



PHOTO: STAR Science and Information & Communication Technology Minister Abdul Moyeen Khan inaugurates CityCell mobile phone-sponsored media centre at Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

JPC media centre opens

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

A modern media centre has been set up at Jatiya Press Club (JPC) to provide journalists with internet browsing and other IT facilities.

Science and Information & Communication Technology Minister Abdul Moyeen Khan yesterday inaugurated the media centre, sponsored by CityCell mobile phone.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CityCell Chris Maloy, JPC President Reaz Uddin Ahmed and General Secretary Shawkat Mahmud also attended the inaugural function.

"The media centre will further help the journalists develop their professional skills as well as IT knowledge," the minister said while inaugurating the media centre.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Hadia Ahmed will be held at the residence of her daughter at House # 80, Road #23, Block # A, Banani in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

AFRIN RUMI SUICIDE CASE

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A court here yesterday sentenced four people to 18 years' rigorous imprisonment in the sensational Farzana Afrin Rumi Suicide Case.

The court also fined the convicts -- Md Sazzad Hossain Rony, 30, Hasan, 28, Taimur Rahman alias Babu, 30, and Mizan --Tk 60,000 each. Of them, Mizan was tried in absentia.

Belayet Hossain, judge of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal, handed down the verdict in a packed courtroom.

According to the prosecution, the convicts tried to pick up Farzana Rumi, a meritorious college student, from their house at Pabla in Doulatpur on April 14 last year. They beat her father Md Abdul Bari and threatened him with death as he tried to resist the armed gang.

Before leaving the house, the gang also threatened to rape the girl.

The violent attack by the gang

panicked Rumi who scurried into a room, bolted the door and committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling fan with a scarf.

Rumi passed HSC examination in the first division in 2002 from Jahanabad Cantonment Public College.

Abdul Bari, a former accounts officer of Bangladesh Forest Industrial Development Corporation, lodged an FIR with Doulatpur Police Station on the day. And the charge sheet was submitted on April 29 last year.

After the judgement, Bari said he was not satisfied with the verdict. The relatives of the convicts also gave death threats to the prosecution witnesses, he added.

He also alleged that the charge sheet was faulty.

Obituary



Anwara Begum, mother of Shamim Noor, a photojournalist of the Bengali daily Jugantor, died at her village home at Nalua in Narayanganj on Thursday at the age of 65.

She left behind her seven sons and three daughters. She was buried at the Paikpara graveyard on Friday.

Death anniversary



Today is the second death anniversary of Achiya Parveen, wife of former secretary MAM Ziauddin, says a press release.

Achiya, a senior teacher of Eskaton Garden High School, died at Bumrungrad Hospital in Bangkok in 2002.

DU selects 3 JCD leaders as section officers despite note of dissent

Selection committee meets again today

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Dhaka University (DU) authorities have finalised appointment of three Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders as section officers and recommended promoting three class three employees to section officers ignoring a note of dissent by the treasurer.

The selection committee headed by Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof AFM Yusuf Haider finalised the list of appointees at a meeting on October 26, sources said.

Although Treasurer Prof Syed Rashidul Hasan requested the committee to postpone the meeting as he had some family appointments on the day, the committee did not pay heed to his request, they added.

The three JCD men are Qamrul Hasan, assistant literature secretary of the central committee, Amzad Hossain Shishir, a former leader of Surya Sen Hall unit and Abu Syeed.

The committee made the recommendation at the meeting and sent it to the treasurer for his signature, but he did not sign it, sources said.

The treasurer later sent a note of dissent to Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz, saying that no rules and regulations were followed in the recommendation for their appointment and promotion.

Prof Hasan told The Daily Star that the same committee earlier recommended the three for appointment as section officers but the syndicate did not approve it.

"The committee will sit tomorrow (Sunday) to discuss the issue again," he said.

The DU authorities advertised for the posts of section officers in December last year and a total of 269 candidates applied for the posts.

The authorities postponed the date for viva voce at least four times to recruit the three JCD leaders, sources said. Talking to The Daily Star, the Pro-VC said the committee selected the appointees on the basis of their qualification, not on the basis of their political identity.

Asked about the note of dissent, he said he was not aware of it.

