

Licences of 20 money changers cancelled

BSS, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Bank has cancelled the licences of 20 money changers yesterday.

The order passed in a circular to the press said their licences have been cancelled under the central bank's foreign exchange rules and regulation related to buying and selling of foreign currencies.

The money changers are Money Line Exchange, 85, Bara Mogbazar, Joy Money Exchange Company, Sir Sayed Road, Mohammed, Baby Money Exchange Co., 76, Dilkusha, Faithful Money Exchange Ltd, Tongi Diversion Rd, Mogbazar, Real Money Exchange Ltd, Toyenbee Circular Rd, Motijheel, Tri M Money Exchange, Baitul Aman Mosjid, Motijheel, Green Bengal Money Exchange Ltd, Motijheel Circular Rd, Green Money Exchanging House, DIT Extension Rd, Evergreen Money Exchange Ltd, Sony Super Market, Mirpur, Saaj Moneychanger, College Street, Dhanmondi, Kink's Money Changing, Dilkusha, Pan Money Exchange, RAJUK Avenue, Motijheel, Hawlader Money Exchange, Motijheel, Shah Amanat Money Changer, Anderkilla, Chittagong, BB Money Exchange, Motijheel, Atithi Money Exchange, Eastern Plaza, Free School Street, KRC Foreign Currency Exchange Centre, Janata Bhaban, Kamalapur, Simantu Money Exchange, Dilkusha, NZ Money Exchange, New Elephant Road and Dhaka Money Changers Ltd.

Sajal murder

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CMM's Court on May 2 against Mockbul and 12 others.

Sajal Chowdhury, a BNP activist, was gunned down near the Science Laboratory in the city by armed men from a convoy allegedly led by former AL legislator Mockbul Hossain during an opposition-called hartal on February 9, 1999.

Dhanmondi police recorded a murder case in this connection.

In the FIR, it was stated that Sajal was shot dead during a clash involving activists of BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami and the then ruling Awami League.

Later, the victim's father filed a general diary (GD) alleging that a gang of gunmen led by Mockbul Hossain killed his son.

The then IO of the case submitted "final report" of the case on December 25, 1999 as there was no witness of the case.

The case was revived on November 27 last year.

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Rajuk was 'unnecessarily delaying' the approval procedure, he wrote three letters to Rajuk requesting to expedite the approval. He said he even verbally requested the officials concerned but Rajuk violated the Construction Rules by not issuing the approval in 45 days. "Finally we started the construction work after informing Rajuk through a letter," the Managing Director said.

Our Reply: The managing director of the Jamuna Group has himself admitted that he started the work without the approval from Rajuk. It is an admission of crime and validates our story fully.

Under the construction rules, no one is allowed to construct any structure without the final approval of Rajuk. Therefore the entire construction work of the Jamuna Future Park is illegal. Hundreds of families at Kuril explained how terror was unleashed on them and how the Jamuna Builders resorted to fraudulent practices to grab land for the project. The Daily Star stands by its report.

Bangladeshi Shot dead by BSF in Panchagarh

UNB, Panchagarh

A Bangladeshi farmer was killed by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at Mistripara frontier of the district yesterday.

BDR sources said BSF men of Mondobotti outpost shot Azizul Haq, 40, of Bodapara village in Sadar upazila while he was cutting grass near piller no 418. He died on the spot.

Soon after the killing, BSF strengthened their force in the border area. BDR also took position with increased strength.

Meanwhile, local BDR sent a letter to the BSF for holding company-level meeting.

With the yesterday's killing, four Bangladeshis were killed by BSF men since June 29.

31 chargesheeted in Adv Nurul Islam murder case in Laxmipur

BSS, Laxmipur

Police yesterday submitted charge sheet against 31 people in the sensational BNP leader Advocate Nurul Islam murder case.

The Officers-in-Charge of Laxmipur police station Kamrul Hasan told BSS yesterday that they had submitted the charge sheet to the First Class Magistrate Court of Sanjoy Kumar Bhounik in afternoon.

Thirty-one people have been implicated in the charge sheet of which 19 are still at large.

Police have arrested 12 of the accused during investigation. They are Abu Taher, former general secretary of district Awami League and Pourasava chairman, Babar, Tipu, Haur, Sajul, Mahmub, Shimul Kumar Debnath, Ismail Hossain Manik, Marku, Rinku, Mehedi Hasan and Shipon.

