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CJ warns errant district judges

RAKIB AHAMMED

Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque yesterday warned district judges not to take any benefit from court head-clerks or get involved in any sort of monetary dealings with them.

"We have information that many of you have monetary dealings with nazirs, there are such allegations in my hands," he told 180 district judges while addressing the concluding session of a judicial conference in the Judges' Lounge of Supreme Court.

The chief justice said he had received allegations that some district judges, during their transfers, had even demanded freezers, instead of the holy Quran or walking sticks, as farewell gifts.

"Don't share stories of your lives with your subordinates...don't take benefits from the nazirs...not all of you indulge in such behaviour, but a few do," he added.

If judges indulge in such practices, process servers will never carry out their duties with due diligence, and the head-clerks will get a feeling of omnipotence, said the chief justice.

"There is a big business behind all these...and



Chief Justice Khairul Haque

there are many instances of notices and summons not being served, despite being issued," he said.

The judiciary in Bangladesh is now a subject of widespread discussions, he said adding that the people are losing their confidence in the judiciary, due to "many incidents".

As superior judicial officers the judges should shoulder responsibilities, which goes for all judges from the apex court to lower courts, he said.

"The people of Bangladesh are not happy with us...with our performance, credibility, integrity and honesty, and it is not about only you, but about all from the top to the bottom," he said.

He urged the judges to perform their duties properly, so the public confidence in the judiciary can be restored.

As soon a person becomes a judge, he or she must get rid of old habits and thinking, as judges are judges round the clock, he said.

The entire judicial system of the country hinges on district judges, and there should not be any confusion about it, he added.

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The house inside Dhaka Cantonment in which BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia resides.

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Suu Kyi on cusp of freedom

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi is on the verge of being freed from house arrest, officials in the military-ruled country said yesterday as hundreds of her supporters gathered in anticipation.

Security was stepped up in Yangon, where Suu Kyi remained confined to her crumbling lakeside mansion, with police vehicles patrolling the city.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner, locked up for most of the past two decades, is still seen as the biggest threat to the junta, but her



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MELTING IRON Ctg steel mill worker dies

A CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A worker died and six others were injured when a splash of melted iron fell on them at Baizeed Steel Mill in Chittagong yesterday morning.

Mohammed Zakir, 30, died and Majedul Islam, 32, Md Nasir, 32, Shabuddin, 35, Nasir Uddin, 22, Rajjak Mollah, 50, and Salim, 27, were injured.

Officer-in-Charge of Panchlais Police Station Nabojoji Khisa said, "When the workers were melting the

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KHALEDA'S CANTT HOUSE Some household items shifted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sources in the army confirmed last night that Khaleda Zia had moved some household items from the cantonment residence in the last few days even though top BNP leaders yesterday reiterated that Khaleda would not leave.

BNP and the army sources said Khaleda had talked to the army authorities and sought cooperation for a smooth moving out if the government forced her to do so.

However, Khaleda's younger brother Shamim Iskander told The Daily Star at 11:45 last night that no decision has been made yet about her leaving the house.

The BNP Chairperson's Press Secretary Maruf Kamal Khan Soheli told The Daily Star last night that the news of her moving household items out is nothing but government propaganda.

However, sources in the army said Khaleda

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UNDP offers support for digitisation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is ready to support digitisation of Bangladesh's land records, population registration and criminal data, its top official said in Dhaka yesterday.

The UN unit would also assist Bangladesh to formulate its climate change risk adaptation and management mechanism, stated Helen Clark, the UNDP administrator.

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GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY China-US spat hobbles major progress in G20

AFP, Seoul

G20 leaders vowed yesterday to avoid currency manipulation and trade protectionism, but deep differences between China and the US prevented major progress in rebalancing the skewed global economy.

In a summit declaration, the leaders of the world's biggest rich and emerging economies agreed to craft "indicative guidelines" to reorient trade between surplus and deficit nations.

Thanks to Chinese-led resistance to binding trade targets, that was far less ambitious than sought by the United States as the world's richest power nurses a hangover from its worst recession since the 1930s.

US President Barack Obama renewed an offensive on the Chinese yuan, which critics say is kept deliberately cheap to support Chinese exporters at the expense of US jobs. "It is undervalued and China spends enormous amounts of money intervening in the market to keep it undervalued," Obama told a news conference, continuing a jobs-themed Asian tour after a mid-term electoral drubbing last week.

Obama, Chinese President Hu Jintao and the other G20 leaders warned, "risks remain" to the global economy and said "uncoordinated policy actions will only lead to worse outcomes for all".

Their statement pledged to move "toward more market-determined exchange rate systems" and to refrain from "competitive devaluation of currencies".

They renewed calls for the World Trade Organisation's "Doha round" of talks to be concluded next year, and expressed commitment "to resisting all forms of trade protectionism".

The statement was only achieved after late-night negotiating sessions all week in

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