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Doctor faces probe for false report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered for investigation into the allegation of a false forensic report made by a doctor where he mentioned a 13-year-old violated girl as a 25-year-old woman having three children.

The court, on a suo moto move, ordered the director general of health services to investigate the incident and submit the report to it within a month.

Deputy Attorney General ABM Altaf Hossain told The Daily Star that the office of director general, as per the court order, has to investigate whether Dr Akhteruzzaman Talukder of forensic department of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College is fit for his post.

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Actor Amal Bose dies

Bss, Dhaka

Popular actor and comedian Amal Bose died of a heart attack yesterday at a city hospital. He was 75. He was rushed to Apollo Hospital after he felt severe chest pain. The doctors declared him dead around 12 noon, son-in-law Indrajit Sarkar said.

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BUS TERMINAL CLOSURE Workers retaliate after union leader disappears

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transport workers last night halted operations in all inter-district bus terminals in the city for around four hours after one of their union leaders temporarily disappeared.

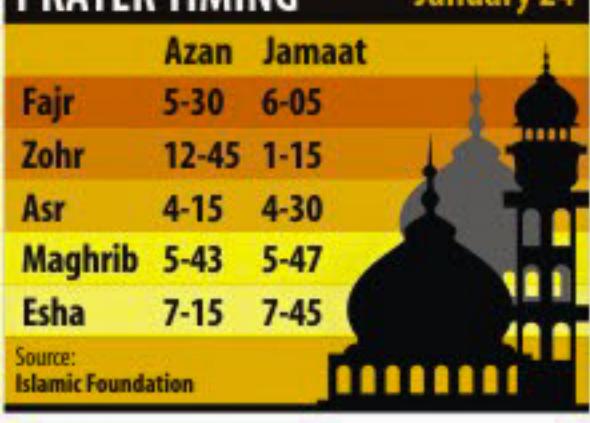
No buses were allowed to leave the terminals from 6:00pm, causing sufferings to passengers.

Selim Chowdhury, organising secretary of Fulbaria Bus Terminal Workers' Union, went missing from Old Dhaka on Sunday.

He was on his way to Fulbaria Bus Terminal on a rickshaw around 10:00am, when some people abducted him and put him in a vehicle with a Rab sign on it, said Khandaker Enayetullah, general secretary of Dhaka Road Transport Owners' Association, quoting transport workers.

At 9:45pm yesterday, members of Rapid Action

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RIGHT PERSONS FOR EC Justice Mahmud to lead search

BNP terms it meaningless

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, a judge of the Supreme Court, was nominated yesterday to head the Search Committee which will recommend persons to the president for appointment as chief election commissioner and election commissioners.

Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain also nominated Justice Md Nuruzzaman, a judge of the High Court, as a member of the first-ever committee for this job, SC sources said.

The other two members of the four-member committee are the comptroller and auditor general and the chairman of the Public Service Commission.

Talking to journalists yesterday, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shafique Ahmed said names of the two judges have been sent to the Cabinet Division. On approval by the prime minister, necessary documents will be sent to President Zillur Rahman for gazette notification.

The tenure of the present Election Commission expires next month.

Meanwhile, the main opposition BNP has already rejected formation of the search committee.

"Constituting a search committee is meaningless if the

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Stocks fall continues

Key DSE index down to 2-year low;
small investors block traffic

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A continuous slide in share prices yesterday pulled the key index of the Dhaka bourse down to a two-year-low.

The General Index of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) came down to 4,638 points after shedding 71 points at the close of yesterday's trade. The benchmark index was 4,643 points on January 4, 2010.

Bangladesh Share Investors' Association (BSIA), a platform of retail investors, called a daylong shutdown for today in Motijheel demanding stability in the stockmarket, but later they backed-tracked on the decision.

"We decided to call off the hartal fol-

lowing assurances from police that our detained leaders would be released if the strike was withdrawn," Shahadatullah Firoz, organising secretary of BSIA, told The Daily Star.

Earlier, police had picked up eight small investors, including the BSIA president, from Motijheel on charges of blocking roads and vandalising vehicles.

The arrestees are BSIA president Mizanur Rashid Chowdhury, secretary Abdur Razzak, vice-president Selim Chowdhury and international affairs secretary Ataullah Nayeem, investors Nurul Haque, Abdul Mannan, Abu

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BCL leader killed in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A ward unit leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League was killed and two others sustained injuries in an attack by an unidentified gang at Jurain in the capital last night.

The dead, Sajedur Rahman Saju, 35, was organising secretary of Dhaka City Corporation ward-89 BCL unit.

Locals rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with severe chopping injuries and his back

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Shelter centre, not torture cell

Argues defence counsel about SQ Chy's residence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal is going to decide about framing charges against BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury on February 13.

The three-member tribunal headed by its Chairman Justice Nizamul Huq will also hear Salauddin Quader's application seeking discharge the same day.

The tribunal has permitted two defence counsels to visit Chowdhury in



prison on January 28 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. It also directed the officers-in-charge of several police stations in Chittagong to cooperate with the defence counsels when they visit the locations to prepare their case on February 4.

The order came following submission of four petitions by the defence including permission to visit their client in prison and police protection during their visits to the places of

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PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Transport workers block a busy Gulistan road by haphazardly parking their buses at noon yesterday after a leader of their union goes "missing".

EU bans Iranian oil

Tehran responds with threats

REUTERS, Brussels/tehran

The European Union banned imports of oil from Iran on Monday and imposed a number of other economic sanctions, joining the United States in a new round of measures aimed at deflecting Tehran's nuclear development program.

In Iran, one politician responded by renewing a threat to blockade the Strait of Hormuz, an oil exporting route vital to the global economy, and another said Tehran should cut off oil to the EU immediately.

That might hurt Greece, Italy and other ailing economies which depend heavily on Iranian crude and, as a result, won as part of the EU agreement a grace period until

July 1 before the embargo takes full effect.

A day after a U.S. aircraft carrier, accompanied by a flotilla that included French and British warships, made a symbolically loaded voyage into the Gulf in defiance of Iranian hostility, the widely expected EU sanctions move was likely to set off further bellicose rhetoric in an already tense region.

Some analysts say Iran, which denies accusations that it is seeking nuclear weapons, could be in a position to make them next year. So, with Israel warning it could use force to prevent that happening, the row over Tehran's plans is an increasingly pressing challenge for world leaders, not

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ONLINE POLL

What do you think about the Anti-Corruption Commission's investigation that found no corruption in appointing contractors for the Padma bridge project?

Credible (9.2%)

Not credible (88.1%)

No Comments (2.7%)

TOTAL VOTES: 587

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think prime minister's remarks that BNP does not believe in people's power is justified?

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EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS

Govt failed to probe

Says rights body HRW

STAR REPORT

The Bangladesh government has taken no significant steps to investigate and prosecute torture in custody and extra-judicial killings during 2011 and has shown an increasing intolerance for criticism, says Human Rights Watch.

The government also missed the chance to ensure trials that meet international standards for the country's independence-era atrocities, the New York-based rights watchdog said in its World Report 2012.

The 676-page report said HRW had found that there was a sharp increase in enforced disappearances, though

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IN FOND MEMORY



Mrs. Anwara Islam, died on 24 January 2006 - exactly the same day and date as her husband Mr. Sirajul Islam who died twenty four years earlier.

Please join us in praying to the Almighty Allah to grant them eternal peace.

Lubna, Akbar & Duree (Children)
Anika, Talita, Numair (Grand Children)
Amani & Tijaan (Great-Grand Children)

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