

KIBRIA MURDER CASE
Recording of testimony deferred to April 28
 OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A Sylhet court yesterday deferred recording of the testimony of witnesses to April 28 in the former finance minister SAMS Kibria murder case. The order came as only one accused out of 13 appeared before the court yesterday, said Kishore Kumar Kar, public prosecutor of the tribunal. Five people, including Kibria, were killed and 70 others injured in a grenade attack on a public rally of Awami League at Baiddar Bazar in Sadar upazila of Habiganj on January 27, 2005. Awami League leader Abdul Mazid Khan filed two cases -- one for murder and another under the Explosives Substances Act -- with Habiganj Police Station the following day.



Left, Gonojagoron Mancha brings out a torch procession in the capital's Shahbagh, protesting the killing of secular online activist Nazimuddin Samad, a law student of Jagannath University (JnU) on Wednesday night, while JnU students block the street in front of the main entrance of the university, top right; cops visit the crime scene on Hrishikesh Das Lane, bottom right. The photos were taken yesterday.



PHOTOS: STAR

No fair polls possible under EC: Ershad

UNB, Bogra
 Describing the current Election Commission worse than the MA Aziz-led one during the last BNP government, Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday said no fair election was possible under it. He was speaking at the biennial council of his party's Bogra district unit in Shaheed Titu Poura Auditorium. "Many are returning home dead after going out to cast votes... People want fair elections, to lead a normal life," he said. Ershad said his party will be able to restore stability if it is voted to power and urged party men to get united. About Sohagi Jahan Tonu murder, Ershad said, "Tonu's body was exhumed twice only to say nothing has been found. A few days later, they may say there was no girl named Tonu and it's a media-made issue." He also alleged that people now neither can speak the truth nor get justice. "Jatiya Party will return to power if a fair national election is held," he said. GM Quader, party co-chairman, Ruhul Amin Howlader, secretary general, Shariful Islam Zinnah, district unit president and Nurul Islam Omar, general secretary, spoke. Sharif and Omar were made president and general secretary of the unit again.

Cabinet body worried at UP polls violence

Asks law enforcers to check recurrence
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 The cabinet committee on law and order yesterday expressed concern over the violence that killed at least 33 people during the two phases of Union Parishad polls and asked law enforcing agencies to take stern action against such anarchy in the next phases. Besides, Bangladesh Bank Governor Fazle Kabir informed at a meeting of the committee that one-fifth of stolen reserve of BB was recovered and efforts are going on to regain more. The meeting held at the home ministry with committee chief Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu in the chair was also attended by Law Minister Anisul Huq, Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu, Civil Aviation Minister Rashed Khan Menon, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, State Minister for Labour and Employment Mujibul Haque Chunnun, the home secretary, IGP, BGB chief, Rab DG and DMP commissioner. After the meeting, Amu claimed that country's overall law and order situation is good at this moment apart from a very few exceptional incidents and it is improving. Responding to a query, he said the meeting discussed the murder of Sohagi Jahan Tonu and CID has been investigating the incident. "A proper investigation and fair trial of the murder would be ensured," Amu said. Referring to the election violence, he said some violent activities were taken place during the UP polls and such situations would

Obituary

CITY DESK
 Amena Begum, widow of journalist Rezaul Huq and mother of renowned Rabindra singer Mita Huq, passed away yesterday, aged 74, following a prolonged bout of illness, in her residence in the capital. She was buried at her family graveyard in Keraniganj of Dhaka. Her qulkhani will be held on Monday after the Maghrib prayers in her Dhanmondi residence.

NEWS IN brief

Dr Naser elected Unesco Asia-Pacific region CR body chairman
 BSS, Dhaka

Senior Secretary of Public Administration Ministry Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury was elected as the chairman of Unesco's committee on Conventions and Recommendations (CR) of the executive board on behalf of Asia-Pacific region at its headquarters in Paris yesterday. The CR committee reviews and evaluates the human rights situations and the implementation progress report on education, culture and science in the member countries. Dr Chowdhury is representing Bangladesh to Unesco in 2013-17 year.

2kg gold recovered at airport
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs Intelligence officials found 20 gold bars, worth Tk 1 crore and weighing 2kg, inside a toilet of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka yesterday. The officials conducted a drive at the airport after being tipped-off about a consignment of gold arriving from Kuala Lumpur in a Bangladesh Biman flight, said Moinul Khan, director general of customs intelligence. Offenders might have dropped the bars there sensing the drive, he added.

Korean cultural festival held at IUB
 CITY DESK

A Korean cultural festival, organised by the media and communication department of Independent University, Bangladesh, was held on its Bashundhara campus in Dhaka yesterday, said a press release. IUB Vice-Chancellor Prof M Omar Rahman and Mi Seol Park, first secretary and consul of Korean embassy, Prof GM Shahidul Alam, head of the department, and Prof Zakir Hossain Raju were also present.

Book publishers, sellers protest

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 industry jobless, said Alamgir Sikder Loton, president of the association. They will hold a silent protest at Central Shaheed Minar on April 10, and submit a memoranda to the prime minister and the education minister. All the libraries in the country will remain closed on that day, said the association's leaders.

Congratulations!
 Prof. Dr. Gulshan Ara, Principal Medical College for Women & Hospital Uttara, Dhaka has been nominated to receive Europe Business Assembly's Prestigious International Award-2016 "The name in Science"
 Heartiest congratulation from the Governing body and all employees of Medical College for Women & Hospital.



A doctor providing free treatment to a child yesterday, marking World Health Day at the capital's Kalyanpur Porabari Slum. Distressed Children & Infants International (DCI), and Rights and Sight for Children (RSC) organised the health camp. They also held a seminar attended by Dr Shekh Moinul Khokon, Salma Qadir, CEO of RSC, and Jamal Abdun Masher, programme manager of RSC. Dr Ehsan Hoque, executive director of DCI, joined via Skype. PHOTO: COLLECTED

SC wants decision on

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 Aynunnahar Siddiqua, the HC bench of Justice Syed Muhammad Dastagir Husain and Justice AKM Shahidul Huq issued the rule, asking the government to explain within a week as to why the provision of the DMP Rules and Regulations-2006 under which the DMP has been collecting information about the residents should not be declared unconstitutional and illegal. Earlier on March 13, the HC bench led by Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury rejected another petition seeking a halt to the collection of tenants' information, saying that the DMP was allowed to take any step under the DMP rules and regulations-2006 to prevent terrorism and militant activities.

BCL men now force

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 student organisation's central committee for "violating organisational discipline". The CU authorities are yet to take any step over the locking incidents with Vice Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin yesterday assuring to hold a meeting of the health and disciplinary committee in this regard "soon". The institute is situated in Chittagong city's Badsha Mia road, some 22 kilometres away from the CU campus. Yesterday some 50 BCL activists gathered at the institute around 9:00am and requested that Mofazzal be allowed to take the exam, said Nasima. Being denied, they locked the rooms, including classrooms, exam halls, a gallery room and an administrative office, and opened those two hours later after the postponement was declared, she said. Mofazzal could not be contacted for comment. The suspended CU BCL unit's president, Mohammad Alamgir Tipu, claimed they would prevent holding of exams if the demand was not met.

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