



More instructions do not work for Dhaka city commuters. Police have to intervene to make sure people stop getting into buses from places where it is prohibited. Near Saarc fountain intersection, a group of police prevent a crowd from disobeying the rules and force them into the designated spot, which is very close by, from where they should take the bus. The photo was taken on Wednesday.

## SOUTH ASIAN LITERATURE Five shortlisted for DSC prize

Winner will be announced in Dhaka in Nov

**STAR REPORT**  
A five-member jury has announced the much-awaited shortlist of five novels for the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2017.

Ritu Menon, along with four other jurors, revealed the list in front of the world's literary gathered at the London School of Economics and Political Science on Wednesday, says a press release.

The shortlist represents a diverse mix of established writers and young novelists fast making their mark in the South Asian literary landscape.

The five authors hail from different backgrounds and geographies and include three Indian writers, of which two are based outside the South Asian region, one Sri Lankan writer, and one American writer based in India.

The five shortlisted entries are "The Living" by Anik Joseph, "The Story of a Brief Marriage" by Anuk Anudragram, "Selection Day" by Aravind Adiga, "The Association of Small Bombs" by Karan Mahajan, and "In the Jungles of the Night" by Stephen Alter.

The jury will now deliberate on the shortlist over the next one month and a half, and the winner will be announced at Dhaka Literary Festival on November 18, 2017.

In August, a long-list of 13 novels was disclosed in New Delhi. The US \$25,000 DSC Prize, which was instituted by Surina Narula and Manish Narula in 2010, is one of the most prestigious international literary awards specifically focused on South Asian writing.

Past winners of the prize were HM Naqvi (2011) of Pakistan, Shehan Karunatilaka (2012) of Sri Lanka, and Jeet Thayil (2013), Cyrus Mistry (2014), Jhumpa Lahiri (2015), and Anuradha Roy (2016) from India.

In line with its South Asian essence, the DSC Prize award ceremony is held in various South Asian countries by rotation.

## Bahauddin acquitted of grafted charges

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

A Dhaka court yesterday acquitted ruling Awami League's organising secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim of acquitting wealth beyond known income sources and concealing asset information.

Judge KM Inzul Knyes of the special judge court-6 pronounced the acquittal order in the presence of Bahauddin.

In the judgement, the judge said the prosecution has failed to prove the charges brought against him.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case with Ramna Model Police Station on November 21, 2007, accusing Nasim of amassing wealth worth Tk 1.83 crore without any known source of income and concealing information of wealth worth Tk 17.58 lakh.

ACC pressed charges on October 8, 2008.

## Hasina's birthday celebrated

**BSS, Dhaka**



The 71st birthday of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also president of Bangladesh Awami League, was celebrated across the country yesterday, through various programmes including special prayers and discussions.

Hasina is now in the United States for attending the UN General Assembly session. She will return home on October 5.

The eldest of five children of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Begum Fazlunnessa, she was born in Tangipada of Copalganj in 1947.

On the occasion, freedom fighters, politicians, educationists, economists, writers, physicians and cultural personalities wished her good health and long life.

Special prayers were offered at mosques and temples, including Baitul Mukarram national mosque and Dhakeshwari national temple, churches, and pagodas across the country. Doa and milad mahalls were also held at the shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal (R), Gono Bhaban, and Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Marking the day, government hospitals and healthcare centres remained open for two additional hours.

Different units of the Awami League and its associate bodies also held discussions, distributed food and rickshaw vans among the poor, and organised voluntary blood donation programmes.

Top leaders including Finance Minister AMA Mubith, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader, also the party's general secretary, attended the programmes and prayers.

## Alliance for phasing out dental amalgam

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**



The World Alliance for Mercury-Free Dentistry is celebrating World Environmental Health Day by urging the parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury to make dental amalgam history.

It implements the theme of the parties to Minamata, whose theme is "Make mercury history."

At the first conference of the parties (COP1) held in Geneva, Switzerland, the alliance launched its new "Make Dental Amalgam History" campaign, a step-by-step plan to phase out the use of dental amalgam, said a press release.

In the alliance's opening statement, presented by its President Charlie Brown from the US, the alliance called on phasing out dental amalgam for children's protection.

## Coastal fishermen see the impacts

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

**CCOBB STUDY ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Climate change impacts have largely affected the livelihood of fishermen along the country's southern coast, deteriorating their financial conditions and forcing them to migrate to urban areas, according to a recent study.

Frequent natural calamities, especially cyclone, compelled the fishermen to reduce fishing trips, while a rise in temperature and salinity decreased fish reserves near the mainland in recent years for which they had to travel further into deep sea to find fish, it said.

The Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCOBB) conducted the study, from June 2016 to July 2017, by surveying economic and non-economic climate-induced loss of 68 fishermen in two southern upazilas - Patharghata of Barguna and Cox's Bazar Sadar.

