



Clockwise from left, Finance Minister AMA Muhith looks at the chair used by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman after inaugurating the Bangabandhu memorial museum at old Dhaka central jail on Najim Uddin Road yesterday. As part of an exhibition, visitors look at rare photographs of Bangabandhu and the four national leaders. Replicas of Bangabandhu's spectacles and smoking pipe placed near the main entrance. The museum will remain open to the public from today to Saturday.



PHOTOS: PRABIR DAS

228-yr-old Dhaka jail opens today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The 228-year-old Dhaka Central Jail on the Nazimuddin road, which is significant for many important historical events for the nation, is now open for all and will remain so until Saturday. People will be able to visit the jail by paying Tk 100 as entry fee from today.
"We already decorated the Bangabandhu memorial museum and the four national leaders' memorial museum inside the jail. The government planned to make it a place for the people's attraction for historical and entertaining events," said Inspector General of Prisons Brig Gen Syed Iftokhar Uddin yesterday when addressing as the chair an inauguration of a five-day long photo exhibition inside the jail, arranged by the jail authorities.
In their political careers, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the four national leaders -- Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmad, Capt M Mansur Ali and AHM Quamaruzzaman -- spent many years in captivity in the jail.
The jail is historically significant as the four Liberation War heroes were brutally killed by some army officers inside it on November 3, 1975 after the assassination of Bangabandhu along with most of his family members on August 15 the same year. It is also where some of the top war criminals were imprisoned and hanged.
With the old jail being recently shifted to the newly built central jail in Keraniganj outside the capital, the government plans to set up a training institute, a park and a museum on the premises of the old jail. In addition, schools and shopping malls will be constructed there.

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WAR CRIME CASES Two charged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday framed seven specific charges against two men, including a former leader of Habiganj Awami League (AL), over crimes against humanity and genocide committed during the 1971 Liberation War.
The tribunal fixed December 4 to start the trial with the prosecution's opening statement and witnesses' testimonies.
The accused -- Liakat Ali, 61, former president of Lakhai upazila unit AL in Habiganj, and Aminul Islam alias Rajab Ali, 62, of Astogram upazila in Kishoreganj -- are now on the run.
The prosecution on May 3 pressed the charges against them and the tribunal decided to hold their trial in absentia as they did not appear before it even after the publication of advertisements in two national dailies asking them to do so.
According to the prosecution, Liakat, a college student in 1971, was involved in Muslim League along with his maternal uncle. During the Liberation War, his uncle became chairman of Fandauk Union Peace Committee in Brahmanbaria's Nasirnagar upazila while he led the union's Razakar Bahini.
Liakat, now believed to be in the US, committed the crimes with assistance from the Pakistani occupation army, went into hiding after the Liberation War and later got involved in the AL, according to the tribunal's investigation agency.
Aminul of Astogram was president of Hazi Hasmat Ali College unit of Jamaat-e-Islami's then student wing Islami Chhatra Sangha in 1970 and formed Al-Badr Bahini with Chhatra

