TORTURE OF 2 STUDENTS HC summons Magura OC, SI

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BCS forum

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The 24th BCS (general edu-

cation) Forum yesterday

demanded promotions for

all deserving teachers from

lecturer to assistant profes-

sor posts under the 24th BCS

demands before Prof

Noman-ur-Rashid, DG of

Directorate of Secondary

meeting at DSHE confer-

Forum general secretary

Enamul Haque also spoke at

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demands

The High Court yesterday summoned the officer-in-charge (OC) and a sub-inspector (SI) of Magura Police Station to appear before it on March 12 on charge of torturing two college students. It passed the order following a report published in the

Daily Shokaler Khabor on March 2 with a photograph on the police torture. The report said the Magura police on February 29 tortured

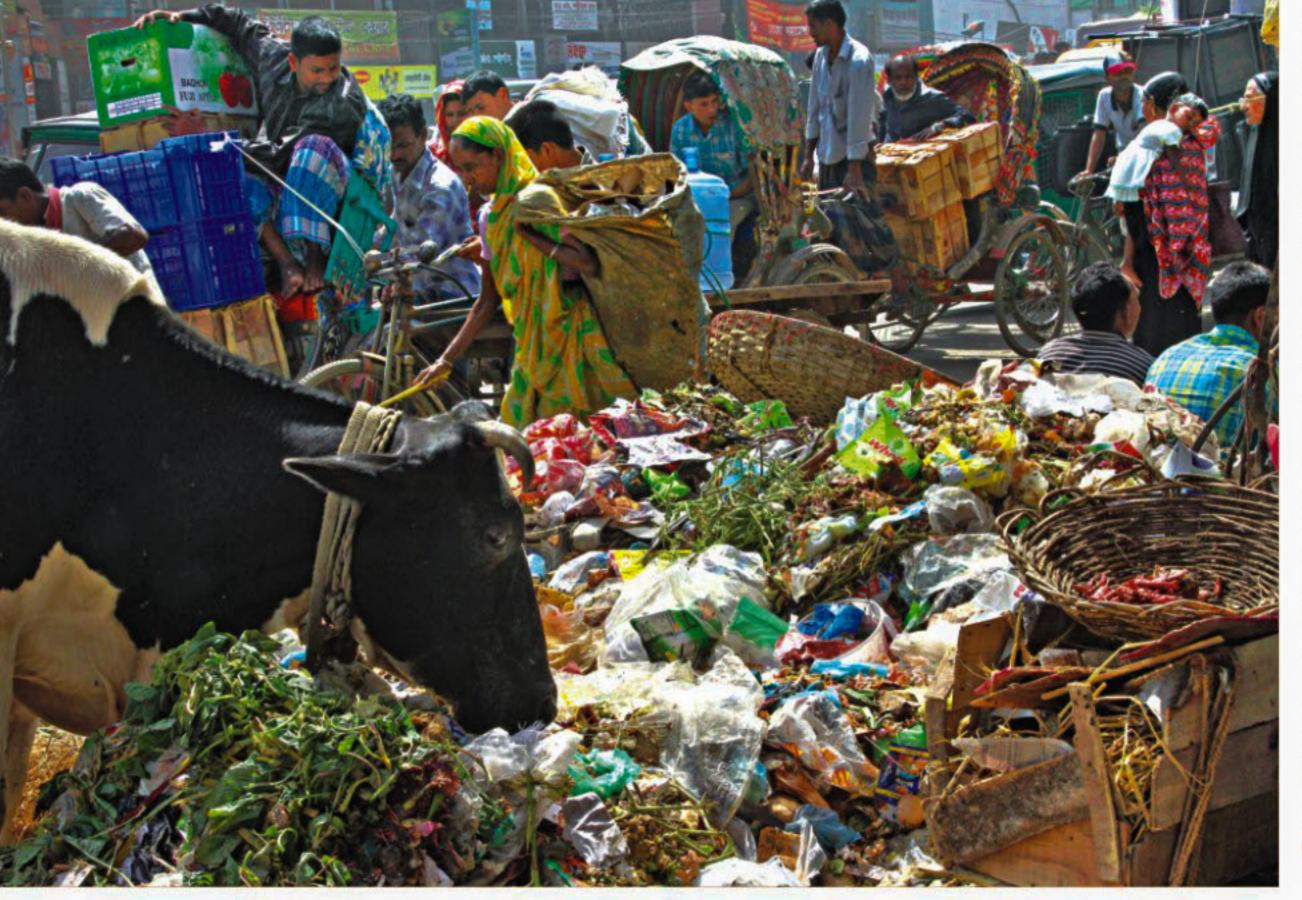
Maradona and Habib, two accused in an abduction case, by tying them with handcuffs and hanging them from the ceiling.

