

**Journalist dies in Rangpur fire**OUR CORRESPONDENT: *Dinapur*

A journalist was killed in a fire in his Rangpur city residence on Wednesday.

The dead, Tyabur Rahman Swapan, 58, of Kamal Kachhina area, worked at risingbd.com. The fire originated from a mosquito coil in the afternoon that day, said the family. He succumbed to his burns at Rangpur Medical College Hospital in the evening, said his brother Tahmidul Rahman. Swapan started his journalism career at the erstwhile daily Azad. He had been living in Rangpur for the last three months after he suffered a stroke, said the brother.

**US embassy closed Sunday**

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The US Embassy Dhaka, including the Consular Section and the American Center with the Archer K Blood American Center Library and the EducationUSA Student Advising Center, will be closed on November 12, marking Veterans Day, an American holiday.

However, American citizens can call 5366-2000 for emergency services, says a press release.

**Two jailed for 18 years in Ctg arms, explosives cases**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced two persons to 18 years' imprisonment in two arms and explosives cases.

Omarr Faruk and Md Sowkot were tried in absentia, said Public Prosecutor Jahangir Alam.

Sayed Hosne Ara, a judge of Public Security (Jononirapota) Tribunal, delivered the verdict, said the PP.

They were jailed for 10 years in one case and for eight years in the other, said the PP.

According to the prosecution, police arrested the duo with firearms and crude bombs in the city's Cinema Palace area on July 28, 2000.

**Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights held at Buet**

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Technology Transfer Office (TTO), of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), organised a two-day workshop on 'Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)' at Buet Council Bhawan in the capital on Tuesday.

Prof Saiful Islam, vice-chancellor of Buet, spoke as the chief guest at the inaugural session of the project organised under HEQEP, UGC, Project Title: Establishment of TTO.



Female motorbike riders are mostly a recent phenomenon in Dhaka city. While this trend is indicative of increased freedom of women and welcomed as a positive sign, this biker seems to have already caught up with the norm of the always-on-a-tight-schedule motorcyclists who often see it as their tacit right to take the footpath whenever the traffic is stuck and they cannot squeeze their way through the narrow spaces between the vehicles. The photo was taken on Gushishan Avenue yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

**CU launches probe into VC office vandalism**

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong University authorities yesterday formed a committee to investigate the incident of vandalism at the vice chancellor's office on Tuesday.

The three-member probe committee is headed by Prof SM Salama Ullah Bhuiya of the marketing department, said Prof Kamal Hossain, acting registrar of CU.

The authorities also filed a case against 20 unidentified people with the Chittagong Police Station in connection with the vandalism, said Kamal.

Meanwhile, a faction led by Fazle Rabbi Sujan, general secretary of the suspended committee of CU BCL, submitted memorandums to the deputy inspector general of police and superintendent of police in Chittagong, demanding that the people who threatened a CU teacher with a firearm on November 5 be brought to book.

The group demanded identification of the culprits and finding out those who supplied them with the firearm.

It also sought arrest of the persons involved in the vandalism and assault on a journalist on Tuesday.

**Enayeturrah Khan's anniversary of death today**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 12th death anniversary of Enayeturrah Khan, founder of the daily *New Age* and editor-in-chief of the weekly *Holiday*.

Enayeturrah passed away in Toronto, Canada on November 10, 2005 at the age of 66, said a press release.

Having begun his career as a journalist as a cub-reporter for the then *Pakستان Observer* in 1959, Enayeturrah went to *Ekushey Holiday* in August 1965, before taking over as editor of the paper in 1966.

He founded the daily *New Age* as its editor and publisher in June 2003. He was also the editor of the *Bangladesh Times* between 1975 and 1977. He was awarded the *Ekushey Padak* for excellence in journalism.

He served as minister of the interior (1977-1978) and as ambassador to China, North Korea, Cambodia and Myanmar (1984-1989).

A master's in philosophy from Dhaka University, Enayeturrah, in his student days, held leadership positions as general secretary of Amraza Mahan College Students' Union, Mymensingh, member of the Dhaka University Students' Union, and vice-president of Dhaka Hall (now Shahidul Hall) Students' Union. He was president of the Jatiya Press Club and Dhaka Club.

Born on May 25, 1939 in Mymensingh, Enayeturrah Khan is the son of the late Justice Abdul Jabbar Khan, a former speaker of the Pakistan National Assembly.

