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AILA REHABILITATION JS body asks for probe into 'nepotism'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body yesterday expressed dissatisfaction over alleged corruption and nepotism in distributing Tk 10 crore for buying animal feed in the Aila-hit areas and asked the ministry concerned to probe the matter.

The parliamentary standing committee on fisheries and livestock ministry also formed a three-member sub-committee to probe another allegation of corruption in awarding contracts including supplying animal feeds and leasing ticket counters of Dhaka Zoo.

The committee headed by ruling Awami League lawmaker Elias Uddin Mollah has been asked to submit its report within next seven days.

"The committee received serious allegations in distributing money for buying animal feeds in the Aila-affected southern region. Lawmakers of this committee also raised the issue. We have asked the minister to take stern actions against the involved people after an investigation," ABM Ashrafuddin Nizan, chief of the parliamentary body, told The Daily Star.

On formation of the sub-committee, Nizan, also a BNP lawmaker, said, "It was alleged that in most cases qualified bidders were not awarded tenders regarding Dhaka Zoo floated about two months ago. The sub-committee was asked to probe the matter."

Quoting Elias Uddin Mollah, Nizan said the ruling AL

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JU INFIGHTING Injured BCL man held from hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The four students admitted to hospital with severe injuries suffered in Monday's clashes between BCL factions at Jahangirnagar University were yet to regain strength.

Two of them were found unconscious while another was down with high fever at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. The other was groaning in pain.

Of the two other injured, Tonmoy, a second-year student of architecture, said a group of three swooped on him with iron rods before he could sense any trouble.

Meanwhile, police picked up Enayet Ullah Shimul, a third-year student of history, from his hospital bed.

Seventeen people had been arrested with links to the incident, said Sirajul Islam, officer in-charge of Ashulia Police Station.

Meantime, Progotishil Chhatra Jote brought out a procession on the JU campus

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Police obstruct BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain's attempt to form human chain near the Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday forcing him to backtrack.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Bhuiyan taken to hospital on return

Delwar also ill

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, former secretary general of BNP, was admitted to a city hospital last night in an unconscious condition on his return home from a Singapore hospital.

Meanwhile, BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain was rushed to Islami

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Society lacks heart for untouchables

EMRAN HOSSAIN, back from Jessore

The din inside the dark tea stall stopped suddenly. All eyes were set on the silhouette of a figure standing by the doorway.

Someone coughed nervously. Another tapped uneasily on the table with his knuckles. At the cash register, the salesman looked sideways to avoid eye contact with the man standing there.

"Give me a jilapi," the man said.

Inside the bamboo-fenced shop, the words sounded like a bombshell.

"Go away," the salesman said in his clipped voice, without bothering to look at the man. "You know we don't sell to the Dalits. We don't have plates and glasses to serve the Dalits. Why bothering us, Robi?"

Robi Das, the Dhopa (washer man), nods knowingly and walks away without protest. When you are a Dalit--the untouchable--you don't mind being shooed away. You just can't afford to

mind. In Monoharpur, a dust-bowl village in Jessore, only eight kilometres from the town, the caste system rages on and the untouchables live in the twilight of existence.

The Dalits--the muchis (cobblers), the dhopas, the methors (sweepers) and the napits (barbers)--live a life of social exclusion. Restaurants don't serve them; those that serve keep separate plates and glasses.

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PHOTO: STAR

CASTE STILL CASTS ITS SPELL...The Dalits are not allowed in this shabby restaurant in Monharpur village of Jessore.

First-class cops to take charge of police stations

KAILASH SARKAR

Bangladesh police is going to introduce a first class gazetted police officer as the chief of a police station in all police stations while the department has already introduced two posts of inspectors in each police station.

The decision came at a meeting attended by senior police officials at the police headquarters in the capital yesterday afternoon.

The meeting has decided that in near future an assistant superintendent of police (ASP) or assistant commissioner of police (ACP) would be the chief of a police station.

The decisions were taken to improve service quality of police forces as well as to reduce their workload and ensure quality

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Power cuts up

Technical glitches at Haripur plant

UNB, Dhaka

Power generation has again come down to around 3,800 megawatts that intensified the nagging load shedding across the country.

According to official sources, the country's electricity generation came down by about 400MW yesterday from an average 4,200MW in the past weeks. The day's demand was more than 5,500MW in the evening.

"The main reason of this fall in generation is technical fault at 360MW Haripur plant

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Samiul killed outside home

Cops tell new story

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The law enforcers have come up with yet another story about the killing of six-year-old boy Samiul.

Shamsuzzaman Arif alone killed Samiul on a street near the boy's house in Adabor in the early hours of June 24, police said at a press conference at Adabor Police Station yesterday.

