

Banned poly bags seized

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Police, in a surprise drive at Rajonigandha Supermarket in city's Kochukhet area, seized huge quantity of banned polythene shopping bags and arrested three people in this connection yesterday.

Department of Environment and Dhaka Metropolitan Police jointly conducted the raid.

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Film show
Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'Scream'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

Seminar
A seminar on 'Improved sanitation in Dhaka', organised by Franco-Bangladesh Association of Scholars and Trainees, will be held with State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Ziaul Haque Zia as chief guest. Venue: Alliance Francaise Hall Room, Mirpur Road. Time: 3.00pm.

Roundtable
Dhaka City Corporation organises a roundtable on its anti-dengu measures and other civic amenities with Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka in the chair. Editors of print and electronic media will be present. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 12.00 noon.

Workshop
A workshop on Telecom Regulatory Affairs, organised by Bangladesh Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, will be held with Post and Telecommunications Minister M Aminul Haq as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton.

Seminar
A seminar on the 'Development and introduction of regional and sub-

regional railway communication with Bangladesh', organised by the Asian Development Bank, will be held with Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: Rail Bhaban Conference Room. Time: 11.00am.

Human chain
Members of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association will form a human chain to protest imposition of taxes on lawyers and interference of government on the judiciary. Venue: In front of Supreme Court Bar Association Bhaban. Time: 1.00pm.

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Film show
Academy Film Society will screen an Indian film titled 'Bhoot' and an American film titled 'Confession of a dangerous Mind'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 3.30pm and 6.30pm.

Prize giving ceremony
The prize giving ceremony of Samsung Dream Cricket Tournament, organised by Anyadin, a Bengali fortnightly magazine, will be held with State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: National Sports Council auditorium. Time: 3.00pm.



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A two-day 'UNESCO Books and Publications Exhibition-2003' began on the Central Public Library premises yesterday. The National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh organised the exhibition.

Embezzlement at Ctg Janata Bank

Three accused still at large

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Following allegations of embezzlement of huge amount of deposited money of Chittagong Janata Bank's Ashraf Ali Road branch in Patharghata area, police raided several places, but could not trace out the whereabouts of the three accused till yesterday afternoon.

The three accused are Mohammad Rafiq, Apu Ranjan Dhar and Rakhal Chandra Singh. Apu was arrested but later on released on bail. They had been absconding since then, sources said.

Few hundred agitated account holders, mostly business persons at the traditional commercial hub of Khatungonj, besieged the branch on Monday morning for the alleged misappropriation of their deposited money amounting to their claim, nearly Tk.1 crore, on Monday morning.

During a stage demonstration in front of the branch they demanded

Chehlum

Chehlum of Golam Sattar Chowdhury of Barisal will be held on July 11, says a press release.

A milad mahfil will be held at Jamia Muhammadiyah Arabia Kaba Mosque, Mohammadi Housing Ltd., Road # 3, after Juma prayers on the day.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the milad.

Sattar Chowdhury died at his Barisal residence on June 2.

return of their deposited money immediately.

Meanwhile, the General Manager (administration) of Janata Bank's Head Office, Mahbub Alam, visited the branch, talked with the aggrieved clients and assured them of an amicable settlement to the issue by the end of this month.

The depositors alleged that some dishonest branch officials had misappropriated their deposited

money and perpetrated this crime.

Bank sources said the matter of embezzlement came into light a few months ago and a departmental investigation was held at that time.

An inquiry team from the bank's head office during its investigation had found anomalies and identified those three officers behind the fraud.

A case was also filed in this connection in March this year.

'Cancel nomination of SQ Chowdhury'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra Moitri (BCM) yesterday said the BNP-Jamaat alliance government has tarnished the country's image and dishonoured the spirit of liberation war by nominating Salauddin Quader Chowdhury to the post OIC secretary general.

Addressing a press conference at Madhu's canteen of Dhaka University, they said SQ Chowdhury who is prime minister's parliamentary affairs advisor, was against the country's liberation war in 1971 and worked against it.

The BCM will stage a demonstration across the country on July 12 to press for their demands.

Sabbah Ali Khan Kolings, president of BCM, read out a written statement at the press conference.

Nurses submit memo to PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Diploma Nurses Association (BDNA) and Bangladesh Unemployed Diploma Nurses Association (BUDNA) yesterday submitted a memorandum to the prime minister to press for their five-point demand including the appointment of nurses on batch-wise in newly created posts.

In their memorandum, the diploma nurses also complained against Momtaj Begum, acting director of service directorate, for her alleged corruption in recruiting nurses.

Earlier at Shahbagh, police intercepted the procession of diploma nurses who were heading towards the prime minister's office to submit the memorandum.

Later, Shajahan Howlader, secretary general of BDNA and SM Azad and Salma Khatun of BUDNA went to the PM's office to submit the memorandum on behalf of their organisations.

Tonni's body handed over to Anjuman-e-Mofidul Islam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Body of five-year-old Tonni, who died on Monday while 'being disciplined' by her parents at Pallabi, was handed over to Anjuman-e-Mofidul Islam for burial yesterday.

After completion of her autopsy at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), the hospital authorities handed her body over to Anjuman-e-Mofidul Islam yesterday afternoon as her parents are in jail now. The family has no relative in Dhaka.

During the autopsy, Doctor Mizanur Rahman found fresh and old burn injuries and bruises on her body, which suggest that she had been tortured for long.

Though parents, Mahmudul Haq Milan and Asma Begum, had earlier confessed to police that the girl died while they were 'disciplining' her, they declined to make such confessional statement before a metropolitan magistrate yesterday.

When investigation officer Sub-inspector Abdur Rahman took Tonni's parents to Magistrate Jagannath Das Khokon's chamber to record their confessional statement yesterday noon, they said they were not involved in any kind of torture that might have led to her death.

Mirpur police recovered Tonni's body while her parents were burying her in a field near Porabari Basti in Kalyanpur on Monday and found marks of burn injuries on her legs and bruises in other parts of the body.

1,540 more held

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Police arrested 1,540 people including five listed criminals from different parts of the country in the last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

They also recovered 10 firearms, 14 other weapons and 20 bullets.



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Bangladesh Diploma Nurses Association took to the streets yesterday demanding removal of the acting director of Service Directorate.