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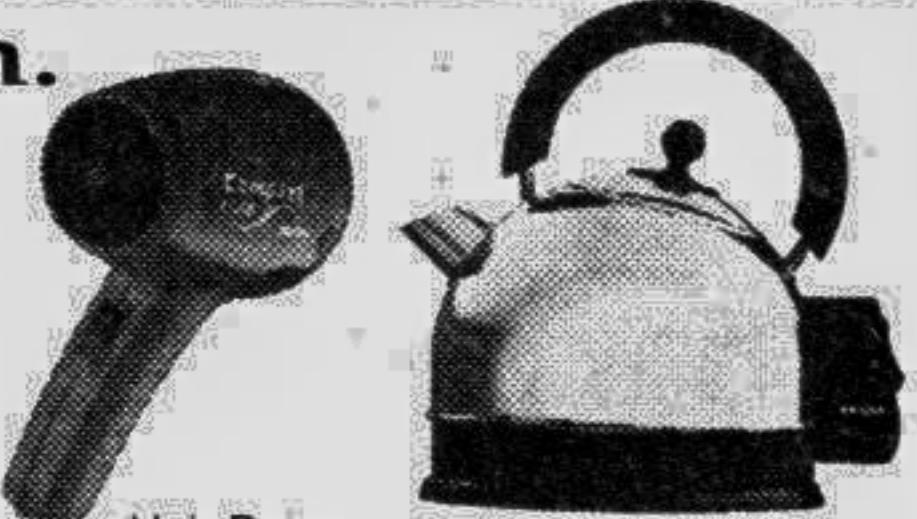
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Which is true?

The North South University (NSU) in a press release yesterday drew attention to a news item which stated that "Ridoy" was a student of BBA programme at NSU. Ridoy was apprehended at F H Hall of Dhaka University for alleged immoral activities and later handed over to police by the DU authorities.

But the NSU claimed, "After a thorough review of records it was determined that no student by this name studies at NSU."

The report published in The Daily Star was based on a DU press release which said Ridoy was a student of NSU.

38 outlaws surrender

PABNA, July 27: Thirty-eight members of different outlawed parties surrendered to police here today, reports UNB.

The activists led by Golam Mostafa Kafli, Atiquil Alam and Anisur Rahman also laid down 26 arms and 36 ammunition to Additional DIG of Rajshahi Kazi Shafiqullah.

Of them, 22 were from Sarbahara Party, seven from Biplobi Communist Party and the rest from Purba Bangla Communist Party.

The arms included 13 pipe guns, seven shutter guns, two revolvers and three guns.

Gold seized at ZIA : Purser arrested

By Staff Correspondent
Customs surveillance team seized 59 gold bars worth about Tk 36 lakh at the Zia International Airport (ZIA) Monday night.

According to customs officials, the surveillance team recovered the gold bars which arrived at the airport by a Biman flight from Singapore via Bangkok.

The gold bars each weighing 10 tolas were seized from BFCC car.

Customs at the airport caught one Tosadeek Hossain Milan, a Biman purser for his alleged involvement in the smuggling. He was later handed over to Cantonment thana police.

A departmental case was lodged in this connection.

Dhaka to get wheat worth \$27m from WFP

The World Food Programme (WFP) will provide 1,25,040 tons of wheat worth US \$26.91 million (approximately Tk 132 crore) to Bangladesh for implementation of a WFP assisted project, reports UNB.

A letter of understanding to implement the project, Emergency Assistance to Post-flood Rehabilitation and Recovery, was signed in Dhaka yesterday.

ERD Secretary Dr. Mashru Rahman and WFP representative Werner Kiene signed the MoU.

Hemingway sung in city

By Ziaul Karim

Niaz Zaman, Professor and Chairperson, Department of English, Dhaka University chaired the third session with papers from Mahmud Shah Qureishi, Professor and Head of the Department of Language, Communication and Culture, Gono Bishwabidyalay, Tahmina Ahmed, Assistant Professor of English, Dhaka University and Nuzhat Amin, Assistant Professor of English, Dhaka University.

