



Winners of Radhuni Kirtimoti Sammanana 2018 with guests at a ceremony in a Dhaka hotel yesterday. Four women were given the award for their outstanding contributions to various fields. PHOTO: STAR

### Short film festival at DU today

UNB, Du  
An exhibition of short films titled "Projonmo Wave Outreach Filmy Katha" will be held at Dhaka University today. MCJ Film Club, an organisation of the Department of Mass Communication & Journalism students, in association with Dhaka University Cultural Society will organise the event at Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury auditorium of social science faculty building on the campus. Jointly funded by the US Embassy and Expressions Ltd, the exhibition will start at 4pm. Four films -- "Chorabali" directed by Badrul Anam Saud, "Ma Calling" directed by Animesh Aich, "Gharer Bhetor Ghar" directed by Tanvir Ahsan and "Fera" directed by Bashar Georgis - will be screened. During the event, the directors will talk about their works and interact with the audience.

## NEWS IN brief

### BCL activist stabbed to death

UNB, Gazipur  
An activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was stabbed to death allegedly by rivals in Boran Munshi Para area in Tongi on Friday night. The deceased was identified as Prince Mahmud Nahid, 26, son of Jahirul Islam, a resident of Datta Para area in Tongi. Quoting witnesses, Shuvo Mandal, sub-inspector of Tongi East Police Station, said following previous enmity over a cricket match, some rivals swooped on Nahid around 8:30pm and stabbed him, leaving him critically injured. Nahid died on the way to Dhaka, added the sub-inspector.

### Shuvrojit Halder Babu passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur  
Shuvrojit Halder Babu, former president of Pirojpur district unit Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), passed away yesterday. He breathed his last at 12:45pm at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University in Dhaka, said Jahidul Islam Titu, president of Pirojpur district unit of BCL. On 28 January, 2017, Babu had an accident while returning to Pirojpur from Dhaka by a car. He had been hospitalised ever since, said Jahidul, quoting family members.

### Jagannath Hall Alumni Association gets new president, gen secy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Swapan Kumar Saha and Malay Saha have been elected president and general secretary respectively of Jagannath Hall Alumni Association of Dhaka University. They were elected during a bi-annual conference on Friday at TSC auditorium on Dhaka University campus, said a press release. The association also accorded a reception to seven of its members for their outstanding achievement in different sectors. Of them, four are lawmakers of the incumbent parliament and three were awarded the "Ekushey Padak 2019", the release added.



Swapan Malay

### Habibul Haque's death anniversary

CITY DESK  
Today is the 17th death anniversary of Syed Md Habibul Haque, founder managing director of Crystal Insurance Company Ltd, says a press release. He was a resident of Chakher, Barisal. Habibul Haque passed away on March 3, 2002 at Sikder Medical College Hospital in Dhaka. He was a prominent personality, who contributed to the development of the country's insurance industry. On the occasion, the board of directors, shareholders, executives and employees of the company offered prayers for the eternal peace of his departed soul.



### People suffer for Osman's rally

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj  
People in Narayanganj had to suffer immensely in severe gridlock for about five hours yesterday because of a rally organised by ruling Awami League men. As the rally was scheduled for 3pm in the city's Midtown Shopping Complex area, vehicular movement on one side of the busy Bangabandhu Road remained suspended from 1pm, said locals. As a result, vehicles, travelling on both sides, were forced to use one side only, they added, resulting in long tailbacks. Later, AL lawmaker from Narayanganj-4 Shamim Osman, while addressing the rally against "drugs, crimes and militancy", apologised to people for their sufferings. "You have to suffer due to our rally. Means of transportation were not available," said Osman, who presided over it. Narayanganj district AL President Abdul Hai called for not organising any rally on road in future to avert public sufferings. Visiting the area in the afternoon, this correspondent saw that four large trucks were placed on the road to make a temporary stage. Besides, several hundred chairs were placed in front of the stage, which

completely closed one side of the road. Processions of AL activists, heading towards the rally, started much earlier in the day. Police stopped vehicular movement at Chashara intersection for their smooth passage. Due to that, tailbacks ensued on Dhaka-Pagla-Narayanganj road, Dhaka-Narayanganj Link Road, and Narayanganj-Shimrail road. At Chashara intersection, rickshaw-van puller Shahidul Islam said usually it takes him 10 minutes to reach the intersection from DIT area. "It's been an hour, I'm still stuck here," said a frustrated Shahidul. Narayanganj resident Rahima Begum said she was on a rickshaw but some youths intercepted it near Second Rail Gate area, saying vehicles were not allowed to ply due to their rally. "I had to walk, but it was not easy as there was a huge rush of people," she said. Contacted, Inspector Sharfuddin of Narayanganj traffic police said the gridlock was created due to processions on the busy road. However, vehicular movement became normal as soon as those passed, he claimed. He said police did not close any road but it remained closed because of the rally.

### President gives assent to five bills

BSS, Dhaka  
President Abdul Hamid yesterday gave his assent to five bills adopted in the first session of the 11th Jatiya Sangsad, according to an official release. The bills that the president gave his assent to are Brick Manufacturing and Brick Kiln Establishment (Control) (Amendment) Bill, 2019; Bangladesh EPZ Labour Bill, 2019; Chittagong Hill Tracts (Land Acquisition) Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2019; Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2019 and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Aviation and Aerospace University Bill, 2019, said the official release.

