



Sammilita Nari Samaj stages a demonstration in front of the BGMEA office in the city yesterday demanding compensation for the victims of nine-storey garments factory collapse at Savar and punishment to the persons responsible.

MANIK SAHA MURDER CASE Court orders further investigation

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The Speedy Trial Tribunal, Khulna, on Monday ordered further investigation into journalist Manik Saha murder case.

Judge Mohammad Abdus Samad passed the order on a petition submitted on Thursday by Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) SM Abu Zafar, seeking further investigation into the case.

The SPP in his petition stated that several faults were detected in the charge-sheet, which are enough to complicate fair trial of the murder case.

According to a tribunal source, the investigation officer (IO) of the case did not mention in the charge-sheet the names of the real witnesses to the murder committed on June 15 last year near Khulna Press Club. Besides, he said, the names of the masterminds behind the murder were also left out of the charge-sheet submitted to court on June 20 last year accusing 12 outlaws.

Justice Kamal for creation of BCS (legal) cadre

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Law Commission Chairman Justice Mostafa Kamal yesterday suggested creating a BCS (legal) cadre, so that officers from the legal cadre can be employed in any other organisation as law officers in order to curtail the prospect of deputation of the judges from the active judiciary.

He made the suggestion while speaking as the chair of a regional consultation on the 'Review of Legal System in Bangladesh' at the auditorium of Premier University. The commission in collaboration with the Canadian International Development Agency (Cida) organised the event.

Speakers at the meeting proposed forming a 'national body' to supervise the implementation of the recommendations of the Law Commission with regard to the legal education.

Prof Shah Alam of Chittagong University presented a keynote paper and Vice-Chancellor of the Premier University Prof Anwarul Azim Arif gave a welcome address.

Lawyers, judges, teachers and members of civil society attended the meeting.

Of the 12 chargesheeted accused, four are now in Khulna district jail, six are absconding and the remaining two died in crossfire incidents last year.

Meanwhile, Khulna journalists have rejected the charge-sheet demanding a fair investigation into Manik Saha murder case.

Increased fees for post-graduation courses withdrawn

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The government has withdrawn the increased fees for post-graduation courses following the agitation by the Post-Graduation Doctors Association (PGDA).

The association leaders, in a press release yesterday, said the government on Saturday withdrew the increased fees which were ten times more than the normal fees.

PGDA President Quazi Shahidul Alam and Secretary General Rakibul Islam Litu congratulated the doctors who took part in the agitation and compelled the authorities concerned to withdraw the increased fees.

They also demanded of the authorities to give back the increased fees taken from the doctors and introduce scholarships for the post-graduate students included in M.Phil and Ph.D degree.

45 fined for marketing, using polybags

UNB, Dhaka

A taskforce yesterday realised Tk 28,500 in fine from 45 people for producing, marketing and using banned polybags.

According to an official release, Dhaka Metropolitan Magistracy and Dhaka Metropolitan Police, led by Environment Department, conducted a surprise drive at Madrasa Market in the city's Mirpur area and fined 45 people.

Cases were also filed against them in this connection, the release added.