

## Jubo League man hacked to death in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Jubo League activist was hacked to death allegedly by his rivals in the youth front of Awami League in Swandip upazila of Chittagong on Wednesday night.

Bashir Ahmed, 38, a member of Moghdora Union unit of Jubo League, succumbed to his injuries at a Swandip hospital.

Around 20 persons led by the upazila Jubo League member Bahman Hujur attacked Bashir with sharp weapons while he was sitting near his Noyahat house in the union, said police and locals.

Swandip Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdus Salam said a long standing feud between a leader of Swandip Thana AL, and a former AL leader over establishing supremacy in the area led to the murder.

Bashir is an associate of the ex-AL leader while Rahman is loyal to the other, he said.

Rahman is on the run, he said.

## Qulkhwani

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The qulkhwani of Noor-e-Gulshan Habib Dolly; wife of Lutfie Habib Khan Shelley, an advocate; will be held today at her Residence, house-5, road-7, Baridhara after the Maghrib prayers.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the qulkhwani and pray for her departed soul.



**Dirty water intruding into the Karnaphuli from Roy Bahadur Khal, a canal which flows through Chittagong city before emptying into the river at Sadarghat Banglabazar. The pollution the discharge causes is threatening the aquatic life of the river. And the city residents are mostly responsible for this because they indiscriminately dump waste into the canal despite the city corporation's awareness campaign over the last six months. The corporation also placed garbage containers in some places but the city dwellers are still reluctant. Not only this canal, Chaktai Khal, Rajakhali Khal, and Mohesh Khal also carry such polluted water into the Karnaphuli. The photo was taken yesterday.**

## Arrest warrants against 34 BNP-Jamaat leaders

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrants against 34 leaders and activists of BNP-led 20-party-alliance, including Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia in a case filed for torching a vehicle in the city's Jatrabari area on January 23 last year.

Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah of Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after accepting the charges against 58, including the 34 accused.

The accused include, Barkatullah Bulu, Habibunnabi Khan Sohel, Mir Sarafat Ali Sapu, Azizul Bari Helal, former BNP lawmaker from Dhaka Salauddin Ahmed, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's special assistant Shimul Biswas and press secretary Maruf Kamal Khan, and BNP Vice-Chairman Selima Rahman.

Khaleda's advisors Khandker Mahub Hossain, MK Anwar, journalist leader Shawkat Mahmud, Ruhul Kabir Rizvi Ahmed, Amanullah Aman, and 19 others are now on bail.

The court directed officer-in-charge of Jatrabari Police Station to submit by July 17 the reports on execution of the arrest warrants.

## Woman found dead in Mirpur building

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was found dead on the ground floor of a four-storey building in Boro Bagh of the capital's Mirpur early yesterday.

The body of Renu Khatun, 26, wife of Sumon, an electrician, was hanging in the building's generator room, said Mirpur police Sub-inspector Subrata Kumar Roy.

The couple lived in a room on the floor, said Renu's brother Shafiq Mia, adding that they had altercations over different family issues.

Sumon found his wife's body hanging from the ceiling fan in the generator room, landlord Habibur Rahman quoted Sumon as saying.

## Govt ordering killings, abductions

Claims BNP's Goyeshwar; Fakhrul flies to Bangkok for treatment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP standing committee member Goyeshwar Chandra Roy yesterday alleged that the incidents of murder, kidnapping and enforced disappearance in the country are taking place with the government's signal.

He made the remark at a Milad Mahfil organised to pray for an early recovery of ailing BNP standing committee member Tariqul Islam, who is now under treatment at a Singapore hospital, at the party's Naya Paltan central office in the capital.

The government plays the old record that BNP, Jamaat and Shibir men are responsible whenever any such incident takes place... , said Goyeshwar.

Pointing to quick rental power plant, he said crores of taka were plundered in the name of quick rental power plant but power situation was not developed.

