

Verdict in tender snatching case against JCD men on June 11

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court is to deliver on June 11 the judgement of a Tk 400 crore tender snatching case filed against 11 Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders and activists.

Another Dhaka court yesterday fixed July 4 for the hearing on charge framing against Akter Hamid Paban, son of former chief whip Khandakar Delwar Hossain, and three others in connection with a carjacking case.

CASE AGAINST 11 JCD MEN

After completion of arguments from the prosecution and defence, Metropolitan Magistrate Mir Ali Reza yesterday fixed June 11 for the delivery of the verdict in the tender

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Proceedings of arms case against Huda stayed for 3 months

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court (HC) yesterday stayed for three months the proceedings of an arms case filed against former communications minister Nazmul Huda.

Dharmundi police filed the case against Huda on March 8.

A division bench comprising Justice Khaledul Islam Chowdhury and Justice M Asfaqul Islam passed the stay order following a petition.

The court also issued a rule upon the government to explain why the case pending with the lower court should not be quashed.

Barrister Rafique-ul Huq appeared for Huda, now in jail.

Ctg mayor gets bail

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday granted Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury bail for three months, but kept the hearing on its rule on the mayor's detention order pending.

After hearing a petition, a division bench, comprising Justice MA Matin and Justice MA Hye, passed the interim order.

The court also asked the government to return the ailing mayor's passport to facilitate his tour abroad for better treatment.

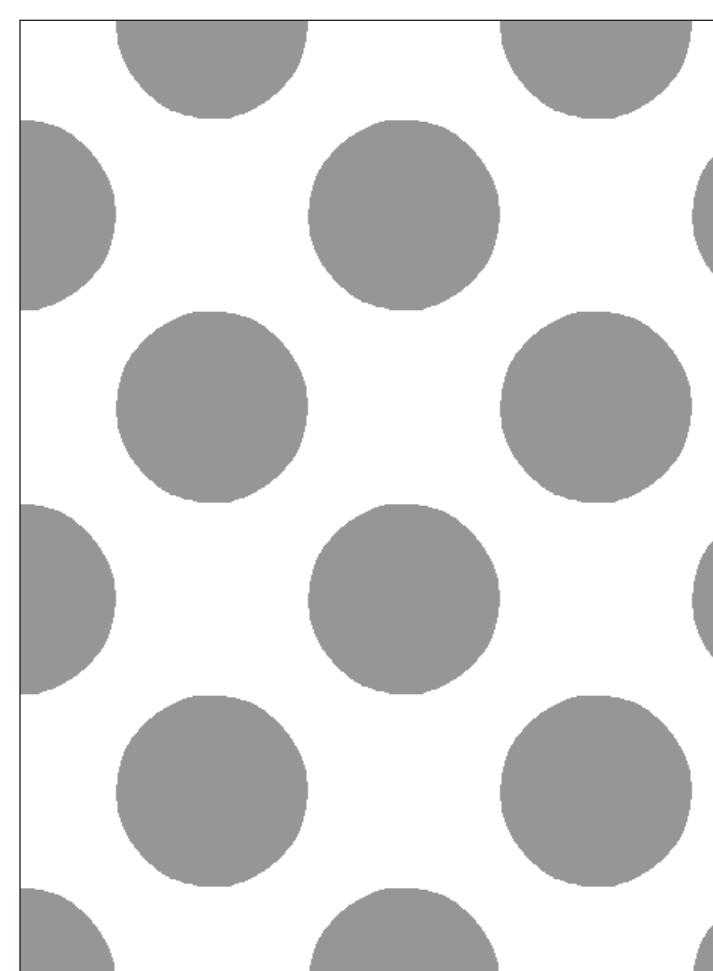
On Sunday, when the mayor's bail petition was submitted to a division bench, it was referred to the chief justice for order, as the

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Prayer Timing

May 23		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4:05	4:40
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	5:00	5:15
Maghrib	6:40	6:45
Esha	8:00	8:30

Source: Islamic Foundation



Pramila, a Royal Bengal Tiger at Dhaka Zoo, eats meat as her adorable 19-day-old cub plays in front of her yesterday. Pramila gave birth to three cubs on May 4 this year. Zoo officials said the sex of the cubs has not been determined yet. The father of the cubs is Raja, a Royal Bengal Tiger of the same zoo.

PHOTO: STAR

Govt threatens legal actions against downlink of unauthorised TV channels

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to take legal actions against downlink and transmission of unapproved TV channels in the country.

The Ministry of Information issued a notification in this regard yesterday, said a government handout.

Following the decision, cable operators will not be able to transmit unapproved TV channels through downlink except the government permitted 12 local and 29 foreign TV channels.

Government permitted local TV channels are ATN Bangla, Channel 1, Rtv, Channel 1, Bangla Vision, Baishakhi, Star TV, Broadcast Islamic World Ltd, Desh TV Ltd, Dignata TV and Focus Multimedia Co Ltd.

