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NON-APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT JUDGE

HC rule on president, law secretary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday issued a rule upon the president and law secretary to explain within two weeks why the nonappointment of Abdus Salam Mamun as a regular judge of the HC on completion of his service as an additional judge without any blemish should not be declared illegal. After hearing a writ petition filed

by Abdus Salam Mamun, a HC bench comprising Justice Khademul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Mashuque Hosain Ahmed in the rule also asked the president and law secretary to explain why they should not be directed to appoint Mamun as a regular judge of the HC with effect from January 27, 2005.

President Iajuddin Ahmed appointed Mamun along with 10 others as additional judge on July 29, 2002 for a two-year term, but services of all except Mamun were confirmed on July 28, 2004. Mamun had his job extended for

six months the same day (July 28, 2004) but he was not confirmed on expiry of the period on January 27, Mamun filed the writ on Monday

stating that there was no reason for not confirming his job after completion of his service as an additional judge of the HC division. He also stated in his petition

that the then law minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed had requested him (Mamun) to take oath as an additional judge of the HC for more six months and assured him of confirming his job by this time, but his job was not regularised. His counsel barrister Masood

Reza Sobhan told the court that Mamun was a very competent judge and there was no allegation against him in the files of the government and that not confirming his service was malafide and illegal.

Conference on tropical diseases begins July 28

METRO DESK

A two-day international conference on neglected tropical diseases (Kala azar, filariasis and soil transmitted helminthiasis) will begin at Biam auditorium in the city on July 28, says a press release. Directorate General of Health

Services will organise the conference. Resource persons from WHO head office, regional offices in

India, Nepal, Thailand, India, Japan and Bangladesh, public health managers working at different regional offices and hospitals will participate in the conference. Country experiences, research

findings and latest techniques on diagnosis of the diseases will be presented in the conference.

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Sajeda Matin, a teacher of Barisal Baptist Mission School, former district secretary of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad and wife of Abdul Matin, a CPB leader, passed away due to cancer at her Nabogram Road residence in the town yesterday at the age of 57. She left behind her husband,

two daughters and a host of admirers to mourn her death.

She was buried at Nabogram Road graveyard after Asr prayers yesterday. Different socio cultural organisa-

tions, leaders of different political parties expressed shock at her death.

Halima Khatun

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Kamal Ahmed, assistant regiso f trar Bangladesh University of Engineering

Halima Khatun

mother o

residence in the city on July 19 at the age of 71, says a press release.

She left behind her three sons, grand children and a host of relatives to mourn her death.

She was buried at Banani graveyard in the city. Her family members requested

all to pray for her departed soul.

Qulkhwani BSS, Dhaka



Qulkhwani of journalist

Farida Akhter Khan will be held at her 40, Shantibagh residence in the city after Asr prayers today.

Farida, a senior sub-editor of the daily Destiny, passed away due to prolonged illness on Sunday at a

city hospital. Relatives, colleagues and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani.



Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and the YES Group of Sachetan Nagorik Committee (Sanak) Savar conducted a two-day mobile information and suggestion programme at Savar that ended yesterday. Chairman of TIB Trustee Board Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, third from left, is seen at the programme.

Govt wants to see NGOs as dev partners: Rasheda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government wants to see the Nobody said it was 'donorisation' NGOs as its development associ- but now when we are implementates, but it is unfortunate that ing a home-grown model, a quarsome quarters term such partnership with the government as 'NGOisation', Primary and Mass the inaugural ceremony of Brac Education Adviser Rasheda K Chowdhury said yesterday.

She made this remark in reference to the primary teachers' protest against the government move allowing Brac to supervise primary schools in 20 upazilas in a bid to upgrade standard of primary education. "Nobody opposed when 27

foreign consultants were appointed under PEDP second

Woman cleaner held on charge of lifting 29 files

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested a woman cleaner of Bangladesh Secretariat when she was departing with 29 files of the security section of the home ministry. Nayek Shafiqul Islam, who was

on security duty at the secretariat's visitor gate, challenged the arrestee Azironnesa, 50, at 10:40am on suspicion.

police seized the 29 files related to of Chittagong Metropolitan Police

A top official of the home ministry being informed asked the secu- Sheraton with Tk 1,000 for naming Shahbagh Police Station and Lounge. handed her over to the police.

Charge of Shahbagh Police Station Rezaul Karim said she collected the files abandoned on the floor of the storeroom in the secretariat while

She gathered those for the last three days and was taking away yesterday for sale considering those as worn-out papers.

not those important. The files were given back to the secretariat.

