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Registration of 132 HSC examinees valid, declares HC

The High Court yesterday declared valid the registration of 132 students of Motijheel Model School & College who were allowed to sit for the HSC examinations in April under an interim order of the court, reports UNB.

The judgement came upon a writ petition filed by an examinee, Marufa Akhtar Jharna, and others challenging action of the government debarbing them from appearing in the examinations.

The division bench comprising Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury and Justice Mohammad Mozammel Hossain pronounced the verdict after hearing both sides.

The court had earlier issued rule upon Chairman of Dhaka Education Board, Secretary of Education Ministry and Principal of the college to show cause why their action against the petitioners would not be declared illegal. It also issued an interim order allowing the students to sit for the examination while keeping their results withheld till disposal of the petition.

During the hearing the counsel for the respondents submitted that the registration of the examinees were faulty. That is why they had been debarred from the examination, he said.

Refuting the contention, the counsel for the petitioners argued that the young students could not be held responsible for any fault in the registration. When their fees were taken, college authority and the Board officials should see that the registration was done properly.

Some of the examinees present in the court were found in tears of joy after hearing the verdict and embraced each other.

"I feel very happy. We have won and finally truth prevailed," an examinee told UNB.



Four-party opposition alliance led by BNP brought out a procession in the city yesterday to protest murder of city BNP leader Advocate Habibur Rahman Mondal. — Star photo

Law regarding demarcation of pourasavas to be amended

The Cabinet at its weekly meeting yesterday decided to amend the existing law regarding demarcation of pourasavas, reports UNB.

The meeting was held at the PM's Office with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

The Cabinet also approved a proposal for vesting the supervising authority of the funds all.

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Opposition will stage demonstration today

The BNP-led opposition alliance will stage demonstration and bring out separate torch processions across the country today to mobilise support in favour of tomorrow's half-day hartal called to protest killing of a BNP leader in the city.

City BNP joint secretary Advocate Habibur Rahman Mondal was killed allegedly by the ruling party-backed terrorists in the old part of city on Sunday morning.

As part of the programme, the BNP, Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami, Islami Oikya Jote, J.G.P.A., Progressive Nationalist Party, Democratic League and Nationalist Democratic Alliance will hold rallies and bring out torch processions in all city, district and thana headquarters this afternoon.

In the city, BNP will bring out a series of torch processions from Mahakhal, Mirpur, Naya Paltan, Farnigate, Newmarket, Hazaribagh and Shayampur areas.

BNP's Ramna, Matijheel, Subjibagh, Khilgaon, Lalbagh, Kamrangir Char, Sutrapur and Kotwali thana units will join the torch procession to be brought out from Naya Paltan, Badda, Cantonment and Gulshan thana units will jointly bring out torch processions.

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'Mori's trip recognition of Dhaka's growing importance in region'

By Diplomatic Correspondent

Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori's visit to Bangladesh was a recognition of the growing political clout of Bangladesh in the region for its 'stabilising role', Foreign Secretary Shaif Sami said yesterday.

"Mori's trip was a landmark visit. It was a recognition of our growing political importance and appreciation of our role as a stabiliser in the region," he said at a post-visit press briefing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Quoting the Japanese PM, Sami said, "Mori considered Bangladesh as the first country he had the opportunity to make a bilateral visit after taking over the mantle of premiership. Mori had participated in the G-8 conference earlier but trip-wise Bangladesh was the first country he set foot on."

Terming Mori's visit "very productive and a great economic and political success," the foreign secretary said Japan considered Bangladesh as a country where democracy has taken roots and which is playing a stabilising role in regional politics and acting as a catalyst for enhancing regional cooperation."

Sami said Japan valued the importance of regional cooper-

56 more dengue cases in city

By Staff Correspondent

Fifty-six more people with dengue fever were admitted to different hospitals and private clinics in the city yesterday.

Dhaka's ambassador to Tokyo Jamil Majid, who was also present at the briefing, said Japan considered Bangladesh as a close ally and a very important development partner.

The foreign secretary said Mori's recent visit could be termed Japan's "thrust on Asian diplomacy."

Responding to questions on Japan's bid for a permanent seat in the UN Security Council and Dhaka's stand in this regard, Sami said, "Leaders of both the countries agreed to support reforms in the Security Council."

Asked if Dhaka shared the Japanese spokesman's statement during Mori's visit that Bangladesh had supported Japan's bid for membership of the Security Council in 1997 and reiterated it this time, Sami said without explaining, "Our position is one of mutual understanding."

Telephone trouble

By Staff Correspondent

More than 2000 telephone lines under Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Exchange have turned into 'one way system'.

Lubna Marium, a resident of Sobhanbag Jute Colony, complained that she was only receiving phone calls but could not make a single out-going call since yesterday afternoon.

A portion of the subscribers of 811 number series yesterday could only make any call while the rest could only receive incoming calls.

