

Help consolidate financial, admin management

President asks DCs

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President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday called upon the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to extend their all out cooperation to the government for consolidating financial and administrative management.

He made the call while addressing the DCs' conference at Bangabhaban.

Cabinet Secretary, secretaries, divisional commissions and DCs were present on the occasion.

The president also asked the officials to perform their duties rising above personal, group or political interests. "With your success, the government's image will brighten and its activities will succeed at district, upazila and village level," he said.

"The decisions taken and the guidelines given at the conference will help the officials in performing their duties properly," he said and hoped that the DCs would fully utilise their talent and qualities for the welfare of the country and its people.



Former adviser to the caretaker government Rokia Afzal Rahman speaks at the premiere of a film titled 'The Rasheda Trust: A Success Story' at Drik Gallery in the city yesterday. Sitting from left are Rasheda Begum, Razia Quadir and Swiss Ambassador Dr Dora Rapold.

Man killed by brother

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was killed by his brother over a family feud at Pallabi in the city in the early hours of yesterday.

The victim was identified as Jalaluddin, 38, a chicken trader of Rupnagar Residential Area at Pallabi.

Sources said Jalaluddin was having a heated argument with his younger brother Nizamuddin on Wednesday at around 10:30pm which led to a fight between them.

Nizamuddin stabbed his elder brother with a bat while his wife Sufia Begum and daughter Nila Akther started strangling Jalaluddin, alleged Jalaluddin's wife, Hasna Begum.

He was taken to a local clinic at around 12:15am in an unconscious state where the on duty doctors declared him dead.

Hasna Begum filed a case with Pallabi Police Station accusing Nizamuddin, his wife Sufia Begum and daughter Nila Akther.

Police was able to arrest Sufia and Nila after the incident.

Family sources said the wedding of Jalaluddin's daughter was fixed with a guy in the neighborhood recently but Nizamuddin and his wife spoke ill of Jalaluddin's daughter to the would be groom's family which angered Jalaluddin who finally confronted his brother about the matter on that fateful night.

TIB children's painting contest June 15

Transparency International, Bangladesh (TIB) will organise a children's painting competition titled 'Good health - beautiful country' on June 15, says a press release.

The competition will be held at 4:00pm at the first floor of the lecture theatre in Shishu Academy. Interested participants are asked to register their names between 2:45pm and 4:00pm that day.

The competition will be held among three groups. Children aged between seven to nine years will contest in group A while children aged 10-12 years at group B and children aged 13-16 at group C.

Participants can use any medium (pencil, water colour). TIB will provide the paper, but, the contestants must bring other supplementary materials.

TIB took the initiative to mark the first National Health Rights Conference on June 14 and 15. Children securing first place in the three groups will be awarded certificates.

tion with combined efforts."

Iajuddin said the government has undertaken multifarious programmes to ensure neutrality, dynamism and accountability in public administration. "You have to work accepting these inevitable changes."

To render services to the people, he said, positive change in viewpoints of officials and employees is needed along side making government departments at the field level more dynamic and service-oriented.

Asking the officials to acquire skill and receive training for facing the challenges of the 21st century, he hoped that all concerned would contribute their talent for building a happy and prosperous Bangladesh.

He called upon the officials to begin work with new vigour and courage in their respective districts with the directives given in the conference.

The DCs should follow the directives of the government and the Election Commission for holding the election in free and fair manner, he said. "We'll be able to present the nation a free, fair and impartial election.

TK 5,282 cr proposed for defence services

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Tk 5,282 crore has been proposed for the Defence services for fiscal 2007-08.

In fiscal 2006-07, Tk 4,745 crore was allocated for the defence. The allocation was revised to Tk 5,281 crore.

2 electrocuted in city during thunderstorm

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An 'O' level student and a housewife were electrocuted in the city during four-hour thunderstorm and downpour last night.

The victims are Protayan Sarker, a student of an English medium school at Dhanmondi, and housewife Farzana Begum, 30, of Monipur Para.

Many city roads went under knee-deep water as the downpour that started at around 6:00pm continued up to 10:00pm.

Homebound people suffered a lot as traffic movement virtually came to a halt. Many CNG-driven autorickshaws and private cars broke down on the way due to waterlogging.

"I got on a BRTC Volvo bus at Paltan at 10:00pm and it took over two hours to reach Karwan Bazar," said Delwar Alam, who works at a private office in Paltan area.

Car thief caught red-handed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A car thief was caught red-handed while trying to speed away at Karwan Bazar area in the city in broad daylight yesterday.

Some seven people were also injured as the car hit them during the thief's desperate attempt to speed away at noon.

Amob chased and finally managed to catch Shohag, 25, when he got stuck at a traffic signal near the Sonargaon Hotel. The mob handed him over to the police after beating him up.

The police took injured Shohag, a resident of Manipur in Mirpur, to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Abdul Quddus, driver of the white Toyota-100 car, said he was drinking water standing nearby the parked car near the Karwan Bazar Masjid Complex at around 12:40pm. But all of a sudden a man with one hand appeared there, opened the door of the car by inserting a key-like object into the lock and sped away.

When the driver raised an alarm, people tried to stop the car by blocking the road with cars near the Summit Centre building but failed.

The thief continued to speed away after hitting the cars, causing minor injuries to seven people, Quddus said.

However, the mob finally caught the thief in front of the BSRB Bhaban, witnesses said.

Quddus filed a case with Tejgoan police station in this connection. The car belongs to Bani Amin, an advocate of the Supreme Court.

