

GRAFT CASE
Khaleda asked to defend herself Nov 24
COURT CORRESPONDENT



A Dhaka court yesterday asked BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia to appear before it on November 24 for placing her self-defense statements in the Zia Charitable Trust corruption case.

Judge Abu Ahmed Jamadar of Special Judge Court-3 passed the order in her presence. She appeared before the makeshift court at 10:40am at Alia Madrasa in Bakshibazar and was allowed to sit on a chair.

Yesterday, the BNP chief's lawyer quizzed Anti-Corruption Commission's Deputy Director Harun-Ur-Rashid, the case's investigation officer, since the Supreme Court directed the trial court to allow the re-cross examination after Khaleda filed a leave-to-appeal petition.

The other three accused are Harris Chowdhury, Khaleda's former political secretary, Ziaul Islam Munna, Harris's assistant private secretary, and Monirul Islam Khan, APS of former Dhaka City Corporation mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka.



People under the banner of Bangladesh Christian Association form a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, protesting the recent attacks on minorities in Gaibandha, Brahmanbaria and other districts. PHOTO: STAR

3 die in road crashes

CITY DESK

Three people, including a JDC examinee, were killed and 10 others injured in road accidents in Chittagong and Sylhet yesterday.

Our Sylhet correspondent reports, a Junior Dakhil Certificate (JDC) examinee was killed as a bus ran him over while he was going to attend JDC examination in Osmaninagar upazila of Sylhet.

The deceased, Sabbir Ahmed, 14, son of Ramjan Ali of Mollapara village, was a student of Mollapara Ahmadiya Dakhil Madrasa.

Witnesses said the incident occurred when Sabbir was walking along the road in Kadamtala area. He died on the spot.

Anwarul Islam, inspector (investigation) of Osmaninagar Police Station, said locals blocked the Dhaka-Sylhet highway for two hours protesting the incident.

Our Chittagong correspondent reports, two people were killed and 10 others injured as a bus hit two three-wheelers as the bus driver lost control over the vehicle in Notun Bridger area under Bakalia Police Station in Chittagong city.

The deceased were Tanjina Kamal, 40, and Mohammad Rahim, 37, of Banskhali upazila in the district, said Syed Ahmad, an assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of the station.

The injured were rushed to different hospitals, he added.

Dial '999' for emergencies

Govt launches help desk
 BSS, Dhaka

The government has launched three digit short code "999" as national help desk service to ensure emergency response to fulfill citizens' needs.

The ICT division has developed apps and website under its pilot programme to introduce the service, where police, fire and ambulance services will be given in case of emergencies, said an official release yesterday.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith and State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak launched the apps and website at a function in the capital.

Lost their homes twice

Gobindaganj eviction victims long trying to get back what was their own

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Families evicted from the predominantly indigenous villages in Gobindaganj upazila of Gaibandha on Sunday have been applying to the local administration for reclaiming their ancestral land for the last couple of years.

The families first lost their homes and were forced to leave the area in 1962, when the Pakistan government acquired the land for cultivation of sugarcane to be used in Rangpur Sugar Mill, found a probe by additional deputy commissioner (revenue) of the

district last year. The memorandum, which allowed Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation to acquire the 1,842.3 acres of land, mentioned that the land would be taken back by the government and returned to its previous state, if anything but sugarcane was cultivated there, added the report.

However, paddy, wheat, maize, tobacco, potato and mustard were found to be cultivated in the area by influential people who leased the area from the mill authorities, it added.

The families rendered homeless on

Sunday have brought the issue to the attention of the administration in March last year. And after investigation, the probe concluded that the peasants were right in claiming the land.

"Since early July some 2,500 descendants of the families began to build shacks on a part of the land and live there," Shajahan Ali Pradhan, a villager, told The Daily Star.

After visiting the area on Wednesday, human rights lawyer Jyotirmoy Barua said yesterday at a press conference that the eviction of the people in the given

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PM'S VISIT TO INDIA IN DECEMBER
Teesta water sharing top priority

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Bangladesh will emphasise mainly on Teesta river water-sharing during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India in the third week of December when the two countries are also likely to sign some memorandums of understanding (MoUs) relating to physical connectivity.

This emerged after Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque held talks with Indian Water Resources Secretary Shashi Shekar and Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar on Wednesday, said diplomatic sources.

Hasina's visit will not take place in the first week of December, it is most likely to take place after December 16, the sources said.

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Treats from Thailand

Green Papaya Salad with River Prawn (SOM-TAM GOONG)

Green Chicken Curry (Geang Keaw Wan Gai)

Ingredients:

- 4 chicken breasts, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 4 shallots, minced
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2-inch knob galangal, minced
- 1 red chili, seeded and finely diced
- 1 egg plant peeled and sliced into 1/4th of an inch-sized cubes
- 3 tbsp green curry paste
- 3 cups chicken stock
- 1 large red pepper, sliced
- 1 can (14.5 oz) coconut cream with milk
- 4 sprigs Thai basil, chopped
- 1 kaffir lime zest
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp fish sauce
- 1 stalk lemon grass, bruised
- Sprigs of fresh Thai basil

Procedure:

In a sauce pot, heat the oil and stir in the shallot, garlic, galangal and chili. Add the green curry paste and cook until fragrant, which should take about a minute.

Dice the eggplant into 1/2 inch cubes and add to the pot. Cover and cook for about 5 minutes. Add the sliced chicken, coconut milk, brown sugar, fish sauce, sliced red pepper, kaffir lime zest, chicken stock and lemongrass into the pot. Stir, cover and bring to a boil.

Once a low boil is reached, turn the heat down low and let it simmer for about 15 minutes. Stir in the fresh basil at the very end, just before serving. Taste and adjust fish sauce and palm sugar amounts, if necessary.

Ingredients:

- 3 tsp lime juice
- 2 tbsp fish sauce
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 fresh Thai bird chilies minced with the seeds
- 4 scallions, sliced 1/8th of an inch, white and green separated
- 1/4 cup chopped roasted peanuts
- 4 cups green papaya julienne (2 papayas) peeled and seeded
- Salt and black pepper to taste

Ingredients (For the river prawn):

- 12 large river prawn, peeled and de-veined, with tail intact
- 1 tsp lime juice
- 25 ml vegetable oil
- Salt and black pepper to taste

Procedure:

In a large bowl mix the juice, fish sauce and sugar. Whisk in the oil and then season. Add the chilies, scallion whites and peanuts. Toss in the papaya and check for seasoning. Let it stand for 20 minutes before serving.

For the Grilled River Prawn, mix all the ingredients stated in the "Ingredients (for the river prawn)" together and let it marinate for 15 minutes. Season the prawn and place on a hot, oiled grill. Turn frequently and cook for about 8 minutes. For the plating, place a small mound of salad and top with river prawn. Garnish with sliced scallion greens.

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