### FAKHRUL FLIES TO BANGKOK

BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir along with his wife Rahat Ara Begum yesterday left for Bangkok for medical treatment, said BNP chairperson's media wing member Sayrul Kabir Khan. He is expected to return home on May 2.

## Leaders of all major religions stand together

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place for communalism or extremism in Hindu religion.

He said co-operation among all religious groups is needed. "A single species of flower grows in a farm whereas different varieties blossom harmoniously in a garden," he said.

Archbishop Patrick D Rosario said religious harmony will be established when people will follow their own religion piously and create opportunity for others.

Satya Ranjan Baroi, president of International Society for Krishna Consciousness in Bangladesh, said religious harmony lies beneath patriotism.

He urged the police to identify people who are trying to destabilise the country and take necessary actions.

Maulana Obaidur Rahman said religious leaders should come forward when the country needs them.

Ashok Barua, general secretary of Bangladesh Buddhist Federation, said the Buddhist people will play their role actively to enhance religious harmony.

Shuddhananda Mahathero, president of Bangladesh Buddha Kristi Prachar Sangha, said the government has to come forward

and help religious leaders while tackling extremists.

Speaking as the chief guest, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said the government will arrange programmes consisting of people from different religious groups at the divisional, district and upazila levels in the future.

The Home boss reiterated that there is no presence of global terror outfit Islamic State (IS) in the country and attacks had been carried out by home-grown terrorist outfits.

The IS ideology will never be established in the country, one or two killings do not mean that those are committed by them, he said.

Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque said police will take zero tolerance against those who will try to destabilise religious harmony.

He urged religious leaders to speak against extremism at different events and avoid misinterpretation of religion while preaching and giving sermons.

He added police have so far solved around 80 percent of cases filed against terrorist attacks.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Miah was also present at the event



**The government and international development partners signed a new human rights programme in the capital yesterday to continue improving the state of human rights and upheld the rights and dignity of the most vulnerable groups within the society, to be implemented in the next five years. The programme, which marks National Human Rights Commission as an independent leading rights body in the country, is technically supported by UNDP and financially by the Swedish, Danish and Swiss governments.**

## US reaffirms support for free

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Mannan and his friend Mahub Rabbi Tonoy. Giving shelter to those in danger is "an option under consideration", but it depends solely on the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which is responsible for the humanitarian parole approval.

"The embassy has nothing to do with the humanitarian parole issue. Those who want to apply can courier their documents directly to the DHS. The details are available on the website," said US embassy Consul General Elizabeth P Gourlay.

She also commented that the process of humanitarian parole takes time and suggested to go to a country where he/she feels safe without waiting for the US facility.

In this context, the consul general said this was very rare to get approval of the humanitarian parole by the DHS. "In my 30 years of service I myself found one case was approved by the DHS," she added.

While Political Counsellor Brouillette-Rodriguez said she found two cases in her 20 years of career.

"This rigorous process takes up to 120 days. Those who are in extreme danger probably should not wait for such a long time," she said, adding, "The humanitarian parole is not the beginning of a permanent new life in the United States."

"The Humanitarian parole is temporary measure to give a person space to reorganise their lives. The maximum duration is one year and one can only seek extension for once," the counsellor said.

## Citizens'

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Prof Sikander Khan, vice-chancellor of East Delta University, Shocheton Nagorik Committee Convener Delwar Mazumder, and Dr Jafrul Islam, lead procurement specialist of World Bank, Dhaka spoke, among others.

## Suspect Shibir

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handed over memorandums containing the demand to the divisional commissioner, district administrator, police commissioner and director general of Rapid Action Battalion-5. Police also prayed to take on seven-day remands two others - Shibir activist Khairul Islam and Raihan Ali, imam of Dargamaria village mosque, who cops say is a pro-Jamaat-e-Islami man who raised a group in the village against a music school the professor established.

## EU project aims to rescue 1,000

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"It is not possible for the government alone to eliminate any problem. It is very important to ensure community involvement to create awareness on stopping sexual exploitation of children," he said.

