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Some hope for ACC

JS body, Muhith against protection of govt staff from anti-graft probe

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The parliamentary standing committee on law ministry and the finance minister have opposed the proposed changes to the ACC Act that make it mandatory for the anti-graft body to take government permission before filing corruption cases against government officials.

The government placed a bill in parliament on February 28 seeking to bring a number of amendments to

the Anti-Corruption Commission Act. The bill includes this provision that drew widespread criticism.

Apart from the ACC, different non-government organisations and individuals working for good governance and various donor agencies and countries expressed concern over the proposed changes.

Amid such a situation, Finance Minister AMA Muhith sent a letter to the parliamentary standing committee on law, justice and parliamentary

affairs ministry expressing his willingness to attend the committee's meeting. The committee has been scrutinising the bill.

The finance minister was requested to attend the committee's yesterday's meeting. As the minister was outside Dhaka, he sent a letter again yesterday to the committee giving his opinion on the proposed changes, officials of the committee said.

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CHT POWER TENDER BCL activists obstruct bid submission

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Many prospective bidders failed to submit tenders for supplying Tk 2 crore electrical equipment for Chittagong Hill Tracts Rural Electrification Project (CHTREP) as some ruling party men allegedly obstructed them at the project office here yesterday.

Some former and

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PHOTO: STAR

Unbelievably, Shamima Khanam, acting head teacher of Kazikola Non-government Primary School, has to work even as the bell ringer. The school has no other teacher or staff. The photo was taken yesterday.

One-staff school

Shamima's job turns multi-tasking due to leave, retirement of colleagues

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

Only one teacher manages a school of two hundred students.

Shamima Khanam, acting head teacher of Kazikola Non-government Primary School in Manikganj town, single-handedly runs the school that has no other teacher or staff.

Apart from taking classes, she has

to work as the office assistant, administrator and bell ringer, and also dust the rooms.

Shamima said two teachers have gone on LPR [leave preparatory to retirement] one year ago and a female teacher has been on maternity leave for the last two months. None has been appointed yet to fill the vacancies.

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CAMPUS ATROCITIES AT DU

19 students tell JS body of torture

RASHIDUL HASAN

Nineteen students of Dhaka University yesterday testified to a parliamentary sub-committee that they were tortured by a section of military personnel following 2007 campus violence.

Following their testimonies, the parliamentary sub-committee probing the

violence said back then the Fakhruddin Ahmed-led caretaker government tried to use the campus violence as a pretext to prolong its military-backed rule.

Student violence flared up in the capital and many other places outside in August 2007 after some army personnel beat several students during a football

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IMF chief quits

Indicted on sex charges

AFP, New York

Dominique Strauss-Kahn resigned yesterday as head of the International Monetary Fund, saying he did so with "infinite sadness" but must focus entirely on clearing his name of sexual assault charges.

Also on the day, Strauss-Kahn was indicted on charges of sexual assault, prosecutors said, as he returned to court seeking to win bail from a gritty New York jail.



Strauss-Kahn

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