When contacted an official of Sher-e-Bangla Exchange admitted the disturbance and said it was due to a problem in CMD Processor.

Problems involving 811 number series were not solved till filing of this report last night.

The exchange official, however, informed that they were expecting to solve the problem by this morning.

One shot dead in Fatikchhari

By Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 21: A young man was shot dead by armed terrorists in a pre-dawn attack at village Daulatpur of Fatikchhari thana today, police said.

Didarul Alam, 18, came under attack by the terrorists at 3:30 am while he was going to Hanchakia village in an autorickshaw.

A case was filed with Fatikchhari thana in this regard, but none was arrested so far.

No witness to August carnage to identify killers: Defence

Along with Bangabandhu, his family members were killed as the killers did not want to keep any witness to identify them later on, reports UNB.

It was said by a defence counsel in the High Court yesterday to suggest that there is no eyewitness to the August carnage for identifying the killers.

Concluding his arguments for condemned prisoner Lt Col (ret'd) Mahiuddin Ahmed in the Bangabandhu Murder Case, lawyer Khan Saifur Rahman said the prosecution witnesses who claimed to be eyewitnesses to the August 15, 1975 incident "are not believable" as the killers did not keep any eyewitnesses.

He submitted that documents vital to the innocence of the accused were suppressed. "It was a malicious prosecution."

He said if the service books and tank history were submitted, then his clients would get favour. Because the service book alone could prove that Lt Col (dismissed) Farooq Rahman was once tried in a Martial Law court, so there could not be a second trial for him and Mahiuddin's service book would prove that this Mahiuddin is not that one who was involved in the incident.

The defence counsel said two other condemned persons - Abu Hashem and Marafat Ali - were in service when the murder case was filed. So they should be tried in Martial Law court and not in any civil court.

So is the case of Mahiuddin, because when the case came up, he was in LPR. So, as per the Army Act, Mahiuddin would also be tried in Martial Law Court.

"This court is not competent to try Mahiuddin and two others. So, all the proceedings of the court have become vitiated," he submitted.

Khan Saifur said the prosecution knew that 11 other accused were abroad so they should say that their whereabouts were not known. He said the prosecution also suppressed that Maj Bazul Huda was in Bangkok, pointing out that the Investigative Officer had admitted going to Bangkok thrice to bring Maj Huda.

So, the state defence for Maj Huda should have withdrawn himself and court should have adjourned the case as omission of the state defence had prejudiced the interest of the other accused.

Khan Saifur said that as per the Evidence Act, confessional statement is not substantive evidence and the accused can't be punished on the basis of statement.

He said there was no evidence that Col Farook and Col Mahiuddin took part in the killing of Bangabandhu.

Challenging Adv Serajul Huq, the Special Public Prosecutor in the case, Khan Saifur said he is neither impartial nor neutral, because he was an MP and he spoke against Khandaker Mustaque Ahmed after the killing of Bangabandhu.

At one stage of yesterday's proceedings, one judge of the two-judge HC bench, Justice ABM Khairul Huq, said as per the paper book of the case, it is seen that there was only one man, that is, Col Jamil, who rushed in his bid to save the life of the President.

Advocate JK Pal, state defence for condemned person Lt Col (ret'd) Khandaker Abdur Rashid, will put his arguments on death reference of the Bangabandhu Murder Case when the court of Justice Ruhul Amin and Justice ABM Khairul Huq resumes Wednesday afternoon.

AL leader's son arrested for taking ransom

CHITTAGONG, Aug 21: Police tonight arrested the son of the first declarer of independence and Awami League leader late MA Hannan from late Panchala thana while realising ransom from a UP chairman, reports UNB.

Police said Hannan's son MM Mahfuz was caught red-handed while taking Tk 18 lakh as ransom from Mohammad Iqbal, chairman of Chikondandi union of Hathazara upazila, near a nursery at about 9pm.

Mahfuz and his accomplices kidnapped Iqbal Sunday and demanded Tk 20 lakh as ransom. Iqbal earlier reportedly gave him a cheque of Tk 2 lakh.

Vested quarters file cases against me: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said vested quarters filed cases against her only to protect the killers, reports UNB.

"What I have said, said it for the people, so that they can get justice and the rule of law can be established in the country," she said, as the latest contempt of court petition was filed yesterday against her.

The Prime Minister urged the people to remain alert about "conspiracy against independence and sovereignty of the country."

She made the observations while addressing a condolence meeting organised by Awami Jubo League at the Osmani Memorial Hall yesterday afternoon.

Jubo League organised the meeting marking the National Mourning Day.

Jubo League chairman and Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim presided over the meeting, also addressed by Jubo League General Secretary Advocate Kazi Iqbal Hossain and Jubo League leaders Whip Mujibur Huq Mujib, Dr Mizanur Rahman, Jahangir Kabir Nahkan, Advocate Sydur Rahman, and SM Zahid. Mirza Azam MP conducted the meeting.

