

7 win TIB Investigative Journalism Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International of Bangladesh (TIB) awarded seven journalists of national dailies yesterday for their investigative reports in 1999 and 2000. The prize distribution ceremony was held at the VIP auditorium of the Jatiya Press Club. The Daily Ittefaq's Staff Reporter Anwar Aldin and The Daily Star's Senior Staff Reporter Moshed Ali Khan won first prize for reports published in Bangla and English respectively. The Daily Janakantha's staff reporter Quamrul Hasan and The

Daily Star's staff reporter Naimul Hossain won second prize for reports published in Bangla and English respectively. Syed Zahurul Abedin of the New Nation and Nikhil Chatterjee, Patuakhali correspondent of Daily Sangbad, winners for reports published in English and Bangla respectively in 1999, also recent their awards. Justice Habibur Rahman Khan, chief guest at the ceremony, gave away prize money of Tk 50,000 to each of the first prize winners. He also presented crests to all the winners. Sarwar Moshed, chairman of TIB, Syed Anwar Hossain, Director General of Bangla Academy, Reaz Uddin Ahmed, Chief Editor of The Financial Express, Dr Sheikh Abdus Salam, Director General of Press Institute of Bangladesh and A B M Musa, noted journalist spoke on the occasion.

Appeal for help



Abu Sakib Shoban a 3-year old boy from Magura is suffering from complexities of the heart that threatens his young life. Sakib has had two holes in his heart since birth and also suffers from other defects within the heart. He was earlier treated in a hospital in India, where surgeons corrected some of the problems the little boy has.

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Mohammadpur police said they were not aware of the incident. treatment. He has appealed to the generous and affluent in the society to come forward to help save Sakib's life. An estimated Tk 2 lakh is needed for the present treatment. Anyone willing to help can send donations to: Md Abu Taher, Savings account no; 4073, Agrani Bank, National Museum Branch, Shahbagh.

One stabbed, robbed of Tk 50000 in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Snatchers stabbed an employee of a private company and took away Tk 50,000 from in front of the TCB office at Karwan Bazar in the city at about noon on Wednesday.

Abdul Momen had drawn Tk 75,000 from Sonali Bank at Lalmatia and went to an office at the TCB building. Momen kept Tk 50,000 with him in a bag and the rest with his brother accompanying him.

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Winners of the Transparency International of Bangladesh's Investigative Journalism Award seen with the guests at the award distribution ceremony yesterday.



Thundershowers forecast

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet division and the regions of Kushtia, Jessore, Comilla, Noakhali, Chittagong and Patuakhali in next 12 hours till 6 pm today. Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country. Met officials adding that little change in day temperature is expected. The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 36.5 degree Celsius at Rajshahi and Chudanga and the lowest 19.0 degree Celsius at Srimangal. The sun sets in the capital today at 6.14 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.52 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	33.5	21.2	81	54
Chittagong	32.5	13.6	75	75
Rajshahi	36.5	25.0	83	68
Khulna	35.0	25.0	83	54
Barisal	34.3	22.4	79	66
Sylhet	32.2	21.0	73	59
Cox's Bazar	33.5	22.5	73	74

Bail petition of 3 Pakistanis rejected

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka yesterday rejected the bail petition of three Pakistani nationals, arrested for their alleged involvement in the biggest ever heroin haul in the country.

The CMM, Shalendra Kumar Adhikari, passed the order after hearing on the petition earlier submitted by the defence lawyers for bail. Court Inspector Abdus Sobhan opposed the petition.

The accused - Ibrahim, Rais and Alekan - were produced before the court during the hearing.

The Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) arrested the three with 24.1 kg of heroin from Hotel Razmoni Isa Khan in the city on September 20, 1999.

BSS website

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), the national news agency, launched its website yesterday entering the realm of global information network. The address of the website is: www.bss-bd.com

Hasina opens new passport office

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the authorities concerned to prepare flawless passports of international standard to protect Bangladeshi nationals from any harassment of foreigners.

