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Health ministry promotion braces for controversy

MAHBUBA ZANNAT

The Departmental Promotion Committee of the health ministry will sit today for the promotion of officials to 121 cadre posts based on a short list that allegedly includes non-cadre doctors.

BCS (health) Cadre Association said these non-cadre doctors were recruited on an ad hoc basis and never took the Public Service Commission (PSC) exams. They are in no way eligible for the cadre posts, it added.

The association also said the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) sent 296 names for the senior health cadre posts to the health ministry a few months back and more than half of them are non-cadre.

The acting director general of DGHS, Khondoker Shefayetullah, however, denied the allegation of

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Dreaming beyond unforgiving life

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

How many diamonds in the rough have ended as ordinary pebbles in the heat and pressure of life unforgiving? Well, in the havens of poverty, a mind boggling many.

Let us put it this way, a child yoked to an oil-exPELLER (ghani) spends three to four hours on schooldays and agonisingly longer hours on holidays, to contribute to winning bread for the family.

Nur Jamal, of Baroghariya village of Aditmari upazila in Lalmonirhat, is that child. Only son of poor oilman Tofazzal Teli and Nur Jahan Begum, Jamal is also a student of class-III in Mohishkhocho Government Primary School.

Jamal hardly had any choice but to say farewell to his childhood good-bye in a family of a very sick father and mother and a younger sister, who is in class-II of the same school that Jamal goes to. The family does not have the ability to buy a bullock to work the oil-exPELLER. So the family members, except the father, take turns to do a bullock's work. Still, there are times when they go without food.

"I want to study and grow up a self-reliant man. I want to have higher education," said Jamal with shiny eyes. But what he said later could be summarised as, poverty stands in the way of realising his dreams. While trying to express all the rough aspects of life in his childish words he somehow got very emotional. The man inside the child cried.

"I have been pushing the oil-exPELLER for the last two years, after my father became ill. He has been suffering

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Nur Jamal's morning before school.

KHALEDA'S BELONGINGS Shifting not finished yet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Removal of household belongings of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia from her previous residence in Dhaka cantonment continued for the second day yesterday.

Six covered vans and three pick-ups carried off the goods from 10:00am to 6:30pm.

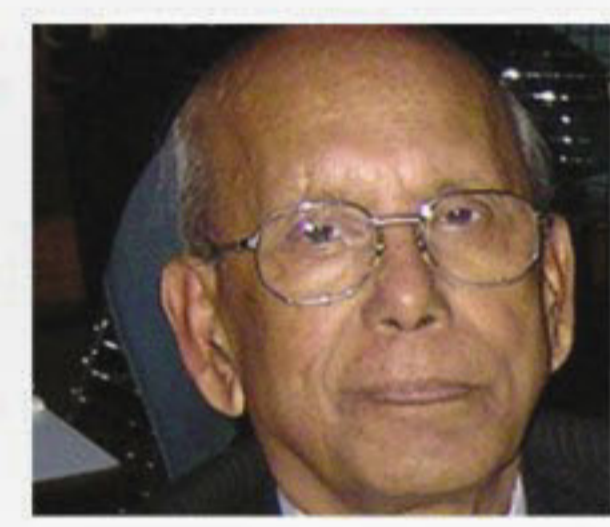
Personal staff of the former prime minister said it might take another day to shift all her belongings from the house she lost in a legal battle.

Most of the things removed yesterday were taken to Dhanmondi residence of her son Tarique Rahman's in-laws and Baridhara house of BNP leader and DCC ward councillor Abdul Qaiyum.

And some of the goods were taken to the BNP chairperson's Gulshan office, party sources said.

The household possessions were removed in presence of the wives of two brothers of Khaleda, representatives of the

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Industries remain unprotected

Month-old special police unit limps with poor logistics

KAILASH SARKAR

Since the inauguration of Industrial Police on November 1, over 20 incidents of unrest happened at different garment factories in and around the capital. But the specialised police unit could not take part in any operation to calm those or start an investigation into them.

Some police officials questioned the effectiveness of the unit for its insufficient and unskilled manpower and inadequate logistics against the vast industrial sector involving over 50 lakh workers, including 35 lakh in garment sector.

In the last one month, a wave of unrest hit Savar, Ashulia, Gazipur, Narayanganj and the capital, injuring dozens and damaging proper-

ties worth tens of thousands of taka.

Abdus Salam, director general (DG) of Industrial Police said, "Although we could not take part in any operation during the unrest, our forces have reached many spots to collect information about the incident."

"As a new unit, we are still trying to be organised," he noted.

Talking to The Daily Star, Dhaka district Superintendent of Police (SP) Iqbal Bahar said the Industrial Police are unable to work independently, as they have yet to get the rules under which they will function.

