

Falu's bail petition rejected

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday rejected the bail petition of detained former BNP lawmaker Mosaddak Ali Falu in a case filed against him for misuse of government property.

First Class Magistrate Khadiza Nazneen passed the order following a bail petition filed by defence lawyers on behalf of the detainee.

The defence lawyers argued that their client was implicated in the case as part of a conspiracy to harass him. The General Recording Officer Sub-Inspector Delwar Hossain opposed the argument.

After hearing both the sides, the magistrate rejected the bail petition.

The army-led joint forces seized government relief materials from the Savar site of a factory owned by Falu on February 9.

Following the seizure, Ashulia

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DCs asked to submit reports on law officers' performances

UNB, Dhaka

The law ministry yesterday instructed the deputy commissioners (DCs) to send performance reports of the government law officers to the ministry.

Solicitor wing of the law ministry sent letters to the deputy commissioners, asking them to report the performance of the law officers, their experience, skill and honesty.

In absence of eligible law officers, the DCs were asked to send a list of skilled, honest and efficient lawyers to appoint as new law officers, according to handout.

UNDP SURVEY

Politics poses biggest problem to policemen

90pc problems to go if no interference takes place

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most problems of the police department will be solved if there is no interference in the force's services, senior police officials said yesterday.

Sardah Police Academy Principal Mokhesur Rahman said 90 percent problems, including

those policemen face in discharging their services to the people, will be solved if there is no political interference.

Special Superintendent of Police Ibrahim Fatemi said one political party considers the police partisan to another if the force discharges its services honestly and fairly.

If the honest service of a police-

man causes harm to a political government, he is transferred, he said at a programme at the LGED Bhaban in the city where the top police officials shared the draft of a baseline survey report on the people's perception of the police.

The survey reveals that 72-78

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PHOTO: STAR

Dhaka City Corporation during its ongoing drive to reclaim illegally occupied government land demolishes unauthorised structures on Shyama Prasad Lane at Laxmibazar in the capital yesterday.

Railway frees 6-acre land from illegal occupancy

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh Railway (BR) authorities yesterday recovered about six acres of land in the city's Tejgaon area while Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) recovered a three-storey market at Sutrapur.

The BR recovered a piece of railway land beside Tejgaon Khelaghor playground allegedly encroached on by one Rowshan Ara and her relatives for many years and another piece in the same area allegedly grabbed by Abu Sayeed Mollah.

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14-day remand sought for ex-BNP MP Salahuddin

COURT CORRESPONDENT

An investigation officer (IO) yesterday sought a 14-day remand to interrogate former BNP lawmaker Salahuddin Ahmed in connection with two cases filed against him for possessing illegal arms and foreign currencies.

Sub-Inspector (SI) Sirajul Islam of Shyampur Police Station, also the IO of the cases, submitted two separate forwarding reports to the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM), Dhaka saying that the lawmaker needs to be quizzed to find out clues about his possession of swords and knives and sources of foreign currencies.

Metropolitan Magistrate Nani Gopal Biswas fixed February 18 for hearing on the remand prayers and

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Relief goods found at Jhenidah BNP office

Former lawmaker Lalu sent to jail

STAR REPORT

Joint forces and local administration in Jhenidah seized over 200 pieces of corrugated iron sheets from the office of former BNP lawmaker Shahidul Islam Master, houses of two local BNP leaders and market places on Tuesday.

Detained former BNP lawmaker from Bogra Helaluzzman Talukder Lalu was sent to Bogra jail with one-month detention yesterday.

The crack forces also raided his

house and nearby BNP's Senior Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman's house. They seized government relief materials and other goods from the garage that is used by both Lalu and Tarique when he visits Bogra.

However, the joint forces did not find anything mentionable raiding Tarique's house.

A police seizure list include 10 pieces of blanket contained in a carton marked 'blankets of prime minister's relief fund', one carton of

shirts, one sack of lungi, 30 pieces of maxis (woman's cloth), 260 pieces of blankets, 25 pieces of carom boards, 35 tube wells, 160 pieces of tube well pipes and five sacks of jugs.

Five wireless sets, one wireless base station and a tower were also recovered from Lalu's house, according to a seizure list prepared by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab).

The crack forces also arrested 1,170 people including two union

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60 children die in a month

Lack of medicare alleged in Dinajpur hospital

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

As many as 60 children aged between one to thirty days died in Dinajpur Sadar Hospital since January 1.

Want of life saving equipment, unhygienic condition, negligence and abstention of on-duty doctors are the reasons behind the unusual rise of infants' death, hospital sources said.

Lack of accommodation and late arrival of patients are also responsible for the situation, said a hospital doctor, adding that the admitted are mostly affected by viral and cold related diseases like diarrhoea and pneumonia, meningitis, birth related

asphyxia, encephalitis and other birth complexities.

There are only 32 beds at the children's ward in Dinajpur Sadar Hospital while the number of admission seekers is several times more.

On an average, nearly 50 children have been admitted to the children's ward in the hospital since February 1.

During a visit to the hospital yesterday, this correspondent found most of the under treatment children lying on the floor due to shortage of beds. The toilets were in horribly filthy.

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Five killed in Mymensingh road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Five people, including father and son, died in a road accident on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Seed Store Bazar under Bhaluka upazila of the district yesterday.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred when a Dhaka bound BRTC bus from Mymensingh collided head on with

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Prayer Timing		
February 15		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-25	6-00
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	5-57	6-01
Esha	7-15	7-45
Source: Islamic Foundation		