

NEWS IN *brief*

Probe body recommends  
Dhanmondi OC's transfer

BSS, Dhaka

A probe body recommended the transfer of the officer-in-charge of Dhanmondi Police Station, Moniruzzaman, for misbehaving with journalists centring the death of journalist Bibhas Chandra Saha in a road accident on May 11.

"We submitted the investigation report to Dhaka Metropolitan Police headquarters yesterday (Saturday) with the recommendation," Joint Commissioner Shaikh Md Maruf Hassan of Detective Branch of Police, heading the three-member investigation team, told the news agency yesterday.

In the investigation, Moniruzzaman was found responsible for failing to control the situation created after the death of Bibhas and for misbehaving with journalists, he said.

Bibhas, 45, senior reporter of The Independent, was killed when a bus hit his motorcycle in the capi-

HC asks govt to take action  
against Chancery Academy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to take action against Chancery Academy of English Law of the capital's Dhanmondi in two months for giving law degree certificates to students without approval from any appropriate authority.

Delivering the verdict on a writ petition, the court ordered the authorities concerned to formulate a policy in three months to control institutions running in the name of foreign universities.

The HC bench of Justice Tariq ul Hakim and Justice Md Faruque also asked the institution's principal, Khaja Iqbal, to deposit Tk 1.5 lakh to the court's sec-

Safe Motherhood Day today

UNB, Dhaka

Safe Motherhood Day will be observed in the country today with a call to ensure safe delivery in hospitals to save the lives of mothers and children.

Different organisations have undertaken elaborate programmes to observe the day.

Reducing the high maternal and neonatal mortality rates in the country is also among the objectives of observance of the day.

Special programmes highlighting the significance of the day will also be broadcast in different radio and television channels.

In separate messages, President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hailed the observance of the day.

They hoped that awareness among the people will

Mymensingh road crash kills 1

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A man was killed and 14 others were injured as a tempo plunged into a ditch beside Gouripur-Shynganj road at Suryakona in Gouripur upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased was Iqbal Hossain, 27, son of Kachar Ali of village Kawrat in the upazila.

The accident occurred when a tempo skidded off the road and fell into the roadside ditch as the driver lost control over the steering, killing Iqbal instantly and injuring 14 others at around 2:30pm, said police.

The injured were admitted to Gouripur Upazila

8 BRRI staff to be trained in Korea

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eight researchers and technical personnel of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) were sent to Korea yesterday to attend a 15-day long agriculture-related training programme.

Korea International Cooperation Agency (Koica) arranged the training, which will end on June 10, in a bid to develop the capacity of BRRI under the Koica assisted projects.

The training will promote the understanding of Korean agriculture and its development and provide the participants with a chance to learn about Korea's development strategy and the ways in which it can be applied to Bangladesh.

Koica will also instruct the participants in the dissemination of agricultural technology, marketing



With the scorching midday heat beating down on them, boatmen at Kholamora Ghat at Kamrangirchar in the capital anchor their vessels and seek refuge under an adjoining makeshift tin-structure yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

'Ensure good governance in health sector'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers yesterday stressed the need to eliminate corruption and ensure good governance in the country's medical sector to uphold people's trust in doctors.

They called upon doctors to refrain from displaying uncertified and confusing online degrees, for instance FRCH online, that are pushing the role of physicians towards controversy.

They made the remarks at the closing ceremony of a three-day long debate festival on 'Good governance in the medical sector- Effective prevention of corruption' organised by Dhaka Medical College (DMC) Debating Club in association with Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) at Shaheed Dr Milon Auditorium in the capital.

"Debate is the art of supporting one's own side through rational argument, and a debate programme on corruption prevention can produce a breakthrough in raising awareness about corruption," said TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman.

DMC Principal Prof Quazi Deen Mohammad, DMCH Director Brig Gen Mustafizur, and Dr Hasanur Rahman also addressed the programme.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Mohammad Liakat Ali, headmaster of Bhatary Haji Tobarak Ali Chowdhury High School in Sitakunda, passed away due to cardiac arrest yesterday at the age of 57.