OC Munshi Asaduzzaman and SI Nuruzzaman have to appear before the HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim by 10:30 am on March 12 to explain their conducts.

In a suo moto move, the court directed the inspector general of police (IGP) to investigate the incident and submit a report to it in four weeks.

It also issued a rule upon the home secretary, IGP, superintendent of police (SP) of Magura, OC Asaduzzaman and SI Nuruzzaman to explain in 10 days why the OC and SI should not be prosecuted for torturing the two students.

Advocate Manzill Murshid placed the newspaper report before the HC bench for necessary order.



A garbage dump by the people, for the people. This heap of garbage, occupying almost a side of a road at Rampura in the city, is not only interfering with the movement of pedestrians and vehicles on the road, but also creating an unhealthy environment for dwellers in the area. It is a classic example of the ignorance of locals, who dump their wastes here everyday, and the indifference of government officials who are responsible for keeping the city clean. This photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Come forward for country's development PM urges engineers, technologists, scientists

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged engineers, technologists and scientists to come forward for the development of the country and its people through scientific utilisation of limited resources. "Technology-based develop-

They placed their ment would take Bangladesh to the highest peak," she said while inaugurating the newly constructed 12and Higher Education storied building for Faculty of (DSHE) at a view exchange Electrical and Electronic Engineering of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet).

Education Minister Nurul Islam

Nahid, Buet Vice Chancellor Prof SM Nazrul Islam and Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof M Habibur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

Hasina underscored the need for creating more skilled manpower in the country's information technology (IT) sector to turn the huge population into human resources.

She said knowledge would be the main capital in the present century and there is no alternative to IT for economic development.

Hasina said unprecedented developments in the IT sector opened up a newera and her government is implementing various programmes to build up a "digital Bangladesh".

Laying emphasis on grooming the young talents of the country as competitive human resources, she said Buet must play a pioneering role in this regard.

The government is pledgebound to take any step required so that engineering education can flourish and develop through its time-befitting use, she said.

Hasina said innovations and application of new technologies are taking the human civilisation into a whole new level. "There is no scope for lagging behind."

She congratulated Buet for making a new trend ready to be made available in the election process

through the use of electronic voting machines in the casting and counting process of votes. Hasina expressed hope that Buet

would focus on inventing technologies which are befitting and sustainable for the country. She said technological development and innovation processes are the key to the country's eco-

engineers, architects and planners

nomic uplift, meaning its overall development. "So, it is essential to develop and innovate technologies to make Bangladesh's development dynamic

in the 21st century," she said. Listing various programmes

taken by the present government for the expansion and development of engineering and vocational education, she said her government provided computers to secondary schools across the country. "The work on setting up a hi-tech

park, IT village and biotechnology institute is going on. We have also taken a project to launch the country's first satellite named Bangabandhu Jogajog-1," she said.

Later, Hasina inaugurated the newly built building named "Electrical and Computer Engineering Bhaban" and laid the foundation stone of "Kazi Conference Centre" on the Buet campus.



US envoy Dr Schear due today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence Dr James A Schear will arrive here today on a four-day visit to observe a military exercise.

