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President Abdul Hamid poses for a photograph with some family members of killed Bangladeshi peacekeepers in the city's Bangabandhu International Conference Centre yesterday. The programme was organised marking the International Day of UN Peacekeepers. PHOTO: PID

SC stays

FROM PAGE 2 cases as the incidents of torching vehicles and their vandalism happened at her instruction and instiga-

Khaleda's lawyer Khandker Mahbub Hossain opposed the government's petitions, saying that there was no specific allegation against his client and her name was not mentioned in the first information reports of the cases.

Besides, most of the accused in the cases have already secured bail from the HC. So, Khaleda too should get bail, he argued.

The lawyer told The Daily Star that Khaleda could not be out of jail even if the apex court upheld her HC bail orders tomorrow, as she is arrested in other cases.

In another development, the HC yesterday fixed tomorrow for passing orders on two petitions filed by the BNP chief seeking bail in two other cases lodged in Dhaka in 2016 on charges of observing "fake" birthday and "demeaning" the national flag.

After hearing the petitions, the HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and lustice Shahidul Karim fixed the date.

During the hearing, Khaleda's lawyer Khandker Mahbub prayed for her bail, saying that she was ill and 74-year-old and the cases were filed under "bailable sections".

Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin opposed the bail petitions, saying that Khaleda could not get bail from the HC as she did not seek the bail from the trial courts concerned.

He told this correspondent that the HC would pass orders on the bail petitions tomorrow after hearing arguments from the attorney general

One of the two cases was filed by Gazi Zahirul Islam, former joint general secretary of Dhaka Union of Journalists, on August 30, 2016, with a Dhaka court against Khaleda for allegedly celebrating her "fake" birthday on August 15 every year.

Another case was lodged by AB Siddique, president of Bangladesh Jananetri Parishad, a pro-Awami League organisation, with a Dhaka court on November 3 that year, accusing Khaleda and her late husband and former president Ziaur Rahman of "undermining" the country's map and national flag.

On May 16, the apex court upheld an HC order that granted bail to Khaleda for four months in the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case in which she was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

But she could not walk out of prison despite the judgment as she was

Minister's

FROM PAGE 14 Explaining his comment to Prothom Alo later in the day, Kamal said, "They [Mashrafe and Shakib] are good human beings, they have huge contributions for the country. I made those comments [earlier in the day] thinking they might run in the election. So I spoke about supporting them."

Speaking on a project that was approved at the Ecnec meeting, Kamal said Mashrafe may vie for the election.

"He is a good human being. Vote for him," said the former Bangladesh

Cricket Board (BCB) president. Asked whether Mashrafe would

compete in the polls and for which party, the minister said, "Whatever party he would get nominated by, do cooperate with him."

Asked about Shakib, he said Shakib had also matured enough to contest in the elections.

Reporters then queried how they could participate in the elections with the 2019 World Cup coming up. The minis-

ter instead asked what was wrong in that. "I also participate in elections, and at the same time I am with cricket," he said.

Retired from T20, Mashrafe, more popularly known as the "Narail Express", has been known to be engaged in social activities for quite some time. His next assignment as

ODI captain will be the tour of West Indies in July. Shakib Al Hasan did not travel with the Bangladesh team, now in

Dehradun, where the Tigers would be playing a three-match T20 international series against Afghanistan. Shakib is expected to leave for Dehradun on May 31 to join the team.

When contacted, several Awami League leaders denied making any comment in this regard.

"Only Party Parliamentary Board or our president Sheikh Hasina has the authority to give nomination and she will take the final decision," a top AL leader told the Daily Star wishing anonymity.

Family demands

FROM PAGE 1 years. He was also the commissioner of Ward No-3.

After the "gunfight", Rab claimed that Akram was a top-listed drug dealer. But family members, relatives and locals who had known him for

years vehemently rejected the claim

and said Akram was a prominent voice against narcotics in Teknaf. Talking to The Daily Star, Akram's elder brother Nazrul Islam said, "My brother had been doing politics for the people. He had a C&F business and despite his financial hardship, he was never involved in drug dealing or any

other illicit business. "My brother was vocal against drug. Three days before his death, he set a local 'drug den' near our house afire,' he added.

