

**RAMNA BLAST CASE
Ex-CID
officer gives
deposition**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

One more witness in the Ramna Batamul carnage case gave his deposition before a Dhaka court yesterday.

Mohammad Lokman Hossain, a former inspector at Criminal Investigation Department (CID), also an investigation officer of the case, in his statement said he took over the charge of investigation into the case on July 17, 2003, and continued his investigation till January 7, 2004.

During his investigation, he visited the spot and tried his best to arrest the culprits responsible for committing such offences. But he failed to arrest any one of the culprits.

High authorities of the CID instructed him to hand over the case docket to another investigation officer before he [Lokman] was transferred to Rajshahi Range, he said.

The court then fixed August 26 for the next hearing.



Participants at a roundtable titled 'Science Education: Cause of Disinterest in Students' organised by The Daily Star at a hotel in Chittagong city yesterday.

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**Students not studying
science for job scarcity**

Speakers tell The Daily Star roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Students are losing interest in science related subjects as science graduates are facing difficulties in job market, speakers said at a roundtable discussion in Chittagong yesterday.

Aiming to lead a financially comfortable life, students are shifting away from science subjects towards business courses, they said.

They were speaking at the roundtable discussion on "Science Education: Cause of Disinterest in Students" organised by The Daily Star held at a city hotel.

Because of consumerist society Bangladesh is becoming a weak capitalist country, said Prof Dr Moinul Islam of

Economics Department of Chittagong University.

Dr Iftekher Uddin Chowdhury, dean of Faculty of Premier University, Tohureen Sabur, principal of Chittagong Women College, lecturers-- Dr Masud Rana of Chittagong Medical College (CMCH), Emran Harun and Soumitra Palit of Independent University, Dr Sajal Chandra Bonik and Sajal Choudhury of Cueta and Jayosri Das of BGC Trust University, Zakir Hossain of Saint Placids' School and students Muttakin Chowdhury and Arafatul Islam participated in the discussion.

The Daily Star Chittagong Bureau Chief Raisul Huq Bahar moderated the programme.

**Legal flaws key
barrier to curb graft**

Says ACC chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Chairman Ghulam Rahman yesterday said flaws in the legal system are the key barriers to curbing corruption.

"There is a gap between the word 'corruption' and the ACC laws, which have many limitations," the ACC chief said while addressing a roundtable at TK Bhaban in the capital's Karwan Bazar.

Journalism Training and Research Initiative (Jatri) organised the programme titled 'Public Event on Investigative Journalism to Reduce Corruption in Bangladesh'.

"We need to create public awareness to change the society and curb corruption," said Ghulam Rahman.

On the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), he said if CAG performs its duty sincerely corruption would be eradicated.

Information Commissioner Prof Dr Sadeka Halim said corruption has become institutionalised.

**15 hurt as Jamaat-Shibir
men clash with cops**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 15 people including two policemen were injured as leaders and activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir clashed with law enforcers in the capital's Motijheel yesterday.

Eight Shibir activists were arrested from the spot for attacking police and obstructing them from discharging their duties, said Hayat-Uz-Zaman, officer-in-charge of Motijheel Police Station.

The detained are Redwan Islam, 25, Ishaq Bin Rashid, 18, Masud Rana, 20, Abdullah Al Mamun, 22, Md Zakaria, 21, Al Amin Hossain, 20, Nazmul Huda Rabbi, 18, and Imam Hossain, 20.

Several hundred Jamaat and Shibir men

brought out a procession in front of Notre Dame College demanding immediate release of their arrested leaders including the war crimes suspects, said the OC.

When police obstructed the procession, the demonstrators hurled brick chips at the law enforcers prompting them to charge baton that triggered the clash, Hayat-Uz-Zaman said.

Witnesses said at least 15 people were injured and vehicular movement remained suspended for about 30 minutes following the clash.

