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Reappoint terminated Biman staff

HC asks airlines, gives 97 days to complete the process

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed authorities concerned to complete the process of appointing Biman officials, who were terminated under Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) in 2007, to vacant posts within 97 days.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines authorities will have to publish advertisements for the appointment within seven days after receiving a copy of the order.

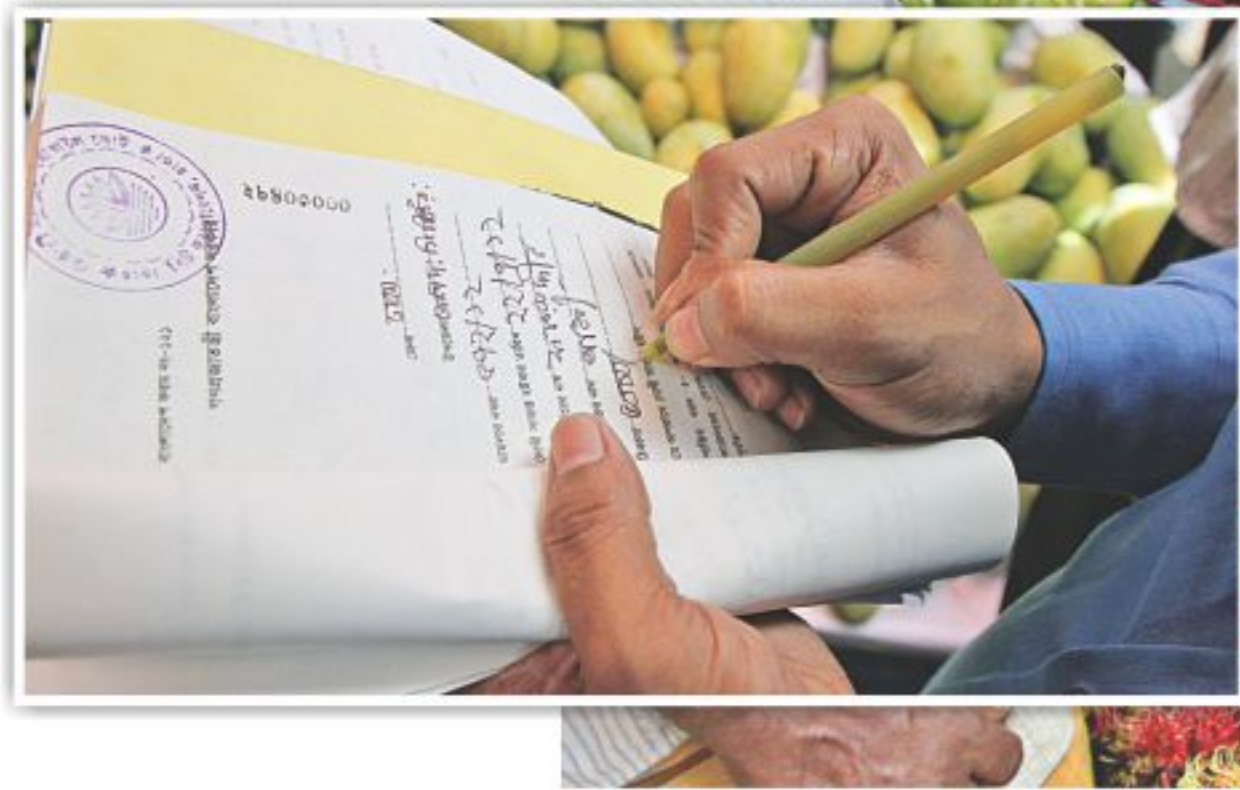
The authorities must receive applications from the candidates within 15 days after publication of the advertisement, scrutinise those in the next 60 days and give appointment letters to the candidates within 15 days after the scrutiny, the court said in the order.

The order came after a hearing on a contempt of court

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A mobile court of Dhaka South City Corporation examines fruits at a shop in the capital's Purana Paltan yesterday. The court fined nine traders Tk 5,000 each for selling chemical-soaked fruits. A restaurant was also penalised for serving food in an unhygienic environment.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



ROAD CRASH Buet student critically injured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A student of Buet was seriously injured after a bus ran over her legs in the capital's Jatiya Press Club area yesterday.

The injured Shamima Nasrin, 24, is a third semester student of the electrical and electronics engineering department.

Doctors had to amputate her left leg to save her life, sources at National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (Nitor) said.

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Case filed to 'stop anti-India voice'

Claims Kamaruzzaman's counsel at war crimes trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The defence of Jamaat leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman yesterday told International Crimes Tribunal-2 that the Awami League-led government had filed the "false and fabricated" case against him after being "instructed and provoked by India to silence his anti-India voice".

"After liberation, accused Kamaruzzaman began journalism and started writing against Indian aggression policy," defence counsel Kafil Uddin Chowdhury told the tribunal yesterday during cross-examination of Hamidul



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'Starving' tiger yet to return

A CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

The Bengal tiger, which entered the locality of Golakhali in Satkhira and took position near a shrimp enclosure Thursday morning, is yet to return to the Sundarbans.

The tiger has become weak from starvation and seems to have lost its ability to hunt, observed locals.

The majestic feline returned to the forest and disappeared behind the trees for a while but came

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BIWTA staff accused of embezzling Tk 19cr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has found proof of misappropriating Tk 19 crore by a former official of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) and his wife.

The BIWTA's suspended assistant accountant M Abdus Salam Khan and his

wife Shahnaz Perveen Lovely colluded in embezzling and laundering the money, said ACC's Deputy Director Benjir Ahmed, who is investigating the case.

The investigation is nearly complete while the ACC has also approved submission of the final charge sheet against the duo.

"The charge sheet will be submitted to

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HABIGANJ Tea garden workers call strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Tea labourers in Habiganj will launch an indefinite strike tomorrow, demanding withdrawal of the case filed against the president and the general secretary

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An image grab from video, released by the Syrian opposition Shaam News Network Saturday, shows an explosion alleged to be in the Jouret al-Shayyah neighbourhood of the central Syrian city of Homs. PHOTO: AFP

Fighting for Syria capital intensifies

Rebel gains on borders; launches 'liberate' Aleppo offensive; death toll tops 19,000

AFP, Damascus

Feared forces headed by President Bashar al-Assad's brother used helicopters yesterday in a new offensive against rebels in Damascus to regain control, as clashes

also raged in Syria's second city Aleppo, activists said.

The Fourth Brigade headed by Maher al-Assad was leading the assault in the Damascus neighbourhood of Barzeh,

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PRAYER TIMING July 23

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4:00	4:10
Zohr	12:45	1:15
Asr	5:00	5:15
Maghrib	6:50	7:10
Esha	8:15	8:45

Source: Islamic Foundation



SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

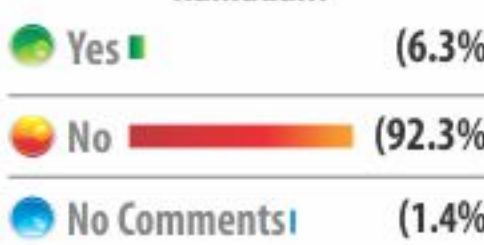
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03	23 July		6.50 pm
04	24 July	3.55 am	6.49 pm

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