The absconding accused are Najma Taher, wife of former Laxmipur Poura chairman, Biplob, Labu, Abdul Khaleq, Ahsanul Karim Ripon, Ziku, Suman, Mahfuj, Paran, Honi, Jamal, Zakir Hossain, Dinesh Karmakar, Dulal Chandra Kor, Kazal, Jahangir, Abdul Matin, Abul Quasem Jahedi and Jamil Uddin.

A total of 57 people have been shown as witnesses. Three evidences (alamats) were preserved in the case to probe the guilty of the accused, police said.

Police said the accused killed the district BNP Organising Secretary and Public Prosecutor (PP) Advocate Nurul Islam after abducting him from his North Mojuipur residence on September 18, 2000.

The miscreants took him to the house of Abu Taher, killed him and cut his body into pieces.

Monorail

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monorail system, its transportation capacity, routes, station system as well as technical and economic aspects were discussed in the meeting.

The meeting was told that traffic congestion in the capital city would reduce greatly and a revolutionary change could be brought in the transport system through the introduction of the modern monorail system.

Communications Secretary Syed Rezaul Hayat, Director General of Bangladesh Railway M Ataur Rahman and US experts on electric elevated mass rail transit system were present in the meeting, said a ministry press release.

AL, CPB demand reinvestigation into Ratan Sen murder case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Leaders of Awami League, CPB and their front organisations have demanded reinvestigation into comrade Ratan Sen murder case.

The demand was raised at a rally here yesterday on the occasion of the 12th death anniversary of the slain CPB leader.

CPB leader comrade Ratan Sen was stabbed to death at about 9 am on July 31, 1992 near Khulna Police Super Office.

A murder case was recorded with Khulna thana which was later transferred to CID for investigation.

CID submitted charge sheet, accusing 15 people of the murder. The chargesheeted accused included incumbent vice president of the Khulna city BNP Shaharuzzaman Martuza.

All the accused were acquitted of the murder charge by the District and Sessions Judge in 1994 due to lack of evidence.

An appeal was made to the High Court division of the Supreme Court against the judgement. Hearing on the appeal was held on August 26, 1998. The court asked the authorities concerned to submit 'paper book' for hearing on the appeal. But the 'paper book' is to be prepared, it is learnt.

The former prime minister Sheikh Hasina ordered the home ministry in 1997 to take necessary steps to start reinvestigation. But the order was never carried out, said complainant of the case Ashimananda Das.

Local CPB leaders have alleged that complainant of the case is being threatened not to proceed further.

DUTA

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cases filed against the students and teachers.

The DU teachers deplored the police atrocities and harassment of the teachers, students and journalists in the last few days.

The meeting was still going on when this report was filed last night at about 9:30pm. Held at the university teachers' club, nearly 30 teachers addressed the meeting.

Illegal workers

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The total number of Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia will be no more than 1.13 lakh, he said.

The Bangladesh mission and the Biman office in Kuala Lumpur have been instructed to keep in close contact with the Malaysian authorities so that no Bangladeshi expatriates suffer anymore, he added.

Qamrul said the expatriates collected return tickets on their own.

The state minister said Malaysia would recruit new workers from Bangladesh after completion of the crackdown. He suggested that the workers without valid documents return home.

Kuala Lumpur proposed that new workers would be recruited from Bangladesh, if the migration cost remain within US\$1,000. The government has accepted the proposal and is waiting for the final agreement.

To ferry workers from Malaysia, Biman Bangladesh operates one special flight a week, while the Malaysian Airlines already operated seven flights.

Recently, the government has provided around five thousands passports to the Bangladesh mission in Malaysia so that the workers can return home safe.

The government is ready to provide all documents necessary for the safe return of expatriates.

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Triumph of DU students

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recent regrettable incidents at Dhaka University. I have been serving the university for the last 35 years and in my long teaching career I always tried to ensure the interest and welfare of the students.

"I am ready to sacrifice anything in the greater interest of my beloved Dhaka University. Therefore, I consider it wise to step down from my post for the sake of the university and fair investigation. I urge all to maintain peace and congenial atmosphere on the campus at any cost."

On hearing the news of his resignation, journalists thronged the VC's residence for his reaction. But Prof. Chowdhury did not meet anybody and the main entrance of his residence was locked tight.

As journalists knocked at the iron gate, some JCD men loitering around got hold of a reporter of a Bangla daily and threatened him of dire consequences.

"We will drive you out of town," one JCD man was heard saying.