He left behind his two sons, wife, thousands of pupils and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death.

Owners have 3 months for dilapidated vehicles' facelift

AGENCIES

The government yesterday asked the owners of commercial vehicles that ply the streets of the capital to repaint them within three months.

"Many dilapidated, battered and faulty buses, minibuses and other modes of public transport are plying the city roads affecting its beauty," Communications Minister Obaidul Quader said after a meeting at Rail Bhaban, reports UNB.

The discussion was held on easing traffic congestion in the capital and beautification of passenger vehicles.

In reply to a query, he said a city must have 20-25 per cent of its area for roads as per the normal international

standard.

"But Dhaka city has only eight per cent of its area for roads according to the data of Dhaka City Corporation," the minister said, adding that the existing roads could not be utilised properly.

He underscored the need for building the capacity of transport management through concerted efforts of all to ease the chronic traffic congestion in the city.

State Minister for Home Shamsul Hoque Tuku, Road Division Secretary MAN Siddique, BRTA Chairman Ayubur Rahman Khan, DMP commissioner and representatives from Bangladesh Cricket Board, Bangladesh Bank, transport owners' associations

and workers' federations were present at the meeting.

BSS adds: Quader said 4,000 air-conditioned vehicles would be imported for Dhaka. "The government will approve the import of 2,000 good-looking AC buses and 2,000 AC taxi for Dhaka city soon," he said.

Regarding the facelift of vehicles, the minister urged all banks to come forward with financial assistances like loan facilities for the transport owners.

"We have a plan to set up two bus parking areas at Phulbaria and Mirpur in the capital," Quader added.

Replying to a query, the minister said Malaysia was expected to submit a formal proposal on the construction of Padma bridge today.

Wasfia may reach base camp today, says spokesperson

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Wasfia Nazreen, who became the second Bangladeshi woman to scale Mount Everest, is scheduled to reach base camp today.

Nishat Majumder and her fellow mountaineer MA Mohit are expected to reach Kathmandu today if the weather remains favourable.

Nishat, the first Bangladeshi woman to conquer the Everest, achieved the feat on May 19 while Wasfia reached the summit on Saturday.

"Today, we could not communicate with Wasfia as her satellite phone is switched off. We hope she will come down to base camp tomorrow [today]," Korvi Rakshand, spokesperson of the Bangladesh on Seven Summits campaign that initiated the trekking, told The Daily Star.

Wasfia's father Nazmee J Chowdhury said, "I have tried to contact Wasfia over the phone throughout the day but could not reach her. I hope to get a phone call from her tomorrow [today] once she reaches base camp."

Wasfia launched her expedition to scale the highest peaks of the seven continents in July last year under Bangladesh on Seven Summits campaign celebrating 40 years of independence.

Earlier, she became the first Bangladeshi woman to reach the highest peak of Africa, the Uhuru peak of Mt Kilimanjaro at 5,895 metres altitude in Tanzania.

She reached the summit of Mount Aconcagua in Argentina on December 16, 2011. She came back from 300 metres off the peak of Mount Elbrus in Russia on July 12.

Meanwhile, Nishat and Mohit yesterday reached Lukla, around 2,860 metres above sea level. They were scheduled to pass the night there.

They will come to Kathmandu by air from Lukla, said Enam UI Haque, president of Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking Club, which had organised the event.

"There was no flight operation from the small airport in Lukla today [yesterday] due to the inclement weather. If tomorrow's [today] weather remains favourable, Nishat and Mohit will surely come to Kathmandu or else their arrival will be delayed," said Enam.

Mohit is the first Bangladeshi to have scaled the mountain twice and from both sides. He first scaled the mountain peak on May 21 last year.

Musa Ibrahim was the first Bangladeshi to conquer the Everest on May 23, 2010.

PASCHIMBANGA JAILS  
Bangladeshis to be freed 'soon'

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladeshi nationals languishing in Paschimbanga jails are expected to be released soon as per an initiative of the state government to release foreign prisoners.