Inaugurating the newly built Immigration and Passport Directorate at Agargaon in the afternoon, she suggested that passports could be printed at the security printing press using computer and modern technology instead of printing abroad.

Hasina said a large number of people are going to different countries for employment, higher education, business and treatment while increasing numbers of foreign investors and tourists coming to Bangladesh. "Today, Bangladeshi citizens have been able to create their own positions in different foreign countries by dint of their own merit, efficiency and hard labour. The government has been creating employment opportunity at home as well as encouraging people to go abroad with new jobs."

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North South University will hold the first National Youth Fair. Chief guest: Industries Minister Tofiqul Alam. Venue: Plot No 15, Block B, Bashundhara R/A. Time: 9.00 am-5.00 pm.

Prize distribution

Gendaria Kishalay Kanchi Kanchal Mela will hold the prize distribution ceremony of its 'Zainul-Kamrul International Children's Art Competition.' Venue: Mela premises at 15 Dinonath Sen Road, Gendaria. Time: 10.00 am.

Meeting

Central Mukul Fouj will hold a general meeting of its executives. Venue: Fouj office premises, Room No 9 (6th Floor), Eastern Plaza, Hairpool. Time: 11.00 am.

Seminar on audit

BCS Audit and Accounts Association will hold a seminar on "Government Audit As An Aid to Public Administration". Venue: Public Works auditorium, Purta Bhaban, Segunbagicha. Time: 11.00 am.

Grand rally

A grand rally of freedom fighters will be held to mark 30th anniversary of Independence Day and installation of Shikha Chironik. Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Venue: Suhrawardy Udyan. Time: 3.30 pm.

Retrospective on Liberation War

Zahir Rahman Film Society will screen Mukti Gaan by Tareque and Catherine Masud and How the East was Won by BBC TV, UK. Venue: Auditorium of Indian High Commission, House No 25, Rd No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 4.30 pm.

Workshop on IT journalism

A 2-day long workshop of information technology organised by BUET Journalists' Association begins. Venue: Seminar room of BUET.

Discussion

Bulbul Lalitkala Academy, Waizghat branch will hold a discussion to mark the Independence Day. A cultural programme will also be held. Venue: Academy premises at 7, Waizghat. Time: 10.00 am.

Biennial general meeting

Barisal Bibhag Samity will hold its biennial general meeting and polls. Venue: Family office premises, 20/23 Jahura Mansion, Bangla Motor. Time: 10.00 am.

Workshop on Nat'l conference

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Int'l conference

Rapport Bangladesh Limited will hold the inauguration ceremony of an international conference on Human Resource Management and Development. Chief guest: Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khasru. Venue: Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Time: 9.00 am.

Fund raising bazaar

The Pakistan Women's Association will hold its fund raising Annual Bazaar 2001. Venue: Pakistan High Commission premises. Time: 10.00 am onwards. (In case of rain the event will be held on March 31).

Discussion meeting

Swadesh Chinta Sangha will hold a discussion meeting on 'Yakub Ali Chowdhury's Manob Mukti'. Venue: House No 25B, Rd No 1, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 10.00 am.

