



Jatiya Garments Sramik Federation stages a demonstration in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday demanding compensation for the three workers who were killed in a devastating fire at Eurotax factory and lift accident at Continental Garments.

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CASE AGAINST TARIQUE, MAMUN Next hearing on January 24

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday adjourned till January 24 the hearing of a money laundering case against BNP Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman and his business partner Giasuddin Al Mamun.

Mamun's lawyer Barrister Fakhrul Islam during the hearing asked Hosne Ara Begum, the then officer-in-charge of Cantonment Police Station, two questions.

The first question was about the witness who went to the police station for filing the case. She replied that Assistant Director of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Mohammad Ibrahim went to the police station on October 26, 2009 to file the first information report (FIR) that she recorded as a regular case.

Judge Mohammad Mozammel Haque of the Special Judge Court-3 then adjourned the hearing following a prayer seeking time by Barrister Fakhrul.

Another witness, Mir Alimuzzaman, the then inspector of Detective Branch of police, was also present at the court to face cross-examination by Mamun's lawyer.

Both witnesses gave their statements before the court on December 8 last year.

Mamun was present in court while Tarique is in London now. Tarique was detained on March 7 in 2007, but allowed to go abroad for treatment next year.

An FBI agent on November 16 testified in the money laundering case and narrated how she had tracked down the money laundered allegedly by the duo.

15 Jhau trees felled by miscreants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Miscreants cut down 15 Jhau (tamarisk) trees at a private recreational centre, Progoti Park, at Chalk Enayetpur village in Bagha upazila early yesterday.

Rezwanaul Haq, caretaker of the park, said a number of unidentified persons cut down the trees sometimes between 12:30am and 3:00am.

He said the miscreants left the park at around 3:00am when night guard Jamat Ali raised an alarm sensing the presence of the miscreants.

They also damaged a vegetable field near the park, he said.

Feroz Ahmed, owner of the park, filed a case with Bagha Police Station in this connection.

He said his father Abdul Jalil Mondol developed the park in 1996 and now it gets hundreds of visitors a day.

Ali Ahmed Hashmi, OC of the police station, said police have started investigating the incident.

Eight killed in road crashes

METRO DESK

Eight people were killed and six others injured in separate road accidents in Bogra, Savar, Rajshahi, Kishoreganj, Lalmonirhat and Joypurhat yesterday.

Staff correspondent from Bogra reports: Three people were killed and three others injured in a road accident on Bogra-Rongpur Highway in the sadar upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Samsuddin, 70, Akbar Proddhan, 70, and Panna Mia, 30.

JU correspondent reports: A college student was killed and two others injured as their motorbike hit a rickshaw-van on Dhaka-Aricha Highway in Savar yesterday.

The deceased is Md Rahatul Islam Nayan, 17, a student of Jahangirnagar University School and College, son of Zakir Hossain Martuza of Roalia area in Savar.

The injured are Md Habibur Rahman

Rubel, 18, and Md Iftekhar Rawnak, 17, intermediate first year students of the same college.

Ashulia police said the accident occurred when Nayan, who was riding the bike, lost control over the vehicle and hit a wood-laden rickshaw near Prantik Gate of the university.

Nayan succumbed to his injuries at Savar Enam Medical College Hospital while Rubel was undergoing treatment at the hospital and Rawnak at the university medical centre.

Staff correspondent from Rajshahi adds: A schoolboy was crushed under the wheels of a truck on Rajshahi-Natore Highway in Puthia upazila yesterday.

The deceased is Limon Ghosh, 6, a class-I student of Jhalmalia Government Primary School.

In another incident, Ashim Kumar Malakar, former deputy director of Department of Agriculture Extension,

Chapainawabganj, was killed as a Rajshahi-bound truck hit his motorbike in Talaimari area in the city yesterday.

Our Kishoreganj correspondent says: Iten Mia, a class-VI student, son of Jamal Mia, of Borshikura village in Hossainpur upazila, was critically injured when a motorbike hit him on Kishoreganj-Hossainpur highway yesterday.

