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JP council reelects Ershad as party chief; Raushan now founding senior co-chair, GM Quader co-chair

RASHIDUL HASAN

The Jatiya Party boss had no alternative but to appoint his wife Raushan Ershad as the party's senior co-chair to avoid a possible split and to keep his otherwise topsy-turvy organisation in one piece ahead of its eighth national council held in the capital yesterday.

Through the council at Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, HM Ershad has further consolidated his power by electing his wife as the party's founding senior co-chair, his younger brother GM Quader as party co-chair and his loyalist Ruhul Amin Hawlader as secretary general.

Councillors and delegates reelected Ershad as chairman and elected Raushan, Quader and Hawlader in voice votes after the Election Commission President Sheikh Sirajul Islam mentioned their names and posts accordingly.

No other candidates vied for the four posts.

The posts of senior co-chairman and co-chairman were included in the JP charter through amending it in the council.

According to the amended charter, Raushan will be the second highest important figure in the party.

"She will actually run the party side by side with Ershad as a provision was included in the amended charter that her opinions will be considered as recommendations," a JP

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Hindu teacher punished for 'anti-religion' remarks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Locals in presence of a local MP punished a Hindu headmaster of a school in Narayanganj on Friday for allegedly making offensive comments about religion while meting out corporal punishment to a student of the school on May 8.

Principal Shyamal Kanti Bhakta of Piyar Sattar Latif High School in the district's Bandar area told BBC Bangla service that the locals were provoked by the false accusations of him making disparaging statements about religion.

According to the BBC report, Shyamal was beaten up by a mob. He was then rescued by police and taken into safe custody, Abul Kalam, officer-in-charge of Bandar Police Station, told the BBC.

Narayanganj MP Selim Osman admitted to the BBC

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PM flies to London today

To join Women Leaders Forum in Bulgaria

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves Dhaka for London today en route to Bulgaria on a three-day official visit to Bulgarian capital Sofia to attend the Global Women Leaders Forum.

Apart from joining the forum, the PM will hold official talks with her Bulgarian counterpart Boyko Borissov, PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim said.

A VVIP flight (BG-005) of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying the premier and her entourage is scheduled to take off from Hazrat Shahjalal

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RP Shaha abduction under scanner

War crimes investigators to look into who kidnapped the philanthropist, his son in 1971

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The investigation agency of the International Crimes Tribunal has launched a probe into the abduction of philanthropist Ranada Prasad Shaha, known as RP Shaha, and his son Bhabani Prasad Shaha during the Liberation War in 1971.

Pakistani army men in association with their local collaborators abducted them from their Narayanganj home on May 7, 1971, according to the agency. They never returned.

The main objective of the investigation is to find out who the local perpetrators were and to bring them to book, Abdul Hannan Khan, coordinator of the agency told The Daily Star.

Ataur Rahman has been appointed as investigation officer, said Sanaul Huq, co-coordinator of the agency.

The investigation agency has already sent letters to the police authorities in Dhaka, Narayanganj and Tangail districts, asking them to provide information, if they have any, about the abduction, Ataur, who began the task in the first week of this month, told The Daily Star.

They were asked to give information as to whether any case had been filed in connection with the abduction.

Ataur said he was also working to collect documentary evidence from Bangla Academy Library and the agency's library and that he would visit Tangail next week.

Ranada was born on November 15, 1896 in Mirzapur village near the sub-divisional town of Tangail of the erstwhile Mymensingh district.

Reaching the pinnacle of success as a businessman, RP Shaha placed all his companies and businesses in a trust with a view to using the proceeds for



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Five-year-old dies falling into well

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Five-year-old Rummanur Hossain died falling into an abandoned well next to the Hyderabad Ideal School and College campus in Gazipur's Sukandibagh area yesterday.

Around 10:30am, Rummanur, a nursery student, was returning home from school with his mother and his friend Saidul Islam Sunny, said Ruhul Amin, headmaster of the Hyderabad Ideal School and College.

"His mother came back to the school to talk to a teacher. She had left the two kids for about a minute or two, when cries for help were heard," said Ruhul.

Romana Begum, Rummanur's mother, told a TV reporter, "Someone came and told me that my child had fallen into a

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Woman spends \$4.6m after bank error

DAILYMAIL.COM

The extravagant shopping list of the student who allegedly spent \$4.6 million after mistakenly receiving an unlimited overdraft four years ago has been revealed.

From luxury vacuum cleaners to \$160,000 bags, the list, uncovered by The Sydney Morning Herald, is extensive and apparently shows a young woman with incredibly expensive tastes and a shopping habit to match.

Christine Jiaxin Lee, 21, spent \$1,350 on a Chanel cashmere pillow, almost \$9,000 on a

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She spent \$220,200 at the Christian Dior Sydney store in one day. She spent \$94,520 the next day.

Superstores go on strike today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Owners of nearly 100 superstores will keep their outlets closed today across the country protesting "harassment through implementation of discriminatory policy and misuse of law".

"Bangladesh Supermarket Owners Association has been compelled to decide on keeping Agora, Meena Bazar, Shwapno, Prince Bazar and all other superstore outlets shut across the country on May 15," a press release of the association said yesterday.

The decision came after a

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PRAYER TIMING MAY 15

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN	4-10	12-45	5-00	6-36	8-00
JAMAAT	4-45	1-15	5-15	6-40	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

3 teenagers found dead in Savar

Police say no sign of torture on bodies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three teenagers, including two brothers, were found dead inside a house at Hemayetpur in Savar on the outskirts of the capital yesterday.

Law enforcers and forensic experts termed the deaths "mysterious" and said they were trying to find out the reasons for their deaths.

Mohammad Jibon, 17, his brother Nasir, 16, and their cousin Shahadat, 15, were found dead on the floor of a room at a single-storey building inside Pranto Dairy Farm in Hemayetpur yesterday morning.

They had gone to sleep around 11:00 the previous night after having dinner and did not wake up till 8:00am yesterday, said their family members.

The family members had called out their names and poked their bodies with long sticks through the

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Rain and the construction work on the Mouchak-Malibagh flyover have left the Outer Circular Road in the capital almost unusable. The photo of people having to travel dangerously on the road was taken yesterday at Malibagh intersection.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Imran Khan used off-shore firm to avoid tax

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistani opposition leader Imran Khan, who tried to oust Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in a row over offshore wealth, has acknowledged using an off-shore company to avoid paying British tax on a London property sale.

Analysts say the admission is likely to ease the pressure on Sharif's government from a Panama Papers data leak that showed Sharif's children had used off-shore companies to buy London properties. Last month the government bowed to opposition demands for a review by an independent commission.

Khan's PTI party initially denied media claims that he bought a property in London through an off-shore company in 1983, when he was playing cricket in England. But late on Friday, Khan said he set up the company to legally avoid paying British taxes.

"Because I was not a British citizen, an offshore flat was bought. When I sold that flat in 2003, I did not have to pay the taxes in UK," Khan told reporters at London's Heathrow Airport. "There is nothing illegal in it."

PTI and Khan did not respond to requests for comment. Khan, long revered as a cricketer hero, had relentlessly needled Sharif over the Panama Papers revelations and railed against people who use off-shore companies to dodge tax.

Media commentators and Nawaz supporters quoted back at him his Twitter comment from last month: "Only reason ppl open offshore accts through Panama is to either hide wealth, esp ill-gotten wealth, or to evade tax or both."

Umar Cheema, a Pakistani reporter who collaborated with the International Committee of Journalists (ICIJ) on the Panama Papers leak, said Khan's use of an off-shore

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