The title of the session was *Hemingway and Gender*. Prof Qureishi -- who had frequented the places in Paris that Hemingway's book *A Moveable Feast* describes -- gave a rather dull paraphrase of the book; he could have punctuated his personal experiences that certainly would have made it all the more interesting to the audience.

Entitled *Grace Under Pressure*, the session saw a deconstructive reading of Hemingway

The most interesting piece of the session was undoubtedly

presented by Nuzhat Amin who had argued why she finds herself struggling to plough through Hemingway's works that leave no space for women aesthetics. "His works show male power epitomised in bull fight and hunting and etc."

In her closing remarks, Professor Niaz Zaman put one piercing question -- "What kind of a man is Hemingway who likes women older than him?"

The fourth and the final session was chaired by Fakrul Alam, Professor of English, Dhaka University, with papers coming from Zerin Alam, Assistant professor of English, Dhaka University, Syed Manzoorul Islam, Professor of English, Dhaka University, and Bangladesh Association for American Studies -- played an excellent platform for exchange of ideas on the man who wrote *The Old Man*

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False fire certificates

Criminal cases may be filed against 12 garment units

By Rafiq Hasan

Twelve out of 95 garment factories which got registration from the government last year submitted false fire certificates.

Sources at the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) which gives registration to garment factories outside the Export Processing Zones (EPZs) said that the false fire certificates were detected when they verified the documents with the fire service and civil defence department.

To examine the authenticity of the fire certificates the EPB sent a list comprising the name of 95 garment factories to the fire department for verification.

After examination, the fire department identified a total of 12 certificates as false because those were not issued by them. Another four certificates however were submitted after getting registration from EPB.

Although the certificates submitted after getting registration were genuine, they will also be penalised for misinforming.

A couple of years back the government made fire certificates mandatory for licensing garment factories after the occurrence of frequent fire incidents at different factories. Without clearance from the fire department no registration is being given to new garment factories.

When contacted a senior official of the EPB told the Daily Star that the registration of those factories were given by a registration committee on the

basis of primary verification during 1998. The registration committee comprises officials of the EPB, and representatives from Fire Department, Customs and related textile associations.

After giving registration the EPB went for further checks recently. The officials of the fire department checked the certificates and found guilty the registration of the factories will be cancelled.

The government will also consider filing criminal cases against those factory owners who provide false papers, the official added.

More than three thousand export oriented garment factories are now operating in the country. Most of them are located in Dhaka, Narayanganj and Chittagong city and suburban areas. As many as 14 lakh people are employed in these factories, most of them women.

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against those factories and further investigation was going on. The activities of those factories were also suspended temporarily. If they are found guilty the registration of the factories will be cancelled.

The government will also consider filing criminal cases against those factory owners who provide false papers, the official added.

Shamim Reza Rubel, 24, a BBA student of the Independent University, was picked up by a team of Detective Branch police from near his Siddheshwari residence on July 23 last year and was allegedly tortured to death in custody the same day.



Inaugural session of the Hemingway Centennial Seminar at Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

—Star photo

Cabinet meeting today

By Staff Correspondent
Cabinet Meeting which was due to be held yesterday has again been rescheduled for this morning at 9:30 am.

Sources said, the scheduled weekly Cabinet meeting, normally held on Monday, was first rescheduled for Tuesday as the prime minister left for Morocco to attend the funeral of King Hassan. It was again rescheduled for this morning at the request of the prime minister who felt tired after her trip abroad.

Bus bomb kills 7 in Pak-held Kashmir

ISLAMABAD, July 27: A bomb exploded on a bus in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir Tuesday, killing seven people and wounding 25 others, police and witnesses said, reports AP.

The bus, travelling from Rawalpindi to the Kashmir town of Kotli, was destroyed by the blast around 12:20 pm (0620 GMT) near the town of Sehensa, 35 kilometers (21 miles) from its destination.

Local police official Sabir Hussain called it an act of terrorism that he claimed had been carried out by agents of the Indian government.

