

Bela notice to stop earth filling near Amin Bazar

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Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) yesterday served a legal notice on the

secretaries of housing and public works, land, and environment ministries, Rajuk chairman, deputy commissioner of Dhaka and managing director of Metro Makers and Developers Ltd to immediately stop earth filling of low-lying areas near Amin Bazar, Savar.

The notice said the area is recognised as sub-flood flow zone in Rajuk's Master Plan which discourages all developments there to enable free flow of floodwater.

The notice also claimed that the earth filling has been progressing without Rajuk's approval and it would expose the city dwellers to high risk of flood causing hindrances to the flow of rain water.

The Bela also threatened to go for appropriate legal action against the authorities if they don't stop earth filling and remove the earth already deposited there within seven days.

The Metro Makers and Developers Ltd, a real estate developer, has been filling the low-lying area to develop a housing project.

Obituary



Freedom fighter MA Halim, a former officer of the Bangladesh Air Force, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Thursday at 75, says a press release.

He was admitted to the hospital after he was injured in a road accident at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the morning on the day.

Halim, who hailed from Bager Char, Munshiganj, is survived by his wife, three sons and four daughters.

He was buried at his family graveyard at Sukrabad in Dhaka with state honour.



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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina visited ailing elderly politician and former prime minister Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury at Shikder Medical College Hospital yesterday.

RU starts distribution of admission test forms

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Rajshahi University (RU) started distributing application forms for the admission test of 2003-2004 session yesterday.

The authorities have also relaxed the rules on admission to the science faculty.

According to new rules, admission seekers must have a total GPA of 6, with a minimum GPA of 2.5 instead of GPA 3 in their SSC results, or 1100 marks.

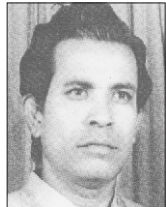
Also, those who got F grade in their fourth (optional) subjects will have a chance of applying for admission tests.

However, no changes were made to the rules on admission to the arts and commerce faculties. Admission seekers must have a total GPA of 5.5 or 1000 marks.

The admission test forms priced

at Tk 75 are available at the Agrani Bank branch on the campus till January 16. The last date for submitting the forms is January 18. The admission tests will begin on February 14.

Death anniversary



The second death anniversary of Abdul Khalek, a freedom fighter and trade union leader, will be observed today, says a press release.

The Agrani Bank Employees Union will hold a discussion and milad mahfil at the bank's head office at 4.15pm.