Locals and family members said there was tension between the family of Akram and local Awami League (AL) leader Abdur Rahman Bodi.

Nazrul, who is also a C&F businessman, said, "My brother was not blessed by the MP, as he did not like Akram. But there was no visible conflict over the issue.

"We [the brothers] don't like the current [system of] politics but Akram did as people were happy with him and obeyed him. Now we have paid the price through losing him."

CALLED BY INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES

Talking to this correspondent, Akram's wife Ayesha Begum claimed, "From the morning, personnel of an intelligence agency had phoned him repeatedly on the day of the killing. Akram left the house after 9:00pm.

"When I asked him where was he going, he told me that a high official of the agency called him as they wanted to buy a piece of land," said Ayesha. "My daughter called him after half

an hour and he told her that he was along with the officials who had called him and later cut the line," said Ayesha.

Ayesha said she felt suspicious and so called him again. This time, while the phone was answered, no one spoke. "I just heard a few gun shots," she said.

Ayesha said she went to the office of an intelligence agency and the police station but no one could inform her of Akram's whereabouts.

She heard about the so-called gunfight right after returning home, she said.

"If they [Rab] have information against my husband, they should verify and justify it but they didn't," said Ayesha, with tears rolling down her face.

"He always took stand against narcotics. Why would he deal in drugs?" she asked.

Nazrul said his brother was killed in a way similar to the Narayanganj seven murder and demanded justice for him.

"His [Akram] name must be dropped from the list and he should be freed from such kind of disgrace," said Emdadul. According to the official press release

signed by Rab's media wing official Mimtanur Rahman, Akramul, 46, was the son of Mojaher Mia alias Abdus Sattar of Najirpara Teknaf municipality. But interestingly, Najirpara is

located in Teknaf Sadar union which is outside of Teknaf municipality. Akram's house is located just

around 70 yards off from Teknaf

municipality bus stand. And locals

said his father's name was only Abdus Sattar and he had no alias. "My father's name is Abdus Sattar and everyone knows about our identity and home as Akram was a popular

person in the area," Nazrul said. "There is another Akram in Najirpara who is known for his illicit work."

Teknaf Police Station's Officer-in-Charge (OC) Ranjit Barua told The Daily Star there was one Enamul Haque, whose father's name was Mojaher Mia, in Najirpara and there was another Akram in the same area.

"Enamul is a member of the Teknaf Sadar union parishad and he stands accused in seven cases, including narcotics cases. The other Akram is also accused of two cases filed with Teknaf Police Station," said the OC.

"There were two cases with this station against commissioner Akramul. One was filed over his alleged involvement in a clash and the other was a liquor case lodged under the narcotics act," said the OC.

The first case, filed in 2008, was disposed of by court, and police already gave the final report in the liquor case, the OC added. VERSION OF ALLEADER

Talking to The Daily Star, Teknaf upazila AL president Mohammed Ali said, "I know Akram personally. He had been doing the politics for AL for a long time as he was also the president of Teknaf Jubo League for 10 years.

"There could be a big mistake or he might have become the victim of politics or something else," added Ali.

He added many local representatives in Teknaf were involved in the drug business and everyone knew who was sheltering the drug dealers. He also said

Akramul was different from the others. The incident must be investigated,

he said.

Gunman kills 2 cops

FROM PAGE 14 prosecutor Philippe Dulieu told a

news conference.

"He continued on foot, attacking a parked vehicle where he opened fire on a 22-year-old man in the passenger seat. The young man died.

"He then continued and entered the Leonie de Waha school. He took a woman working there as hostage. Police intervened, he came out firing on the police officers, wounding several before he was killed."

Eric Van Der Sypt, spokesman for the Belgian federal prosecutor's office, told AFP there were "elements that point in the direction that this is a terrorist act", while police confirmed that both officers killed in the attack were women.

According to Belgian broadcaster RTBF, the shooter was released from prison on Monday and was only known for minor infractions with no known links to extremism.

