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City schools must return extra fees

Education minister stands firm against admission trade

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday categorically said that schools which charged admission fees higher than the government-fixed amount would have to return the extra money or adjust it with the monthly fees.

He stated this at a public dialogue, "Admission trade: People speak", where a number of students and guardians brought allegations of extra fees being charged by city schools.

Campaign for Popular Education (Campe), in association with Channel i, a private television channel, organised the dialogue at LGED auditorium.

Some of the participants demanded that political leaders be kept out of school managing committees (SMC) through formulation of a law aimed at putting an end to the commercialisation of the education sector.

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Land grabbers fill up a section of the lake near Korail slum in the capital and use the land as a car park. This photo near Brac Centre Inn was taken recently.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

GULSHAN LAKE Remove all illegal structures

HC directs govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday directed the government to demarcate the city's Gulshan Lake and remove the illegal structures from it in the next two months.

The lake has to be demarcated as per Revisional Survey (RS) records, Deputy Attorney General ABM Altaf Hossain told The Daily Star.

If any portion of the Korail slum falls within the lake's territory it would be removed as per the HC order, he added.

During the hearing on a rule, the court asked the government to submit a compliance report by March 30.

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President warns against plot

Praises army at Sangsad for foiling bid to topple govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

President Zillur Rahman has thanked the army for foiling the recent plot by some serving and retired army officials to topple the government.

"I extend my sincere thanks to our patriotic army for this action. At the same time, I urge all to remain vigilant and alert against any such heinous attempt," he said in the 12th parliament session yesterday.

"Full-fledged democracy has been established in the country after many sacrifices. Any evil attempt to hinder

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FORMATION OF NEW EC

Parties asked to turn in 5 names

Search committee meets for the first time

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The search committee formed to recommend persons for appointment as election commissioners yesterday urged all the political parties, which had talks with the president on the issue, to recommend five persons each by January 29.

The committee at its first meeting yesterday also urged the parties to send the names with short bio-data to the cabinet

secretary who had been assigned to provide assistance to the committee, the first of its kind in the history of Bangladesh.

Ruling Awami League (AL) said it will decide on its recommendations after consulting Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina who is also the party president, while main opposition BNP said it wants restoration of the caretaker government

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PLOT TO TOPPLE GOVT

Father does not believe it

Says he heard the story before army disclosure

ANWAR ALI, back from Naogaon

The father of Ishraq Ahmed, an alleged key planner of the recent foiled attempt to topple the government, learnt of the involvement of his son in the conspiracy days before the army disclosed the plot.



Ishraq Ahmed

MA Rakib still does not believe, though, that Ishraq was in any way involved in the plot.

"Although I do not use Internet, I came to know from my relatives and acquaintances before it was made public [through an army press conference] that my son was involved in the coup," Rakib told The Daily Star in Naogaon on Monday.

"I didn't believe it. It's merely propaganda," Rakib said about his reaction after hearing about his son's involvement in the plot.

Even though Rakib did not pay any heed to the information he had from relatives, he stopped keeping contact with his son.

"I know that he is fine," said Rakib, a presidium member of the National Awami Party (Nap-Mozaffar).

Asked whether he had tried to stop Ishraq after learning of the facts, Rakib avoided a direct answer. "Every

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The elaborate and flamboyant structure built on the playground at the eastern end of Manik Mia Avenue in the capital chews away a lot of electricity of this energy-starved nation. Meant for only a three-day Urs (Islamic gathering), the structure has been depriving children of the use of the playground since last month. It even occupies pavements by keeping camels and cattle meant to be slaughtered for a feast. The authorities who permitted this and the organisers appear not to care much about causing difficulties to others with more garbage and congestion. Shouldn't we be more caring regarding others?

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Half of JS bodies hibernating

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Around half the parliamentary standing committees on different ministries did not sit regularly in the last three years, ignoring the rules of procedure of the Jatiya Sangsad.

In line with the rules of procedure each committee was obliged to hold at least 33



meetings, once a month, till December 2011.

But the record shows that the parliamentary standing committees on the ministries of health, CHT affairs, water resources, communications, land, women and children affairs, education, religious affairs, jute and textile,

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Govt will be ousted thru' upsurge

Threatens BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said the Awami League-led government will be ousted from power through a mass uprising, not through "army coup".

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RICKSHAW RECKLESSNESS Dies she, so do her dreams

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Only months before she could savour the pleasure of becoming a mother for a second time, Rashida Begum yesterday lost her life due to the recklessness of some rickshaw-pullers. She was twenty-eight, a garments worker and was in the fourth month of her pregnancy.



Rashida Begum

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