Asked, the OC said the files are

Indian High Commissioner Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty hands over books to

Asiatic Society of Bangladesh President Prof Sirajul Islam at a ceremony in

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by tempo-

rary gusty wind is likely at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and

Barisal and Chittagong divisions in the next 12 hours until

Moderately heavy to heavy rainfalls are also likely at places over

Highest temperature 36.6 degrees Celsius was recorded yester-

The sun sets in the capital at 6:46pm today and rises at 5:24am

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

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Humidityin

percentage

Morning

Evening

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83

Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions, Met Office said, predicting

the city yesterday. On their right is Prof Mahfuza Khanam.

Thundershowers likely

Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna,

nearly unchanged day temperature over the country.

day at Jessore and lowest 25.0 degrees Celsius at Feni.

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major cities and towns yesterday were:

UNB, Dhaka

6:00pm today.

tomorrow.

City/Town

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

Dhaka

phase (Primary Education Development Programme-2). ter is opposing it," Rasheda K Chowdhury said while addressing Development Institute of Brac University at Brac Centre Inn in the city.

"Opposition is there whenever there are some good initiatives. Is there any gap between the government and common people? Maybe, there is something like that," she added.

Referring to opposition of National Women Development Policy by a vested quarter, the adviser said there cannot be any human rights policy that goes against religion.

Speaking as the special guest, Rasheda K Chowdhury, also adviser to women and children affairs, said there are a lot of cases where women are subjected to violence because of disputes linked to land, adding "Women face harassment for land on which they actually have no rights," she said.

Smokers fined for using public places

Searching Azironnesa's bag, the STAFF CORRESPONDENT

detention of the year 1998 and 1999 A mobile court during separate drives in the city yesterday fined six people with Tk 50 each for smoking at public places while Hotel rity personnel to file a case with one of its lounges as Dunhill

The mobile court, led by Quoting Azironnesa, Officer-in- Magistrate Mohammad Kamruzzaman, conducted the drives at Kamalapur Railway Station area and collected Tk 300 as fine from the people for smoking at public places.

In another drive, the magistrate fined Tk 1,000 to Hotel Sheraton for violation of Narcotics Control Acts-

One Ulka Store in the city was also fined with Tk 200 for displaying cigarette advertisement.

Indian books for Asiatic

Commissioner of India, handed over a 55 volume works on the history of Indian science, philosophy and culture to the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh President Prof Sirajul Islam at a ceremony in the city yesterday, says a press release.

Secretary Prof Mahfuza Khanam and other academicians, researchers, scholars and council members of the Asiatic Society were present on the occasion.

The Centre for Studies in Civilisation in India presented the books as gift to Asiatic Society of Bangladesh. The 55 volume publication is a

part of an inter-disciplinary

history of Indian philosophy;

leading institutions in Bangladesh who have been presented with the above publication as a gift.

publication was presented to the

sented some of its recent works to the high commissioner.

RCC ELECTION

Campaign for candidates new source of income for hundreds

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

With the slogan 'Only information can make people aware against Canvassing for mayor and councillor corruption', Transparency candidates has become a source of International Bangladesh (TIB) income for hundreds of unemployed and the YES Group of Sachetan and poor youths, especially women, Nagorik Committee (Sanak) Savar in Rajshahi city as they are being conducted a two-day mobile inforoffered attractive figures for electionmation and suggestion eering for the candidates. programme at Savar that ended The opportunity has come as a

relief among the skyrocketing prices yesterday. of essentials, although purchasing About 500 people of the area get votes or influencing election through to know about different governspending money is a violation of the ment and non-government organielection code of conduct. sations at four important spots at A good number of employees of polls.

Chairman of TIB Trustee Board Prof Muzaffer Ahmad was present at the programme conducted by Sanak member Hamid Ranju and Muhammad Atique Rahman of TIB.

TRIAL OF ARIFA HC asks Khulna court to ensure best treatment

TIB, Sanak

information,

suggestion

programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

conduct mobile

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

of her

The High Court yesterday directed the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) of Khulna to conduct the trial of Arifa, a 10-year-old girl who was arrested on charges of drug peddling, ensuring best treatment

A HC division bench of Justice Md Iman Ali and Justice Emdadul Huq issued the order following a petition moved by advocate Fahima Nasreen, vice-president of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA).

Fahima Nasreen told The Daily Star yesterday that the HC asked the trial court to conduct the trial of Arifa under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act as she was shown as a 10-yearold girl.

On April 22, the HC issued a suo moto rule asking the CMM of Khulna to explain why the action of arresting the girl and putting her behind bars on charges of carrying phensidyl should not be declared unlawful.