Police filed a case against several hundred Jamaat and Shibir men including the eight detained for attacking law enforcers, damaging public properties, halting traffic and obstructing police from carrying out their duties, the OC said.

**Health sector
procurement
system goes
online**

BSS, Dhaka

The health ministry yesterday entered into online procurement system following submission of procurement plan by its line directors (LDs) through its web portal.

A total of 15 line directors (LDs) under the ministry submitted their procurement plan using the ministry's Supply Chain Management Portal (SCMP), a web based portal that facilitate the line directors to prepare their procurement plan for 2012-13 and 2013-14 fiscals.

The 15 line directors out of 32 of the ministry and other directorates and departments submitted their procurement plan at a workshop in the MIS Conference Room at Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) at Mohakhali in the city.

**2 road projects
under PPP get
cabinet nod**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government would turn two roads into four lanes on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) framework.

The cabinet committee on economic affairs yesterday approved the "Hemayetpur-Singair-Manikganj Road Four Lane Development Project" at a cost of Tk 480 crore and the "Jatrabari-Sultana Kamal Bridge-Tarabo Road Four Lane Development Project" at Tk 360 crore for constructing the roads under the PPP mechanism.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith chaired the meeting at the secretariat in the capital.

The Hemayetpur-Singair-Manikganj road will help reduce Dhaka-Aricha traffic by about 18km while the other road will ease traffic jam on Jatrabari-Kanchpur road, the committee said.

The cabinet committee also approved the proposal of Power Development Board (PDB) to buy gas from Santos, an Australian energy giant, at additional prices than existing rates from Sangu Gas Field on the block-16 in the Bay of Bengal.

The move aims to solve gas crisis in the Chittagong region and supply gas to power plants suffering from gas shortage.

**Student
drowns in
Dhanmondi
lake**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An honours student of a private university drowned in Dhanmondi lake of the capital yesterday.

The deceased Mong Nai Prue Marma Dickson, 23, was a sixth semester student at fine arts department of University of Development Alternative (Uoda) and a grandson of Bandarban Bomang Circle King Aung Shoi Prue Chowdhury.

Sagar Sengupta, a student of Uoda, said Dickson drowned while swimming along with his three friends in the lake near old 32 number road of Dhanmondi.

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

He had been living in a rented house at Dhanmondi.

**Schoolgirl, worker
'commit suicide'**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A schoolgirl and a garment worker allegedly committed suicide in two separate incidents in the capital's Shahjahanpur and Boro Moghbazar yesterday.

The girl, Sadia Akhter Safa, 14, a class X student of Louhajang in Munshiganj, had come to her aunt's residence in Moghbazar with her mother a few days back to see a doctor, said police.

Yesterday, some relatives scolded her for getting into a relationship with a local boy over phone, after which she went to the bathroom for a shower around 2:30pm, said the aunt, Najnin Nahar.

Hearing no response from inside for some time, the relatives broke in and found Safa lying on the floor with a scarf tied around her neck, she said.

They rushed Safa to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared her dead.

Meanwhile, the deceased garment worker, Ridoy Khan, 24, was an employee of Nadira Garments Limited at Moghbazar, said police.

After returning home at Boro Moghbazar around 11:30pm on Wednesday, he had an altercation with his wife for coming home late, said police quoting the wife, Beauty Begum.

They went to sleep and Beauty woke up around 1:30am to find Ridoy hanging by the neck with a scarf tied to a ceiling fan, added police.

Police also detained Beauty for interrogation.

**Raise salary
of lower court
judges: SC**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday directed the government to raise salaries and other facilities of lower court judges as per recommendations of judicial service pay commission by October 1 this year.

The SC also asked the finance secretary to appear before it on October 1 after complying with the directive.

The seven-member full bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Md Muzammil Hossain passed the order during the hearing of Masdar Hossain Case, popularly known as judiciary separation case.

It court also adjourned hearing of the case till October 1.

In 2008, the pay commission suggested allowances to the lower court judges equal to basic of their monthly salaries and increase other facilities.

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