Dr Schear and his delegation will observe the opening of the "Shanti Doot 3" exercise on March 8 and deliver a keynote speech, said a press release of the US Embassy yesterday.

During his visit, Schear will convey the US government's appreciation for Bangladesh's extensive commitments to peacekeeping operations.

He will visit a multipurpose cyclone shelter, supported by US government humanitarian assistance funds, and observe a disaster response simulation in Patuakhali district. He will also meet govern-

ment officials and deliver a speech at the National Defence College. This is Schear's first visit to

Bangladesh since he was appointed in 2009.

Dr Schear advises the US

Department of Defence's leadership on all matters pertaining to stabilisation and reconstruction operations, foreign disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, international peacekeeping efforts and non-combatant evacuations.



A mobile court of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) examines the documents of vehicles in TSC area of Dhaka University yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Electrician electrocuted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An electrician was electrocuted at his residence in the city's Mirpur yesterday. The deceased was identi-

fied as Md Shawkat, 30, son of Solaiman Miah of Section 11. Victim's relatives said Shawkat was electrocuted when he touched a washroom door made of iron

around 5:30am. Police said Shawkat was fixing electric wires of the

washroom Saturday night. Police suspect that any live wire must have come in contact with the iron door during the work.

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

3 fertiliser factories sealed in Savar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday sealed three fertiliser factories in Savar for adulterating their products and seized 1,000 sacks of adulterated fertiliser and 100 sacks of dirt and colour from them. The court jailed owner of Nirob Fertiliser, Shahinul Islam, for

one year, fined three owners of Asha Agro Products Tk 4.5 lakh and asked the local police of Deogaon in Rajashan area, where the factories are situated, to file a case against the owner of Tasnia Fertiliser.

Executive Magistrate of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), Anwar Pasha, who led the drive, said they found employees of Nirob Fertiliser drying raw materials needed to make fertilisers under the sun in the factory's backyard.

The owners were mixing colours and dirt instead of the essential ingredients needed to make fertilisers and packing the same fertiliser in three different packs labelled "mixed fertiliser", "zinc" and "natural fertiliser", he said.

The "mixed fertiliser" had no urea and the "natural fertiliser" had colours mixed in them to fake its looks, he added.

Rab-4 aided the court while officials from Department of Agricultural Extension and Soil Resources Development Institute tested the samples during the five-hour-long drive beginning at 11:00am.

DoE orders to probe Kirtankhola river grabbing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Department of Environment (DoE) has ordered its Barisal office to investigate the incident of developing a housing project by filling up a portion of the river Kirtankhola, said the department's press release yesterday.

Mohammad Munir Chowdhury, director of DoE (enforcement), said he had instructed local DoE officials in Barisal to identify the filled in part of the river and assess environmental damage with the help of local administration and land office.

If found guilty, the river grabbers will be brought to book, he added.

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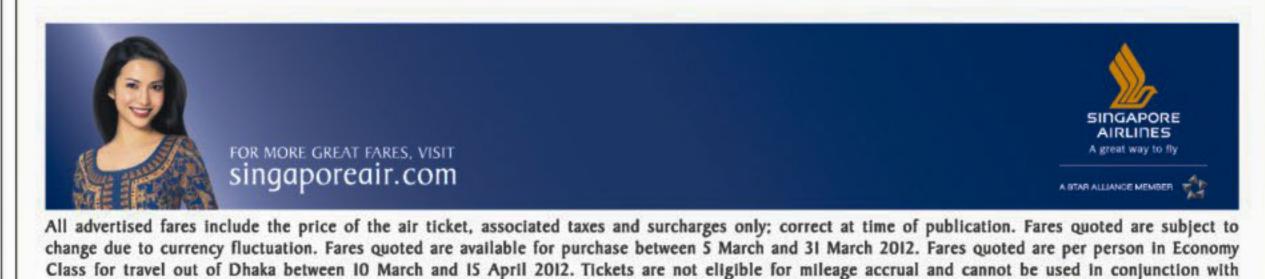
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