Meantime, a number of teachers went to the Shaheed Minar to share the joy of the euphoric striking students. The students, male and female, sang patriotic songs and ridiculed the VC. They burnt effigies of Prof. Chowdhury and mimicked him in funny dresses.

Throughout the day, politicians, teachers, students and lawyers visited the Shaheed Minar to show

their support to the demonstrating students. At 1:30am, several Awami League (AL) leaders including Abdus Samad Azad, Motia Chowdhury and Tofail Ahmed went to the Shaheed Minar to express their solidarity with the striking students. A faction of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists also went there. But the students did not allow them to make any public speech to keep their movement apolitical.

Some lawyers including Barrister Amirul Islam and Abdul Matin Khasru went to the venue.

Hundreds of students from the Eden College and the Dhaka College also assembled at the Shaheed Minar in support of the strikers.

In the afternoon, a group of teachers including history Professor Mesbah Kamal, journalism Assistant Professor Rubayat Ferdous, political science Assistant Professor Zahid Hossain and others met Acting Vice-chancellor Yusuf Haider, who assured them the university would reopen within seven days.

At 4:15pm, some teachers convinced the students to break their fast by drinking water.

"This Shaheed Minar is the emblem of anti-autocratic movements," said Prof. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury after feeding the stu-

dents. "With the VC's exit, another pillar of autocracy has been dismantled. It is a lesson for all. The reopening of the university is now all the more important."

Earlier at 12:30pm, activists of the JCD's Dhaka University unit along with those from the Dhaka College, Jagannath College and Tejgaon College took out a procession on the campus and demanded reopening of the university.

Asked how the outsiders entered the campus in spite of the 'airtight' security, police Deputy Commissioner (South) Akbar Ali said he is not aware of the situation. However, the JCD activists were also found checking identity of journalists and university staff at the entry points.

The standoff at Dhaka University began when policemen attacked female students of the Shamsunnahar Hall on July 24 night. The students were agitating against some JCD outsiders camping inside the hall. Scores of female students were physically and verbally harassed and arrested.

The situation took a turn for the worse on July 28 when the university was closed down following another spate of police attack on students. More attacks on students, teachers and journalists were carried out on July 29. The students went on an indefinite hunger strike demanding the VC's resignation.

Indo-Pak relations

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brighten the future of SAARC.

The future of SAARC, the engine of cooperation in South Asia, he said depended on India-Pakistan relations.

SAARC has a great potential for cooperation, he said, adding "We have not realised full potential of SAARC" which can be realised by resolving the Kashmir issue over which Pakistan and India fought wars.

SAARC potential, he said, could be realised by addressing all the problems in South Asia.

He underscored the necessity of a more potent SAARC for resolving pressing common problems through cooperation among the member countries.

Bilateralism as coined by India, he said, cannot resolve the problems in South Asia as the disparities of size of the countries of South Asia make bilateralism a one-sided affair.

President Musharraf began with a quip in his opening remarks expecting there would be no repeat

here of "the notoriety" he had earned in his "meet the press" at Agra (during his visit to India).

He looked relaxed and answered all the questions asked on difficult bilateral as well as other issues.

Asked about a possible date for dialogue with India over the vexed Kashmir issue he said, "I think dialogue could take place anytime, anywhere."

"First, tension should be reduced to de-escalate," he said, adding, "All dialogue efforts including by the United States failed."

He called upon the EU, the international community as well as the leadership in both India and Pakistan to come to realise the realities on the ground for an initiative to resolve the Kashmir issue.

Describing Kashmir as "the issue" between India and Pakistan and as an "international issue," he said, to avoid war this problem needs to be resolved.

There is a much increased desire in the United States to resolve the issue, he said.

But frankly, he said, our region is not very concerned about it although in case of a nuclear war between India and Pakistan there would be a nuclear fallout on the region.

Pakistan's nuclear assets, he said, were for deterrence only.

Nuclear assets, he said, cannot be a game of numbers and reiterated that Pakistan was not in a nuclear race but developed its capacity only for deterrence.

On Kashmir he said, "we shall accept whatever the Kashmiris want." Elections in Kashmir planned by India cannot solve the problem, he told a questioner, as one has doubts about the elections in Kashmir that are held under coercion and without allowing international observers.

Elections, he said, cannot be substitute to plebiscite.

First of all, he said, the issue of election was not recognised by the UN as Kashmir is a disputed territory.

VC's exit to restore order

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of the Shamsunnahar Hall at Dhaka University, was technically asked to resign at the Prime Minister's Office.