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**An outburst of grievances**  
*Obaidul Quader says about Inu's remarks on Awami League*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A day after Jatiya Samantrik Dal President Hasnat Hossain Inu's remarks about the Awami League, ruling party general secretary Obaidul Quader hit back yesterday, saying Inu knew about the consequence of his party if it joined the national election without AL.

"Yesterday, Mr Inu had an outburst. Whatever grievances he has, we will discuss them at our 14-party meeting. If JSD participates in the election without Awami League, Inu himself knows very well what would be the result of that election," Quader, also minister for road transport and bridges, told a programme at TSC of Dhaka University.

Speaking at a programme in his home district of Kushtia on Wednesday, Inu said that without his party and some other allies, AL would not be able to come to power.

"You may have 80 paisa, but you are not the owner of one taka. You will not get power until you have one taka," he said.

"You are 80 paisa. And Ershad, Dilip Barua, Menon and Inu together makes it one taka. If we are not with you, you would be wandering around the streets with the 80 paisa. You won't see power in a thousand ways," he said, urging AL not to ignore JSD.

Yesterday, around four hours after Quader responded to the JSD president's remarks, Inu held a press conference at the Secretariat around 1:30pm to explain his position.

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Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Night and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:15pm and rises tomorrow at 6:11am.

**Bangladesh elected Unesco member again**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has been re-elected as a member of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) for the next four years, said a press release.

A total of 144 member countries out of 184 voted for Bangladesh to secure the membership of the executive board for the third time in an election held at the Unesco headquarters in Paris on Wednesday, said the release.

A high-level delegation led by Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid was present during the voting.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina congratulated the Bangladeshi delegation on the achievement, said the release.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a programme through a videoconference yesterday, marking inauguration of the end-to-end immigration and customs of Mailtree Express, flagging off the Khulna-Kolkata train, "Bandhan Express", and launch of train communication on the newly-built 2nd Bhairab and 2nd Titas railway bridges.

PHOTO: PID

**5 MOULVIBAZAR MEN Closing arguments on war crimes Nov 19**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday fixed November 19 to hear closing arguments in the case filed against five Moulvibazar men for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Md Shahinur Islam fixed the date after the defence team declined to produce their witness in the case.

Earlier in the day, it completed recording the cross-examination of Hari Debnath, the investigation officer and also the last prosecution witness in the case.

After hearing closing arguments from the prosecution and defence, the tribunal will keep the case waiting for delivering the verdict, as per the earlier precedence.

The accused are Yunus Ahmed, 71, Ujer Ahmed Chowdhury, 63, Samson Hossain Tarafder, 65, Nesar Ali, 75, and Mobarak Mia, 66. Of them, Yunus and Ujer are now in jail while the rest are on the run.

The prosecution pressed five charges against them on May 26 last year and the tribunal framed charges on December 8 the same year.

**Shaheed Noor Hossain**FROM PAGE 3  
leader Aminul Huda Tito of Bajipur in Kishoreganj district were also killed in the police firing, reports BSS.

In the face of the movement, the autocratic ruler had to step down on December 6, 1990. Since then, the day has been observed every year as the Shaheed Noor Hossain Day.

Different socio-cultural and professional organisations as well as ruling Awami League have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day.

The AL programmes include placing wreaths at Shaheed Noor Hossain Square at 8:00am and offering special prayers seeking eternal peace of the departed soul on this day in 1987.

**Priyabhashini's condition**

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She went into a shock while receiving treatment at the emergency and was shifted to the CCU.

A 10-member board, overseeing her treatment, is observing her and they cannot "say anything for

the slain Noor Hossain.

Gono Forum will organise a discussion at its central office at 4:00pm in city's Arambagh area where its President Dr Kamal Hossain will address.

UNB adds: President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have issued separate messages of condolence.

In his message, Abdul Hamid recalled with gratitude the supreme sacrifice of Noor Hossain to restore democracy in the country.

In her message, Sheikh Hasina said Noor Hossain had joined a procession of the Awami League-led 15-party Okyo Jote as part of the anti-autocracy movement on this day in 1987.

sure" before 12 hours, said Saiful, quoting doctors.

However, doctors said she is suffering from multiple complications including diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease.



With winter setting in, bedding stores get busy making blankets in large numbers. Traders said sales had already started but on a small scale. The photo was taken at Azimpur City Corporation Market in the capital yesterday.