Foreign channels are BBC World, CNN, Fox News, Sky News, The History Channel, ESPN, Hallmark, Discovery Channel, TNT, Cartoon Network, Nickelodeon, Co Ltd.

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Charge-framing against MK Alamgir May 27

Statements of 10 PWs recorded in graft cases against Aman, Mir Nasir, Mamun

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A special court yesterday fixed May 27 for the hearing on charge framing against detained former state minister for planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir in connection with a graft case.

Meanwhile, three other special courts recorded statements of 10 prosecution witnesses in three other graft cases filed against former state minister Amanullah Aman, his wife Sabera Aman, former state minister Mir Nasiruddin, his son Mir Helaluddin and controversial businessman Giasuddin Al Mamun.

CASE AGAINST ALAMGIR After scrutinising the case docket and other relevant documents, Judge Shahed Noor Uddin of the Third Special Court set up at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar MP Hostel accepted the supplementary charge sheet and set May 27 for the hearing of the charge framing against him.

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4 killed as 2 buses collide in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Four people were killed and eight others injured as two buses collided at Shakor Matha near Churamon Kati bazar under Jessore Sadar upazila yesterday morning.

The dead are Nur Begum, 45, Rebeta Khatun, 20, and Farzana Khatun, 10 of Chowgacha upazila, and Shima, 28, of Jessore Sadar upazila.

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred at around 9:30am when a Jessore-bound passenger bus collided head-on with a churamati kati-bound town service bus, killing one person on the spot and injuring 11 others.

Of the injured, two died on way to Jessore Sadar Hospital and the other succumbed to his injuries at the hospital soon after admission.

The injured - Ashraf Islam, Shakinur Islam, Rizia Khatun, Luban, Rahima, Nurun Nahar, Shabin Begum, and Shafiq - are undergoing treatment at Jessore Sadar Hospital.

Following allegations from businessmen, the NBR had conducted a survey to find out irregularities of PSI companies but it found only three percent faulty CRF issuance.

The survey based on random sampling found 622 faulty CRF out of 47,148 issued by PSI company Cotecna during the last one year. And 341 CRF was found wrong out of 29,450 issued by Intertek Testing Services (ITS) company during the same period.

Moreover, it found 177 wrong CRF of SGS out of 32,420 and 291 wrong CRF of Bureau Veritas out of 18,841 during the last one year.

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Operations commander of greater Rajshahi JMB Shahidullah Mahbub in a judicial statement yesterday confessed to his involvement in the murder of Rajshahi University Professor Mohammad Yunus.

Metropolitan Magistrate Jonendranath Sarkar recorded his statement on his return from Dhaka where he was interrogated at Taskforce Interrogation Cell under a seven-day remand.

Mahbub, also husband of Bangla Bhai's niece, was held from Bogra.

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Mobile court unearths fake cable factory

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court yesterday recovered a huge quantity of substandard cables from an illegal cable factory in the port city.

It also arrested the factory owner Asaduzzaman, a former Eastern Cables official, and awarded financial penalty of Tk 2 lakh, in default he has to suffer six months' imprisonment.

Acting on a tip-off, the mobile court raided RR Cables, housed in a semi-pucca (brick wall-tin roof) building at Bibirhat under Panchlaish Police Station, sources said.

The court found that substandard PVC cables and super enamel copper conductors were being manufactured at the factory using fake seal of Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI).

The factory, which does not have BSTI licence, had been marketing its products without going for any standard testing, sources said.

Chittagong Port Authority Magistrate Mohammad Munir Chowdhury led the drive with the help of police and BSTI and Eastern Cables officials.

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Baghdad market bombing kills 25

AP, Baghdad

A parked car bomb ripped through a packed outdoor market in southwestern Baghdad yesterday morning, killing 25 people and injuring 60 others, despite a 3-month-old security crackdown meant to reduce violence in the capital.

The deadly blast occurred about 10 am in the Shia-dominated neighbourhood of Amil, damaging a nearby medical centre, turning buildings into charred husks and setting a line of cars on fire, police said.

The neighbourhood has seen an increase in violence in recent

weeks, and Sunni politicians expressed fears that Shia militiamen had resumed their campaign of sectarian cleansing in Amil and nearby neighbourhoods of southwestern Baghdad.

son when she heard the blast, "followed by gray and black smoke, which engulfed the market and made me to fall on the ground."

She suffered shrapnel wounds in her face and legs.

"I lost my son, and have no idea about his fate," she said. Medical officials said her son had been killed in the explosion.

The blast came amid the US and Iraqi security operation meant to flush out insurgents and restore order to Baghdad. However deadly attacks targeting civilians and police have continued.

US military officials say that

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Weight restrictions on rice-laden trucks crossing Jamuna Bridge to be eased

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to relax weight restrictions for trucks crossing the Jamuna Bridge to help increase food supplies to the city markets.

Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) Adviser Mohammad Anwarul Iqbal yesterday told the journalists that the decision came following discussion with the importers.

The businessmen said the cost of carrying food grains has shot up due to stricter weight restrictions for the goods vehicles on the Jamuna Bridge.

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