

Extortion case filed against Jatrabari OC, three SIs

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A criminal case was filed yesterday accusing officer-in-charge (OC) of Jatrabari Police Station, three Sub-Inspectors (SIs) and nine residents of Ramna and Jatrabari areas of taking Tk 2 lakh illegally and demanding Tk 20 lakh as extortion.

Md Abul Kashem Khan, proprietor of Khan Enterprise, filed the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka seeking an arrest warrant against them.

Metropolitan Magistrate Syed Mohammad Mojibul Haq recorded statement of the complainant, took the complaint into cognisance and directed Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner to submit a report after an investigation.

The accused policemen are OC Kazi Ahsan Habib and SIs Karim, Aziz and Jasim.

Injunction against BA decision to cut commission to travel agents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued a temporary injunction against the decision of British Airways (BA) to reduce the commission to travel agents on ticket sale from seven percent to one percent.

The injunction was issued following a case filed by Zakir Hussain on behalf of the travel agents. The court also suspended the decision regarding the commission until the temporary injunction is resolved.

Meanwhile, the Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh (Atab) has vowed to stick to its decision of non-cooperation with the BA activities in Bangladesh in protest against the decision of drastic reduction in commission.

Atab will continue to boycott BA until and unless it withdraw its decision, said Atab President Muhaimin Saleh at a press conference in the city yesterday.

The Atab members have stopped selling of BA tickets since April 1.

Saleh said if the BA implements its decision, the other airlines may also follow suit. As a result, the whole travel agency sector would face ruination. None of the travel agents can survive with one percent commission, he added.

He said that all the 38 British Airways agents in Bangladesh are ready to continue their movement against the decision in order to save the travel agency sectors.

On February 4, the British Airways in a letter informed the travel agents that the airline would give one percent commission, instead of seven percent, to the travel agents for selling tickets. The decision would be effective from April 1, the letter said.

Anti-corruption cartoon show begins in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT

A three-day exhibition of anti-corruption cartoons began in the port city yesterday.

Sachetan Nagorik Committee organised the exhibition in cooperation with Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) at the city's Alliance Francaise Gallery.

Prof Abul Mansur of Fine Arts Department of Chittagong University (CU) inaugurated the exhibition while TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman, Prof Dhali Al Mamun and Sachetan Nagorik Committee, Chittagong Metropolitan Unit Convener Mushtari Shafi were also present.

The exhibition aims at inculcating the young generation with anti-corruption spirit, said the organisers at the inaugural ceremony of the exhibition.

A total of 55 cartoons were put on display.



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Anjumane Rahmania Moyeenia Maijbandaria takes out a colourful procession at Mirpur in the city on Sunday to mark the holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

Rajuk demolishes 200 structures in Purbachol

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Over two hundred houses and shops in the proposed Purbachal town project in Rupganj were demolished yesterday by Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk).

Rajuk sources claimed that the eviction drive was carried out to ensure handover of plots to the allottees.

Rajuk would arrange restitution for the original landowners who had been affected during the eviction drive, added Rajuk sources.

A number of evicted landowners however said Rajuk evicted them from their ancestral houses without

allocating new plots for them.

Rajuk Magistrate ASM Emdadud Dastagir led the eviction drive that was assisted by the army, Rapid Action Battalion and police.

65 phensidyl bottles seized, 5 women held

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Police yesterday seized 65 bottles of phensidyl and arrested five women from Madanpur Bus Stand area at Bander in the district.

The arrestees were identified as Mazeda, 45, Monwara, 50, Josna, 42, Momina, 52 and Janu Begum, 38.

Police said the arrestees were going to Dhaka from Comilla with the phensidyl bottles.