Fahima Nasreen, drawing attention of the court to a report published in The Daily Star, said the child was held in violation of the existing penal code that provides immunity to children up to nine years of age in criminal offences. The DB police arrested Arifa, a

student of class three, and Ripon, an alleged drug peddler, on April 19 while the two were on their way to Khulna Jailkhana ferry ghat. The police found 20 bottles of phensidyl, a contraband drug, strapped around Arifa's waist and legs under the loose clothes she was wearing. Arifa was sent to the district jail

on April 20 after a case was filed against her. Advocate Habib-un Nesa

appeared for the petitioner.

Society METRO DESK

Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, High

Asiatic Society General

research project of New Delhibased non-governmental organisation Centre for Studies in Civilisation under the chairmanship of Prof DP Chattopadhaya and is expected to be spread over 100 volumes. The scope of the works includes

various Indian art forms including music, art, architecture; mathematics; science; aspects of India's international relations; medicine and life sciences in India and Indian women. Asiatic Society is one of the two

Earlier, on June 30 one set of

Central Library of the University of Dhaka. The Asiatic Society also preTk 100 to Tk 160 per day while parttime workers are getting Tk 30 to Tk

80, according to the workers. Children are also being hired despite the fact that engaging children under 16 years of age is prohibited in the electoral law.

In some cases, a worker is electioneering for more than one candidate following crisis of workers, since this time as many as 281 persons, including 15 for the post of the mayor, are contesting in the election. There were not more than seven mayor candidates in previous RCC

some other government offices workers for distributing leaflets, have also engaged themselves in the accompanying them while they go election campaign seeing a new door-to-door to seek votes and for source of income, even at times taking part in election processions. "Allah blessed us as the election

The demand for women workers season came at last. We are now able to have three meals a day," said a female worker seeking anonymity.

like her used to get donations from Rezaunnabi Dudu and Mosaddek politicians during the regime of the political governments. "We are getting no money from the politicians since the state of emergency

was declared." candidates are offering a satisfactory figure, but some are paying them as lowasTk30toTk50perday.

Rubel, a youth of Laxmipur area, said he has so far worked for three candidates.

"I got Tk 50 participating in a procession of Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul of BNP, Tk 60 distributing The candidates are hiring the leaflets for AHM Khairuzzaman Liton and Tk 100 for campaigning for Raihanur Rahman of Progressive Development Party (PDP).

An employee of Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) said many of them (RCC employees) are working full-time for Tk 150 per day. He informed maximum of RCC workers She added that many poor people are working for acting mayor election.

Hossain Bulbul.

Another RCC official said the activities are being hampered follow-

Khatun's cousin said maximum (Acting mayor) earned sympathy from employees by canceling a RCC plan for expelling some 300 employees from July that was essential for curtailing annual expenditure," said the official

for him because of that move, he

The outgoing ward councillors, who are also contesting the poll, are also using RCC employees rampantly in campaigning for them, alleged

They said some candidates are distributing donations among poor people and promising them jobs and other facilities provided they win the

TRAINING ON USE OF NON-LETHAL WEAPONS ENDS

Control of mob without fatal injuries stressed grenade, grenade rubber, foam Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed told report-

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Trainers from the US Marine Corps yesterday presented a practical demonstration of how to control a mob using non-lethal weapons without causing fatal injuries. The demonstration took place

Rajshahi City Corporation and

is high as women have easier access

Full-time workers are being paid

hampering their duties.

than men to households.

on the golf field of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) in the city on the last day of a training. During the 10-day training, the US personnel trained about 100 security personnel, including 16

high officials from the armed

forces, BDR, police, Ansar, Coast Guard and the fire service. The objective of the training was to promote the use of non-lethal weapons in order to minimise the loss of lives and damage to infrastructure as well as seeking new ways to tackle unrest without violating human rights during any

lethal weapons such as fuse hand benefited," BDR Director General

set an example by providing educa-

tional opportunities for talented

and poor students. Citing example

of Europe, he said if children of poor

peasants could obtain Master's or

PhD degrees, the whole society

ing BDI, Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud

said it is expected that the institute

would conduct analytical

researches linked to policy matters

and help redesign development

researchers was the western univer-

sities, but now, with the establish-

ment of BDI, western scholars will

also come here for collaboration,

which was a requirement for them

ground realities while conducting

researches is very important and

that BDI should go beyond

Bangladesh because development

experiences in South Asia are very

interesting and that a lot could be

poverty, UGC Chairman Prof Nazrul

Islam said this is occurring due to

the mistakes of the policymakers.

Expressing concern over urban

Prof Mahmud said learning

Over the years, focus of the

Congratulating Brac for launch-

peacekeeping operation.

