

Programmes to mark Int'l Anti-Corruption Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On the eve of the International Anti-Corruption Day on December 9, Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has chalked out elaborate programmes on Thursday and Friday.

The two-day programme will be observed with the slogan 'Wake up people, wake up to resist corruption.'

On Thursday, people from all walks of life will hold an anti-corruption rally.

ACC Chairman Hasan Mashud Chowdhury and TIB Trustee Board Chairman Prof Muzaffer Ahmad will lead the rally.

The rally will start from the South Plaza of the National Parliament at 10:30am and end at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre.

Adviser Rasheda K Choudhury will also take part in the rally.

An anti-corruption cultural programme will also be held at 4:00pm at Rabindra Sarobar Mancha in the city's Dhanmondi area on Friday.

Zafar Imam promoted to DAG

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Junior government attorney Mohammad Zafar Imam was promoted to Deputy Attorney General (DAG), says a notification issued on Sunday.

Zafar Imam was appointed as Assistant Attorney General on July 17, 2005.

Call to boycott war criminals in polls

DU CORRESPONDENT

Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan, a platform of freedom fighters' children, yesterday called upon the people to boycott war criminals in the upcoming national election.

Members of the organisation made the demand at a rally in front of Raju Bhaskarya on Dhaka University campus.

Speakers said freedom fighters brought independence by defeating the Pakistani occupying forces and their local collaborators Razakar, Al Badr and Al Samsin in 1971.

If the collaborators of

Pakistani army, now Jamaat leaders, are elected in the next parliamentary election, it would be nothing but disrespect to the sacrifice of thousands of freedom fighters, they said.

They condemned BNP for forming alliance with the war criminals.

The speakers called upon the new voters to boycott war criminals in the election for carrying out genocide in 1971.

Muktiyoddha Sangsad Chairman Abdul Abad Chowdhury and Amra Muktiyoddhar Santan President Humayun Kabir spoke at the rally.

2 criminals killed in crossfire with Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two accomplices of slain listed criminal Rosen were killed in a gunfight with the members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) at Kadamtoli in the city early yesterday.

The dead were identified as Babu, 26, and Suman, 25, also known as 'killer Suman'.

Rab-10 officials said a team of the elite force, acting on a tip-off, raided Kadamtoli water purification area at about 3:05am to arrest some accomplices of Rosen who gathered there to plot crimes.

"But sensing danger, the gangsters opened fire on Rab men, prompting them to fire back. During the gunfight that lasted for 25 minutes, Babu and Suman were killed in crossfire," a Rab press release said.

The elite force recovered two revolvers, one pistol and 203 rounds of bullets from the spot.

The bodies were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue.

Rab and police said both of them were wanted in a number of criminal cases, including murder and extortion.

In a similar encounter on November 26, Rosen and one of his accomplices, Bidyut, were killed in crossfire at Shanir Akhra in the city.



PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Police arrested a member of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), Emdadul Haq, 18, with two firearms during a search of vehicles on the main road at Banskhalhi in Chittagong yesterday.



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Citizens of two neighbouring countries gather at no-man's land along Benapole border yesterday to mark the World AIDS Day. BSF Commanding Officer Col P Ganguly inaugurates the day's programme by lighting a torch.

2 murdered in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people, including a woman, were murdered in separate incidents in the city yesterday and six alleged criminals were arrested in this connection.

A gang of six criminals riding two motorcycles shot Asif Hossain Kanon in his head in front of the Chhapra Mosque at Nimtali in the old part of the city at 12:15am yesterday, leaving him dead on the spot. Kanon aged about 25 was an unemployed youth of Abul Hasnat Road under Kotwali Police Station. Local people caught four criminals red-handed while fleeing spraying bullets on Kanon.

Police arrested two other criminals according to the statement of the four arrestees.

Munni Begum, mother of the deceased, told police that a boy named Miral called her son out of the house at around 8:30pm on Sunday.

Police said an unidentified boy demanded Tk 5 lakh over phone from Munni Begum and threatened to kill her son if the money was not paid.

Meanwhile, Dhanmondi police recovered body of an

unidentified young woman wrapped in a sack from in front of the Dhanmondi Lake near Road No-10.

Police said body of the woman aged about 22 bore marks of injuries.

Police suspect that the woman might have been dumped near the lake after being killed early hours of yesterday.

JICA distributes blankets among fire victims

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Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in association with Dhaka City Corporation yesterday distributed blankets among the 169 fire-affected families of the sweeper colony at Ganaktuli in the city's Hazaribagh area.

Chief Adviser to the JICA Expert Team Naoki Hara, Representative Jin Hirose and Additional Chief Waste Management Officer Shah Alam were present on the occasion.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT ISSUE HC rule on JU authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities to show cause why their decision to exonerate Sanowar Hossain Sunny, a teacher of the university, from charges of sexual harassment should not be declared illegal.

Upon a writ petition, an HC bench of Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain and Justice Quamrul Islam Siddiqui also stayed for three months the university syndicate's order suspending seven students who had staged demonstration for about 8 months to press home their demand for removal of Sunny, a teacher of drama and dramatics department.

In its rule, the court asked the university authorities to explain why the investigation into the incident of sexual harassment should not be declared illegal.

The court also asked them

to explain why a direction should not be given to form a fresh committee with distinguished personalities, including a former judge of the Supreme Court, to investigate the incident.

Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK), Nijera Kori, Karmojubi Nari and Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury and journalist Kamal Lohani jointly filed the writ petition recently.

On September 13, the JU authorities in a special syndicate meeting exonerated Associate Professor Sanowar Hossain from sexual harassment charges after reviewing a probe report in this regard. The syndicate also suspended seven students demanding Prof Sanowar's dismissal and measures against sexual harassment for the past five months.

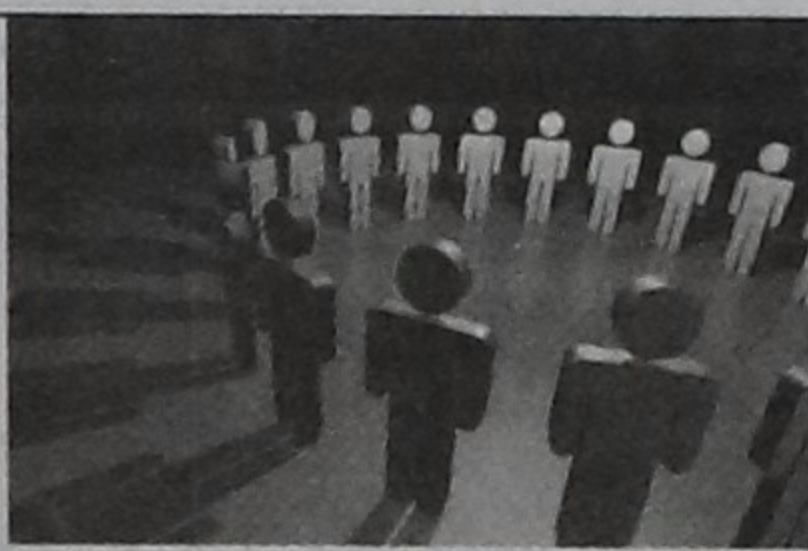
Barrister Sara Hossain and Dr Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury appeared for the petitioners.

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