

Lawyers don't need trade licences, says Amir-UI

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bar Council Vice-chairman Barrister Amir-UI Islam yesterday called upon lawyers to join daylong countrywide court boycott programme on August 6 for the realisation of their six-point demand.

He condemned 'the government move to make submission of income tax return mandatory and to introduce trade licences for law professionals'.

"Lawyers do not need have trade licences as they don't buy or sale commodities, the certificate of the Bar Council is enough for them," he said.

"Lawyers won't take trade licence in any case," Islam said while speaking at a press conference organised by the Implementation Council of the Six-point demands of Lawyers at the Supreme Court Lawyers Association office.

He said separation of the judiciary still remained a far cry despite repeated demands by lawyers and directives by the highest court.

Barrister Amir accused the government of 'politicising the judiciary and influencing the lower courts'.

Judges are not appointed on the

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PHOTO: AFP

Hyundai Asan Co Chairman Chung Mong-Hun's body is being carried away by South Korean police yesterday after Chung leapt to his death from the 12th floor of the company headquarters being indicted in a scandal.

Hyundai chairman drops to his death

AP, Seoul

A top executive of the Hyundai conglomerate, whose business spearheaded reconciliation efforts with North Korea but ended up tangled in debt and scandal, plunged to his death from his office

window yesterday.

Chung Mong-hun, 54, jumped from the 12th storey of the Hyundai headquarters building in central Seoul, police said. A janitor found his body in shrubbery near a parking lot, first mistaking him for a slum

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Chung Mong-hun

Savings policy for ex-govt officials soon

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The government is to introduce an alternative policy for the retired government officials after reducing the interest rate on savings bonds, said Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday.

The finance minister was speaking to journalists at his office.

Interest rates for bank loans cannot be brought down if the interest rate on savings bonds is not reduced. And investments will not flourish if bank loan rates are not decreased, said the minister.

The interest rate on savings bonds should be close to the treasury bill rate, he said.

Currently, there are two savings bonds in the market with 12 and 12.5

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Gram Sarkar Mannan hopeful of timely formation of all units

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One hundred fifty-two Gram Sarkar units were formed in 22 districts on the third day of the process yesterday, bringing the total number of units to 278 so far.

According to the monitoring cell at the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) and Cooperatives, the units formed yesterday included nine each in Jessore, Khulna and Kurigram, one in Narail, eight in Rajshahi, five in Kishoreganj, eight in Satkhira, four each in Cox's Bazar, Noakhali and Rangamati, 19 in Chittagong, two

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| | Sun Rises | Sun Sets |
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| Aug 05 | | 6-40 pm |
| Aug 06 | 5-30 am | |

| Prayer Timings | | |
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| August 5 | | |
| | Azan | Jamaat |
| Fajr | 4-30 | 5-00 |
| Zohr | 12-45 | 1-15 |
| Asr | 5-00 | 5-15 |
| Maghrib | 6-50 | 6-55 |
| Esha | 8-15 | 8-45 |

Source: Islamic Foundation



PHOTO: STAR

The students of Roshangiri High School, former school of Umme Habiba Rumi at her home village in Chittagong, demand trial of her alleged tormentors Mohammad Azam and Mohammad Nazim yesterday.

Appointment scam at Pabna college

40 teachers, staff get job illegally, probe body wants salary back

ANWAR ALI AND BINDU SAHA, Rajshahi

An education ministry probe has found the appointments of at least 40 teachers and employees of a private college in Pabna illegal and redundant.

The teachers and employees, who reportedly joined the college on payment of a large sum of donation, will have to return about Tk 26 lakh

they received in salaries and other benefits.

Among the 40 teachers and employees, 21 teachers and eight employees were appointed as redundant staff and 11 teachers were employed against unapproved subjects, sources said.

The recommendations of the probe team of the Inspection and Audit Directorate (IAD) of the edu

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