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would change.

interventions.

for long, he said.

learned from these.

Dialogue

Seminar

11:00am.

baton and fin stab.

A 17-member team of US Marine Corps, led by Col Aydin D to handle unruly mob and help Budak, assistant chief of staff, plans - maintain law and order," he added. and policy, US Marine Forces Pacific, conducted the training that began on July 12.

As part of the practical demon- bers of the law enforcement agenstration yesterday, people first cies to handle crowd. started gathering in an area designated as a future food distribution Meanwhile, a three-day seminar on centre of an ongoing humanitarian non-lethal weapons began at aid mission. But some people were Radisson Garden Hotel in the city not happy with this plan. They yesterday. started protesting it.

in the area then tried to control the seminar jointly organised by became violent. non-lethal weapons such as X26

Taser, sting ball grenade, NL grenade and 40mm foam baton and brought the situation under contro The security personnel were . . The training will be useful for trained on how to use modern non- the BDR and I think we all will be

BDI, with infrastructures facili-

ties of Brac, is at an advantageous

position to conduct serious

researches on poverty and develop-

ment and to suggest practical solu-

tion, he said, stressing incorporat-

ing cultural development as an

said BDI must keep in mind that

academic researches should be

objective and have connection with

researches must aim at improving the

lives of the poor and the political lead-

ers should be involved in this process.

porating human rights and gender

Fazle Hasan Abed said BDI is

expected to conduct researches,

have academic and intellectual

debates on poverty alleviation,

advance studies, share the success

stories of Bangladesh as well as

Master's in Development Studies,

certificate courses on development

issues and programmes of student

internship, citizenship and climate

BDI planned to introduce

issues in the agenda of the BDI.

Adviser Rasheda K Chowdhury

Rashed Khan Menon said

Hameeda Hossain suggested incor-

important issue of BDI.

the practitioners.

Global South.

rise, he said.

ers after the demonstration. "This will enhance our capacity

Col Aydin D Budak said this training would enhance techniques and performance of mem-

Seminar on NLW

Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM The UN peacekeepers deployed Ziaur Rahman inaugurated the agitators but they gradually Bangladesh Navy and US Marine Corps. Some 74 participants from The peacekeepers then used 26 countries are taking part in the

Partial eclipse of sun Aug 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Agriculture reforms Partial eclipse of the sun will be seen in Bangladesh from 4:47:45pm to 6:32:13pm on August 1. Bangladesh Astronomical

eclipse observation programme and beach carnival on the day at the Inani Beach at Cox's Bazaar with the assistance of Insata Tourism, says a press release. At the beach carnival, people can

also vote for Cox's Bazaar to be voted as the number one in the new seven natural wonders of the world. Inani was selected as the venue for the observation programme as the sun will stay at the western sky

during the eclipse. People from all walks of life can participate in the beach carnival by registering within July 25 by giving a fee.

Registration cards can be collected from BAA office at 75, Science Laboratory Road in the city or from Insata Tourism (Suit-9, AK complex 4th floor, 19, Green Road). Interested people can also dial

01552484201 and 01818015570.

Participants will also be able to watch five planets Venus, Mars, Saturn, Jupiter and Mercuryon that night. SCC ELECTION

One dies in clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A young man succumbed to his injuries at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital last night.

Supporters of rival councillor candidate swooped on Alamgir, 28, a supporter of another candidate in the Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) election, at about 8:00pm at his VDO shop in the Pir Mohalla area in the city, leaving him seriously injured.

The cadres of rival candidate Syed Zakir Ahmed attacked Alamgir, a supporter of Aftab Uddin, with sharp weapons. .

Ward 7 Councillor candidate Aftab Uddin, a cadre of Bangladesh Chhatra League has a longstanding rivalry with Syed Zakir, a Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (ICD) cadre.

JICA training on intellectual disabilities begins today

METRO DESK

An 11-member team for JICA training on 'Intellectual disabilities in community activity' arrived in the city yesterday, says a press release. The training will begin today

and continue till August 2. This is the second phase of the training. The first phase was held in Japan. Participants from Cambodia,

Jordan, Costa Rica, Jamaica,

Colombia, Fiji, China, Philippine,

Nepal, Bangladesh and Uganda

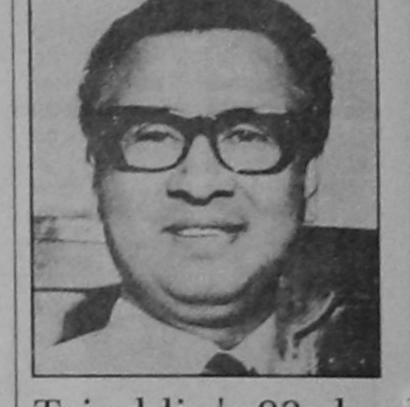
will attend the training.

ing absence of workers. "Ahead of the elections, Dudu

seeking anonymity.