Minister for Correctional Administration Shankar Chakraborty said there were a large number of foreign nationals, the bulk of whom are from Bangladesh, lodged in different correctional homes in the state.

"We have already initiated the primary steps in getting them released from correctional homes and repatriated to their respective countries," Chakraborty told Press Trust of India yesterday.

He said some prisoners had been released and repatriated to the neighbouring country since the Mamata Banerjee-led government took over the reins of the administration.

Some prisoners were released but their repatriation was taking some time because of the delay in verification of their nationality, he added.

"We are taking up the matter with the Ministry of Home Affairs to expedite the process. The Ministry of External Affairs is also working with the Bangladesh authorities," the minister said.

He said the central government was having a dialogue with the authorities of the countries, where the prisoners hail from, to work out an agreement under which the inmates could serve the remaining part of the terms in their homelands.

Chakraborty said the arrangement would free up space in the overcrowded jails and save resources.

Trader shot, robbed of Tk 4.76 lakh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Miscreants mugged a businessman of Tk 4.76 lakh after shooting at him in Kalira Bazar area in the city yesterday noon.

The victim, Md Manik, is the owner of Chand and Co, a dealer of fuel and LP Gas.

The businessman claimed that the miscreants fired about 20 bullets, created panic and snatched the money from him.

Manik said he withdrew Tk 4.76 lakh from his business firm and started for bank along with his friends Salam and Halim.

He said the miscreants were going on foot and when they went about 10 yards from his firm, five masked muggers riding on two motorbikes brandished arms at them.

When they tried to snatch a bag containing the money, they had a scuffle with the muggers. At one stage, the muggers opened fire and took away the bag with the money.

A shop employee, Haji Hashem, was also injured in the incident.

Narayanganj Sadar Model Police Station Officer-in-Charge Manzur Kader said they were investigating the incident.

3 'commit suicide' in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three persons including two housewives allegedly committed suicides in the capital yesterday.

The deceased were Dudhnehar Ratna, 34, of Dakkhin Khan; Momtaz Begum, 20, of Dakkhin Goran in Khilgaon; and Mohammad Shiplu, 24, of Mirpur section-13.

Ratna took pesticides after she had a quarrel with her husband and in-laws on Saturday, said her sister-in-law Khadija Begum.

Ratna was taken to a local hospital where she died early hours yesterday, she said.

Ratna suspected that her husband Mujibur Rahman, a banana vendor, had married another woman and sought Khadija's advice on the matter, who told Ratna to come to her paternal house, said Khadija, quoting her phone conversation with Ratna on Saturday.

Later, Mujibur informed them over phone that Ratna had taken poison, she said, adding that Mujibur used to often quarrel and beat Ratna.

In another incident, Momtaz, a garments worker, hanged herself from the ceiling fan of her house yesterday noon, said Khilgaon police.

Momtaz was married three months ago and lived with her husband Shah Alam at a rented house in Shantipur Khilgaon.

None was present at home when the incident happened, said police, adding that the reason behind the suicide could not be known.

Meanwhile, Shiplu also hanged himself at his Mirpur residence.

Kafrul police recovered the body from the house that was hanging from the ceiling with a scarf.

Quoting his family members, police said Shiplu had an affair with a female worker of the garments factory where he worked.

Recently, the girl broke up the relation that might have led him to commit suicide, police added.

UK VISA  
19 held for forging documents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers arrested 19 Bangladeshis on Friday on charge of submitting forged documents, apparently provided by brokers, while seeking UK visas for business purposes.

