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# 1,100 NU staff to lose jobs

HC declares appoint illegal

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court yesterday declared illegal the appointment of around 1,100 employees recruited by the National University during the BNP-Jamaat rule for anomalies in advertisement and recruitment process. The termination comes into effect immediately after pronouncement of the verdict, the court ruled.

Delivering verdict on a writ, the HC asked the NU authorities to make fresh recruitment to the vacant posts within six months.

The employees, who were additional party in the case, would be able to apply for fresh appointment and the provision of age limit would be relaxed for them, according to the verdict.

Deputy Attorney General Bishwajit Roy told The Daily Star around 300 employees became the additional party in the case in

different times to defend their recruitment.

The court, however, ruled that they will have to sit for written test and viva-voce to prove their qualities.

The HC bench of Justice Hasan Foez Siddique and Justice Md Jahangir Hossain directed the NU authorities to publish advertisements for fresh recruitment at least five national dailies.

Citing the HC directives, Bishwajit Roy said the NU authorities have to update the office structures of its employees before giving fresh appointment to its different offices.

He said the employees, whose appointment has been cancelled, will not have to refund salaries and other benefits they had earlier taken from the state.

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**Healthcare cost make poor suffer**  
Amartya Sen for equal access to healthcare

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Healthcare expenditure is one of the key reasons of household hardship in Bangladesh, according to a report released yesterday.

It said more than 60 percent of the nation's

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Students of Maple Leaf International School take part in the Spelling Bee competition yesterday.

## AFTER MARCH 25 MASSACRE Ghulam Azam lent support to Tikka Khan

Prosecution tells war crimes tribunal

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Former Jamaat-e-Islami chief Ghulam Azam met General Tikka Khan at least twice after the Pakistani occupation forces massacred thousands of defenceless Bangladeshis on March 25, 1971 and assured him of full cooperation, the prosecution told the International Crimes Tribunal yesterday.

Prosecutor Zead Al Malum said the first

meeting with the then East Pakistan governor general was held on April 4, 1971 at the governor's house in Dhaka where Azam met Tikka as part of a 12-member team.

The second was a private meeting of the duo, he added.

At the meetings, Azam termed the freedom fighters "armed intruders", proposed, in company of others, to form a

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**SPELLING BEE**  
3 schools find their best spellers

**SAVEEM SHAMA**

Sunbeams School yesterday demonstrated some never-seen-before battles of young spellers on the school premises as the Champs21 crew carried out their hunt for the top spellers of different city schools for The Daily Star Spelling Bee contest.

The stage and the audience looked extravagant as 30 participants went up

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**The Daily Star**

**Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL**

Do you think prime minister's allegation that BNP chief's 'Dhaka Cholo' programme is designed to protect the war criminals is justified?

Yes (15.0%)  
No (83.1%)  
No Comments (1.9%)

TOTAL VOTES: 587

**TODAY'S POLL**

Do you think it will be wise for the government to cancel the loan deal for the Padma bridge project with the World Bank?

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## An unsung hero Jalilar Rahman of Gaibandha left unrecognised 60 years into Language Movement

KM REZAUL HOQUE, Gaibandha

When students in Dhaka were agitating for the recognition of Bangla as a state language of Pakistan in 1952, a youth in Gaibandha was marshalling people in the faraway district for the Language Movement.

Aware of the consequences of protesting against the Pakistani rulers, college student M Jalilar Rahman organised processions and rallies and helped build the first Shaheed Minar in Gaibandha.

Though it was the valiant efforts of youths like Jalilar that gave Bangla its status as a state language, the hero of Gaibandha hardly received any state recognition in his lifetime.

Jalilar, who passed away on December 13, 2005, had never talked much about his contribution to the historic movement.

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## Uphold spirit of Ekushey

PM urges all; 15 get Ekushey Padak

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged all to uphold the spirit of Amar

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## 'HR issues ignored in JS'

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Human rights violation issues are rarely discussed in parliament, said South Asians for Human Rights (SAHR) yesterday.

Only 47 out of over 1800 call attention notices were discussed in the ninth parliament over the

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**PRAYER TIMING February 21**

Azhan	Jamaat
Fajr	5:20 - 5:55
Zohr	12:45 - 1:15
Asr	4:30 - 4:45
Maghrib	6:03 - 6:07
Esha	7:30 - 8:00

Source: Islamic Foundation



Workers demolish the Radha-Krishna Temple, an archeologically important structure and part of Old Dhaka heritage, on December 15, 2011.

## HC pulls for 2 Old Dhaka structures

Asks authorities to explain demolition

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court on Sunday asked the authorities concerned why their failure to preserve two archeological structures in Old Dhaka -- 'Shankhanidhi House' and 'Radha-Krishna Temple' -- should not be declared illegal.

In response to a writ petition, the bench of Justice HM Shamsuddin Chowdhury and Justice Jahangir Hossain also asked why the failure of taking legal actions against the demolisher should not be declared illegal either.

The rule came after architect Taimur Islam, chief executive of Urban Study Group (USG), filed a writ petition as Ashraf Ali, an influential of the old part of the city, knocked down the aesthetically important establishments in December 2011.

The court directed the director general of Department of Bangladesh Archaeology, chairman of Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha

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