

Lawyers boycott court at Patuakhali

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Aug 29: Lawyers of Patuakhali Bar boycotted the court of Berekuzzaman, senior assistant judge, protesting his discourteous and neglecting attitudes toward them.

The decision taken in an emergency meeting held at the Patuakhali Bar Association office yesterday.

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Poura commissioner held at Barisal

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Aug 29: Police arrested Emran Chowdhury Jamal, a Juba Sanghati leader and a commissioner of Barisal Poursava from in front of the Technical Training Centre (TTC) in the town yesterday.

He was arrested in connection with a murder case, police said. Seven more people were arrested from different parts of the town on various charges during last 24 hours.

Police also arrested one Jewel and recovered a foreign revolver from his possession.



Office-goers waiting in queue not for buses, but for boats in city's Mugdapara area yesterday. — Star photo

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Ershad meets Amir of Kuwait

Jatiya Party chairman Husain Muhammad Ershad, who is now in Kuwait, yesterday called on Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Zaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah at the latter's office, reports BSS.
During the meeting they discussed matters of mutual interest including socio-political situation of the two countries, a party press release said last night quoting a telephonic message received here.
Later, Ershad also called on Prime Minister of Kuwait Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah at his office.
International Affairs Secretary of the Jatiya Party Golam Moshin and private secretary to Ershad Maj (rtd) Khaled Akhter were present at both the meetings.
Jatiya Party chairman was received on Friday at the airport by governor of Kuwait Ibrahim Al Muddas.

Jute purchase programme opens in Rangpur

State Minister for Jute A K Faezul Huq inaugurated the lucky jute purchase programme at Alamnagar in Rangpur at Helal Jute Mills premises on Friday, reports BSS.
Among others, Anisul Huq Chowdhury MP, Karimuddin Bharasha MP, jute secretary Mahfuzur Islam, chairman, Bangladesh Jute Association (BJA) Abdur Razzaque Akhand, senior vice-chairman Md Rezaul Karim, director BJMC Mojirul Islam, president Rangpur district Awami League and former MP Shah Abdur Razzaque also spoke on the occasion.
Tossa jute was purchased at a rate of Tk 370/- per maund and white jute at Tk 270/- per maund.
The state minister directed the concerned officials to ensure fair price of jute to the farmers and said any anomaly in this regard will not be tolerated.

Corruption case Ex-store keeper of Mongla Port chargesheeted

KHULNA, Aug 29: A former store keeper of Mongla Port has been chargesheeted for amassing wealth beyond his known sources, reports UNB.
A task force, formed by the Bureau of Anti-corruption, chargesheeted Munir Hossain, the ex-store keeper who is also general secretary of Mongla Port Employees Union.
Earlier on May 13, Supervisor of the task force, Moryem Hossain, filed a case against Munir in this connection.

Conservation of medicinal plants stressed 20 pc people can be provided with modern health care services

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday underscored the need for conservation of medicinal plants in Bangladesh to conserve biodiversity, protect the environment and support traditional medicare systems, reports BSS.
Speaking as the chief guest at a seminar on 'Medicinal plants for life' held at the VIP lounge of Jatiya Press Club, the minister said under the present system only 20 per cent people could be provided with modern healthcare services while the rest 80 per cent are dependent on traditional plant-based systems.

He said due to continuous population pressure, urbanisation and lack of public awareness, life saving plants, the source of raw materials for many drugs in *unani*, *ayurvedi*, *homeopathy* and modern systems of medicines, are disappearing everyday.
He suggested conservation of medicinal plants through cultivation and involving people in this effort by making them aware about the utility and commercial value of these plants.
Referring to the government determination 'to provide healthcare services to all by the year 2000, Zillur Rahman said a comprehensive health policy involving all systems of medicines like *unani*, *ayurvedi*, *homeopathy* and *allopathy* would be formulated soon.
Jointly organised by Development of Biotechnology and Environmental Conservation (DEBTEC), a research NGO, and Hamdard Laboratories (Waqf) Bangladesh, the seminar was also addressed by National Pro-

fessor Dr Nurul Islam, advocate Khan Tipu Sultan MP, chairman of BCSIR Prof Mashihuzzaman, chairman of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) Dr Zahurul Karim, Prof MA Gani of Jahangirnagar University, Prof Abul Hasan and Prof Abdul Qadir of Dhaka University, executive director of DEBTEC Dr Ferdousi Begum and marketing director of Hamdard Dr Rafiqul Islam, chairman of DEBTEC Khurshid Alam presided.
National Professor Dr Nurul Islam said combined efforts through all systems of medicines were needed to treat all diseases of the people. He suggested establishment of herbal gardens in the country and conducting research on medicinal plants.
Prof Abul Hasan suggested conducting ethno botanical research to find out the number of medicinal plant species available in Bangladesh. He said so far only 500 medicinal plant species had been recorded in Bangladesh out of an estimated 1900 species.