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Company	FV ML (Tk.)	DSE		CSE		Financial Performance		Company	FV ML (Tk.)	DSE		CSE		Financial Performance		
		Price	Turnover	Price	Turnover	Last	EPS			DPS	Company	Price	Turnover	Price	Turnover	Last
BANK																
AB Bank Ltd.	1005	171.50	41.20	172.00	42.50	174.00	Not Traded	26.1000	21.6	12.5						
City Bank Ltd.	1005	164.00	2.44	164.00	25	120.00	Not Traded	2011.000	90.1							
IFIC Bank Ltd.	1005	192.00	1.99	188.25	2270	168.00	Not Traded	27307.97	20.2							
Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd.	1005	12209.75	56.2	2197.50	11	2220.00	1.83	2180.00	23	248.00	18.1	21.0				
National Bank Ltd.	10020	225.75	0.78	224.00	10000	227.50	-5.21	240.00	4860	1811.00	18.3	20.0				
Pubali Bank Ltd.	1005	175.00	-5.41	185.00	30	115.00	Not Traded	2332.99	40.6							
Rajshahi Bank Ltd.	10010	77.50	-4.91	81.50	2230	75.00	Not Traded	2003.99	0.81							
UCBL	1005	105.50	0.48	105.00	80	110.00	Not Traded	15.09	15.6							
Utara Bank Ltd.	1005	260.00	-9.09	266.00	95		Not Listed	2411.98	4.98							
City Bank Ltd.	10001	1032.00	-6.18	1000.00	1		Not Listed	1659.99	283							
Utara Finance and Inv.	10050	230.75	4.97	233.00	9550	226.00	Not Traded	2006.00	23.4	15.0						
Al Arza Islami Bank	10005	115.00	1.36	100.00	90	109.50	Not Traded	21.11	18.1	12.0						
Prime Bank Ltd.	10050	307.00	0.33	306.00	800	400.00	Not Traded	14.03	79.9	30.0						
Southeast Bank Ltd.	10050	224.50	0.00	224.50	12250	226.00	Not Traded	17.09	28.0	6.0						
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	10050	241.50	40.41	242.50	2700	244.00	0.00	244.00	150	21.00	34.3	25.0				
N C C Bank Ltd.	10050	160.25	-1.38	162.00	30700	160.00	-1.84	163.00	280.00							
Social Investment Bank Ltd.	10050	967.50	0.26	965.00	50		Not Listed		14.2							
Dhaka Finance Ltd.	10050	338.50	1.53	343.75	17050		Not Listed		14.8							
INVESTMENT																
ICB	1005	114.00	-8.80	125.00	5	150.00	Not Traded	02.11.00	12.7	5.00						
3rd ICB Mutual Fund	1005	405.00	1.25	400.00	5	335.00	Not Traded	02.11.00	14.4	4.00						
4th ICB Mutual Fund	10010	365.00	2.53	356.00	40	320.00	Not Traded	02.11.00	80.3	36.0						
5th ICB Mutual Fund	10010	143.25	-1.72	145.75	20	143.00	Not Traded	02.11.00	22.4	15.0						
6th ICB Mutual Fund	10050	135.00	0.00	135.00	50	132.00	Not Traded	02.11.00	15.9	12.5						
7th ICB Mutual Fund	10050	125.00	0.96	125.00	100	125.00	Not Traded		0.95	-5.00	1.00	22500				
ENGINEERING																
Alpha Automobiles Ltd.	1005	207.50	1.22	205.00	110	205.00	Not Traded	14.12.00	18.9	16.0						
Azz Pipes Ltd.	1005	259.00	0.19	259.00	495	274.00	Not Traded	14.09.00	-31							
Olympic Industries Ltd.	1005	130.75	-0.38	131.25	15695	132.00	Not Traded	09.10.00	-2.5							
Bangladesh Lamp Ltd.	1005	50.25	-0.25	50.50	50	50.00	Not Traded	25.09.00	9.1	15.0						
Eastern Cables Ltd.	1005	131.00	0.00	131.00	3490	133.00	0.76	132.00	100	12.06	8.15	10.0				
Singer Bangladesh Ltd.	1005	231.00	0.90	230.00	30	215.00	Not Traded	27.07.00	64.6	5.0						
Alpha Bangladesh Ltd.	1005	132.00	-2.22	135.00	60		Not Listed	14.11.00	8.76	10.0						
Quasem Drycell Ltd.	1050	17.50	-1.69	17.80	495900	17.70	-1.67	18.00	4540.50	2332.99	11.1	10.0				
BD Text Aluminium Ltd.	10010	197.00	1.03	195.00	200	200.00	Not Traded	28.09.00	10.2	20.0						
Anwar Galvanizing Ltd.	10050	145.00	3.39	140.25	100	140.00	Not Traded	08.03.00	14.4	10.0						
Kary & Co (BD) Ltd.	10050	101.75	0.25	101.50	100	106.00	Not Traded	28.09.00	1.61							
Wander Land Toys Ltd.	10050	26.25	1.94	25.75	1650	25.50	-3.77	26.50	200							