### Another fire breaks

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Anwar Hossain, 55; and Rezaul, 21 - had succumbed to their injuries on February 25, 26 and March 1 respectively at the hospital. The fire, breaking out at a chemical warehouse of Hazi Wahed Mansion, spread through four nearby buildings at Chawkbazar. Fire fighters said they recovered 67 bodies from the spot. Of the 67 bodies, 48 deceased were identified and returned to their families. Criminal Investigation Department of police is now working to identify the others, by matching DNA of the bodies to that of close relatives.

### Six killed

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injured in the accident. He succumbed to his injuries in the hospital while Akash was admitted to Manikganj General Hospital, the OC added. Meanwhile, seven-year-old Jahan Mahia was crushed by a bus on Sylhet-Fenchuganj road under South Surma upazila on Friday, UNB reports. The second-grader was the daughter of Md Helal Ahmed of Gopalgaon village in the same upazila. Witnesses said, Kultura-bound bus hit the girl around 2pm, leaving her dead on the spot. Police recovered the body and handed it over to family members.

### No new bus route

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capital under a few companies, each to be provided with permits for respective routes and made responsible for proper public transport management and minimising congestion. It lost momentum after his death in late 2017. The issue came to the fore again after the student agitation for safe road, following death of two college students in road accident in Dhaka on July 29 last year. In the last six months, the committee has held only two meetings. Khokon blamed the December 30 national election for the delay in holding the second meeting. Apart from committee members, yesterday's meeting was attended by two officials of the Prime Minister's Office. **BUS ROUTE PERMISSION** Issuing permission for new routes by RTC without any survey is often considered the major reason for traffic jam in Dhaka. Currently, there are some 366 routes in Dhaka and adjacent areas while numbers of approved buses and minibuses are 6,167 and 2,805 respectively, said an RTC official. About the decision to stop issuing new bus routes, a member of the committee told The Daily Star yesterday, "We have to set a standpoint. It's not possible to start working if the authority continues to give permission for new routes."

**AUTO TRAFFIC SIGNALLING** Khokon said they have taken a long time to introduce automatic traffic signalling system. Earlier, they had faced some challenges and technical problems after its introduction. It is now in operation at 10 points on pilot basis and they will hand over those to the traffic division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police within a few days, the mayor said. "With the handover, the automatic traffic signalling system will start formally in Dhaka South City Corporation areas," he added.

### Teenager found dead at home

CU CORRESPONDENT  
Police recovered the hanging body of a teenage girl from a rented house in Aambagan area of Chattogram on Friday night. The deceased was identified as Nasrin Akhter, 15, daughter of Abdus Sattar, hailing from Chandanaish upazila of Chhattogram district, said police. Nasrin used to work in a ready-made garment factory and lived with her family in Maidar Mill area of Aambagan, said Delowar Hossain, sub-inspector (SI) of Khulshi Police Station. After being informed, police recovered the body at around 11:30pm, the SI said. Family members found the door locked from inside. After breaking the door, they found her body hanging, he added. Primarily, it seems the girl died by suicide, said SI Delowar. The body was sent to Chittagong Medical College morgue for an autopsy.

### Math Olympiad

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among boys. Amlan De Bhowmik of Mymensingh Zilla School in junior category and Maruf Hossen Ruber of the same school in secondary category secured the top scores. Besides, Josephite Math Club got the best club award this year. Among the winners, 40 students will take part in a "math camp" in Dhaka, from which selected students will represent the country at the International Math Olympiad in United Kingdom (UK) scheduled to be held in July, organisers said. Yesterday, the second day of the festival began at around 9am. Speaking at the ceremony, Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee President Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury said the prime aim of this event is to strengthen students' foundation of mathematics. "Spontaneous participations of students can fulfill our aim," he said. Among others, eminent writer Prof Muhammed Zafar Iqbal, Bangladesh Math Olympiad team coach Mahbub Majumdar and Chief Operating Officer of Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) Ahteshamul Haque Khan were present. Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee (BdMOC), in association with Bangla daily Prothom Alo and DBBL, has been organising the event since 2001 to make math more popular among students. Earlier last month, more than 1,400 students were selected for the national competition through a total of 12 regional competitions. This year, for the first time, the Olympiad was held in all 64 districts of the country.

### Govt determined

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received free legal aid by calling the 16430 helpline. The minister said the government has brought legal aid facility to union level and urged NGOs to help victims of domestic violence get to government legal aid office for assistance. "We are trying to put an end to violence against women, through women's empowerment," he said. The workshop was presided over by National Legal Aid Services Organization Director Bikash Kumar Saha. JATI Director General Khandaker Musa Khaled, Law Secretary Abu Saleh Sheikh Mohammed Zahirul Haque and MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam spoke at the event.



Ravi Chandran, country director of IDP Bangladesh & IDP Sri Lanka and Mosharraf Khan, country manager of IDP Bangladesh along with university officials and IDP Bangladesh team during the inauguration of a day-long education fair at Hotel InterContinental Dhaka yesterday. Representatives from 34 educational institutions in Canada, UK, USA & New Zealand participated in the fair. PHOTO: COLLECTED

## TENDER NOTICE FOR GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE SERVICES FOR icddr,b

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