

DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION

Shahriar not spared from appearing before court

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Despite submitting doctor's prescription eminent writer and columnist Shahriar Kabir was not spared from appearing before the court yesterday.

A petition along with doctor's prescription on behalf of Shahriar Kabir, also an organiser of the Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee (Committee to Eliminate Collaborators of 1971), was submitted to the courts of two metropolitan magistrates to spare him from appearing before the courts in person in two separate sedition charges.

Prescriptions of the Orthopaedic Hospital where he was under treatment following a road accident in Nilphamari were submitted along with the petition to the courts.

After hearing metropolitan magistrates Abdur Rouf Khan and MA Salam rejected the petitions.

Shahriar Kabir was arrested under Section 54 on November 22, 2002 from the Zia International Airport along with video cassettes containing pictures of persecution on the minority community in Bangladesh, CDs, and cameras.

Later, a case was filed against him with the Airport Police Station on sedition charge.

He was also shown arrested on December 12 in a sedition case filed with the Motijheel Police Station against two foreign journalists. He was taken on remand several times in the case.

Later, the metropolitan magistrate conducted a judicial enquiry into the video and audiocassettes.



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FIRST TEST IN LIFE: A child cries at an exam hall on the first day of the admission test for Class I of the government schools at the Laboratory School in the city yesterday.

Bangladesh is my second home: Zarab

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Ambassador of Palestine in Dhaka Mohammad Shahta Zarab paid a farewell call on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi residence yesterday.

During the call on, they discussed about overall socio-economic and political situation of Bangladesh apart from different bilateral issues, meeting sources said.

Zarab performed his duty in Bangladesh since July 1989 and was the Dean of the Diplomatic Corp in Dhaka.

Emerging from the meeting, Zarab told journalists that Bangladesh is his second home. "I always expect its success and progress."

He termed Hasina as his sister and said, "I came to say her a goodbye."

Recalling his memory here, Zarab said Bangladesh is a good country, its people are good, and he extended his thanks to the people.