The prime minister summoned Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury to appoint herself on the present situation of Dhaka University yesterday morning.

After a thorough discussion with the VC, the prime minister decided that it would be sensible, given the circumstances, that he resigns, the Political Secretary to the Prime Minister, Haris Chowdhury, told reporters.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and Health Minister Dr Khondoker Mosharraf Hossain were present during the prime minister's discussion with the professor.

Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk was later called to the PM office and the resignation letter was handed over to him. He will forward the letter to the chancellor's office through the education ministry.

Acting President Jamiruddin

Sircar, who is also the chancellor of the university, has accepted the resignation by Anwarullah Chowdhury.

Chowdhury in a statement said he resigned from the post of vice-chancellor due to the recent incident at the university. "I have served at the university during the last 35 years. I had always worked for the welfare and interest of my students," he said.

"I am ready to sacrifice anything for the sake of my alma mater, that is why I decided to step down from the post for the interest of the university and for an impartial investigation. Under this circumstance, as a teacher, I hope that all concerned will give up all shorts of tension and agitation to restore to a congenial atmosphere at the campus," Chowdhury added.

Sources at the PM office said Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has appreciated the resignation of Dhaka University Vice-chancellor and said the government would do everything possible for the welfare of the students.

The education minister said the

unfortunate situation that existed for the last few days on the DU campus was not at all desirable to anybody.

He said the government formed a judicial inquiry commission with a sitting judge of the Supreme Court.

The minister called upon all to maintain a congenial academic atmosphere on the campus and to help the probe body.

Regarding the delayed government response to the DU crisis, the education minister said, the government could not intervene, as DU is an autonomous body.

Regarding the reopening of the DU classes and halls, he said the new VC and the university authorities would take decisions in this regard.

When asked who was responsible for the crisis, the minister refrained from making any comments, saying "we should not make any comments that might influence the probe committee."

He said appointing a new VC, reopening the university and all other things would be done according to the University Act.

Dreadful dozen

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cessive innings.

The only solace for the tourists was the return to form of Mohammad Ashraful, who kept the Sri Lankans at bay for an hour with an enterprising 75.

The youngest ever Test centurion added 68 runs for the fifth wicket with Akk Kapali, another new find in the Bangladesh team, before the visitors suffered a stunning collapse.

Bangladesh lost their last six wickets for only 17 runs after Jehan Mubarak brilliantly caught Kapali for 23 at short leg off spinner Thilan Samaraweera.

Going through a lean patch for long, Ashraful hit 12 boundaries in his 120-ball knock before he was given controversially out, caught by the same fielder at the same place.

Tapash Baishya, who scored a gutsy unbeaten 52 in the first innings, scored only three before being spectacularly caught at gully by an airborne Upul Chandana.

Manjural Islam and Talha Jubair both completed a pair in the second Test.

Sri Lankan left-handed opener Michael Vandort was adjudged man-of-the-match for his 140 in the second innings and 61 in the first.

"It is hard to lose continuously as half of the cricket is being played in the dressing room," said Kamal, after his first series in charge. "The

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Persons/organisations which have deposited money are:

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1. Wahidul Haq	1,00,000
2. Dr Sarwar Ali	1,00,000
3. Supriya Bari	1,00,000
4. Ali Zaker/ Sara Zaker	1,00,000
5. Milia Ali	1,00,000
6. Khayrul Anam	1,00,000
7. Expression Ltd	1,00,000
8. Fahmida Khatun	50,000
9. Sabita Khan	500
10. Sanchita Rehnuna Khan	500
11. Dr. Khayrul Islam	1000
12. Md. Anisur Rahman	500
13. Nasima Shaheen	500
14. The Daily Star	1,00,000
15. The Prothom Alo	1,00,00

An account (No. 031-000-6201) has been opened with the Jamuna Bank's Sonargaon Branch for depositing money to the fund.

Floods

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About 20,000 people have been marooned as vast areas of at least 22 unions of Shingra upazila and Naldanga thana were inundated after Udaypur Flood Protection Dam at Natore-Naogaon border developed cracks on Monday night.

The villages -- Golaighat, Kuchhuri and Haltee, and the entire Kholabaria union went under water.

The rivers Atrai and Barnoi have been flowing 50cm and 25cm respectively over their danger levels while Gur, Nagar, Nandakuria and Baral have been rising fast.

