

BDR MUTINY CASE

# 71 more BGB mutineers jailed

A CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Seventy-one jawans of 17 Rifles Battalion, Sadar Sector, of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) were sentenced to different jail terms ranging from six months to seven years yesterday for their involvement in the 2009 mutiny in Cox's Bazar.

The Special Court-16 led by BGB Rangamati Sector Commander Col Md Bashirul Islam also fined each of the convicts Tk 100.

The court in presence of the accused pronounced the verdict at Cox's Bazar BGB 17 Battalion Headquarters. The court started delivering judgment at 10:00am, which continued till 11:00am.

Twelve of the convicts were jailed for seven years, thirteen for six years, six for five years, four for four years, one for three years, three for two and a half years, twelve for two years, four for one and a half years, fifteen for one year and one for six months.

The convicts revolted to express their solidarity with the mutineers of BDR headquarters at Pilkhana where 74 people, including 54 army officers were killed.



A typical Salman Khan dance craze! Audience watch spellbound as the Bollywood heartthrob performs in style at the Tri-nation Big Show hosted by ATN Events and Destiny Group in association with Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) at Bangabandhu National Stadium in the city yesterday.

# Govt to set up varsity in all districts: Nahid

BSS, Dhaka

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday told the House that the government has a plan to establish university in every district in phases to provide higher education at home.

The minister said this in a reply to a question from lawmaker Lutfur Rahman. Cox's Bazar might get a public university in near future, said Nahid.

He informed the parliament that the country has as many as 32 public universities and 51 private universities approved by the government.

Replying to a question from lawmaker Nasimul Alam Chowdhury, the minister said the government also has a plan to establish polytechnic institute in each district.

The government has brought 1,624 educational institutions under Monthly Payment Order (MPO), Nahid said in a reply to another question from M Shah Alam.

This would be continued in the current fiscal, he said adding that the government will soon undertake a programme to bring more educational institutions under the MPO.

In reply to Khandaker Abdul Baten's query, Nahid said the government is planning to establish technical university in each upazila in the light of national education policy.

As part of the plan, the minister said, a project has already been taken to set up polytechnic institute primarily in 35 upazilas.

# My regime was different from military rule: Ershad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former president and Jatiya Party (JP) Chairman HM Ershad yesterday said his regime was different from military rule.

"During my tenure development took place in the country. I started decentralising the administration creating 64 districts from 21 and introducing upazila system," he said.

The former army chief and military ruler said this at a discussion at JP's Banani office in the city marking the International Mother Language Day.

JP's Dhaka city unit (north) organised the discussion addressed also by the party's presidium member Kazi Zafar Ahmed, JP Secretary General ABM Ruhul Amin Hawlader and other central leaders.

Ershad said, "Rulers of today are re-introducing the systems which I had established 20 years ago. I have thought those things 20 years back what you are thinking now."

The former dictator also termed the decision of joining the grand alliance 'timely' and 'correct' and said he would not do politics destroying the very existence of JP.

Ershad urged the government to check price hike of essentials and punish the culprits who have manipulated the share market.



## Art competition

Organiser: British Council Resource Centre, Venue: 5, Fuller Road, Time: 3:30pm.

## Seminar

Organiser: Wenlyn Global Group, Venue: Lakeshore Hotel, Gulshan-2, Time: 9:00am.

## Roundtable

Organiser: Bangladesh Youth Forum, Venue: National Press Club, Time: 10:30am.

## Art exhibition

Organiser: Colonel Mujib Trust, Venue: Dhaka Art Centre, Dhanmondi, Time: 7:00pm.

## Discussion

Organiser: BNP, Venue: Mahanagar Natyamancha, Time: 3:00pm.

# Anti-graft stamp released

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh postal department yesterday released a commemorative postage stamp based on anti-corruption with a view to promoting social movement against the ill-practice.

Bangladesh Postal Department Director General Mobashwar-ur-Rahman and Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Ghulam Rahman unveiled the stamp and inaugural envelope at a programme in ACC headquarters in the afternoon.

The multicolored stamp is of Tk 5 denomination, containing the slogan "Say no to corruption."

Bangladesh is the fourth country to release such commemorative stamp against corruption. The former three countries include Taiwan and Nigeria.

Transparency International, Bangladesh (TIB) Trustee Board President M Hafizuddin Khan, its Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman, ACC Secretary Foyzur Rahman Chowdhury and two outgoing commissioners of ACC Habibur Rahman and Abul Hasan Manzoor Mannan were also present.



# CHILD-STEALING CASE Warrant issued against ex-DIG's wife

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued an arrest warrant against Anwara Rahman, wife of former deputy inspector general of police (DIG) Anisur Rahman, in connection with a case filed for stealing seven children in 2006.

Judge (in charge) Nur Mohammad Jahangir Sarkar of the Fourth Special Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression passed the order as she failed to appear before it on two consecutive dates.

The court also fixed March 28 for hearing on arguments of the case.

The same court on September 30 last year issued an arrest warrant against Anisur Rahman.

# Girl commits suicide

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A teenage girl allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from a ceiling fan at Pallabi in the city on Tuesday night.

Afrin Afroze Anika, 18, an HSC student of Mirpur Commerce College, was found hanging from a ceiling fan in her bedroom at about 11:00pm.

Anika was rushed to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors declared her dead.

Shamima Akhter, mother of the deceased claimed that Anika committed suicide while her father, Dobir Hussain contradicted with her views.

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