The findings were unveiled yesterday at a seminar organised by CCOBB in association with Coastal Development Program (CPD), Centre for Participatory Research and Development (CPRD) and Network on Climate Change in Bangladesh (NCCB) at the capital's The Daily Star Centre.

About 59 per cent of the fishermen in the upazilas had to abandon their

fishing technologies to help them adapt to climate change impacts.

It also called for strengthening the government's social safety-net programmes and ensuring proper management of existing ones.

Speaking as chief guest, climate expert Prof Aunur Nishat said the authorities should focus on capacity building and food production to ensure adaptation and mitigation measures.

At the same time, the government has to strengthen lobbying to earn compensation from the industrialised countries which are mainly responsible for climate change, he said.

The loss and damage triggered by climate change would continue to increase, no matter whether the global temperature rises by two or four degrees Celsius, said Aunur Nishat, professor emeritus of Brac University.

Joyanta Adhikari, executive director of CCOBB, Dr Faeze Rabbi Saqueel Ahmed, a director of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), Hafizul Islam Khan, executive director of Centre for Climate Justice-Bangladesh; Thomas Hirsch, executive director of Germany-based Climate and Development Advice, and Md Shamsuddoha, chief executive of CPRD, also spoke among others.

## Every village to get electricity by December next year

**Nasrul Hamid tells int'l conference at IUB**

**CITY DESK**

The three-day-long 4th International Conference on Advances in Electrical Engineering (ICAEE) was inaugurated at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) in the capital's Bashundhara yesterday.

Nasrul Hamid, state minister for power, energy and mineral resources, inaugurated the conference as the chief guest, said a press release.

The minister said new technology and technological ideas are changing the world so fast. By December 2018, every village of the country will come under electrification, he said.

Dr Quazi Deen Mohd Khrostru, chair, IEEE Bangladesh Section and Professor of

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), and Engg Kabir Ahmed Bhuiyan, president, the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, attended the ceremony as special guests.

Prof M Omar Rahman, vice chancellor of IUB and the chief patron and chair of the advisory committee, presided over the inaugural ceremony.

Dr M Abdur Razzak, conference general chair, delivered welcome speech, while Prof Shahriar Khan, dean, School of Engineering and Computer Science, IUB, and Dr Mustafa Habib Chowdhury, organising chair of the conference, spoke among others.

The three-day conference will conclude tomorrow.

## DMP plans

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Participants will need to go through security archways installed at the starting point of the procession, said Asaduzzaman Mia.

The processions will be cordoned off by police and no one will be allowed to join a moving procession from outside, he said.

Then they found out that an arrest warrant was issued 'against him in 'drug-related case', said the OC, adding that they had arrested Torikul the same day and produced him before a court.

Meanwhile after the case was filed on August 1, the Rajshahi court ordered police to investigate the incident.

Later, Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) was given the task of investigation.

In this regard, Golam Rabbani, a sub-



Participants at a seminar organised the Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCOBB) at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

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Nasrul Hamid speaks at the conference.

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## Police 'recover two grenades'

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Police claimed to have recovered two grenades in an abandoned bag in Dakkhinkhan area of Dhaka yesterday.

Locals found the bag in Gualtak area around 7:30pm. An officer of Dhaka Metropolitan Police said Neo-IMB militants were seen using such kind of explosives earlier.

## No trace of missing Rajshahi youth

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In the incident, the people identified themselves as Rab personnel, added Jahir referring to the locals who witnessed the incident.

"Since then, my son is missing," said a sobbing Jahir. Contacted, Lt Col Maibabur Rahman, director of Rab-5, said they have no knowledge of any such incident.

Afterwards, Jahir filed a general diary with Paba Police Station on July 20 and a case with Rajshahi court on August 1, accusing Torikul and five to six others.

Contacted, Hashmat Ali, officer-in-charge (OC) of Paba Police Station, said they started searching background of Torikul on the same day the CD was filed.

Inspector of PBI and the investigation officer of the case, said he was given the role around 10 days after the case was filed.

Meanwhile, Torikul was already behind bars, he said. Through the court's permission, the PBI interrogated Torikul and "got some vital information", he claimed.

At yesterday's press conference, the family members said they had earlier formed human chains demanding the authorities concerned trace the whereabouts of Faruk, but to no avail.

Paba upazila unit of Multijidodha Sangsad, an association of freedom fighters, and locals joined the human chains, said the family members, threatening to launch a tougher movement if the law enforcers fail to find Faruk immediately.

According to rights body Ain o Salish Kendra, as many as 519 people have allegedly fallen victim to forced disappearances between 2010 and July 2017 in Bangladesh and an astonishing 329 of them are still missing. Many family members of such disappearance victims pointed fingers at law enforcement agencies.

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