At least 40 people were aboard the bus. The Associated Press of Pakistan news agency quoted sources as describing the cause of the explosion as a high-intensity bomb. A bomb disposal squad rushed to the scene to collect evidence.

Four people were killed instantly, while three others died en route to hospitals. Several of the injured were hospitalised in critical condition.

Boat capsizes: 3 feared drowned in Meghna

LUXMIPUR, July 27: Three people were feared drowned when a fishing boat capsized in the river Meghna at Kalkin in Ramgati where they were.

Witnesses said the mishap took place at about 1:15 pm when a fishing boat capsized in the river Meghna at Kalkin in the river amid high wind.

The missing people are Monir Hossain, Abul Kalam and Giasuddin. The boatmen of another boat in the river rescued 16 people from the spot.

5 hurt in bomb blast in city

At least five people, including two policemen, were injured in a bomb blast in the city's Agargaon area last night, reports UNB.

Police and local people said some unidentified people hurled the bomb in front of the Broadcasting House of Bangladesh Betar at Agargaon about 9 pm.

Of the injured, three were rickshaw pullers. The injured policemen are identified as constable Mafizuddin and Arshad Ali.

All the injured were sent to Pangu Hospital.

Rubel's father cross-examined

By Court Correspondent

Cross-examination of the complainant of the Shamim Reza Rubel murder case started at the Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's court yesterday.

On the first day yesterday, the complainant, Rubel's father Abdul Rub made his deposition on the case. The defence lawyers will cross-examine the complainant today.

Ten of the 14 accused in the case including AC Akram, were produced before the court at about 10 am yesterday. The rest four — SI Nurul Alam, constables Mong She Oen, Abul Kalam Azad and Zakir Hossain have been absconding since the incident.

Shamim Reza Rubel, 24, a BBA student of the Independent University, was picked up by a team of Detective Branch police from near his Siddheshwari residence on July 23 last year and was allegedly tortured to death in custody the same day.

It was stated in the petition that Shathi is a daughter of a well-known freedom fighter, Adeluddin, son of Dalluddin of Bagerhat area who after the war

Confinement of Shathi: Showcause on govt

By SC Correspondent

The High Court yesterday directed the government to show cause within two weeks why an order should not be made to produce Shathi and her infant daughter Sahiba of Tanbazar, Narayanganj before the court to prove that they are not being confined illegally.

A Division Bench of the HC comprising Justice Md Fazlul Karim and Justice Md Ali Asgar Khan passed the order upon a writ petition filed by Khadija Akhter, mother of Shathi, leader of the inmates of Tanbazar brothel in Narayanganj.

On July 24 at about 4 am, Shathi along with about 400 girls and women were forcibly evicted from the brothel and taken to a government vagrant home at Kashimpur in Gazipur.

It was stated in the petition that Shathi is a daughter of a well-known freedom fighter, Adeluddin, son of Dalluddin of Bagerhat area who after the war

Shathi and other sex workers were evicted cannot be a step for rehabilitation, the petition submitted.

Deputy Attorney General Obaidur Rahman Mustafa on behalf of the government prayed for time upto this morning to explain the position of the government.

After hearing both the sides, the court issued the rule on the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare, Women and Children Affairs, Inspector General of Police, Director General of the Department of Social Services, Deputy Commissioner of Narayanganj and the Officer-in-Charge of Kotwali police, Narayanganj.

Advocate Sigma Huda moved for the petitioner.

Corruption charge

CHITTAGONG, July 27: The Bureau of Anti-corruption today filed two cases against four officials of the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) accusing them of misappropriating 484 tonnes of salt worth about Tk 26 lakh, reports UNB.

The accused are Mirza Mohammad Abdullah Abu Roban, Mohammad Mohsin Ali Mia, Golam Mohiuddin Chowdhury and Arun Roy.

IT SEMINAR

The Daily Star and APTECH Computer Education are jointly organizing a seminar titled "Moving Forward with Information Technology."

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