

TEB chairman, secretary removed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chairman and secretary of Technical Education Board (TEB) were removed on charges of corruption and assaulting two journalists.

The government removed the board chairman M Idris Ali on Wednesday night and secretary M Shajahan yesterday.

Nitai Chandra Sutradhar, principal of the College of Textile Technology, has been given the charge of the chairman and Shahjahan Mian, controller of examination TEB, given the charge of secretary, sources at education ministry said.

A probe committee led by Humayun Khalid, joint secretary of the education ministry, was formed following the assault of two journalists at the TEB office at Agargaon in the city on May 14.

The government removed them following the recommendation of the probe committee, education ministry sources said.

Huge foreign currencies seized: 9 arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of Rab-3 arrested nine money launderers along with huge foreign currencies at Motijheel in the city on Wednesday.

Acting on a tip-off, the Rab members arrested Sabur, 45, Anwar Hossain, 42, Md Humayun Kabir, 37, from in front of Adamjee Court in Motijheel with Tk 7,21,720.

According to their statement, the Rab men raided Binimoy Money Exchange on the second floor at Adamjee Court at 6:00pm and arrested Shahidullah Pradhania, 42, JB R Gomej, 40, Md Rezaul, 29, Md Abdul Aziz, 38, Md Babul Mia and Md Belayet Hossain.

Rab also recovered huge foreign currencies that include 15746 US dollar, 1000 Singapore dollar, 720 Saudi riyal, 100 Sri Lankan rupee, 15 India rupee and 10 Nepali rupee, 700 pound and 24 Kuwaiti dinar, Bangladeshi Tk 12,26,300, 200 United Arab Emirates derham, 1000 Japanese yen, 1500 Qatar

riyal, 250 euro, 10 Bhutan rupee and a cheque of Oriental bank worth Tk 1 lakh.

One gets life for raping girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

A Netrakona court yesterday sentenced one person to life term imprisonment for kidnapping and raping a girl.

The Additional District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Samsul Haque sentenced delivered the judgement.

The convict is Antash Mia, 32, of village Sayedpur under Netrakona Sadar upazila.

The judge after examining witnesses and evidence found Antash guilty and pronounced the verdict.

According to prosecution, Antash Mia abducted the girl aged 16, daughter of one Mafizuddin of village Sayedpur on April 7 in 2002 and confined her for three months. During the confinement Antash raped her, the prosecution added.



PHOTO: STAR

Eminent artist Qayyum Chowdhury speaks at a discussion on the occasion of World Museum Day at the Liberation War Museum in the city yesterday. The Liberation War Museum organised the discussion.

TIB-CUDS DEBATE

Journalism deptt emerges champion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mass communication and journalism department became champion of the TIB-CUDS Inter-Department Debate Competition that ended at Chittagong University yesterday.

The subject of the debate was 'Not terrorism but corruption makes the present world unstable'.

In another debate titled 'Corruption and not politics is the major hindrance to encouraging foreign investment in Bangladesh', Law department defeated finance and banking department.

Dr Syed Manzurul Islam, professor of English department of Dhaka University, was present as chief guest at the concluding session of the competition organised jointly by Chittagong University Debating Society (CUDS), Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and Sachetan Nagorik Committee, Chittagong at the business faculty auditorium.

Dr K M Golam Mohiuddin, dean of business faculty, Dr Mahbubul Haq, associate professor of Bangla department and moderator of CUDS, Tajul Islam, president of CUDS and Abdus Samad Himel, general secretary of CUDS, spoke on the occasion.

As the speakers urged the youths to come forward in resisting corruption, around 800 students, present at the auditorium, vowed to fight corruption.

Debaters of 34 departments took part in the four-day-long competition where apart from parliamentary debate, open debate was also held.

Manzurul Islam and Shariful Abedin, former president of CUDS, performed as the speakers in the final round of the English and Bangla debate, says a press release.

Zadid al Qaeda threatens to blow up Ishwardi Rail Station

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Zadid al Qaeda, a new Islamist militant outfit, has threatened to blow up Ishwardi Rail Station and Pakshey Hardinge Bridge soon.

Sources said the stationmaster of Ishwardi Rail Station yesterday received a computer-composed letter with the threats issued by the militant outfit.

Ishwardi Rail Station

Foundation laying ceremony of Durga temple today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The foundation laying ceremony of a Durga temple and a 'Mahatirho Mancha' will be held at the Chandranath hill at Sitakunda in Chittagong today, says a press release.

Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Pinak Ranjan Chakrabarti will attend the programme as special guest.

Three religious books by Advocate Mridul Guha will also be launched on the occasion.



PHOTO: STAR

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) bulldozes the unauthorised part of a multi-storied building at Siddheswari Circular Road in the city yesterday.

JP leader, two others arrested in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Jatiya Party (Ershad) leader and former lawmaker Abdul Gaffar Biswas, his younger brother Raja Biswas and their close relative ward commissioner Anis Biswas were arrested at Khalishpur in Khulna in the early hours of yesterday.

Members of the joint forces picked them up from their residences at Noornagar at around 3:30am, the police said.

The police also said three firearms and 511 rounds of ammunition were recovered from the house of Gaffar Biswas, who is also a leader of the Khulna divisional unit of Bangladesh Transport owners' and workers' Association.

Some heroin and several bottles of Phensidyl were also recovered from his house, the police added.

His wife, however, claimed that the firearms, including a .22 bore rifle, a .32 bore revolver and a shotgun, are licensed. And the recovery of heroin and Phensidyl bottles was stage-managed, she alleged.

The police said Anis is a listed criminal and that Raja was arrested on charges of extortion.

The three were shown arrested under section 16(2) of Emergency Power Rules.

The CMM's court sent them to Khulna district Jail at noon.

THEFT AT RU HALL

RCC staff held

RU CORRESPONDENT

A staff of Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) was caught red handed from Sher-e-Bangla hall of Rajshahi University campus while he was stealing iron rods on Wednesday night.

The thief was identified as Mustakim, staff of RCC drainage section living at Dasmari near the university campus.

The security guards caught Mustakim at around 10:00am while he was trying to cross the hall stealing iron rods from the hall's tennis court.

Later, Mustakim was handed over to police, hall sources said yesterday.

3 die in train-truck collision

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

A train rammed a truck at an allegedly unattended level crossing in Boura of Patgram upazila in Lalmonirhat yesterday leaving three dead and injuring 11 others, two of them critically.

The dead were identified as Bajlar Rahman, 40, Fazlar Rahman, 45, of Fakirpara under Hatibandha upazila and Niamat, 40, of Sirajganj. All of them were cattle traders.

Police and eyewitnesses said the 456-down train from Patgram rammed the truck laden with cattle and a number of cattle traders at

the crossing around 6:15am. Bajlar and Fazlar Rahman died on the spot while Niamat died at Rangpur Medical College Hospital at 1:00pm.

The injured were sent to Rangpur Medical College Hospital and the Upazila Health Complex of Patgram and Hatibandha. The injured at Rangpur Medical College Hospital told The Daily Star that the level crossing gate was open and there were no gatekeepers. The truck was knocked to a nearby ditch.

A team of officials from Lalmonirhat Railway Division office visited the spot at noon yesterday.