He also urged ministries concerned to count through a survey the number of children working as domestic helps and living on the streets, all in order to take measures for their protection.

Addressing as the special guest, Mario Ronconi, head of the cooperation unit, EU in Bangladesh, said training law enforcers to efficiently curb the crime was essential.

CCSEC official Chowdhury Md Tayub Tazammul Rana gave a presentation while lawmaker Showkat Ali Badsha, also chairperson of Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights; and Women & Children Affairs Additional Secretary Bikash Kishore Das also spoke.

## BCL infighting in Chittagong

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According to witnesses and students, a scuffle ensued between the two factions in the morning when Tinu along with some of his followers entered the college campus. Rony and his loyalists asked police to drive them out of the campus, claiming that they were outsiders and not students of the college.

At one stage, Tinu's followers beat three of Rony's group, alleged Rony's follower Mahmudul Karim, adding that police despite being informed of the incident did not take any action against Tinu and his activists.

Earlier, Mahmudul and some others of Rony's group beat up Tinu's supporter Shihab Uddin, a third year student of English department, who later filed a general diary with Chawkbazar police in this regard, said Aziz Ahmed, officer-in-charge of the police station.

For this reason, the Tinu-led group might have beaten those of Rony's group, added Aziz.

The OC, however, denied the allegation of indifference and not taking action against the accused.

# NEWS IN brief

## N'ganj 7-murder accused Nur Hossain's aide held with booze

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested councillor of no. 4 ward of Narayanganj City Corporation Ariful Haque Hasan in Adamjee area on Narayanganj-Demra Road yesterday.

Raiding the area, the law enforcers arrested Ariful, who is a close aide of sensational seven-murder case's prime accused Nur Hossain, and two of his (Ariful's) associates, said Alamgir Hossain, assistant superintendent of police (ASP) of Rab-11.

They also recovered eight cans of beer and eight bottles.

## Deal signed for sustainable fisheries sector

CITY DESK

The Department of Fisheries and Bangladesh Shrimp and Fish Foundation have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for promotion of sustainable growth in the fisheries and aquaculture sector.

Under the deal, the two organisations will collaborate to address climate-induced challenges in the sector, introduce innovative production, distribution and trade mechanisms, and make the shrimp and freshwater prawn industry more sustainable.

Dr Syed Arif Azad, director general of DoF, and Syed Mahmudul Huq, chairman of BSFF, signed the MoU documents at a hotel in the capital recently.

## British Council, Daffodil Education Network open reading contest

CITY DESK

British Council and Daffodil Education Network (DEN) have recently inaugurated a nationwide book reading competition at the capital's British Council Library.

The deadline for registration is July 31.

Sabur Khan, chairman of DEN, was the chief guest at the event, where Deep Adhikari, director of examination, and Sarwat Reza, library manager, were present.

## 10-year-old boy among 2 killed in road crashes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A 10-year-old boy was killed after being run over by a bus on the Mymensingh-Haluaghat road in Tarakanda upazila in Mymensingh on Wednesday.

Md Rifat, son of Sabikul Islam of Kurkuchikanda village, was a class-III student of Taaldighi Government Primary School, said Tarakanda police.

In Mymensingh Sadar, an unidentified woman, aged around 70, was killed when a bus ran her over on Mymensingh-Kishoreganj road in Kachari Bazar area yesterday.

## Obituary

CITY DESK

Noor Mohammad Howladar, founder partner of Howladar Yunus & co, Chartered Accountants, passed away at Square Hospitals Limited on Wednesday. All are requested to attend a doa mahfil which will be held at the Old DOHS community centre after Asr prayers tomorrow.



**Representatives and officials of American Alumni Association and Lakeshore Hotel at a signing ceremony of an agreement on Wednesday in the capital. Under this deal, members of AAA will be enjoying special discount on the hotel services.**

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