Many workers are eager to work

several councillor aspirants.



Tajuddin's 83rd anniversary of birth today METRO DESK

Today is the 83rd birth anniversary of Tajuddin Ahmad, the first prime minister of Bangladesh, says a press release.

Tajuddin Ahmad was born at Dardaria village under Kapasia upazila in Gazipur on this day in One of the architects of the

country's independence, Tajuddin

mad was involved in politics key role during all the anticommunalism movements after 1947, including the Language

Movement in 1952. He was one of the main initiators in the formation of Awami League in 1949. He was also one of the capital and this number is on the | Association (BAA) organises an | the great leaders in formulating sixpoint movement in 1966.

> The best achievement of his life was to play a pioneering role against Pakistan by forming the government for Bangladesh in the most critical moment in 1971 in absence of Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman. On November 3, 1975, Tajuddin Ahmad was brutally killed inside the jail with three other national leaders of the country.

ASSAULT ON FF

DU journos demand punishment

DU CORRESPONDENT

students of Dhaka University (DU), yesterday took to the streets on the campus protesting the assault on freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammad Ali Aman by Jamaat-Shibir cadres. They took out a silent procession

at around 12:00pm that paraded

different streets on the campus and

held a rally at the foot of Aparajeyo

A group of journalists, who are also

Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) General Secretary Prof Anwar Hossain, former president of Duta Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Prof Muhammad Samad, Dr Ahiduzzaman of IER and Dr Mashiur Rahman of Sociology

students took part in the rally. Prof Arefin said at the rally condemned the attack on Aman, saying such attack on a freedom fighter is not acceptable.

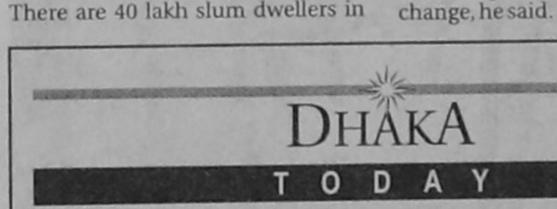
department and a good number of

He demanded implementation of different conventions which were signed in the country for the trial of different genocides during the liberation war and trial of war criminals, saying "The trial of war criminals is now a demand of the time."

DU Correspondent of the Bhorer Kagoj Shefarul Sheikh spoke at the rally. Meanwhile, a group of DU stu-

dents under the banner of 'Juddhaporadhider Bichar Mancha,' a platform for the trial of war criminals, observed a two-hour token hunger strike on the Curzon Hall premises in the morning. demanding the trial of war crimi-Later, Prof Arefin, Prof Anwar,

Prof MM Akash and Dr Mashiur Rahman expressed their solidarity with the programme and ended the strike by offering them water.



Department of Textile Engineering of Southeast University organises a dialogue on 'Academia-industry linkage: Textile sector'. Venue: Southeast University seminar room. Time: 4:00pm.

Department of Banking of Dhaka University organises a seminar on 'The changing scenario of intellectual property rights and the global IPR

regime'. Venue: Faculty of Business

Studies conference room. Time:

Discussion The weekly Economics Times organises a discussion on 'Flood trepidation: 2008'.

Venue: National Press Club. Time: 3:00pm. Roundtable Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (Bilia) organises a

roundtable on 'Bangladesh-German

relationship'. Venue: Bilia auditorium.

Bids seminar

Time: 2:45pm.

Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (Bids) organises a seminar on Time; 4:00pm.

'The making of MDGs: Human development result-based management in an imperfect world', Venue: Bids conference room. Time: 3:00pm. Workshop

BDPC and Oxfam jointly organise a

workshop on 'Effective implementation of

SOD: The problems and the way

forward'. Venue: Directorate of Relief and

Rehabilitation conference room. Time: 9:30am.

Seminar

A seminar on 'Newborn vitamin A supplementation reduces infant mortality in rural Bangladesh'. Venue: Sasakawa auditorium, ICDDR, B. Time: 2:00pm. Lecture

Brac Development Centre Executive Director Dr S M Hashemi will deliver ~ Saleha Khanam Trust Fund Lecture

microfinance'. Venue: Asiatic Society auditorium. Time: 4:30pm. Publication ceremony The publication ceremony of Abdul Karim Commemoration Volume will be held.

Venue: National Museum auditorium.

2008 on 'Savings: The neglected half of