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War crimes investigation agency recommends trial of one

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The investigation agency of the International Crimes Tribunal has found significant evidence that a Tangail man was involved in the abduction and killing of philanthropist Ramada Prasad Shaha, and his son Bhabani Prasad Shaha during the Liberation War in 1971.

Mahbubur Rahman, 69, of Mirzapur in Tangail, was also involved with abduction and killing of 60 other people in Tangail and Narayanganj during the war, investigators said.

They had recorded statements of 60 people. Agency's Coordinator Abdul Hannan Khan and Co-coordinator Sanaul Haq revealed the information at a press conference at the Dhanmondi office yesterday.

Mahbubur was arrested on November 7 last year and is now in jail. The Jamaat ad-delta ran for chairman of Mirzapur Union Parishad as an independent candidate three times but was beaten, they said.

Ataur Rahman, investigation officer of the case, handed over the probe report and other documents to the Chief Prosecutor's Office. Now, the prosecution would scrutinise the documents and if satisfied, would press charges.

Agency's Coordinator Hannan said Mahbubur's late father Abdul Wadud alias Wadud Moulana was the chairman of Mirzapur Peace Committee, an anti-liberation organisation, while he and his brother (now dead) were



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We adore thee, Pelican

ENAM UL HAQUE

We may thankfully sing the old Christian hymn "Humbly we adore thee, pelican" now that a Spot-billed Pelican is visiting Bangladesh after over a century. The bird has been photographed recently at the riverbank of Padma in Rajshahi.

Pelican is an elegant bird packing a hefty five kilograms of flesh and bones in a rotund ball of white feathers. Centuries before, pelicans were commonplace in the Padma-Jamuna estuary and all the other wet lands strewn in that flood-plain. Those prodigious birds that fed mainly on fish eventually

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The Spot-billed Pelican photographed recently along the banks of the Padma in Rajshahi.

PHOTO: ENAM UL HAQUE

B'BARIA CAPSIZE

'Blame lies with school'

It rented a small boat for ISC examinees

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Parents have blamed the authorities of a school for overcrowding the boat that capsized in the Pagla river in Brahmanbaria's Nabingagar on Wednesday.

The boat was hired by the authorities of Birgoan High School and College to take around 100 Junior School Certificate examinees to their test centre on the other side of the river. Two female students died and 18 other class VIII students were injured when the boat sank.

The parents alleged that the school authorities took Tk 200 from each of the students to take them to and from the exam centre

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'BCL men' grab public toilet



MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Grabbing a public toilet, structures are being constructed allegedly by two Chhatra League leaders in Jagannathpur municipality of Sunamganj.

The two are Touha Chowdhury, joint secretary of BCL Jagannathpur upazila unit, and Sajib Roy, publication secretary of the BCL unit.

Visiting the spot on Wednesday afternoon, this correspondent found that structures were being set up in front of the toilet to build some business establishments.

According to sources at Jagannathpur municipality, the toilet was built for traders a few years ago. All of a sudden on Wednesday morning, traders saw some structures there.

Zahir Uddin, general secretary of Jagannathpur Bazar management

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Prof 'assaulted' at DU pro-AL teachers' meet

DU CORRESPONDENT

The proctor of Dhaka University allegedly assaulted a professor during a meeting of Blue Panel, a pro-Awami League teachers' forum, yesterday evening.

Prof AKM Golam Rabbani, responsible for ensuring discipline at the university, swooped on Prof AKM Jamal Uddin of sociology department and left him with minor injuries, said a number of Blue Panel members who were present at the meeting.

Jamal, also a senate member, alleged that Rabbani was delivering a provocative speech about former VC Prof Arefin Siddique and was hurling abuses towards some other Blue Panel teachers.

"He punched me in the nose and kicked me several times when I protested his indecent speech...", Jamal claimed.

A member of the Blue Panel said panel convener Prof Abdul Aziz and some other teachers rescued Jamal and took him away for primary treatment.

Refuting the allegation of assaulting his

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Plane-sized 'void' found in Egypt's Great Pyramid



AFP, Paris

A passenger plane-sized "void" has been discovered in the middle of the Great Pyramid of Egypt, where it has lain secret and untouched for 4,500 years, scientists revealed yesterday.

The space is one of four cavities, along with the king and queen's chambers and "Grand Gallery", now known to exist inside the giant monument constructed under pharaoh Khufu of ancient Egypt.

"It is big," said co-discoverer Mehdi Tayoubi

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Shirin Sharmin

Follow Paris deal to tackle climate change

CPA conference urges developed nations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Executive Committee Chairperson and Shirin Sangsad Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury yesterday urged developed countries to work together to address the climate change issue in light of the Paris Agreement.

"She made the call at the opening session of the 36th

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Illegal structures on Hajar Dighi. The century-old pond in Chittagong city's Halishahar area is disappearing as encroachers keep feasting on the water body. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

No one here goes to jail for filling up water bodies

MOSTAFA YOUSUF, Cg

Though hundreds of ponds and other water bodies were grabbed and filled in the last two decades in the port city, nobody has been jailed for the crime.

Occupying water bodies, open spaces, playgrounds and parks is a punishable offence, according to the Environment Conservation Act.

As per the law, an accused can be awarded either five years of imprisonment or a fine of Tk 50,000 or both if found guilty of grabbing any

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

KAKRAIL DOUBLE MURDER

Victim feared attack from husband

She wanted to file GD days before murder, says brother

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shamsun Nahar Karim, who along with her son was killed in her Kakrail home in the capital on Wednesday, wanted to file a general diary with a police station against her husband and his third wife early this week for fear of attack, her younger brother said yesterday.

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Today is the 4th Death Anniversary of Begum Rabeya Ahmed



We request all relatives, friends and well-wishers to remember her in their prayers and to pray for eternal peace of her soul