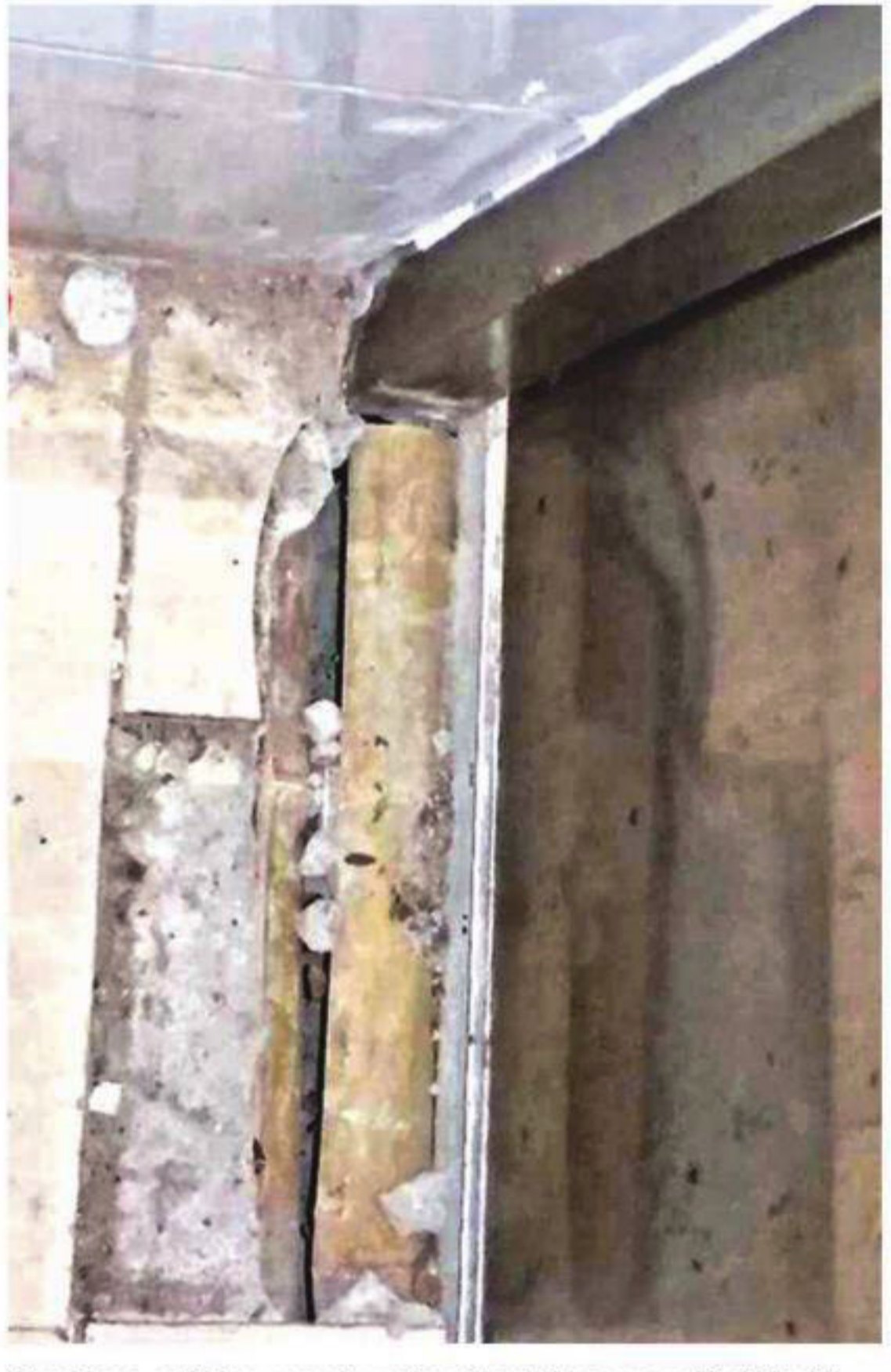
Selim president, Zafar general secy of CPB again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Mujahidul Islam Selim and Sayed Abu Zafar Ahmed have been re-elected president and general secretary respectively of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) in its 11th congress for the next four years.
The party also announced the names of
Selim
43 members of its 49-member central committee and 10 presidium members.
A six-member control commission and a four-member advisory committee were also formed. Party insiders said 530 representatives elected the 43 central committee members who elected the president and general secretary according to the party charter. The four-day congress, attended by 26 foreign delegates, ended on October 31.



Bamboo also used in RMCH building!

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Another government building has been found to contain a section where bamboo sticks have been used instead of angle irons or steel sheets in violation of its design, prompting the formation of a three-member probe body yesterday.
Some Rajshahi University students on Monday noticed it right in front of two elevators on the third floor of the four-storey building of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH). They said it was exposed after gurneys wore away some concrete.
RMCH Director Brig Gen Rafiqul Islam expressed his surprise, saying Public Works Department (PWD) engineers had assured him that the use of bamboo sticks "on a small part" was "not dangerous".
Latiful Islam, executive engineer of PWD, which oversaw the Tk 30 crore-construction, stated that it was "no big issue".
Acknowledging that it was not mentioned in the design, he told journalists during a visit to the spot that it was being repaired with iron sheets and that the bamboo sticks were not placed during the building's construction.
The building was constructed in 2008 and inaugurated in July 2012.
Chief of RMCH Blood Transfusion Medicine Department Prof Mosaddek Hossain leads the probe committee, having members Rajshahi PWD Executive Engineer Latiful Islam and Sub-divisional Engineer Nafiz Mahmud.
Rafiqul said the PWD engineers were included as RMCH has no construction expert.
A building of the Department of Agricultural Extension in Chuadanga was found in April to have been constructed using bamboo sticks in place of iron rods.



Bamboo sticks used under the tiles on a Rajshahi Medical College Hospital building. PHOTO: STAR



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hands over National Youth Award to a woman in the capital's Osmani Memorial Auditorium yesterday, marking National Youth Day. Nineteen youths got the award for their contributions to establishing self-employment projects.