"Besides, the working areas of the specialised unit have not yet been specified," he said.

Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikder,

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RMG unrest in Ashulia again

10 hurt in clash as cops step in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 people, including two policemen, were injured in a clash between law enforcers and garment workers over the sudden closure of a factory at Jangara in Ashulia yesterday.

Sources said nearly 1,700 workers of Universe Knitwear Factory reached their workplace in the morning to find that the unit has been shut down. No prior notice was served.

Incensed at the incident,

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WikiLeaks' coup disclosure Pakistan army stresses loyalty

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's army stressed its loyalty to civilian politics after diplomatic correspondence leaked by whistleblowers WikiLeaks said the military had considered deposing the country's president.

Cables from the US embassy in Islamabad obtained by WikiLeaks and reported in The New York Times and The Guardian newspapers this week also said President Asif Ali Zardari had made preparations for a coup.

One cable cited by both newspapers quoted US Vice-President Joe Biden recounting to Britain's then prime minister Gordon Brown a conversation with Zardari last year, in which Zardari told Biden he feared assassination.

Zardari, the cable said, had told the US vice-president that Pakistan's army chief, General Ashfaq Kayani, and the Inter-Services Intelligence agency "will take me out."

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Army men beat up three in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some army personnel in civil dress beat up three persons at a boutique in the city's Mohammadpur area last night in a dispute over possession of the shop.

The injured--Talha, his sister Sadia and friend Faisal--are the lessees of the shop.

AHM Maqbul Morshed, owner of the building housing the boutique on Tajmahal Road, called his son-in-law Captain Ashraf, who along with three colleagues came to the spot at around 10:30pm and started beating the three,

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First foreign secy Fateh passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's first foreign secretary and the senior most diplomat in the Mujibnagar administration AFM Abul Fateh passed away yesterday at 7:45 in London of natural causes.

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Frantic binding of books for class-I going on at a printer's factory in Bangla Bazar in the capital yesterday. The deadline for delivery of the books to the government ends on December 10.

Kyoto row hits climate talks

AFP, Cancun

UN climate talks in Cancun ran into a storm Friday as a deepening split emerged over the future of the carbon-cutting Kyoto Protocol.

The fate of the world's only treaty to spell out curbs in greenhouse gases buffeted the effort to revive the UN's campaign against global warming and its impacts.

"If countries park on extreme positions, then it's just not possible to come to a UN consensus," said EU chief negotiator Artur Runge-Metzger.

"That is certainly something that is like a sword of Damocles hanging over this conference."

US Special Envoy for Climate Change Todd Stern said he saw "very sharp differences of opinion" over the Kyoto Protocol.

"It may be that the problems of Kyoto... tie this conference up, but I am very hopeful that it doesn't happen because I think it would be a huge mistake," he told journalists.

Stern was among the first senior envoys to arrive in Cancun ahead of a four-day minister-level huddle starting Tuesday under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The talks entail two tracks of negotiations whose outcome would set down a post-2012 strategy for rolling back greenhouse

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OnlinePoll

Do you agree with BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain that the government wants partisan man as chief of next caretaker government?

Yes (69.40%)
No (29.95%)
No Comments (0.66%)

Total votes: 3503

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think Supreme Court judges will respond to chief justice's call to submit their wealth statements?

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Prayer Timing
December 5

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-15	5-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-19	5-22
Esha	7-00	7-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

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Perform neutrally
PM urges judges at annual conference

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said that judges must remain alert to provide justice to the people with honesty, neutrality and professional attitude.

The premier urged the judges to show the highest level of neutrality keeping aside all kinds of fear, anger and emotion.

She made the appeal while inaugurating the 58th Annual General Conference of the Bangladesh Judicial Service Association (BJSAs) as the chief guest at Osmani Memorial Auditorium.

The premier said that justice for the people depends solely on the wisdom of the judges. A wrong decision of the judges can be the cause of great disaster for the justice seeker, she added.

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মোটর ড্রাইভিং ট্রেনিং স্কুল ও ড্রাইভিং ইন্সট্রাক্টর সংক্রান্ত বিআরটিএ'র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, মোটরযান বিধি, ১৯৮৪ এর ২২ বিধি মোতাবেক মোটর ড্রাইভিং প্রশিক্ষণে নিয়োজিত ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানকে বিআরটিএ হতে মোটর ড্রাইভিং ট্রেনিং স্কুলের রেজিস্ট্রেশন গ্রহণ করা বাধ্যতামূলক। উক্ত বিধির ২৫ ধারা মোতাবেক ড্রাইভিং ইন্সট্রাক্টর বা প্রশিক্ষণে নিয়োজিত ব্যক্তিকেও ড্রাইভিং ইন্সট্রাক্টর লাইসেন্স গ্রহণ করা বাধ্যতামূলক।

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