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DESTINY COOPERATIVES SOCIETY Tk 1,450cr anomalies detected

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

The Department of Cooperatives (DoC) has detected financial irregularities of around Tk 1,450 crore in the operations of Destiny Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd (DMCSL), cash-cow of the controversial Destiny Group.

The DoC unearthed the irregularities -- misuse of funds, unauthorised expenditures and investments, recruitment of members, commission and overvaluation of assets -- through an investigation that took about four months.

The report has been submitted to the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives on Sunday, confirmed Amiya Kumer Chattapadhyay, additional registrar and head of the probe committee.

DMCSL's major financial irregularity that the probe has detected is: unauthorised spending of over Tk 740 crore for the distributors of Destiny-2000 Ltd as commission to collect new members.

The DMCSL management also lent Tk 270.52 crore to non-members and invested Tk 120.63 crore in other entities, all of which are non-profitable organisations.



This Jatrabari-Gulistan flyover will be open to the public on the next Independence Day, according to the state minister for LGRD and cooperatives. For his part, the administrator of Dhaka South City Corporation, the implementing agency of the project, said it would be ensured that the ongoing utility relocation for the flyover was completed within a week.

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DR NITAI MURDER
One suspect arrested 'by mistake'
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kamal Hossain, detained by Rab on Saturday in connection with the murder of Dr Narayan Chandra Dutta alias Nitai, was picked up in place of another Kamal in a case of mistaken identity, detectives say.

Examining the man's background, the Detective Branch of police refused

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Mutineers wanted PM to come to Pilkhana *Threatened to blow up key installations, Mirza Azam testifies in BDR carnage case*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On the first day of the BDR mutiny in 2009, jawans had demanded the prime minister herself come to Pilkhana headquarters for negotiations.

They had threatened to blow up the secretariat, Dhaka University and other important infrastructures, if the premier did not join the talks.

Whip of parliament Mirza Azam told this to Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court yesterday while testifying on the gruesome BDR mutiny that took place on February 25-26 in 2009.

The court has been set up temporarily at the Alia Madrasa playground in the city's Bakshibazar to hold the trial in the BDR carnage case.

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Govt moves to amend Tobacco Control Act
Fine, jail term to increase
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved proposals to amend the tobacco control law with provisions for three months' simple imprisonment and a fine of Tk 100,000 for airing any advertisement for tobacco products.

Also, the existing fine for smoking in public

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'VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTION' BY A JUDGE
Speaker's observations have no legal effect: HC
ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The High Court has said the Speaker's observations that an HC judge has violated the constitution have "no legal effect" and are baseless in the eye of law.

The HC quoted the Speaker as observing, "A certain (HC) judge has violated the provision of Article 78(1) of the Constitution and what reasonable action may be taken for such conduct is being left for Hon'ble Chief Justice for necessary action."

The "impugned observations" have no "imperative force", the court said in a verdict, the full text of which was released yesterday.

In a ruling on June 18, Speaker Abdul Hamid said an HC judge (Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik) has violated the constitution by making "derogatory remark" about the Jatiya Sangsad and the Speaker.