Stay away from drug abuse, militancy

PM urges youths while inaugurating youth event
UNB, Dhaka
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the youths to shun the path of drug abuse, militancy, extremism and terrorism, and make the best use of their talents for their own welfare and that of their families and the country.
The prime minister said this while inaugurating National Youth Day 2016 in the capital's Osmani Memorial Auditorium.
The Department of Youth Development organised the programme with State Minister for Youth and Sports Dr Biren Sikder in the chair.
Hasina said she does not want youths to go down the wrong path and become burdens of sorrow of their parents.
Pointing to the recent trend of extremism and terrorism in the name of Islam across the globe, the prime minister said there is no scope of terrorism and militancy in Islam. "Islam is the religion of peace, this religion never permits anyone to kill people."
Hasina said the country's youths can work with confidence and get the scope to flourish their talents and creativity to do anything. "We can build the country as a developed and prosperous one with their talents..."
She also said the skill, merit and creativity of youths are needed to make the country a middle-income one by 2021 and the most developed and prosperous one in South Asia by 2041.
Hasina said the country's youths have to play the key role in achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs) set by the UN.
The prime minister directed the Ministry of Youth and Sports to increase training allowance to Tk 100 from the existing Tk 40 a day.
Hasina said the unemployed educated youths can take loans of up to Tk 2 lakh from Karmasangthan Bank without any collateral and they can utilise it for their self-employment.
Besides, she said, necessary trainings on various trades are being imparted to the youths for their self-employment and also for creating job opportunities.
This year's theme of the day is "Self-employed youth force, foundation of the sustainable development".
The prime minister handed over a National Youth Award to 19 youths for their contributions to establishing self-employment projects.

JSC examinee hurt as ceiling fan falls on her in exam hall

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal
A Junior School Certificate examinee was critically injured as a ceiling fan fell on her during the JSC exam yesterday morning in Barisal.
Usha Akter, 13, daughter of Babul Molla, was attending the exam at Jagadish Sarswat Girls' High School in the city when the incident occurred, said Bijoy Krishna Ghosh, a teacher of the school.
The eighth grader of Alhaj Dalil Uddin Girls' School is undergoing treatment at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, Barisal.
The fan, installed around eight months ago, fell on Usha as the wire tying it to the ceiling tore, said Bijoy.
"We will take up responsibility (of her treatment). She will get a chance to appear at the examination once she gets better," said Muhammad Ziaul Haque, chairman of Barisal Education Board, at the hospital.

'Indian' arrested with arms, ammo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Detectives have arrested a suspected Indian arms dealer with 10 foreign firearms, 35 bullets and 12 magazines in the capital's Gabtoli bus stand.
In primary interrogation, Khairul Islam Mandal alias Shariful Islam, who was arrested on Monday, admitted that he used to trespass into Bangladesh through the Benapole border with arms, said Abdul Baten, joint commissioner of Detective Branch (DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, at a press conference in the capital yesterday.
Khairul, hailing from West Bengal, admitted that he had links with miscreants in India and Bangladesh and he sold the arms to different groups in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country.
The suspect also obtained a Bangladeshi birth certificate from Patgram upazila of Lalmonirhat under the name of Shariful Islam.

ATTACKS ON HINDUS B'baria mayhem a planned incident: BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Terming the recent attacks on the Hindu community in Brahmanbaria a planned incident, BNP yesterday demanded trial and exemplary punishment for those involved in it.
"A vested quarter has been trying for a long time to destroy Bangladesh's religious harmony," said BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Rizvi Ahmed at a press conference at its headquarters. Rizvi also lambasted the attackers as they did not check the accuracy of the Facebook post even after the account holder claimed that he did not do so.

Four killed in Mymensingh road crash

CITY DESK
Four people, including two RMG workers, were killed and around six others injured when a pickup ran them over while they were waiting for vehicles beside the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Kathali area of Bhaluka upazila yesterday, reports our Mymensingh correspondent.
The deceased -- Amena Khatun, 27, and Pave Miah, 18, workers of Russel Spinning Mills; Ashraf Uddin, 25, its guard; and Anwar Sikder, 22, a pedestrian -- hailed from Kathali.
In Moulvibazar, three people, including two brothers, were killed and two others injured in a head-on collision between a CNG-run auto-rickshaw and a car in Moholal of Rajnagar upazila yesterday.
Azad Mia, 38, his brother Alam Mia, 26, of Premnagar village; and auto-rickshaw driver Sahin Mia, 31, of Juri upazila died on the spot.

Portrait of Manir Ahmad.
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