-2016	Supplying stone chips and course sand for routine maintenance work at different roads of Kotalipara Road Sub-Division under Gopalganj Road Division during the year 2015-16	17-Jan-2016 12:00	17-Jan-2016 16:00	17-Jan-2016 16:45
42841, 15/e-GP/GRD/2015-2016	Pavement widening by HBB at 3 rd km (P) of Bhatiapara-Kalna Road (N805) under Gopalganj Road Division during the year 2015-2016	17-Jan-2016 12:00	17-Jan-2016 16:00	17-Jan-2016 16:20
42842, 16/e-GP/GRD/2015-2016	Jungle cutting to slope/flanks at 17 th km to 80 th km of Bhangabhatiapara-Mollahat-Noapara (Khulna) Road under Gopalganj Road Division during the year 2015-2016	17-Jan-2016 12:00	17-Jan-2016 16:00	17-Jan-2016 16:05
42843, 17/e-GP/GRD/2015-2016	Repairing of road embankment by earth filling at 1 st km (p) of Gopalganj Bus Terminal link Road under Gopalganj Road Division during the year 2015-2016	17-Jan-2016 12:00	17-Jan-2016 16:00	17-Jan-2016 16:05
43218, 01/e-GP/GRD/2015-2016 (Re-tender)	Supplying of 1 st class brick and 1 st class/PJ Brick bats for routine maintenance work at different roads and Ferry Ghats under Gopalganj Road Division during the year 2015-2016	17-Jan-2016 12:00	17-Jan-2016 16:00	17-Jan-2016 17:00

Accepted tenders will be opened online immediately after opening time.

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