



GIVING THE SLIP!

Despite a hot chase by police to catch an alleged member of the banned Islamist outfit Hizb-ut Tahrir before Baitul Mukarram Mosque in the city yesterday, the youth finally managed to escape the dragnet. But the law enforcers caught nine other Tahrir men while they were trying to bring out a procession there.

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Nine alleged Tahrir men arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nine alleged members of banned Islamist outfit Hizb-ut Tahrir were arrested yesterday while trying to bring out a procession in front of the city's Baitul Mukarram National Mosque yesterday.

Those detained are Mohammad Mejbah, 25; Khaled Jubayer Siddiq, 32; Sajal, 18; Parvej Ahammed, 34; Mahmudul Islam, 23; Zahid Hasan, 21; Mizanur Rahman, 23; Mohammad Shafiqullah, 30; and Shafayet Zamil, 21.

They are suspected to be students of different educational institutions in the city, said Sub-Inspector (SI) Tripti Khan of Paltan Police Station. The procession was brought out demanding release of the outfit's top leaders and establishment of Khilafat rule in the country, he said, adding that banners and leaflets were also seized from the arrestees around 1:30pm.

They were preparing to file a case, said the SI.

On October 22, 2009, the government banned all activities of Hizb-ut Tahrir, Bangladesh on the grounds of public security as the outfit was carrying out subversive and anti-democratic activities.

Around 350 leaders and activists, including the organisation's chief coordinator Mohiuddin Ahmed and senior leaders Golam Molla, Kazi Morshedul Huq and Mahmudul Bari, were arrested since the ban.

JU admission tests end today

JU CORRESPONDENT

The admission tests of Jahangirnagar University (JU) for first year honours courses under 2011-12 academic session will be ended today with the test of 'Ga unit' under the faculty of arts and humanities.

The test of the unit will begin at 9:30am today and continue till 5:25pm with a gap of 25 minutes.

DCC opens tender for 13 cattle markets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) yesterday opened the tender box for 13 makeshift cattle markets in the city ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha next month.

Chief estate officer of DCC opened the tender box at Nagar Bhaban in the presence of bidders.

The highest bid of Tk 3.27 crore has been proposed for Armanitola playground at Nayabazar.

The top bids for other markets are Tk 1.35 crore for the open space near Taltala bus stand, Tk 1.05 crore for the open space at Agargaon slum, Tk 34.20 lakh for Meradia Bazar playground, Tk 33.50 lakh for the open space near Banani-Kakoli level crossing, Tk 25.15 lakh for the school ground of Azampur Sharkari Prathamik Biddalaya in Uttara, Tk 20 lakh for Balurmath near Brothers Union club in Kamalapur, Tk 15 lakh for the playground of Dhaka Polytechnic Institute, Tk 11.50

lakh for Jigatola-Hajaribagh playground, Tk 7.70 lakh for the open space of DCC beside the Golapbagh playground, Tk 6.61 lakh for Dhupkhola East End Club ground, Tk 5.62 for Rahmatganj playground and Tk 5.20 lakh for the playground near Khilgaon level crossing in Uttar Shajahanpur.

Fifty bidders have submitted their proposals to secure leases of the 13 markets.

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The proposals will go to the tender evaluation committee, before getting final approval of the DCC mayor.

The chief estate officer said none would be allowed to set up cattle markets on roads and the DCC will take action if any such market is found.

The markets will open three days before the Eid-ul-Azha and will continue till the Eid day.

The Hasil (tax) of the cattle markets has been fixed at five percent for this year.

64 fishermen arrested for violating Hilsa fishing ban

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Coast Guard (South Zone) members arrested 64 fishermen early yesterday and Tuesday for ignoring a government ban on Hilsa fishing during the peak of the spawning season, says a press release.

The ban was enforced from October 6 to 16, aiming to provide an uninterrupted spawning season for the species, said Deputy Director Lt Commander AFM Ahsan Uddin of Bangladesh Coast Guard.

The separate drives were carried out in Sandwip, Kutubdia and Banskhali on the shores of the Bay of Bengal and Karnaphuli River near Chittagong Sadar Ghat.

Five fishing boats, 6,560 kilogrammes of Hilsa and 14,000 metres of banned current net, amounting to Tk 7,000,000, were seized from their possession.

'Low vision leads to 60 deaths per 10,000 accidents'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a free eye care camp yesterday said 60 people die in every 10,000 road accidents in Bangladesh which is mainly caused by, among others, low vision and refractive errors.

Dhaka Urban Comprehensive Eye Care Project (DUCECP) organised the camp for transport vehicle drivers, supervisors and helpers in the city's Mohakhali Bus Terminal marking World Sight Day 2011.

Inaugurating the camp as the chief guest, lawmaker Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said improved eye care services for transport workers could help reduce road accidents significantly.

He stressed the need for more of such eye care camps in different bus terminals, says a DUCECP press release.

Prof Deen Mohammad Noorul Haque, line director, National Eye Care; Dr Wahidul Islam, country director, Sightsavers, Bangladesh Country Office; Zahida Ispahani, advisor, Islamia Eye Hospital; and Al-Hajj Mohammad Sadiqueur Rahman Hiru also spoke on the occasion.

The programme was moderated by M Nurun Nabi, project coordinator, DUCECP. Islamia Eye Hospital provided the technical support.

More than 1,170 transport workers were provided free eye care services and 220 free spectacles for refractive error correction. A significant number of patients were referred to Islamia Eye Hospital for cataract operation.

Female admission seeker assaulted at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

A female admission seeker of Jahangirnagar University (JU) and her cousin were physically harassed and their cell phone sets were snatched away by some of its students on the campus on Tuesday evening.

The applicant submitted a written complaint to the university proctor Dr Arzu Miah against two JU students allegedly involved in the incident.

The victim from Khulna said three to four students beat them before Khaleda Zia Hall as her cousin is not the student of JU. They also snatched the cell phone sets and drove away her cousin from the campus.

JU proctor Dr Arzu Miah told The Daily Star that it is a common incident during admission tests on the campus. They will form a probe body as soon as possible, he added.

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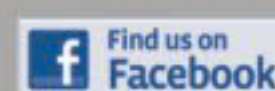
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