Liege, a major city in Belgium's former industrial heartland, was the scene of another bloody shootout in 2011 when a former convict armed with grenades and an automatic rifle killed six people and wounded more than 120. **COWARDLY VIOLENCE**

Prime Minister Charles Michel

denounced what he called "cowardly and blind violence". "All our support for the victims and

their loved ones. We are following the situation with the security services and the crisis centre," Michel tweeted. There was support from other

European countries, with French President Emmanuel Macron condemning the incident as a "terrible attack" and expressing the "solidarity

of the French people". British Prime Minister Theresa May said the UK "stands resolute with our

Belgian allies against terror".

Belgian Interior Minister Jan Jambon said Belgium's Federal Crisis Centre was monitoring the situation.

"Our thoughts are with the victims of this horrible act. We are in the process of establishing an overview of exactly what happened," Jambon wrote on Twitter.

A major security cordon was set up around the area, while panicked parents came to collect their children from

the school complex. The governor of Liege province said all the children and staff were safe and unhurt

"All the children are fine, those of the primary and kindergarten saw nothing, they were evacuated through the back of the school," Julie Fernandez, mother of a 7-year-old child at the school, told AFP.

"They were cared for by staff and psychologists and high school students were cared for in a nearby park," added Fernandez, who is also an MP. TERROR ALERT

Belgium has been on high alert since the smashing of a terror cell in the town of Verviers in January 2015 that was planning an attack on police. The cell also had links to

Abdelhamid Abaaoud, the mastermind of the November 2015 Islamic State attacks on Paris that killed 130 people. Belgium further raised its terror

alert level after the Paris attack and placed the capital Brussels on lockdown for a week. The country was then hit by its own

IS suicide attacks on Brussels airport and a metro station, which killed 32 people in March 2016.

In August that same year, a machetewielding man shouting "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest) attacked two policewomen in the industrial town of Charleroi before being shot dead.

Enhance

FROM PAGE 14 Bangladesh in the global peacekeeping force, he said, "The United Nations has particularly focused on female representation. Currently, 157 women from Bangladesh are engaged in peacekeeping activities. The photos of Flight Lieutenant Nayma Haque and Flying Officer Tamanna-e-Lutfi on

the UN website highlighted the posi-

tion of our women peacekeepers." The president said peacekeepers have to earn respect from fellow colleagues for their professional skills. "At the same time, you [peacekeepers] must attain the love of local people apart from bringing peace. The foreign currency, you are earning, is playing a significant role in our economy.

"It is the outcome of your courage, heroism, unparallel professionalism and skill which has turned Bangladesh as one of the largest contributors to UN peacekeeping operations compared to other countries. You have to keep this pride and respect unhurt."

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali and UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Mia Seppo, Chief of Army Staff Gen Abu Belal Muhammad Shafiul Huq, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Mohammad Nizamuddin Ahmed, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Abu Esrar and secretaries concerned to the president were present.

A one-minute silence was observed during the programme to show respect to the peacekeepers who laid down their lives.

A video documentary titled "Bangladesh in Global Peace" was displayed during the ceremony.

Drug addict

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Brahmanbaria Sadar Model Police Station's officer-in-charge, Md Nabir Hossain confirmed the death and said the body was kept in the hospita morgue. He said no complaint had been filed as yet.

Police were searching for the alleged killer on the run.

Europe's oldest

FROM PAGE 14 disembarked on English shores for the first time.

researchers from the University of Tuscia who conducted an exhaustive four-year field survey within the Pollino National Park in southern Italy. The 1,230 year-old tree is a

The tree was recently discovered by

Heldreich's pine, which are common in the harsh Pollino landscape.

Italus has survived a number of different weather conditions over the last millennium, including a colder

and warmer temperatures more recently. It is already clear that recent global warming hasn't been a setback for the ancient trees, like

period in Medieval times,

Italus. The millennium-old pine has seen a recent surge

in growth. Researchers noted that after laying down smaller

rings in its trunk for the last few centuries, the ancient pine has grown more substantial rings, which indicates better environmental conditions. Gianluca Piovesan of the

University of Tuscia believes there are multiple reasons behind this newfound growth spurt. Temperatures have

remained cooler in the high mountains, which may have saved Italus from the stunted growth observed in recent decades in trees around in the Mediterranean Basin. Elsewhere, Piovesan and

his team believe a decrease in pollution thanks to recent European laws could have played an important role. He said: "It's difficult, because there are few stud-

ies about the impact of warm periods on Mediterranean boreal ecosystems." Italus' location on the slopes of the remote moun-

tainside likely helped the Heldreich's pine escape past logging efforts and any wildfires that spread across the region over the centuries.

