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SC grants leave on hartal rule by HC

By SC Correspondent
The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court Saturday granted leave to appeal against the High Court Division's judgement on the *suo moto rule* regarding pro-hartal and anti-hartal activities.

A Division Bench of the HC comprising Justice Md Gholam Rabbani and Justice Md Latifur Rahman in a judgement on May 13 declared that pro-hartal and anti-hartal activities done forcibly by any unlawful assembly are cognizable offence and directed the criminal courts and the police authorities to take action accordingly.

Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Secretary General of BNP, filed a civil petition before the Appellate Division for leave to appeal against the HC judgement.

Barrister Maudud Ahmed moved for the appellant.

Tania rape case

Prayer for leave to appeal against HC judgement rejected

By SC Correspondent

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court Saturday rejected a government petition for leave to appeal against the High Court Division's judgement in a criminal miscellaneous case relating to Tania rape case.

A Division Bench of the HC comprising Justice Md Gholam Rabbani and Justice Md Latifur Rahman in a judgement on May 20 ordered judicial inquiry into Tania rape case.

Advocate Seema Zahur filed the criminal miscellaneous case as a public interest litigation.

The government filed the leave petition saying that Advocate Seema Zahur had no locus standi to file the case.

Tania, a minor girl, was raped allegedly by a police constable on the premises of the CMM's Court, Dhaka, last year.

3 robbers held in Hazaribagh

By Staff Correspondent

Three alleged robbers were caught red handed as they attempted to flee after robbing cash money and valuables worth about Tk 4 lakh from a residence at city's Hazaribagh area on Saturday night.

The arrested three were identified as Farooq, 20, son of Abul Kalam Mokles, Uddin, alias Arny, 18, son of one Nasir Uddin and Ashiqur Rahman alias Dada, 18, son of Kalam Matabbar.

According to police a gang of 12 robbers entered the house of one Sobhan at Jhauchar in Hazaribagh at about 10:45 p.m. Saturday. The gang tied up the members of the family at gun point and looted Tk 13,500 in cash and other valuables including a T.V set and VCP worth about Tk. 4,15,950.

The gang left the spot by boat after the robbery. The family members then informed neighbours and other locals about the incident.

Local people with help of police chased the robbers with several boats and caught the robbers red-handed with the looted goods.

A case was lodged with Hazaribagh thana in this connection.

Fish fair begins in Khulna

KHULNA, July 26: A week long 'Fish Fair '99' began here yesterday under the auspices of Khulna District Fisheries Department, reports BSS.

A discussion on development of fish and shrimp culture in Khulna district was held at Shahid Hadis Park in the city with Deputy Commissioner (Chairman) Ali Talukder in the chair.

Vice-Chancellor of Khulna University SM Nazrul Islam was present in the discussion as the chief guest.

Officials of Fisheries Department and relevant organisations attended the discussion.

The weeklong programme chalked out in this connection includes rally of fishermen and fish culturists, distributions of booklets on fish fair, training on mixed culture of fishes and seminar on prospect and problems of shrimp culture in Khulna region.

30 stalls have been set up in the fair including two stalls of Khulna University.

Death anniversary

The 7th death anniversary of Salahuddin Farooque, MD of Modhumi Group and eldest son of late Md Sirajuddin, founder of the group, will be observed today, says a press release.

A *Milad Mahfil* will be held after Zohr prayers at his Dhanmondi residence to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Qulhwani

Qulhwani of Habibunnesa, 80, who died on July 24 at the Cardiovascular Institute Hospital due to respiratory failure, will be held today after Asr prayers at 6 Shiddeswari Lane (near Shiddeswari Girls' School), says a press release.

Habibunnesa, wife of late Abul Fasih, former headmaster of Mymensingh Zilla School, is survived by four sons, two daughters and large number of grand children.

She was earlier laid to rest at Banani graveyard.



Minister for Commerce and Industry Tofail Ahmed visiting a stall after inaugurating the Mid-Mix '99, a mixed fair, at Sheraton Hotel yesterday. Conference and Exhibition Management Services (CEMS) organised the fair.

— Star photo

Police intercepts BCU procession: 8 hurt

By DU Correspondent

At least eight activists of Bangladeshi Chhatra Union (BCU) were injured when its procession was came under police attack near Kadam Foara (Kadam Fountain) in the city yesterday noon.

The pre-scheduled procession, brought out from the Dhaka University campus was on way to the Home Ministry. Earlier, the left leaning BCU had announced to lay siege the ministry and submit a memorandum to the minister demanding immediate arrest and trial of the killers of Proton Kumar Dasgupta, a Jatiya Parishad member of BCU. He was allegedly killed by pro-Awami League armed men at Habiganj recently.

The procession was intercepted at a spot near National Press Club by police at around 1:00 pm. Police swooped on the procession from behind when it turned back to its central office and the delegation was moving towards the ministry following an understanding with police, a number of BCU activists claimed.

Police also picked up nine BCU men including its president Monjur-e-Khoda Torik and general secretary Hasan Tariq Chowdhury Sohel from the spot. However, all the arrested were released in the afternoon.

Among others, Hasan Tariq Chowdhury Sohel, Nadira Sultana Nodi and Mahbubur Rahman addressed the rally.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Chhatra Mohity (BCM), a left leaning student organisation condemned the incident.

In a statement, Ziaul Haq Zia and Dipankar Saha Dipu, BCM president and general secretary respectively said, "the government is involved in conspiracy to halt the democratic movements in an undemocratic way by its terrorists and police."

They also demanded fair investigation of the incident and exemplary punishment of those involved.

UNICEF publication launched

MYMENSINGH, July 26: The launching ceremony of "The Progress of Nations-1999," an UNICEF publication on the situation of the children and women in the world was held at the conference room of Zila Parishad on Thursday, reports BSS.

Taking part in the UN's ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council) session here, ambassador Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury said Bangladesh accords priority to empowerment and development of women in its plans and programs.

Among others, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) M Abdul Halim, UNICEF Dhaka Divisional Chief Yuqin MA, UNICEF District Coordinator Wahidur Rashid, Vice-President of Red Crescent Society, Mymensingh unit Capt. (Rtd) Dr Mujib, Public Prosecutor Advocate A K M Manjurul Haque and Advocate Emdadul Haque Millat spoke on the occasion.

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The ambassador informed the session that specific gender concerns have been incorporated in the National Development Plans. Comprehensive policies and programs for the advancement of women are clearly spelt out in all development sectors, he added. He referred to the close cooperation between the government and the non-formal civil society in this regard.

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