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Dhaka City Corporation develops the city's footpaths and road dividers, under the supervision of Bangladesh Army, ahead of World Cup Cricket 2011. The photo was taken from Baitul Mukarram Mosque area yesterday.

SC to hear Tarique's petition Jan 20

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) will hear on January 20 a leave to appeal petition filed by BNP Senior Vice-chairman Tarique Rahman against a High Court (HC) decision in a money laundering case.

The HC on September 29 last year rejected a writ petition Tarique filed challenging the proceedings of the case against him, saying the petition is not acceptable as per the provisions of the constitution.

Tarique later filed a leave to appeal petition with the SC against the HC judgment.

After a brief hearing, Chamber Judge of the Appellate Division Justice SK Sinha yesterday sent the matter to the full bench for its hearing on January 20.

The Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) filed the money laundering case on October 26, 2009 with a Dhaka court against Tarique and his business partner Giasuddin Al Mamun on charges of illegally sending Tk 20.41 crore to Singapore between 2003 and 2007.

Barrister Moudud Ahmed appeared for Tarique while Attorney General Mahbubey Alam stood for ACC.

'Manage Ekushey fair properly'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Writers and litterateurs yesterday called for professional management of Amar Ekushey Boi Mela.

Bangla Academy organised the discussion with writer and novelist Syed Shamsul Haque was in the chair. Eminent writers, poets, novelists, and media personalities attended the programme, says a press release.

BDR mutiny trial at Alia madrasa starts tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The authorities are all set for tomorrow to start the much-awaited trial of two criminal cases filed on the BDR carnage in February 2009 at a makeshift courtroom constructed on the playground of Alia Madrasa in the city's Bakhshibazar.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Alia Madrasa authorities are protesting the construction of the structure on its ground saying authorities constructed it defying their protest. A teacher of the Madrasa wishing anonymity yesterday said now they want assurance that the structure will be handed back to them.

Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Dhaka Mohammad Zohurul Haque is scheduled to sit at the new courtroom at 9:30am and ask the jail authorities to produce all 824 charge

sheeted accused -- 23 civilians and the remaining BDR members -- in the cases.

One case was filed for murder, arson, loot and such other grave offences while the other for possessing arms and explosives during the mutiny and carnage.

CID on July 12 indicted 824 BDR men and civilians on 24 criminal charges including murder. Besides, 808 of them were accused of possessing and using explosives, arms and ammunition during the carnage. At present, 21 charge-sheeted accused are at large.

The carnage left 74 people, including 57 army officers killed.

Meanwhile, BDR special courts are already trying several thousand BDR jawans at Pilkhana and different other BDR units across the country on mutiny charges.

TAX CASES AGAINST KASHEM, PATAL Charge framing hearing Jan 23, 27

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday fixed January 23 for the hearing on charge framing against Jamaat leader Mir Kashem Ali in connection with a tax evasion case.

Meantime, another Dhaka court fixed January 27 for hearing on the same against former BNP state minister Fazlur Rahman Patal.

Judge Mohammad Zohurul Hoque of the Senior Special Judge's Court set the date after Kashem furnished bail bond against a bail order from the High Court (HC) on August 22 last year.

On August 19, Tax Commissioner Moniruzzaman of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) filed a case against Kashem on charge of evading income tax. The statement against Kashem says he evaded Tk 11,28,235 in income tax on Tk 34,85,866 earned through Keri Limited as its chairman and director. It also states that Kashem repeatedly misinformed NBR on his actual income.

CASE AGAINST PATAL

Judge AKM Aminul Islam of the Special Judge's Court-1 fixed the date following a time petition from the prosecution.

In the case statement filed against Fazlur Rahman on March 1 last year, NBR Deputy Tax Commissioner Mizanur Rahman said he evaded Tk 7.50 lakh tax on his income of Tk 26.10 lakh in 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Fazlur Rahman provided false information on his real income and expenditure, even though he was an influential minister, alleged the NBR statement.

He was earlier sued for non-submission of wealth statement to the now-defunct bureau of anti-corruption and for acquiring wealth through illegal means and concealing it in his wealth statement to the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Rickshaw puller killed, wife held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A rickshaw puller was hacked to death allegedly by a man who had extramarital affairs with the victim's wife at Dania in the city's Jatrabari yesterday.

Police arrested deceased Obaidul Sheikh's wife Rehana Begum in this connection.

Sub-Inspector (SI) Harun-or-Rashid of Jatrabari Police Station said on information they found Obaidul in his house groaning with injuries to his neck and head.

He died on way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The SI said neighbours saw another rickshaw puller Lavlu Mia enter the house around 11:30pm.

Police recovered Lavlu's shawl from the spot, creating suspicion that Lavlu might have killed Obaidul, he added.

The SI quoting Rehana said Lavlu was a paying guest in her house and an extramarital affair developed between them.

MUNICIPAL POLLS

'AL threatening BNP candidates'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP yesterday alleged that the ruling party is threatening the BNP-backed candidates who are set to contest in upcoming municipal elections.

"Ruling party cadres are frequently attacking opposition candidates and their supporters as they want to hold a one-sided poll," said Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, joint secretary general of BNP.

At a briefing at the party's central office, he also alleged the ruling party cadres kidnapped a BNP-backed mayoral candidate in Kishoreganj and killed one, Sirajul Haque, in Khagrachhari.

They have beaten many BNP leaders and workers in Pirojpur and Rajshahi, he added.

Rizvi also condemned the killing of Khalilur Rahman of visually impaired welfare association and Ramna Masjid Imam Mohammad Ishaq.

Replying to a query, he said BNP has solitary candidate for the municipal polls claiming that there are no intra-party problems.

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