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Stuck with smell of rotten shrimps

Locals of Chandpur's Ichli have to live close to cold storage full of degrading shrimps for months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chandpur

Residents of Ichli area are being subjected to the peculiar suffering of having to live in the vicinity of a huge storage of rotten shrimps for the last five months.

About Tk 3 crore worth of shrimps and prawns kept in a cold storage of Sea Food Corporation in Chandpur town have rotted away after the electricity supply to the storage was cut off in December last year for nonpayment of bills.

Shahidur Rahman Chowdhury,

owner of Sea Food Corporation, took out a loan of Tk 20 crore from Sonali Bank Chandpur branch. He did not pay back the loan. He winded up his business and secretly moved to the USA in April 2016 selling off his house. The loan, including interest, now stands at Tk 31 crore. The bank authorities twice tried to

auction the shrimps and prawns but failed.

Meanwhile, power supply to the theowner. cold storage was disconnected in He said if the court issued an order, December after the unpaid bills they could remove the rotten shrimps.

reached around Tk 5.5 lakh.

The shrimps worth about Tk 3 crore began to rot away.

Locals said the foul smell from the storage has made their lives unbearable and they could not do anything about it.

Chandpur municipality and others concerned have been informed of the

matter but no action was taken, they said. Bangladesh Coast Guard officials said their staffers, who live nearby, also filed complaints.

The cold storage owner could not be contacted.

Chandpur Municipality Mayor Nasir Uddin Ahmed said they got complaints but he thinks the matter should be settled by the owner and the bank together. He said, "We have informed the bank authorities to take prompt action. If they fail, we will take steps".

Abdul Matin, general manager of

Sonali Bank Chandpur branch, said they have obtained permission from higher authorities to file a case against

are expected to be produced in the

district, said Monjurul Huda, deputy

was assassinated by a cabal of army

Bagbari, Zia was a sector commander

during the Liberation War. He was

awarded with Bir Uttam, the highest

gallantry award for a living officer, for

tions have drawn up a 10-day

programme (May 25 to June 5) to

observe the day. As part of the

programme, the party arranged a

discussion in the capital's Institution

mast, while black flags to be hoisted at

its Nayapaltan central office and all

other party offices across the country at

Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam

Alamgir, will place wreaths at Zia's grave

milad and doa mahfil on the premises

at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the morning.

Party leaders and activists, led by BNP

Jatiyatabadi Ulema Dal will hold a

Doctors Association of Bangladesh

(DAB) will arrange a free medical

camp at the BNP's central office while

Chhatra Dal will arrange a photo

exhibition at the Jatiya Press Club.

The party flag will be hoisted at half-

of Engineers, Bangladesh, yesterday.

The BNP and its associate organisa-

Born on January 19, 1936 in Bogra's

officers at Chittagong Circuit House.

director of DAE, Chapainawabganj.

Zia's death

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his wartime role.

6:00am today.

of the grave.

Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.

Mangoes hit

FROM PAGE 14 available in the markets, and so had not visited the market. Abdus Samad, a mango trader of

Majhpara, said mangoes, especially Gopalbhog, had been available at the market since Monday, but there hadn't been many customers yet. Another trader, Faruk Hossain of

market since Monday to sell 10 maunds of Gopalbhog mangoes, but has only sold four maunds so far due to lack of buyers. Due to temperatures being lower than required during the time when

the mangoes are supposed to ripen, the

Shahibag, has been coming to the

harvest began a week later than usual. Sorof Uddin, senior scientific officer of Regional Horticulture Research Station in Chapainawabganj, said near the end of cultivation, the day's temperature is required to be over 30 degree Celsius for mangoes to ripen,

but it hardly crossed 30 degree Celsius. Earlier, the district administration of Chapainawabganj, in a meeting with the officials of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE), Regional Horticulture Research Station (RHRS), chairmen of different upazila parishads, Chapainawabganj Chamber of Commerce and Industry, other related organisations and mango traders, imposed a ban on harvesting mangoes until a set date to prevent artificial ripening of the fruit before.