On June 28, Arif told Rab that he along with Samiul's mother Ayesha Humaira strangled the boy at her Adabor residence on June 20 and dumped the body in a refrigerator for a couple of days. He also gave a similar statement before a Dhaka court on June 29.

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Policy soon to check crimes using mobile

UNB, Dhaka

The government is going to formulate a policy to check the rising incidents of cell phone crimes including extortion.

"Criminals have been committing crimes across the country by using cellular phones. We are now thinking how we can control mobile phone crimes and planning to announce mobile phone policy," Home Minister Sahara

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OnlinePoll

Do you think BCL should be banned?

Yes (86.6%)

No (12.3%)

No Comments (1.1%)

Total votes: 749

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the National Human Rights Commission's "zero tolerance" policy on extra-judicial killings and custodial deaths will stop such incidents?

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Prayer Timing

July 8

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	7-00
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Jamaat trio asked about arms training

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Interrogators are quizzing detained Jamaat trio Nizami, Mojahid and Sayeede on the information divulged by detained JMB chief Saidur Rahman.

Saidur, former Jamaat ameer of Habiganj district, said at least 25 Jamaat rokans (high-ranking field operatives) are actively involved with JMB and that Jamaat provides physical and small arms trainings to its health department members.

Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami, its Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid and

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Nirmul Committee for well-equipped war crime tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The leaders of Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee (EGDNC) yesterday sent a letter to five ministers and two state ministers urging to make the war crimes tribunal's proceedings meaningful.

The letter was sent to the finance, law, home affairs, foreign affairs, and planning ministers, and state ministers for liberation war affairs and housing and public works.

The Nirmul Committee leaders placed the letter under the banner of Antorjatik Aporadh Tribunal Dhaka Sohayak Moncho (AATDSM), a platform for supporting International Crimes Tribunal Dhaka.

The letter made nine recommendations including appointment of more prosecutors and investigators, opening of a separate bank account for the tribunal, and shifting of the Law Commission offices from the old High Court building for

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TURAG DRIVE 26 illegal structures demolished

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A joint team of Dhaka district administration and Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) yesterday demolished 26 illegal structures in Barobazar and Jahurabad area in Mirpur on the Turag.

The demolition drive, led by magistrate Md Kamruzzaman, started at 10:00am and continued till 4:30pm.

Around 50 labourers, one excavator, two tugboats and around 60 police personnel took part in the drive.

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

মৎস্য অধিদপ্তর, বাংলাদেশ

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কেন্দ্রীয় মৎস্য মেলা-২০১০ এর স্টল বরাদ্দের নোটিশ

প্রতি বৎসরের ন্যায় এই বৎসরেও ২১শে জুলাই হতে ২৭ জুলাই-২০১০ পর্যন্ত মৎস্য চাষ সম্প্রসারণ ও প্রসারের লক্ষ্যে মৎস্য অধিদপ্তর, "জাতীয় মৎস্য সপ্তাহ-২০১০" উদযাপনের উদ্যোগ গ্রহণ করেছে। মৎস্য সপ্তাহের অংশ হিসাবে বাংলাদেশ কৃষিবিদ ইনস্টিটিউট প্রাঙ্গণ, ফার্মগেট, ঢাকায় কেন্দ্রীয়ভাবে ২৩শে জুলাই হতে ২৭শে জুলাই পর্যন্ত ৫ (পাঁচ) দিন ব্যাপি মৎস্য মেলা অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। সরকারিভাবে মৎস্য সম্পদ উন্নয়ন ও সম্প্রসারণে আধুনিক প্রযুক্তি, এনজিও/উন্নয়ন সংস্থা, গবেষণা, প্রতিষ্ঠান/বেসরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠান, সরকারি ও বেসরকারি উদ্যোক্তাদের কার্যক্রম এবং সফলতা সর্বসাধারণের নিকট প্রদর্শন এই মেলায় উদ্দেশ্য। এতদ্বশ্যে মৎস্য সেক্টরের সরকারি ও বেসরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং এনজিও ও উন্নয়ন সংস্থা, বাণিজ্যিক প্রতিষ্ঠান, উদ্যোক্তা যারা মেলায় স্টল গ্রহণে আগ্রহী তাদেরকে আগামী ১৫/০৭/২০১০খ্রি: এর মধ্যে তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, মৎস্য অধিদপ্তর, মৎস্য ভবন, ঢাকা (কক্ষ নং-৪১২, ফোন নং-৯৫৬০৪৫৭) এর সাথে আবেদনসহ যোগাযোগ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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