Our Lalmonirhat correspondent reports: Mokhlema Begum, 47, wife of Tomir Ali, of the sadar upazila, was killed on the spot when a truck ran over her on Rangpur-Kurigram road yesterday.

Our Dinajpur correspondent adds: Anil Chandra Rabidas 35, son of Indra Mohon Rabidas, of Panchbibi upazila, was critically injured as a shallow-run three-wheeler hit him on Panchbibi-Joypurhat road in Joypurhat yesterday.

He succumbed to his injuries at Joypurhat Modern Hospital.



Human chain

Bangladesh Sangskritik Academy will form a human chain; Venue: Jatiya Press Club, Time: 11:00am.

Conference

Bangladesh Society of Criminology will organise its second annual international conference; Venue: Teacher-Student Centre (TSC), Dhaka University (DU), Time: 9:30am.

Seminar

RDRS Bangladesh will organise a seminar on climate change; Venue: Cirdap Auditorium, Time: 10:00am.

Discussion

Human Rights Review Society will arrange a discussion; Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal Auditorium, Shahbagh,

Community clinics to be run by community, says Dr Ruhul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Empowering community people is the only way to sustain community clinic service despite political changes, said Health Minister Ruhul Haque yesterday.

"We want the people of the community to run the community clinics themselves, so that political changeover cannot hamper the service in future any more," said the minister at a view exchange meeting with journalists.

He made the remark against a background of almost all the 10,723 community clinics, established during the previous tenure of the Awami League (1996-2001), being closed down after the BNP-Jamaat-led government assumed power in 2002.

The AL began revitalizing the clinics once again after it returned to power in 2009, considering it as its top-most priority in the health sector.

Revitalization of Community Health Care Initiatives in Bangladesh, a project of the ministry of health and family welfare, organised the meeting at Jatiya Press Club in the morning to brief journalists on the project.

According to data provided at the meeting, the government till November 2011 established 11,262 community clinics. As many as 12,991 community health care providers have already been appointed in this regard.

The data, however, show that 1,120 community clinics could not be built in 58 districts due to the non-availability of land. The community clinics already established are situated on land donated by individuals.

Minister of State for Health Mujibur Rahman Fakir and Dr Makhduma Nargis, programme director of the community clinic project, also spoke.

Prime Minister's Adviser Syed Modasser Ali also attended the meeting.

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Programme Outline

January 06, 2012 Friday

- Time: 0930 – 1030 Hrs.
Plenary: ICT in Healthcare: Ensuring Efficiency and Accountability
Keynote Speaker: David Aylward
- Time: 1030 – 1100 Hrs. Tea Break
- Time: 1100 – 1300 Hrs.
**Technical Session 1:
Health Technologies for the Future**
Speaker: Ravi Gupta
- Time: 1330 – 1430 Hrs. Lunch Break
- Time: 1430 – 1630 Hrs.
**Technical Session 4:
Patient Management Software Solution & Business Requirement**
Speaker: Sheikh Mohsin Uddin

**Technical Session 2:
Communication Barriers in Accessing Healthcare**
Speaker: Murali Shanmugavelan

**Technical Session 5:
Standardizing Health Data for New Service Design and Policy Making**
Speaker: Ali H. Rashidee

**Technical Session 3:
Public Private Partnership in eHealthcare initiatives**
Speaker: David Aylward

**Technical Session 6:
Importance of Live Consultation in Telemedicine**
Speaker: Dr. Alain B. Labrique

January 07, 2012 Saturday

- Time: 0930 – 1130 Hrs.
**Technical Session 7:
Business model for e-Health and m-Health**
Speaker: Dr. Ananya Raihan
- Time: 1130 – 1200 Hrs. Tea Break
- Time: 1200 – 1400 Hrs.
Concluding Plenary: ICT in Healthcare: Strategic Roadmap for Bangladesh
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Alain B. Labrique
- Time: 1400 – 1500 Hrs. Lunch Break

**Technical Session 8:
ICTs in Monitoring and Evaluation of Healthcare Services**
Speaker: Kimberly Rook

**Technical Session 9:
Hospital Management System: Possibilities & Challenges**
Speaker: Rubaiul Morshed

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