On April 26, a private car of The Daily Star office was stolen from the same area and the police found it at Osmani Udyan after seven days.

Sources said the incidents of carjacking have increased in the capital as more than one hundred cars and motorcycles have been stolen and hijacked from different places in the last two months.

Detective Branch (DB) Police said they have recovered 28 cars and motorcycles since March 21 and different police stations have also recovered several cars.

Programme to celebrate conquest of Chullu West

Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking Club (BMT) organises a video and slide show at 10:30am at National Press Club in the city today to celebrate the conquest of Chullu West, a 21,059 feet Himalayan peak, by a Bangladeshi team, says a press release.

Leading author Prof Muhammed Zafar Iqbal and Chairman of Transcom Group Latifur Rahman will be the guests of honour.

Founder of BMT and a traveler to Antarctica and the North Pole Enam Ul Haque will command the team's success while Chairman of BMT Enayet Ullah Khan will preside over the ceremony.

The Himalayan expedition will be presented through a five-minute video and 10-minute slide show.

The four-member expedition team led by Sajal Khaled started trekking to Chullu West from a place called Nadi in Annapurna Range on May 4, 2007. After 12 days of trekking and climbing, the team reached Chullu West on 16 May 2007. The other members of the team were MA Muhit, Noor Muhammad and Musa Ibrahim.

The programme with the slogan 'Thanar Duar Khola Aji, Asita Aaj



Awami League President Sheikh Hasina along with party leaders places wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday to mark the historic 7th June.

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Bail prayer for Rajshahi mayor Minu rejected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The district and sessions judge court yesterday rejected an ad interim bail prayer for detained Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu.

Judge Abu Bakar Siddique also fixed Sunday for hearing as Minu's lawyers lodged a miscellaneous case with the court seeking his bail.

Minu's lawyers also submitted a petition for his ad interim bail till the bail hearing date, but the petition was rejected.

A metropolitan magistrate court sent Minu to jail on Wednesday following an extortion case against him and 10 others.

However, Minu's wife Salma Shahadat and his daughter Saifi met him at Rajshahi Central Jail yesterday.

Salma Shahadat told reporters that Minu was well in jail and taking his regular medicines as he was suffering from some diseases.

Obituary

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Md Fazlul Karim, former headmaster of Narayanganj Port High School, passed away due to old age complications at his residence at Mirpur in the city on Monday at the age of 72.

Fazlul Karim, father of Junan Nashit, a sub-editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), left behind his four daughters and four sons to mourn his death.

He was buried at his family graveyard after namaz-e-janaza at his village mosque at Ratanpur under Barua Police Station in Comilla on Tuesday. His first janaza was held at Mirpur Paikpara Mosque.

Kalipada Laskar

Kalipada Laskar, father of Dhrubo Kumar Laskar, assistant social welfare secretary of Bangladesh Puja Ujjapan Parishad, passed away due to old age complications at his village home Kamar in Faridpur yesterday at the age of 85, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, four sons and two daughters to mourn his death.

President of Bangladesh Puja Ujjapan Parishad Chitta Ranjan Sarkar and General Secretary Biresh Chandra Shahi, President of Mahanagar Sharbojon Puja Committee Joyanto Sen Dipu and General Secretary Joyanto Kumar Dev condoled his death and conveyed sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

Death anniversary of Sabequnnahar Sony today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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Today is the fifth death anniversary of Sabequnnahar Sony, the first female student to fall victim to campus violence.

A student of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Sony died in a crossfire during a gunfight between two factions of the BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on the Buet campus in 2002.

On the occasion, fateha will be offered at her grave at Uttara Sector # 4 at 7:30am and wreaths will be placed at the memorial to Sony on the Buet campus at 9:30am.

The Samajtantrik Chhatra Front will hold a photo exhibition on the series of demonstrations demanding trial of the killers of Sony.

Dr S Motahar Ali

Today is the fourth death anniversary of Dr S Motahar Ali, a homoeopath and founding chairman of New Life & Co Ltd, says a press release.

On the occasion, fateha will be offered at his grave and doa mahfil and discussion will be held.

Abdul Majid Member

Today is the seventh death anniversary of Abdul Majid Member, a social worker and former secretary of Fakirpool Jame Masjid, says a press release.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his eldest daughter's residence at Kaltabazar after Juma prayers today.

Cheholum

Cheholum of Ashrafur Rahman (Munna), son of late wing commander Badiur Rahman, will be held at House # 17, Road # 10, Gulshan-1 in the city after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the cheholum.

Munna passed away in Moscow, Russia on April 23. He was buried at Banani army graveyard on May 1.

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Discussion

Kendriya Alor Bhupan Shishu Kishore Parishad will hold a discussion on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam. Venue: Scout Bhaban, Kakrail. Time: 5:00pm.

Poetry recitation

Bangladesh Abirity Samannaya Parishad organises a poetry recitation session titled 'Jalao alo apon alo'. Venue: Cafe Theatre, Liberation War Museum. Time: 5:00pm.

Conference

The Fourth National Conference 2007 of Bangladesh Society of Medical Microbiologists will be held. Venue: Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) auditorium. Time: 9:30am.

Seminar

Islamic Economics Research Bureau (IERB) organises a seminar titled 'Development of small and medium enterprises: Financing from Islamic perspective'. Venue: IERB office, Purana Paltan. Time: 5:00pm.

Award distribution

The award distribution ceremony of Meridian Ananda Alo Children's Painting Award 2007 will be held. Venue: Galleri Kaya. Time: 5:30pm. The exhibition will remain open till June 15 from 11:00am to 8:00pm.

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