With the water rising in river Barnoi, which is also posing threat to Shingra town protection dam, floodwater entered Shingra town inundating Katuabari, Moshinda, Sohagbari, Sholakura, Chalkshingram, Sarkapara, Godownpara, Bedepoli, Gainpara, Nenguin, Balughara, Haspukuria and Damdana in the poura areas.

About 40 metres of the LGED kutcha road on the east bank of Barnoi was washed away on Tuesday inundating Shingra Bazar and Rakhalgachha areas.

Several thousand flood-affected people took shelter in Shingra Women's College and other high grounds. Many trees were also uprooted by the strong current.

No government initiative for relief has been reported so far.

guys need to be positive when they are out there."

"We got some youngsters in the side for this match and they showed that they have a lot of talent - they just need more experience in Test and four-day cricket," said the Pakistani, who replaced Australian Trevor Chappell last April.

He however praised Ashraful for rediscovering his talents and termed Kapali as an all-rounder in the making.

Bangladesh will enjoy a three-day's break before the three-match one-day series starts on August 4.

The first and the second one-day match on August 4 and 5 will be held at the SSC Ground. The third one-day will be played at the Premadasa Stadium on August 7.

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3 BCP armed cadres killed by PBCP men in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Three armed cadres of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party (BCP) were killed at Dumuria upazila allegedly by the armed cadres of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) on Tuesday night.

The dead BCP outlaws were identified as Sarder Abdur Razzak, 27, Rafique, 38, and Badal, 30.

Police recovered the body of Razzak from a fish enclosure at Rudagara village yesterday. Bodies of Rafiq and Badal could not be recovered till 6:30pm yesterday.

Police quoting witnesses said that seven armed cadres of PBCP abducted the three BCP activists from their hideout at Ranai village.

They were hacked to death, police said.

Tension is running high at Ranai and Rudagara villages following the murders of BCP armed cadres.

Armed cadres of both BCP and PBCP have taken positions to face each other anytime.

Police have been deployed at Ranai and Rudagara unions.

Traffic

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usual heavy rush on the day following a hartal.

But there are other factors for the nearly four hours of traffic congestion from around 11:00am, the worst in recent months when the city was experiencing a relatively better situation excepting on days with heavy rains.

According to officials at the traffic department of DMP, road repair works in daytime, a procession and several buses remaining stranded also contributed to the congestion.

A bus went out of order at about 12:30pm in front of Walsow Tower, near Hotel Sheraton. Another bus got stranded beside state guest-house Jamuna while one more in front of the 24-storey Shilpa Bank building in Motijheel.

In the morning, workers started road repair work in front of Jatiya Press Club affecting the vehicular movement. Showing reasons for daytime work, they claimed the mayor asked them to complete the work by Wednesday.

A senior police official said jokingly that journalists might also have had a part in worsening the traffic jam as they brought out a procession protesting the police action on reporters on the Dhaka University campus.

The huge traffic congestion caused untold sufferings to the people, as they remained stranded confined in suffocated public transports for hours that delayed their work too.

Asif shoots gold

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Bangladesh in shooting's air pistol team event at the Auckland Games.

Asif, a student of Class X at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP), triumphed with the final shot of the competition.

Taking part in his first international event, the teenager finished ahead of India's Abhinav Bindra, who scored 691.4 points with Timothy Lowndes of Australia in third spot with 690.4.

"I am very happy and excited with this result. I felt a lot of pressure because this is my first-ever international competition," said Khan.

"But I knew that I had nothing to lose because all the others shooters are world class while I am just starting out."

It was a dramatic finale to the event for the Bangladeshi, who had finished fifth in the qualifying round, as the gold medal was decided on the final shot.

"I just thought I would try hard on the final shot and make it a perfect, perfect shot. It was only a 9.9 and I thought that I would come second or third. I never believed I had won gold."

Bindra, who had led the qualifying round, said he was shattered by the outcome of the event.

"I was very disappointed. I thought I could have won it but that's just the way it goes," said the Indian.

"It was not that nerve-wrecking. I wanted to fight hard. I tried to do it but it just didn't go my way. "It was a little surprising to see

Bangladesh win. However, he had a good final - let's see where he is in four-year's time."

Asif fired 10.6, 10.2, 10.8, 10.4, 10.6, 10.7, 10.7, 10.4, 10.6, and 9.9 points (total 104.9) in his ten attempts in the finals after earning 587 points during the qualifying round.

Asif pairing compatriot Anwar Hossain had narrowly missed the medal in the men's 10-metre air rifle last Saturday, scoring 1156 points, and finished fourth to miss the bronze.

7 killed in blast

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