He said most of the drug companies depend on the medicinal plants imported by the traders of Moulavi Bazar in Dhaka in many cases, these plants lose their efficacy due to stockpiling for a longer period, he pointed out.
Chairman of BARC Dr Z Karim stressed the need for preparing an inventory of national genetic resources and making laws establishing them as our natural heritage. He said currently only 12 per cent non-crop genetic resources of Bangladesh are known to the

scientists.
He said patent right on our genetic resources should also be established so that our natural resources for research do not become the patented products of others under the cover of global open market.
Chairman of BCSIR Prof Mashihuzzaman said his organisation was conducting research in collaboration with different research institutes in the United States for finding out anti-dotes of cancer, diabetes and HIV in the plants of Bangladesh. He said BCSIR also had collaborative research programmes on medicinal plants with BIRDEM.
Prof Mashihuzzaman said BCSIR was planning to conduct survey on the medicinal plants of the Sundarbans, and the Chittagong Hill Tracts and the plant marine resources in the Bay of Bengal.
Executive Director of DEBTEC Dr Ferdousi Begum, in her keynote paper, gave a comprehensive description of the existing scenario of medicinal plants available in Bangladesh and said Bangladesh imports medicinal plants worth Taka 30 to 40 crore per annum to meet internal demands. She said these plants could be grown here and after meeting the domestic demands, the surplus could be exported to earn foreign exchange.
She suggested establishment of a national research committee, a centre for medicinal plant research, and setting up medicinal plant gardens by different drug companies to ensure availability of traditional drugs at a cheaper price.

Country's flood situation getting more attention from int'l media

The attention of the international print and electronic media to the flood situation in Bangladesh is gaining momentum with more and more TV crew and newsmen are planning to visit the country to cover the deluge, reports BSS.
A number of television networks including internationally renowned ITN have expressed their desire to cover the flood for global viewers, foreign office sources said. An Italian TV team after filming the calamity has left, while a BBC TV team that came from London and New Delhi are busy covering the devastating flood.
ITN Channel Four News and a Dutch TV network have applied for visa. An Australian radio journalist and a Swedish newspaperman to cover flood.

More allocations for flood victims

The Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management under the direction of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday made a fresh allocation of Taka five lakh in cash and 1100 tonnes of rice and 200 tonnes of wheat for flood-hit districts across the country, an official handout said in the city, reports BSS.
With the fresh allotment, the total allocation of the ministry stood at 59,914 tonnes of rice worth Taka 83.88 crore, 400 tonnes of wheat and Taka 3.73 crore in cash.
Besides, 1.56 lakh pieces of sarais, 86,800 lungis, 34,500 pieces of old clothes, 14,200 meters of cloth, 7,400 meters of 'orna', 1,150 'dhutis', 8,480 tin biscuits, 905 role polythene, dry foods and match boxes were allocated so far for the flood affected people across the country, the handout said.
Of the allocation, 200 tonnes of rice for each flood affected districts of Dhaka, Chandpur, Pabna, Madaripur and Taka two lakh in cash for Dhaka and Chandpur districts each and one lakh for Pabna district have been allocated to mitigate the sufferings of the flood victims.
Besides, the ministry yesterday allocated two tonnes of wheat and one tonne of rice for the flood-affected people in Dhaka City Corporation and Sirajganj district.
Meanwhile, the 350 sheet of plastic role donated by the Japan government has already reached Dhaka.

Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
Road Division, Patuakhali
Notice Inviting Tender
with sealed cover on Bangladesh Form No. 2911 Tender No. PRD 04/1998-99

Gr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Eligibility of Contractors of RHD	Time allowed from the date of work order	Last date & time of dropping/receiving of tenders (with sealed cover)	Date and time of filing up the tenders (with sealed cover)	Date & time of opening the tenders	Date & time of lottery (if applicable)	Name of offices from where the tender documents will be available	The officers who will receive the tenders (with sealed cover)
1 (One)	Construction of Moukaran Diversion Bridge of 60.98M (9.15+42.68+9.15) span portable steel bridge PSB on MS pipe pile driven foundation at 29th KM of (Special) Barisal-Patuakhali-Amtali-Barguna Road under Patuakhali Road Division during the year 1998-99	Tk. 37,52,193/-	Tk. 75,044/-	'A' to 'D' (Special) category	90 days	9.9.98 25.5.1405 up to 12.30 PM	9.9.98 25.5.1405 at 12.45 PM	15.9.98 31.5.1405 at 11.00 AM	17.9.98 26.1405 at 12.30 PM	Commissioner, Barisal Division/Barisal/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barisal/ Bholal/ Pirojpur/ Jhalakati/ Barguna/ Planning Division, Dhaka the undersigned and all Sub-Divisional Engineers, RHD, Road Division, Patuakhali during office hours on all working days up to 8.9.98	1. Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Barisal Zone, Barisal. 2. Commissioner, Barisal Division, Barisal. 3. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Barisal. 4. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Dhaka. 5. The Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Barisal/Bholal/Pirojpur/Jhalakati/ Barguna & 6. The undersigned.
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Executive Engineer, RHD
Road Division, Patuakhali

