

# NEWSIN brief

## Bangladeshi, Indian armies complete counter-terrorism exercise

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Indian and Bangladeshi armies yesterday concluded a joint 13-day counter-terrorism exercise in the north eastern Indian state of Mizoram.

The training exercise, codenamed "Sampriti 2017", was held at the Counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School at Vairengte in Mizoram. It was the seventh exercise in the Sampriti series, said a statement issued by the Indian Defence Ministry.

The exercise began on November 6. It was aimed at strengthening and broadening the aspects of interoperability and cooperation between the Indian and Bangladeshi armies, the statement said.

The final exercise was reviewed by Maj Gen Md Moshfequr Rahman of the Bangladesh army and Maj Gen MS Ghura of the Indian army.

## HC clears way for trial of Abbas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for the lower court concerned to run the trial proceedings against former BNP housing and public works minister Mirza Abbas in a corruption case.

Yesterday, the HC summarily rejected a petition filed by Abbas seeking its order on the trial court for amending the charges [framed on June 16, 2008] and a stay on the trial proceedings. Mirza Abbas's lawyer Zainul Abedin said his client will move an appeal before the Supreme Court's Appellate Division against the HC order.

The Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case on August 16, 2007, saying that Abbas and his wife amassed wealth worth over Tk 5.67 crore beyond known sources of income.

## Death anniversary of Goutam Das today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Today is the 12th death anniversary of Goutam Das, the district correspondent of the daily Samakal in Faridpur.

Recitation from the holy Geeta, puja and memorial programmes will be held in Chondidasi village of Bhanga upazila of Faridpur and in the town. Faridpur Press Club also arranged memorial programmes.

Goutam was born in 1972 in the village. Son of Boloram Das and Soti Rani Das, Goutam was killed by some criminals at his office. He was 33 years old.

## Ctg woman 'kills herself'

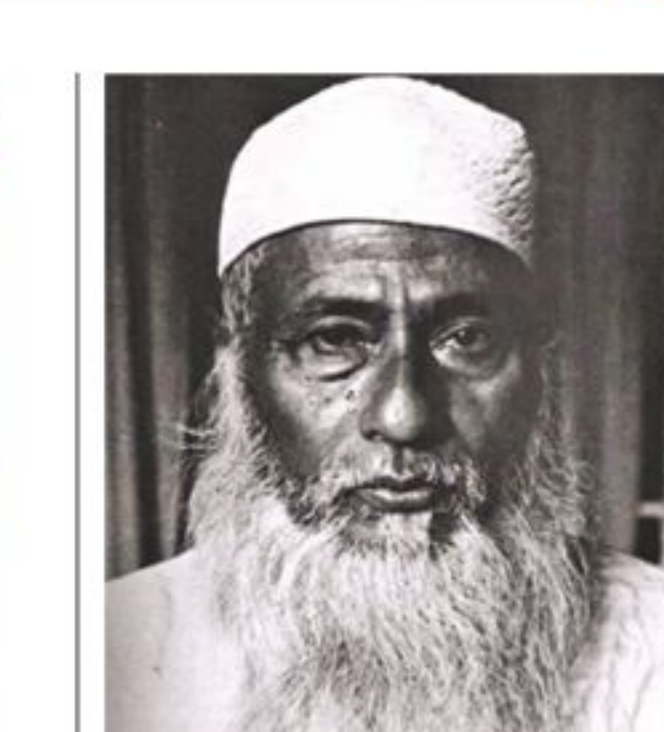
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself in her Chittagong city residence in Mohora area on Wednesday night.

Her husband, Md Yunus, 27, a private car driver, was detained after the body of Roshni Akhter, 21, had been recovered, said police. Roshni's relatives alleged that she was murdered, said Sub-inspector Liton Roy of Chandgaon Police Station.



Water has been receding in the Turag river near Savar since the monsoon rain stopped a few weeks back. The shallow water in the river has been drawing quite a good number of fishermen. They were seen waiting patiently after setting their fishing rods there on Wednesday.



## Bhasani's 41st anniversary of death today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Today is the 41st death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani, a legendary politician of the subcontinent and dreamer of Bangladesh's independence.

Marking the day, political parties and socio-cultural organisations have taken elaborate programmes at Santosh in Tangail.

The events include placing wreaths at the grave of Bhasani, a doa and milad mahfil, mass feeding, blood donation, painting competition, photography exhibition, spiritual songs and discussions on the life and works of the spirited leader of the masses.

Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University held a seminar titled, "Democratic Movement of Mawlana Bhashani (1948 to 1958)", on the campus yesterday.

Born in Dhangara village of Sirajganj in 1880, Bhasani fought against the imperialism and oppression of Pakistani rulers. He played a significant role in the 1969 movement.

The brave and devoted leader worked relentlessly and spent almost his entire life for the oppressed masses, which earned him the title "Mazlum Jana Neta", meaning the leader of the oppressed.

Bhasani's commitment to Islam did not make him a fanatic. His belief in the secular struggle for Bangladesh was unequivocal.

BSS adds, President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave separate messages paying rich tributes to Maulana Bhasani.

## Digital security act not to harass journalists: Inu

UNB, Dhaka

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday said the government is going to formulate the digital security act to ensure people's digital security, not to harass journalists.

"We're going to enact the digital security act to ensure the security of your digital information as well as the country's security. It's also meant for protecting country's democracy and society as well," he said.

The minister made the remarks while speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural session of the annual conference of the district correspondents of United News of Bangladesh (UNB) at its Cosmos Centre conference room in the capital.

Urging journalists to take the proposed digital security law positively, he assured them that it will bring no harm to them as it is going to be passed for the protection of the country's people.

State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak made a presentation titled "Digital

Bangladesh: A Story of Transformation" at the programme.

Chief Information Commissioner Dr Golam Rahman, former Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Chief News Editor of Bangladesh Television Dr Syeda Tasmina Ahmed, UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan, its Editor-in-Chief Enayetullah Khan, Director Nahar Khan and Editor SAM Mahfuzur Rahman also spoke at the daylong conference.

About the media's role, Inu said it creates and guards the nation's conscience, and the main function of the media and journalists is to keep the process of honesty and equity alive.

Stating that information is not a commodity at all, he said that is why one has the social responsibility in releasing information. "Due to your social responsibility, you shouldn't publish any information that provokes communal riot. Democracy doesn't allow incitement and creation of division among people

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In the absence of adequate public transport more and more people these days are buying motorcycles. But with the number of the vehicle rising, rules violations are on the rise too. In this photo taken on Wednesday in Jamal Khan area of Chittagong city, motorbikes and a rickshaw van are parked right below a sign prohibiting parking of such vehicles there. Unless the authorities build awareness about respecting traffic rules among all, the situation might only get worse in future.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## Language hero Takiullah dies

BSS, Dhaka

Language movement veteran Muhammad Takiullah, son of legendary linguist Dr Muhammad Shahidullah, died at a city hospital yesterday morning. He was 91.

Takiullah, who was put on life support for the last few days, breathed his last in the city's Square Hospital at 11:10am, said family and hospital sources.

He left behind a son, a daughter and wife and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Central committee of the Communist Party of Bangladesh expressed deep shock at the demise of Takiullah, a former general secretary of Dhaka city committee of the party, and prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul.



## 7 Khulna men charged with war crimes

### Tribunal orders publication of ads for 2 Sathkira fugitives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday filed charges against seven Khulna men for their alleged involvement in four specific incidents of crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

The crimes include killing, abduction, looting, arson, and deportation.

Prosecutors Mukhlesur Rahman Badal and Sabina Yesmin Khan Munni submitted the charges and other documents through the registrar office of the tribunal.

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 is scheduled to hear the related case on Sunday.

Six of the accused are Shahar Ali, Amzad Hossain Hawlader, Mozahar Ali Sheikh, Atiar Sheikh, Motasim Billah, and Kamal Uddin Golder. A seventh accused, Nazrul Islam, is yet to be arrested. All seven are from Batiaghata upazila in Khulna.

The investigation agency found involvement of eight persons including the seven in crimes committed during the Liberation

War, but the prosecution did not charge Abdul Ashraf Sheikh as he died on June 5, said Prosecutor Munni.

Meanwhile, the tribunal directed its registrar office to publish advertisements in two national dailies asking two fugitive accused from Sathkira to appear before the tribunal within December 6.

They are Khan Rokonzaman, 64, and Jahirul Islam alias Jahirul Haque alias Tikka Khan, 65.

Two other accused of the case are Abdul Khaleq Mandol, 72, chief of Sathkira Jamaat-e-Islami and former lawmaker, and M Abdullah Al Baki alias Abdullah Hel Baki, 102.

Of them, Khaleq is now in jail while Baki was released on bail. All of the accused are from Sathkira Sadar Upazila.