Hasina said conspiracy had started soon after formation of the Awami League government, with the anti-liberation forces unleashing threats of toppling the government.

Hasina regretted that BNP and its allies were giving open support to the killers and were filing cases against her. She alleged that Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleeda Zia promised support and protection to the killers.

Mentioning the planting of bombs at Kotalpara targeting her, the Prime Minister said having failed in movement, they were now taking direct ways to kill her. "They have become desperate, because they know that they will not be able to win the election or be successful in movement."

Criticising the Opposition leader for celebrating a "false" birthday on August 15, Hasina said neither her school certificate nor her biography shows August 15 as her date of birth.

"But shamelessly Khaleeda is celebrating her birthday to satisfy her vengeance," the PM said. "Those who can celebrate false birthday on the tragic day have perverted mentality."

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Hearing of contempt cases

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ply that it he was not given a copy of the petition and that he had the right to defend himself.

The court said, time was given for that and asked Amirul Islam to explain whom was he representing. Amirul Islam said he was representing Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan.

The court wanted to know whether Shawkat Ali Khan was a member of the Executive Committee of SCBA. He said he was not an EC member of the SCBA.

Amirul Islam then wanted to make a submission, and he was allowed.

Islam argued that the contempt petition or the contempt law should be considered taking into consideration the fundamental right to freedom of speech. The PM's speech and the statement reflected people's sentiment. She talked of law and order and security of the people and the state.

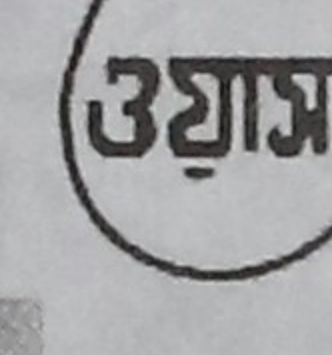
"She said security of the people and the state was at stake. It was not intended to interfere in the administration or delivery of justice, but to remind all how granting of bail hampers the process of delivering justice when criminals on bail commit crimes again. This is not contempt, Sir. She was only exercising her fundamental right and freedom of speech," he added.

At this stage, he was interrupted by the court, which pointed out that he was given enough time to make his submission. The hearing was adjourned until Wednesday.

Mainul Hosen argued, "We are not only challenging the criticism against the judiciary. Our submission is that the PM overstepped the line between the judiciary and the executive power. Her statement is an interference and obstruction to the process of justice. She is saying that after arrest, courts set criminals free. This statement is designed to deprive the judiciary of its independence and freedom in delivering justice."

Barrister Hosen also accused the PM of trying to create a police state. "She is trying to

স্বাস্থ্যসম্মত উপায়ে বাড়ির জলাধার পরিষ্কার করুন



ওয়াসা

বর্ষা ও জলাবদ্ধতার কারণে নগরীর বিভিন্ন এলাকায় প্রায় সকল বাড়ির ভূগর্ভস্থ ও ছাদের জলাধার অপরিচ্ছন্ন, অস্বাস্থ্যকর ও জীবাণুপূর্ণ হয়ে পড়েছে। এসব জলাধারে ধারণকৃত পানি ব্যবহার করলে বিভিন্ন ধরনের পানি বাহিত রোগের প্রাদুর্ভাব ঘটতে পারে। এমতাবস্থায় পানি নেমে যাওয়ার সাথে সাথে বিভিন্ন বাড়ির জলাধার স্বাস্থ্যসম্মত উপায়ে পরিষ্কার করার জন্য ঢাকা ওয়াসার পরিষ্কারের স্বাস্থ্যসম্মত উপায় নিম্নরূপঃ

- প্রথমে জলাধারে জমাকৃত পানি উঠিয়ে ফেলে জলাধারের তলার ময়লা, কাদা উত্তমরূপে পরিষ্কার করতে হবে। জলাধারের দেয়াল ব্রাশ দ্বারা ভালোভাবে ঘষে-মেজে পরিষ্কার পানি দিয়ে ধুয়ে পানি ফেলে দিতে হবে এবং শুকনো ও পরিষ্কার কাপড় দিয়ে জলাধার মুছে দিতে হবে।
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- উল্লেখ্য, ৪৫০০ লিটার বা ১০০০ গ্যালন পানি ধারণ ক্ষমতা সম্পন্ন একটি জলাধার একবার পরিষ্কার করতে প্রায় ৫০০ গ্রাম (অর্ধ কেজি) রিচিং পাউডার প্রয়োজন। এ ক্ষেত্রে বিশেষভাবে লক্ষ্য রাখতে হবে, জলাধার পরিষ্কারের কাজে নিয়োজিত ব্যক্তির শরীর, হাত, পা ও পোশাক যেন যথাযথ পরিষ্কার-পরিচ্ছন্ন থাকে যাতে কোন প্রকার রোগ জীবাণু সংক্রমণের সম্ভাবনা না থাকে।

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