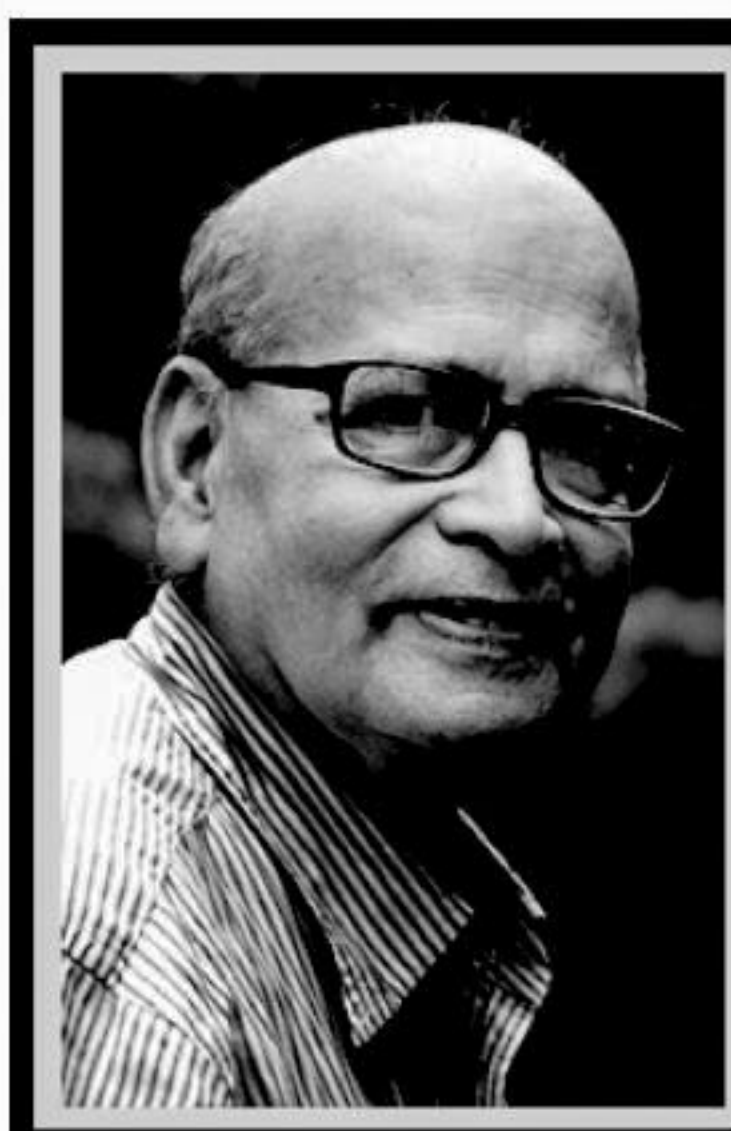
The arrestees confessed to have paid the brokers at least up to Tk 10 lakh each to avail the counterfeit papers.

A press release of the British High Commission in Dhaka yesterday stated that the arrestees misrepresented their employment status and produced forged bank statements while applying for visas to attend the London Baishakhi Mela as stall holders.

"Preliminary interrogation revealed that the arrestees paid huge sums of money to brokers who fabricated all the papers and statements," said officer-in-charge of Gulshan Police Station, Rafiqul Islam.

"However, the arrestees denied to have any knowledge that the papers were fabricated," he said, adding that they were sent to jail afterwards as their bail prayers over a forgery case were rejected.

British Deputy High Commissioner Nick Low said, "I strongly advise anyone wanting to obtain a visa to visit the UK not to listen to agents who offer to sell forged documents and say they can guarantee a visa."



অধ্যাপক মোজাফ্ফর আহমদ স্মরণে  
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বিকেল ৪:০০ টায় ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের  
ছাত্র-শিক্ষক কেন্দ্রে আয়োজন করা হয়েছে।  
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অংশগ্রহণের আমন্ত্রণ রইল।

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আইবিএ এলামনি এসোসিয়েশন।

**WEATHER TODAY**

Heat wave may continue

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions in 12 hours as of 6:00pm today.

Mild heat wave is sweeping over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the regions of Dhaka, Chandpur, Patuakhali and Khepupara and it may continue, Met Office said.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital at 6:40pm today and rises at 5:11am tomorrow. Country's highest temperature 37.8 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Jessore and lowest 22.5 degrees Celsius at Sayeredpur.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	36.0	29.0	69	62
Chittagong	33.5	28.5	81	80
Rajshahi	37.6	28.4	76	71
Rangpur	29.4	24.0	100	82
Khulna	37.0	28.5	87	70
Barisal	35.4	28.4	80	67
Sylhet	34.4	25.3	85	65