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Union leaders grab land to build shops

DMCH director says no permission given to class IV employees association

DU CORRESPONDENT

Seven shops are illegally being built in front of the emergency department of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) grabbing its land by the top leaders of its class IV employees' association.

DMCH sources said under direct supervision of the association leaders, the construction work started on Friday night. President of the association MA Hannan and another leader Abdul Khaleq are monitoring the work.

DMCH Director Brig Gen Bazle Quader said he has not given any formal permission to the leaders to build the

shops. He, however, yesterday afternoon directed the leaders of the association to stop the construction work.

"I told them [employees' leaders] that I have no objection if you can bring permission from all authorities concerned, including directorate general of health and public works ministry," Quader told The Daily Star yesterday before giving the directives.

The leaders said the shops are being built under the supervision of the welfare section of the employees' association after receiving verbal permission from DMCH Director Bazle Quader.

Meanwhile, the directorate general of health on Sunday formed a two-member

probe committee headed by its director Kazi Shahadat Hossain to investigate the matter. The committee will submit its report to the health ministry, sources said.

"Income from the shops will be given to the association welfare fund for the welfare of its employees after allotment of the shops are made maintaining proper procedures," Hannan told The Daily Star.

Nine persons—son of association leader Khaleq, former president Abul Kalam, son of hospital director's driver Aminul Islam Bappi, Ahsan Habib, Kazi Dewan and pro-Awami League men—Kazi Mosharaf Hossain, Mahfuzur Rahman, Shakhawat Hossain and Nafisa

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Dhaka Medical College Hospital employees occupy hospital land in front of the emergency department and build seven shops. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Suicide blast kills 5 at UN office

World body closes offices in Pakistan

AGENCY, Islamabad

A suicide bomber dressed in military uniform struck inside a heavily fortified UN office in the Pakistani capital Islamabad yesterday, killing four Pakistanis and an Iraqi working for the food agency.

Police said they were investigating how the bomber managed to breach strict security measures and walk into the offices of the World Food Programme (WFP) and detonate about eight kilograms (17 pounds) of explosives.

There was no claim of responsibility, but blame fell on the Taliban, whose new leader

Hakimullah Mehsud appeared on local television on Monday vowing "severe" new attacks to avenge the death of rebel chief Baitullah Mehsud.

His comments were apparently made on Sunday before the WFP office bombing, but he issued a chilling warning that "thousands of human lives" could be sacrificed in their insurgency to install harsh Islamic law in Pakistan.

The WFP in Rome confirmed that five of their employees were killed in the Islamabad blast, which Pakistan's Interior Minister Rehman Malik said was carried out by avenging Taliban extremists.

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3 Americans share Nobel medicine prize

AP, Stockholm

Americans Elizabeth H Blackburn, Carol W Greider and Jack W Szostak won the 2009 Nobel Prize in medicine yesterday for discovering a key mechanism in the genetic operations of cells, an insight that has inspired new lines of research into cancer.

It was the first time two women have been among the winners of the medicine prize.

The trio, working in the late 1970s and 1980s, solved the mystery of how

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ALL FUTURE HOUSING PROJECTS Playgrounds, water reservoirs made must

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All future housing projects must have playgrounds and water reservoirs to get approval of the government, said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday.

She directed Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha not to approve projects of any housing company under any circumstances lacking these two provisions.

Hundreds of housing projects mushroomed in the Dhaka city over the years and almost all of them have no space, playgrounds or reservoirs, made mandatory in the Private Housing Land

Development Rules, 2004.

The directive came at the cabinet meeting, chaired by Hasina, held at the Cabinet Division of Bangladesh Secretariat.

"Any company seeking permission to set up housing projects must have a playground for children and a water body as pre-requisite. The prime minister gave clear instructions on it," said the premier's press secretary Abul Kalam Azad quoting her after the meeting.

EMPLOYMENT

The cabinet approved a policy regarding engagement of young men and women in

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7 dismissed doctors file writ petitions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven out of 11 terminated doctors of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University have filed separate writ petitions with the High Court challenging the authorities' decision to cancel their appointments.

The court is likely to hold hearing on the petitions, which were filed Sunday, today.

The petitioners are Matlur Rahman Mollah of Dentistry,

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PHOTO: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIKDER

Large number of hilsa capture during the end of the season enables traders to preserve them in salt for selling later on with better profit margin. The photo was taken at Baklia Bou Bazar in Chittagong.

Tk 30 lakh looted in city

2 pharma staff shot at

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of armed muggers shot two employees of a pharmaceutical company and snatched Tk 30 lakh from them at Lalmatia in the city's Mohammadpur yesterday.

The victims—accountant Mohammad Mizan and car driver Mohammad Rubel of Jayson Pharmaceuticals Ltd.—were admitted to Bangladesh Medical College Hospital in Dhanmondi with bullet injuries.

Police quoting locals said around five to six snatchers sprayed bullets on them leaving Mizan and Rubel injured when they were getting down from a car of the company to enter their office at Lalmatia at about noon. The gang took the money from the

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ACCUSED IN MURDER CASE Charges framed against OC Rafiq, 8 others

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against suspended officer-in-charge (OC) of Motijheel Police Station AKM Rafiqul Islam and eight others in Kamrul Islam Momin murder case.

Judge Kaniz Akhtar Nasrina Khanam of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-3 framed the charges and fixed October 11 for trial of the case in presence of four accused.

Rafiq and three others

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PORT GRAFT PROBE ACC issues letter to 9 high-ups

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) team probing irregularities in awarding container-handling job at Chittagong Port and extending retirement age of shipping pilots yesterday issued notices to nine people including former shipping secretary to appear before the committee for questioning and taking statements from witnesses.

Of them, three were asked to appear before the committee as witnesses while the other six as corruption suspects.

The suspects include former shipping secretary Sheikh AK Motaher, former joint secretary Matin, two former deputy secretaries and Tarafder Ruhul Amin, managing director of Faip

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NUR JEWELLERS Burglars showed innovation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In the guise of essence and cap sellers, a gang of burglars had stolen gold with cash from a jewellery shop at Gulshan-2 on Eid day.

Three days ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr, the gang set up a temporary shop in front of a restaurant adjacent to Nur Jewellers, investigation by detective police revealed.

The gang of ten was in disguise selling caps and perfumes in front of Narayanganj Biriani House and broke into the jewellery shop when the city was celebrating Eid festival.

Detective police recovered

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Wife's shrine built on 'grabbed' land

Allegation against a 'pir' in Arambagh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shah Sufi Dewan Bagi Pir in the city's Arambagh area has forcibly grabbed huge part of a private land despite the court's status quo regarding possession of the property. The land claimant yesterday told this at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

"The self-proclaimed pir (religious guru) along with his followers has taken full possession of my property recently setting up a so-called shrine of his wife on it," said Abdul Gafur, the claimant and a resident in the city's Narinda under Sutrapur Police Station.

The status quo, applicable to both the parties, was ordered by the first joint district judge court of Dhaka on 25 March 2003 following a civil case No 115/2001 still in effect.

Shah Sufi on September 15, 2009 buried his wife in the land and turned it into a shrine.

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Prayer Timing		
October 6		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-45	6-20
Zohr	1-45	2-15
Asr	5-15	5-30
Maghrib	6-53	6-56
Esha	8-30	9-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

OnlinePoll

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