One shot dead in Khulna

KHULNA, Aug 29: A young man was shot dead by armed assailants at Palerhat in Rupsha thana here this morning, reports UNB.
Police said, Mujibur Sheikh, 32, a deed writer, died on the spot as the miscreants shot at his head from point blank range at 7.30 am while he was buying meat in front of local UP office.
The body was sent to the Khulna Sadar Hospital for autopsy. A case was filed with Rupsha thana.
Police suspected that the killing might be linked to land dispute. Mujibur was survived two attempts on his life.

Bangladeshi honoured

Babu Markus Gomes, a young social worker and human rights activist of Bangladesh has been elected a member of the executive committee of the World Alliance of YMCA's at a meeting held in Cologne, Germany recently, reports BSS.
The meeting was attended by about 700 delegates from 130 countries. This was a rare honour for a Bangladeshi and recognition to his social service.
Gomes is also the president of the National Council of

What's on today . . .

- Sanskritik Jote meet:** Sammlito Sanskritik Jote will hold an emergency meeting of the representatives of all cultural organisations to expedite its relief operation for flood victims. Venue: Teachers' Student Centre (TSC), DU campus. Time: 5 pm.
- Women Journalists' meet:** Bangladesh Women Journalists' Forum will hold an emergency meeting. Members have been requested to attend with relief materials. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4:30 pm.
- CDL Study Circle:** Community Development Library (CDL) has organised a study circle on the book 'Facts for Life' published by the Government of Bangladesh, UNICEF and others. Venue: CDL auditorium, Rd 14A, Dhanmandi. Time: 5 pm.
- Baha'i prayer:** Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Dhaka has organised a prayer gathering for flood victims. Venue: National Baha'i Centre, 7, Nawratan Colony, Circuit House Road, Shantinagar. Time: 6 pm.
- Condolence meet:** Group-77, BUET will hold a condolence meeting and *milad mahfil* in memory of Eng Kamruzzaman Bhuyan who was killed in a boat capsizing on his way back after distributing relief materials. Venue: Engineers' Institution, Bangladesh (IEB) premises. Time: 6 pm.
- Rotary Club of Dhaka Midtown:** The weekly meeting and first Club Assembly of the Club will be held. Venue: Dhaka Club, Shahbagh. Time: 4pm.
- Club meeting:** A meeting of Lions Club of Dhaka Angels City will be held. Venue: Ramna Restaurant. Time: 7 pm.

Weather

Light rain likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Chittagong division and at few places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Barisal divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.
Moderately heavy to heavy falls are also likely at few places over Chittagong division during the period.
According to the Met Office, day temperature may remain unchanged over the country.
Country's highest temperature 34.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday's at Bogra and the lowest 24.6 degree Celsius at Rangamati.
The sun sets today at 6:19 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:40 am.
Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.4	27.7	85	87
Chittagong	26.7	25.0	97	91
Khulna	31.1	26.6	89	83
Rajshahi	32.8	26.7	82	83
Barisal	30.0	25.6	92	94
Sylhet	31.0	25.4	89	92
Cox's Bazar	29.6	25.0	100	97

IER orientation programme held

By DU Correspondent
The orientation programme of first year B.Ed (hons) students of the Institute of Education and Research (IER) held at the IER auditorium of Dhaka University yesterday.
Lamberto Dini, Foreign Minister of Italy in a message to his Bangladesh counterpart Abdus Samad Azad expressed sympathy and solidarity of himself and Italian government to the relatives of the victims who died in the disaster.
The news of the massive flooding that has continued to ravage your country and has taken many human lives and caused immense material damage has been a source of sincere grief.
DU Vice-Chancellor Prof. A K Azad Chowdhury was the chief guest of the programme. Presided over by M Azhar Ali, the programme was also addressed by Dr Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin, Dr Ali Azgar, Dr F R Mahmud Hasan and Dr Siddiqur Rahman.
A cultural show was staged at the end of speech session of the programme.

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