

Proceedings of tax evasion case against ex-MP Salahuddin stayed

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The High Court yesterday stayed the proceedings of an income tax evasion case against detained former BNP lawmaker Salahuddin Ahmed of Demra.

Passing the interim order upon a petition, a division bench, headed by Justice M Awlad Ali, issued a rule upon the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to explain why the case pending with the special judge's court should not be quashed.

"The rule is made returnable in six weeks," said the court order.

The court order came a day before the special court, set up at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, was supposed to frame charges against him.

Gono Forum won't join 'opportunistic' alliance

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Gono Forum is not interested to join any "opportunistic" alliance but the party may consider joining any political combine that wants meaningful changes in the country.

Gono Forum leader Pankaj Bhattacharjee told the news agency that Awami League president member Tofail Ahmed has communicated with him about joining a dialogue, but the forum is yet to decide whether it will join such talks.

Awami League has decided to strengthen the 14-party combine and will sit with its allies and other like-minded parties to work out common and identical proposals for the EC-sponsored dialogue on electoral reforms.

AL already had meetings with Workers Party, JSD and Samyabadi Dal

and they all took a decision to raise a demand for declaring a ban on religion-based political parties, specially those accused of war crime, militancy, and fundamentalism in taking part in polls and national politics.

Pankaj said they were with the AL-led combine but the party had broken its commitment of not giving nomination to anybody in exchange for money and not to enter into any agreement with any religion-based political party.

"Awami League gave nomination to the black money holders before the stalled national election of January 22 and signed an agreement with Bangladesh Khelafat Majlish that is against the spirit of Liberation War and secularism," he said.

Pankaj said AL should explain why it had broken its pledge and give assurance that it would follow 14-party combine's basic principles and ethics.

First ever sanitary landfill site inaugurated

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Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka inaugurated the country's first ever sanitary landfill site at Matuail in the city yesterday.

The project, developed with the technical support of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), aims at capacity development of DCC to improve the solid waste management services.

The speakers hoped that after its completion, the whole landfill project will become the highest beautiful green peak around Dhaka and would offer an attractive view to the city dwellers.

Japanese Ambassador Masayuki Inoue, Resident Representative of JICA Bangladesh Nobuko Suzuki Kayashima and Prof AMM Shafiullah, vice chancellor of Bangladesh University Engineering and Technology (Buet), were present at the ceremony as special guests.

Mayor Khoka said that this site is one of the major achievements of DCC. He also requested for proper utilisation and maintenance of the site.

Kayashima said the project is constructing an environment-friendly landfill site that is a milestone in this arena.

She also mentioned that DCC and JICA are working together for a common goal of realising proper solid waste management in Dhaka city.

Without efficient operation and monitoring of the surrounding environment, all the efforts of establishing this landfill will be fruitless, she added.

Buet VC AMM Shafiullah appreciated the modern technologies introduced in the site. He said this kind of landfill sites would take the waste management system to a greater height.

Japanese Ambassador Masayuki Inoue said all the metropolitan cities of the world are having Solid Waste Management problem.



Eminent journalist Kamal Lohani addresses a discussion titled 'Dignity of Journalism' at the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday. On his left is Veteran journalist KG Mostafa. Progressive Journalists' Forum organised the discussion.

Jamuna Group chief's detention declared illegal

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The High Court (HC) yesterday declared illegal the detention of Nurul Islam Babul, chairman of Jamuna Group.

A division bench comprising Justice Shah Abu Nayeem Mominur Rahman and Justice Zubayer Rahman Chowdhury ordered the government to release Babul forthwith if he is not wanted in any other cases.

The order came upon a habeas corpus petition filed by Barrister Rafiqueul Huq on behalf of Babul.

Babul, also the owner of daily Jugantor, was arrested on February 22 and sent to jail on detention under the Special Powers Act. He faces a number of corruption cases.



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