

NEWS IN *brief*

Shahbagh flower shops 'evicted'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) evicted around hundred makeshift structures of flower vendors at Shahbagh in the city as part of the ongoing drive to free the footpath from illegal occupancy on the eve of the World Cup Cricket 2011.

They, however, did not touch the permanent ones set up occupying part of Suhrawardy Udyan at the entry to Shahbagh Police Station.

HSC candidate kills self

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A college student, who was supposed to sit for HSC examinations this year, allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself at his house in Adabor area of the city last night.

Nur-e-Alam, 18, son of an expatriate Ilias Sikdar and a student of Dhaka Imperial College, was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH).

Nur's sister Rupa said her brother might have killed himself, as he suffered depression due to inadequate preparation for the exams.

259 arrested ahead of WC cricket

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police arrested 259 people including 24 beggars and 44 hawkers in separate drives on Friday and yesterday ahead of ICC Cricket World Cup.

According to DMP, 73 people were arrested as part of execution of warrant orders, 47 were arrested as they were accused in various cases, 10 for smuggling allegations, 56 for possessing illegal drugs and three for possessing illegal firearms.

Do objective journalism: DU VC

UNB, Dhaka

Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique yesterday urged journalists to carry out their professional responsibilities in an objective manner, keeping aside their personal preferences, whether in politics or otherwise.

He said this at the UNB District Correspondents Conference-2011 at its office. Chaired by UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan, Chief Information Commissioner Ambassador Muhammad Zamir, The Independent Editor Mahbubul Alam and UNB Editor-in-Chief Enayetullah Khan also spoke at the conference.

Indian SC counsel to move to stop border killings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Colin Gonsalves, a senior counsel of Indian Supreme Court (SC), yesterday said he would take a legal move to release Bangladeshi prisoners in his country and stop killing in Bangladesh-India border.

Many Bangladeshi nationals are now confined in different jails of India and they must be released, he said, adding that after going back to his country he would collaborate with Bangladeshi counsels in this regard.

He told reporters after attending a public lecture on 'Public Interest Litigation and Securing Economic and Social Rights' organised by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust at Cirdap auditorium in the city.

Colin said border killing is a serious issue and must be stopped. Social movement

alongside the legal move is needed to ensure fundamental rights of people, he added.

National Human Rights Commission Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman said national human rights commission, judiciary, and lawyers of India could have taken legal steps to stop such killings but none did so.

Presiding over the meeting, Prof Mizanur also said Bangladeshi judges are giving good directives to protect fundamental and human rights.

But he raised question: "According to a media report, some of the judges kept police standing on the road as punishment. Is this their spirit of human rights?"

AAG MK Rahman, Advocate Subrata Chowdhury, Barrister Sara Hossain, and Nagorik Uddyog chief executive Zakir Hossain also spoke.

Gaziul Haque's birth anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 84th birth anniversary of language veteran and one of the War of Liberation organisers ANM Gaziul Haque.

He was born in Nishchinta village of Chhaglanya under Feni district in 1929 and passed away on June 17 last year.

Gaziul actively participated in the language movement from Bogra in 1948 and was one of the 11 members who held the secret meeting at the dead of night on February 20, 1952.

Shanti Lahiri

METRO DESK

Today is the first death anniversary of Shanti Lahiri, owner of Lahiri Enterprise. Hailing from South Nalapara in Chittagong, Lahiri passed away due to cardiac arrest, says a press release.

Govt orders to restore Zahir Raihan's house

BSS, Dhaka

The government has ordered actions to restore possession of an 'abandoned house' at Mohammadpur in the city that was allocated to the family of martyred intellectual Zahir Raihan, as investigations revealed a case of forgery and intimidation by grabbers in ousting them from the property.

"The actions were ordered last week as the usurpers are now constructing a nine-storey building demolishing the original one-storey structure ousting the martyr's family five years ago," said an official of housing and public works.

Bangabandhu government allotted the abandoned house on 7.5 kathas of land at 1/19, Block-B, Humayun Road of Mohammadpur to Raihan's wife Sumita Devi, as she became helpless following the disappearance of her husband right after the independence.

Anal Raihan, son of Raihan and Devi, said the grabbers intimidated him and his brother's family, as they continued to live in the house after their mother's death in 2004.

In July 2006, they were forced to leave the house and took to a rented house in a nearby area, said Anil. But Suruj Mia (the intimidator) asked us not to enter Humayun Road, he added.

Deputy Secretary Hemayet Hossain said probes by NSI found that Suruj Mia first ousted the family through intimidation and then under a "staged game" one Parvez Alam appeared as a claimant of the property with "false papers".

Alam obtained a lower court decree after a single day hearing on the "got up case" submitting fake papers. Alam also obtained a High Court judgment producing false records once again.



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FOOD AND FOOD HABIT

Around the world food habits and food customs are colored by ways of living, natural environment, geography, cultures, religions and many more aspects. Foods always reflect the ways of thinking and life style of specific regions.

Different cuisines and food show us different cultures and varieties, though throughout the world now these things are mingling with each other. In our country we eat with our fingers, using bread to scoop up other foods or shaping bite-sized balls of rice in the sauce of another dish.

Around the world the common meals are breakfast, lunch and dinner, though it may vary from place to place.

The early era of space exploration was driven by a "Space race" between the Soviet Union and the United States.

The first artificial satellite to orbit the earth was launched on October 4, 1957 by the USSR. It was called Sputnik 1. Another breakthrough was the landing on the Moon by America's Apollo 11 craft on July 20, 1969. The Soviet space program achieved many of the first milestones, including the first living being in orbit (Liaka), the first human spaceflight (Yuri Gagarin aboard Vostok 1) in 1961, the first spacewalk by Aleksei Leonov in 1965 and the launch of the first Space Station (Salyut 1) in 1971.

Apart from this, the American space program succeeded in launching into orbit Explorer 1 on January 31. The first living creatures that the United States sent into space were two mice, named Benji and Laska, in 1958; and the first manned landing on another celestial body was performed by Apollo 11 during its lunar landing on July 20, 1969. In later years the focus shifted from one-off flights to renewable hardware, such as the Space Shuttle Program, and from competition to cooperation as with the international space station. After the 1990's public interest on space tourism began to grow and then private space exploration of the Moon. At present

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এছাড়াও, আছে ফ্রি কনসার্ট টিকেট জিতে নেবার মুয়েগ (১৬ ফেব্রুয়ারি পর্যন্ত)। আপনার ভালোবাসার অনুভূতি এসএমএস করুন ৮৩৪৫ নম্বরে। প্রতিদিন দু'জন বিজয়ী পাবেন এই কনসার্টের কাপ্ল টিকেট।

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