

HC issues guideline for media

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The High Court (HC) has strictly prohibited forthwith the publication of any photograph or the real name and identity of a child accused or offender in any print and electronic media.

A division bench comprising Justice M Imman Ali and Justice Sheikh Abdul Awal delivered the judgment on March 11, which was available yesterday.

Reminding all concerned, including the government, of the imperative for complying with section 17 of the Children Act 1974, the HC said any such publication would be an offence under this law.

According to the Act, anyone who breaks it will have to suffer imprisonment for two months or a fine of Tk 200.

The HC order came while delivering judgment on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) writ petition on a child-related case meant for enforcement of the Children Act 1974 and its Rules 1976.

The PIL was filed by human rights activist advocate Fahima Nasrin.



Headmaster of St. Gregory's High School Brother Robi Purification visits stalls after inaugurating the Inter-school Science Fair-2009 on the school premises yesterday. Gregorian Science Club organised the three-day fair.

Inter-school science fair begins in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day Inter-school Science Fair-2009 began at St. Gregory's High School in the city yesterday.

The school has been organising the science fair for its students since 1966, but this is the first time that the school invited other schools to join the fair this year.

Brother Robi Purification, headmaster of the school, inaugurated the fair on the school premises, organised by Gregorian Science Club.

Speaking on the occasion, he said the science fair inspires the students and propel them into a new world of creativity. The desire for creation is the key to becoming a great scientist.

"Today you are little scientists learning the basics of science and enjoying your creation. I believe that love and continuous efforts for scientific creation may turn some of you into great scientists in the future," he told the students.

Students of eight schools and colleges of the city are taking part in the fair exhibiting more than 200 science projects, said Nilotpal Sarkar, moderator of the Science Club.

Besides, mathematics olympiad, physics olympiad, chemistry olympiad and biology olympiad will be held during the fair, he said.

The fair will remain open from 3:00pm to 6:00pm for visitors.

Vice Chancellor of BRAC University Dr Jamilur Reza Choudhury, National Professor Dr Ibrahim and writer Haider Akbar Khan Rono will be present at the closing and prize distribution ceremony of the fair on March 14.

Conspiracy on against AL, democracy: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said vested quarters are still trying to stop the march forward of Awami League and democracy to block the country's develop-

ment process. "A deep-rooted conspiracy is still on against Awami League and democracy to hinder the process of development initiated by the government," she said.

The PM made the remarks when a delegation of Awami Jubo League called on her at her official residence Jamuna on Wednesday night.

The delegation, led by Jubo League President and State Minister for LGRD Jahangir Kabir Nanak and its General Secretary and Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Mirza Azam, met the Prime Minister ahead of their formal launching of this year's countrywide organisational activities.

Hasina asked the Jubo League leaders and workers to work relentlessly to uphold

the hard-earned democracy to take the country to its desired goal of 'Digital Bangladesh' by 2021 as envisioned in AL election manifesto.

A one-minute's silence was also observed to pay respect to the army officers killed at the BDR Headquarters on February 25 and 26 and in Monday's helicopter crash in Tangail.

Hasina appreciated the Bangladesh Army for their role in making a flawless voter list alongside helping the government hold a free and fair election on December 29 last year.

Later, a 10-member delegation of stranded Pakistanis, headed by Abdul Jabbar Khan, called on the Prime Minister. She gave them a patient hearing and assured them of solving their problems.

Need for strengthening UP underscored

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanak at a workshop on rural development yesterday underscored the need for strengthening the union parishad as a one-stop service delivery station.

The workshop titled 'Institu-

GRAFT CASE  
Proceedings against CCC mayor stayed for 2 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday stayed for two months the proceedings of a corruption case against Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

The Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) on December 2, 2007, filed the case with Doublemooring Police Station in Chittagong against Mohiuddin on charges of illegally amassing property and concealing information about it to the ACC.

After hearing a stay petition filed by Mohiuddin Chowdhury, an HC bench of Justice Nazmun Ara Sultana and Justice Md Rezaul Haque passed the order.

Petitioner's counsel Barrister M Amir-Ul Islam argued before the court that the case against Mohiuddin has in fact become ineffective since the police concerned did not submit the charge sheet in this case with the stipulated 60 days.

nationalising rural development through link model' was jointly organised by Participatory Rural Development Project: Phase II (PRDP 2) under Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) in association with Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) at the auditorium of National Economic Council (NEC) at the Planning Commission.

Dr Md Golam Mustafa Talukder, secretary, Rural Development and Cooperative Division (RDCD), said that the link model is one of the pioneering endeavors to accelerate rural development and local governance.

Japanese Ambassador Masayuki Inoue expressed hope about the 'one house one farm' project of the government and said that there is a project in Japan called 'one village one product'.

Participants shared experiences in strengthening union parishad through Local Governance Support Project (LGSP) of Local Government Division and to explore a comprehensive approach to empower union parishad for good governance and rural development.

One objective of the workshop was to learn from Panchayet Raj in India and Tambon Administrative Organisation in Thailand for union parishad development.

Nobuko Suzuki Kayashima, chief representative, Jica, was also present as a special guest.

Raju Day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Raju Day will be observed today, says a press release.

On this occasion, Bangladesh Chhatra Union will place wreath at the Raju Memorial at TSC intersection.

They will also hold discussion and cultural programme to mark the day.

Moin Hossain Raju was shot dead by terrorists on this day in 1992.

US embassy closed Mar 15

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The US embassy, including the consular section and the public affairs section with the Archer K Blood American Centre Library, and the Student Advising Centre, will remain closed on March 15 in remembrance of the people who were killed on February 25-26 during the BDR mutiny and in sympathy with their families and the people of Bangladesh, says a press release.

The consular section of the United States Embassy has rescheduled the March 15 Diversity Visa interviews to March 16. Applicants should arrive by 8:00am and should bring with them all documents related to their interview, including the interview letter from the Kentucky Consular Centre.

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