

Appointment of Ruhul Amin as new CJ hailed

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The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) yesterday hailed the appointment of Justice M Ruhul Amin as new Chief Justice of Bangladesh, with the hope for a better day.

Justice Amin succeeds Chief Justice Syed J R Mudassir Husain who retires on February 28 after presiding over the highest judiciary in a trying time punctuated with incidents of turbulence.

The President gave the appointment of the new Chief Justice on Sunday with effect from March 1.

SCBA President Barrister M Amir-Ul Islam welcomed the new Chief Justice and said, "The appointment has been made following the conventions."

He hoped that image of the judiciary would be "redeemed" under the stewardship of Justice Amin, who had earlier been superseded twice.

Barrister Amir also expected that the relations between the bench and the bar would improve through upholding the constitution and the rule of law.

Senior lawyers of the bar observed that the appointment of Justice Amin as Chief Justice seemed to bring an end to "culture of superseding".

Dismissal of 34 RDA staffs challenged

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A Rajshahi court yesterday issued a show cause notice asking the Rajshahi Development Authority (RDA) to explain why the dismissal of its 34 employees would not be declared unlawful.

The court asked RDA Chairman

Tapan Chandra Majumder and Chief Executive Officer Akhtaruzzaman to reply within five days.

The order came after the 34 employees filed a case alleging that the RDA dismissed them in violation of rules and with an ulterior motive.

Muhammad Yahia, lawyer for the employees, said they had been working on master roll, on average, for 12

years and that they are entitled to permanent jobs as per rules.

Majibor Rahman, one of the plaintiffs, said the RDA dismissed them as they protested the recruitment of 13 employees who were appointed in violation of a court order and on political considerations in January.

RDA officials, however, said the 34 employees were 'dispensable'.

The employees said a total of 35 employees have been on the master roll, but only one who was recruited during the tenure of the incumbent RDA chairman did not face the axe.



On behalf of doctors, nurses and staffs of Samorita Hospital, Prof MA Rashid and Dr ABM Haroon present a colour television to Narju, 4th from right, a 14-year-old girl who has been suffering from leukaemia, yesterday. The girl is now undergoing treatment at the Samorita Hospital.

Valuables worth Tk 4.32 lakh looted in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

Armed robbers looted gold ornaments, cellphone sets and cash worth around Tk 4.32 lakh from a house at Sitakunda yesterday.

Sources said a group of armed robbers numbering 20 to 25 entered the house of one Shaheda Begum at Mollapara of Choto Kumira area under the upazila at around 1:30am.

They looted 33.5 tolas of gold ornaments, Tk 20,000 in cash, two cellphone sets and a camera.