

SYLHET-LONDON ROUTE HC asks authorities to explain in 10 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has issued a rule upon the authorities concerned to explain in 10 days why they should not be directed to launch the Sylhet-London-Sylhet flight of Bangladesh Biman further.

It came up with the rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Advocate Manzill Murshid on behalf of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (UK) Convenor Rahmat Ali on Tuesday.

The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim also fixed May 3 for holding hearing on the rule.

The civil aviation secretary and the board of directors of Bangladesh Biman have been made respondents to the rule.

Manzill Murshid moved the petition, while Deputy Attorney General ABM Altaf Hossain represented the government.

The petition said the flight from Sylhet Osmani International Airport to London was launched on February 27, last year and at that time their sufferings were less.

Now the passengers from Sylhet are flown to Dhaka in a domestic flight the day before a night, the petition said, adding they are kept in a Dhaka hotel for the night before they board their flight from Dhaka in the next day.

This takes two days and creates sufferings for the people traveling with their families.

In the same way, passengers coming from London's Heathrow Airport are brought to Dhaka first. They are later sent to Sylhet in a number of smaller domestic flights. This causes problems for the passengers as members of the same family find themselves in separate flights. Their luggage also reaches Sylhet a few days later, according to the petition.

Higher budgetary funds for youths demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) students yesterday urged the government to provide sufficient allocation in the next national budget for enhancing the potential efficiency of the youth in order to develop the nation.

They also demanded the government's direct support to help them achieve higher education in noted universities abroad.

Around 200 DU students made the urge at a human chain programme organised by them in cooperation with Youth Against Hunger, a voluntary organisation, at the base of Aparajeya Bangla on the campus.

The students said the government should support the youth to increase their efficiency through different programmes backed by the national budget.

In the field of higher education, the government should launch more number of scholarships for the students to study in foreign universities, they said.

They pressed home their demands, collecting signatures of 4,000 DU students.



Job aspirants of Bangladesh Railway stage a protest before Central Railway Building premises in Chittagong city yesterday demanding continuation of their recruitment and immediate appointment.

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Pro-AL railway workers demand appointment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Railway workers, loyal to ruling Awami League, staged demonstration at Central Railway Building premises in the port city yesterday demanding immediate appointment to the posts of railway for which the recruitment process has been completed or is at final stage.

Meanwhile, Chief Engineer Md Mozammel Hoque of Bangladesh Railway (East Zone) was given additional charge of its general manager (GM) on Tuesday following suspension of GM Yusuf Ali Mridha over railwaygate scandal.

Mozammel joined the office on Tuesday afternoon.

Bangladesh Railway Sramik League central Press and Publication Secretary Siraj Ullah and local ward councillor Gias Uddin led the demonstration around 11:30am.

The leaders later met new GM Mozammel Hoque and demanded steps in this regard.

The GM urged the leaders to wait for a few days to help taking decision.

Many job seekers who got the appointment letters gathered before the office of Chief Personnel Officer (CPO) yesterday to know their fate.

Siraj Ullah told The Daily Star that recruitment process in some categories like trade apprentice and chawkidar should not be cancelled as appointment letters already have been sent to the applicants.

Medical tests and police verification for some categories have also been completed, he said.

According to the railway officials, recruitment process in 24 categories has been completed or is at final stage.

The authorities issued advertisement for recruitment in 38 categories in 2010 but recruitment process in 10 categories was stalled last year due to legal complexities.

But the outgoing railway minister Suranjit Sengupta on April 15 postponed the whole recruitment process. A directive from the ministry was also sent in this regard.

Road crashes kill 5

METRO DESK

Five persons, including a minor girl, were killed and 14 others injured in separate road accidents in Pabna, Lalmonirhat and Sirajganj on Tuesday and yesterday.

Our Pabna Correspondent reports: Two cattle traders were killed and four others, including the driver of the three-wheeler by which they were travelling, injured in a road crash in Santhia upazila on Tuesday evening.

The deceased are Md Ansar Ali, 40, of Sudarkanti village, and Ishhaque Ali, 55, of Rangamati village in the upazila.

The five cattle traders were going to Bera upazila by the three-wheeler (locally known as Nasiman) loaded with cattle, said police.

The vehicle fell into a roadside ditch as the driver lost control over the steering at Konbari point, leaving the six injured.

All the injured were taken to Santhia upazila health complex. As the condition of Ansar and Ishhaque deteriorated, they were taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where they died.

Our Lalmonirhat Correspondent adds: A minor girl, who was hit by an Easy bike, a battery-run three-wheeler, while crossing a road near Suchona Cinema in Hatibandha upazila on Tuesday noon, died at Hatibandha Upazila Health Complex on Tuesday night.

The deceased was identified as Diya Akhter, 5, daughter of Aminur Rahman of Goddimari in the upazila, said police.

Our Sirajganj Correspondent reports: Two persons were killed and ten others injured in a road accident in Sirajganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

One of the deceased was identified as Israfil Hossain, 25, son of Kobad Hossain of Dattabari Mahalla in Sirajganj municipal area.

The injured were admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital and different clinics.

A Kazipur bound bus collided head-on with a Nasiman at Kuralia, leaving the two dead on the spot and the 10 other passengers injured, said police.

Singer Akhter passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg



Noted singer of Chittagong MN Akhter Hossain died of cardiac

arrest at Chittagong Medical College Hospital in the port city yesterday at the age of 81.

He left behind his wife, three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

He was buried at his family graveyard in his village home.

Rahaduzzaman Shetu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muhammad Rahaduzzaman Shetu, a third-year student of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) department at Dhaka University, passed away yesterday at Bumrungrad Hospital in Thailand.

He was suffering from multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, says a DU press release.

Shetu was son of Sohorab Ali.

His body will arrive in Bangladesh today and it will be taken to the CSE department at 5:00pm. Later, the body will be sent to his home district Kushtia for burial.

Qulkhwani

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Qulkhwani of Syed Rezaul Hayat, a prominent freedom fighter, columnist

and former communications and home secretary, will be held tomorrow (Friday), says a press release.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil will be held at his Dhanmondi residence after Asr prayers.

Friends, colleagues and well-wishers are requested to attend the milad and pray for eternal peace of his soul.

Rezaul Hayat passed away on April 16.

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Ctg students take part in quiz

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Some 250 students of Presidency International School in Chittagong took part in a quiz and an essay writing contest on the heritage, history, culture and potential of Chittagong yesterday.

The competition was organised as an extension of The Daily Star's 12-day "Odmmo Chattagram" festival which ended on April 10.

Five students were answering 20 questions of Chittagong awarded in the writing theme "Our Green City" after giving away the prizes, the school's Principal Lt Col (ret'd) Mohammad Ziauddin thanked The Daily Star and said, "Students should read newspapers regularly to learn more about the country and the world."



Job seeker found dead in Ctg hotel

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself in a hotel room in the port city yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Asaduzzaman, 30. Police recovered the body hanging from the ceiling fan of a room in the fourth floor of hotel "Sea View" in the city's Alankar intersection area.

The hotel manager Rony Hore said Asaduzzaman did not respond when hotel staffs knocked on his room door around 11:00am and, later, at 2:30pm yesterday.

"Suspecting something unusual, I informed the police, who recovered the hanging body breaking open the room door around 3:30pm," he said.

Asaduzzaman came from Dhaka on April 16 to seek job in the Chittagong city, he added.

The deceased's full identification, however, could not be known as he did not mention his identification details in the hotel's registration book, the manager said.

Police sent the body to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) for autopsy.

An unnatural death case was filed with Pahartali Police Station in this regard.

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