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No hope for left eye

Doctors say after surgery on Rumana

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University teacher Rumana Manzur will never regain her vision in the left eye, said ophthalmologists of Vancouver General Hospital in Canada after conducting a surgery on Tuesday.

The eye-specialists have decided to operate on her right eye tomorrow, said Rashed Maqsood, a cousin of Rumana.

"After the hours-long surgery, eye-experts informed Rumana and her father that the optic nerve of her left eye became dysfunctional

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Waste treatment plants kept shut

6 factories fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined six factories around Tk 1 crore for discharging untreated liquid waste into the river Turag in Gazipur.

The factories are Delta Dyeing Ltd, Mallik Fabrics Ltd, Moontex Fabrics Ltd, Keya Knit Composite Ltd, Jara Knit Composite Ltd and Convince Dyeing Ltd.

The DoE team also found that almost all the factories were running their operation keeping the Effluent Treatment Plants (ETP) idle, said Mohammad Munir Chowdhury, director of DoE, who led the enforcement team.

"We were shocked to find how they were destroying the environment with toxic chemicals keeping the ETPs idle at the factories," said Munir.

The team also ordered the closure of operation of Mallik Fabrics for not installing an ETP.

The drive was conducted in Kashimpur, West Shailadubi, Surabari, Nayapara and Jarun areas from 6:00am to 1:00pm.

An environmental disaster is imminent in the localities as a result of such mindless release of untreated chemical effluents into canals that lead to the Turag, Munir told The Daily Star.

The DoE stopped operation of two other dyeing factories in Savar on Tuesday and fined them around Tk 65 lakh for discharging untreated effluent into the Dhaleshwari and Bangshi rivers.



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Untreated waste of Mallik Fabrics Ltd that was being dumped into the Turag river in Gazipur. Inset, officials take sample of the untreated waste that Delta Dyeing Ltd was pumping into the river.

BASHUNDHARA CHIEF

Govt moves against HC acquittal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has moved against the acquittal of Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan in a tax evasion case.

The attorney general's office on Monday submitted a petition to the High Court, seeking withdrawal

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No caretaker govt, no polls

Says Khaldea

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Reiterating that BNP will not participate in any general election under a partisan government, the party's Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday said an election without her party's participa-



tion will not be acceptable, and will not be allowed without a caretaker government.

"Participation of just Hasina and Ershad will not make any election acceptable," she said while addressing a BNP organised mass

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Govt won't interfere in any poll

Insists PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said that the government would not interfere in any election of the country.

"Election Commission will arrange and operate the elections. Election Commission is independent. The commission

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Power-cut alert for Ramadan

Ministry calls for austerity

UNB, Dhaka

Power consumers are likely to face 500-700 megawatt load shedding during Ramadan although around 1,000 MW power was added to the national grid in the last one year.

Considering the shortage, the Power and Energy Ministry yesterday urged people to maintain austerity in consuming electricity and gas during the holy month beginning on August 2.

It said the power generation is expected to remain within 5,000 MW against the demand for 6,000-6,200 MW.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think we will see a changed Bangladesh Chhatra League following Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's warning of stern action if anyone found involved in unlawful activity?

Yes

(10.9%)

No

(87.6%)

No Comments

(1.5%)

TOTAL VOTES: 668

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the authorities concerned will be able to strictly enforce the rule against the use of mobile phones while driving?

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Students of Engineering University Higher Secondary School wear black ribbons yesterday in remembrance of the students who died Monday in the tragic Mirsarai truck crash. Schools across the country mourned the loss yesterday.

No confusion

Asserts War Crimes Tribunal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday urged all not to create confusion over its judicial functions

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AMNESTY TO ILLEGAL WORKERS

KL to regularise now from Aug 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Malaysia has set August 1 as the new date for registration of undocumented foreign workers for regularisation.

The exercise supposed to have begun on July 11 was postponed for registration of around 1.8 million legal foreign workers in the country from July 13 to 31, Malaysian newspaper The Star reported yesterday.

On June 22, Kuala Lumpur announced amnesty to irregular foreign workers, allowing them to get registered for regularisation or return home without facing any penalty.

There are around five lakh Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia with an estimated three lakh of them undocumented.

"All employers are required to ensure

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PRAYER TIMING July 14

Azan

Jamaat

Fajr

4:10

4:45

Zohr

12:45

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5:00

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