The prosecution filed seven charges against the four on March 19, which included killing, torture, and rape in Sathkira Sadar and Ashashuni upazila of the district.

## Nahid blames public

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In reply, Nahid said it was not realistic that the ministry would force the election upon the universities. The institution authorities should come spontaneously and confidently to do this, he added. He also criticised lawmakers for not taking initiatives to hold election to student unions in local colleges.

"As the chairman of management committees of educational institutions, you are much interested in appointing principals and teachers in schools and colleges in your areas. But you don't show any interest to hold student union elections there," he said.

Meanwhile, in reply to a question, Nahid said action would be taken against the teachers who use mobile phone in classrooms. "If we find information that any teacher uses mobile phone in the classroom, we'll take action."

Nahid also mentioned that the education ministry had issued a directive three years ago in this regard, and they had already taken action against some teachers.

In reply to another question, he claimed that the government had brought the incidents of question leak during public examinations and "coaching business" under control to some extent. He also said the government could not stop "coaching business" fully because school and college teachers were also involved in this. "That's why we've placed a bill in parliament. If you pass it, it'll be possible to take legal action in this regard."

Responding to a query, he said the flood-ravaged educational institutions would be repaired after getting funds from the finance division.

Meanwhile, Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman yesterday told the House that the government would be able to complete repairs of all rundown primary school buildings, including those damaged by flood, before June 2018.

## Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation Invitation for International Tender

Ministry/Division:		MINISTRY OF TEXTILE AND JUTE		
Agency :		Bangladesh Jute Mills corporation.		
Procuring Entity Name :		Galfra Habib Limited.		
Procuring Entity Code :				
Procuring Entity District:		Chittagong.		
Invitation For:		Goods		
Invitation Ref No:		BJMC/2 <sup>nd</sup> International Re-Tender/baling hoops plant/2017-18		
<b>KEY INFORMATION :</b>				
Procurement Method:		Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION :</b>				
Budget and source of Funds:		Bjmc own Funds.		
Development partner :				
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION :</b>				
Project /Program Name:				
Tender Package No:		BJMC/2 <sup>nd</sup> International Re- Tender/baling hoops plant/2017-18		
Tender Package Name:		Steel strap (baling hoops) plant.		
Tender Publication Date:		17/11/2017		
Tender Last selling Date:		17/12/2017		
Tender closing Date & Time:		18/12/2017 12.00 NOON		
Tender opening Date & Time:		18/12/2017 12.30 PM		
<b>NAME &amp; ADDRESS OF OFFICES :</b>				
Selling Tender Document		Receiving Tender Document	Opening Tender Document	
1. General Manager (A&F), BJMC, Adamjee Court, Motijee, Dhaka.		Galfra Habib Limited.	Office of Administration ,	
2. Zonal office, Bjmc, Sattar Chamber , Agrabad, Chittagong.		Post : Barabkund.	Galfra Habib Limited	
3. Head of Accounts & Finance office, Galfra Habib Limited, Barabkund, Sitakund, Chittagong		Thana : Sitakund.	Barabkund, Chittagong.	
		District: Chittagong.		
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER :</b>				
Eligibility of Tenderer:		Internationally reputed ISO 9001:2008 certified manufacturer of or authorized consortium who are actually Engaged and well experienced in Establishing steel strap (baling hoops) manufacturing plant on turnkey basis.		
Brief Description of Goods or works:		Complete engineering design, construction, machineries supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning of annual 1500-2000MT Capacity steel strap (baling hoops) plant including all necessary auxiliaries and ancillaries on turnkey basis.		
Brief Description of Related Services:				
Tender Document price:		21000/-		
Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Earnest Money	Completion Time
01.	Supply & Installation of Steel strap (baling hoops) plant.	Chittagong.	2% on Quoted Value	12 month.
<b>Procuring Entity Details:</b>				
Name & Designation of official Inviting Tender:		Address of Official Inviting Tender	Contract Details of Official Inviting Tender:	
Engineer Khandker Anwarul Islam		Deputy General Manager	Phone: 03028-56140	
Deputy General Manager (Project Head)		(Project Head)	Fax: 03028-56140	
		Galfra Habib Limited	Email: galfrahabib@gmail.com	
		Post: Barabkund.		
		Thana: Sitakund.		
		District: Chittagong.		
The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.				
Deputy General Manager (Project Head) Galfra Habib Limited				
BJMC No-154, Date : 16/11/17 (10x3)				