While harvesting Gopalbhog mangoes began on May 20, different dates have been fixed for harvesting other varieties of mangoes depending on their ripening period.

of mango was produced on 26,150 hectares of land.

trees on 29,510 hectares of land, this

year over 2.44 lakh tonnes of mangoes

Construction of 03 (three) Storied Office Building at Chandpur Depot of Padma Oil Company Limited

In 2017 a total of 2.44 lakh tonnse With 22 lakh 60 thousand mango

BNP leaders will distribute iftar items and clothes among the destitute people at different parts of the city under the arrangement of Dhaka north and south units of the party. All the district, city and thana units of

BNP will also observe the day in a similar manner. The party men will wear black badges and supplements will be published in newspapers to mark the day.



Padma Oil Company Limited

(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation) Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chattogram

Re-Tender Notice

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2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).		
3	Procuring entity name	Padma Oil Company Limited.		
4	Procuring entity district	Chattogram		
5	Invitation for	National tender	Works	Single Lot (Two Envelope)
6	Invitation Ref No.	E&P/CAPEX:18/F-25/P-39/17-18		
KEY	INFORMATION			
7	Procurement method	NCT Single Stage, Two Envelope		
FUN	DING INFORMATION	58		
8	Budget and source of funds	Own Fund of Padma Oil Company Limited.		
9	Development partner (if applicable)	None		
PAR	TICULAR INFORMATION			
10	Project name	Construction of 03 (three) Storied Office Building at Chandpur Depot of Padma Oil Company Limited.		
11	Invitation for tender Ref No.	E&P/CAPEX:18/F-25/P-39/17-18		
12	Tender last selling date	02/07/2018 up to 1400 hrs		
13	Tender closing date and time	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	1	ime
		03/07/2018	1	200hrs
14	Tender opening date and time	03/07/2018	1	500hrs
15	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Address(s)	D	Date and Time
		N/A	N	I/A
16	Name & address of the Office(s)	Address(s)		
	-Selling tender document (Principal)	a) Padma Oil Company Limited, Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chattogram.		
		b) DGM (Dhaka)'s Office, 6, Paribagh, Dhaka.		
	Selling tender document (others)	N/A		
	-Receiving tender document	a) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola, Chattogram.		
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 Opening tender document INFORMATION FOR TENDERER 17 Eligibility of tenderer

 a) The minimum number of years of general experience of the tenderer in the construction b) The minimum specific experience in construction works of at least 02 (two) Nos contract(s) of Building Construction/similar works successfully completed within the last 05 (five) years, each with a value of at least Tk. 65 (sixty-five) lac. c) The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk. 50 (fifty) lac over the last 03 (three) years.

d) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be Tk. 25 (twenty-five) lac. 18 Brief description of work As per tender schedule. Tender document price BDT 5000/- per tender schedule (non-refundable). 20 Type of payment for tender price On cash payment. 21 Type of payment for security amount In the form of PO or DD in favour of Padma Oil Company Limited. LOT INFORMATION

22 Lot No. Identification of Completion time in weeks/months Location Tender amount in Taka 2,50,000.00 (two lac Padma Oil Company Limited, 12 (twelve) months from the date of Chandpur Depot. fifty thousand) handing over the site. PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS 23 Name of official inviting tender Engr. Md. Nurul Amin. 24 Designation of official inviting tender Deputy General Manager (E&P).

25 Address of official inviting tender Strand Road, Sadarghat, Chattogram, Bangladesh Contact details of official inviting tender 031-633243, Fax: 031-612668, 031-618312, Email: aminpocl@yahoo.com Due to any unavoidable circumstances, it is not possible to receive and open the tender, will be received and opened the same on the

28 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reason whatsoever. Engr. Md. Nurul Amin DGM (E&P)

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