"We will support whatever steps the chief justice may take with regard to such

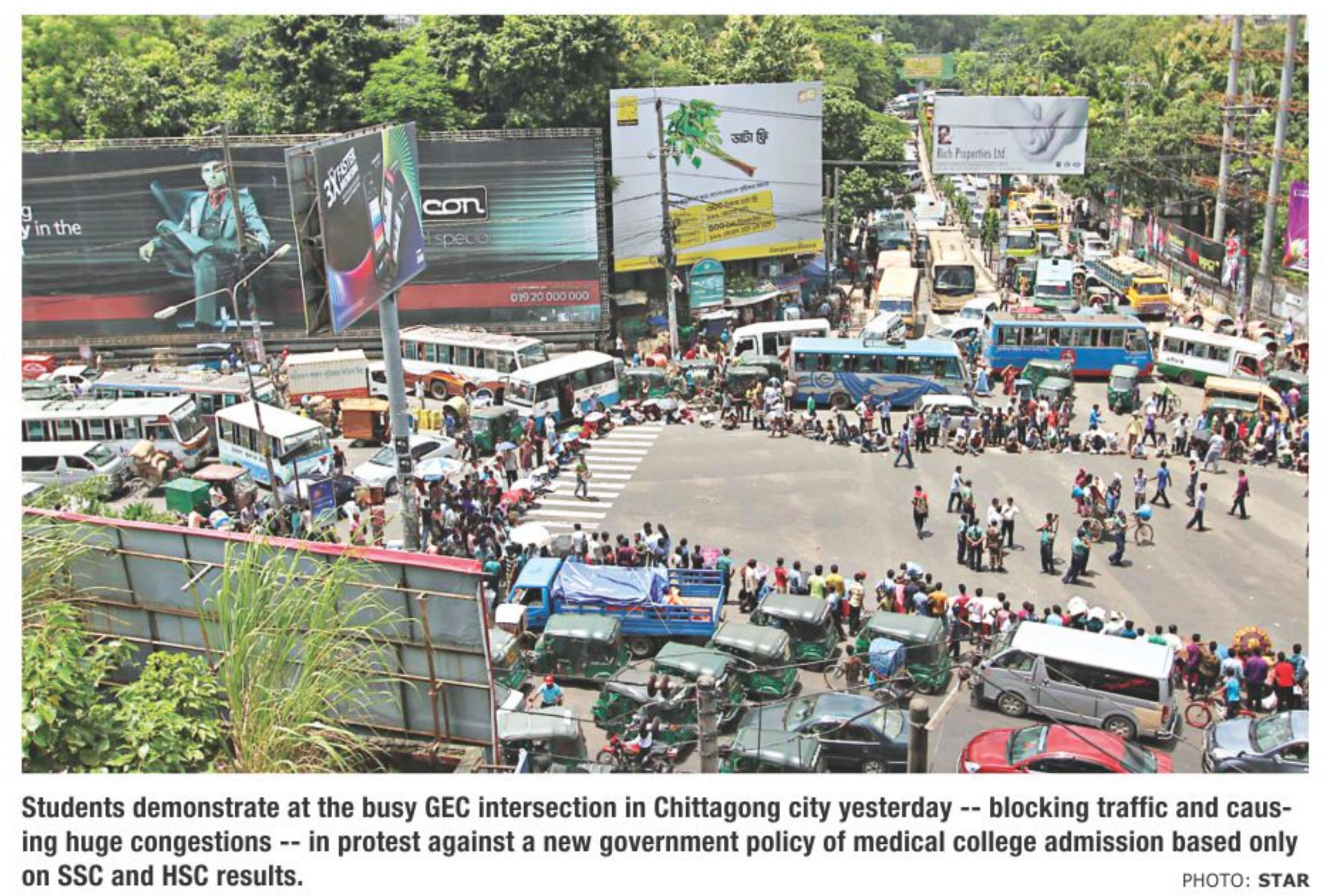
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WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL
Sajeda asked to explain her remarks
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday asked Deputy Leader of parliament Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury to explain her position by September 10 over a contempt of court petition filed by the defence of war crimes accused Abdul Quader Mollah.

The court also rejected a petition of Jamaat leader Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed seeking recusal of the tribunal's chairman and its two members for allegedly holding a meeting with two prosecution witnesses.

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Students demonstrate at the busy GEC intersection in Chittagong city yesterday -- blocking traffic and causing huge congestions -- in protest against a new government policy of medical college admission based only on SSC and HSC results.

PHOTO: STAR

MEDICAL DENTAL COLLEGES
HC judges split on plea for admission test
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a split verdict on a petition filed seeking its directives on the government to immediately start the admission process at medical and dental colleges by holding a test.

Justice Qamrul Islam Siddiqui, senior judge of an HC bench formed to hear the petition, directed the authorities concerned to immediately start the admission process, while junior judge of the bench Justice Md Ashraf Kamal rejected the petition.

The HC bench will now send the petition along with its dissenting orders to the chief justice for a decision, Attorney General Mahbub Alam told The Daily Star.

The chief justice will refer the matter to another bench of the HC for its disposal, he added.

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Sumon sings against his party, Mamata
THE HINDU

While Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee cautioned a section of the media against "spreading lies" against her government, an MP of her own party, Kabir Suman, in his

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18-party may announce fresh agitation today
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition Leader Khaleda Zia, on behalf of the BNP-led 18-party alliance, is likely to declare its anti-government programme today.

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday hinted at the announcement emerging from an

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Woman kills two daughters, commits suicide
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mother committed suicide after giving her two daughters poison in the capital's Kafrul area yesterday allegedly because of her husband's extramarital affair.

The deceased were Jahanara Begum, 35, wife of Mohammed Islam, and their daughters Habiba Akhter Hawa, 12, and Sharmin Akhter Joya, 8.

Jahanara poisoned her daughters and took her own life the same way succumbing to the stress of her husband's affair outside their marriage, said Hafizur Rahman, assistant sub-inspector of Kafrul Police Station.

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ROBBERY ATTEMPT
Bangladeshi killed in US
STAR REPORT

A Bangladeshi national was shot to death in East Hartford, Connecticut, in the United States during an attempted robbery on Saturday night local time.

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PRAYER TIMING August 28		
Fajr	4-30	5-05
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-33	6-36
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Indian PM fights back over coal scandal
CAG report disputable, he says in parliament
AGENCIES

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday rejected a report by the official auditor that accused his government of missing out on billions of dollars of revenue by gifting away coal rights.


Singh, who has been damaged by corruption scandals and policy paralysis during his second term in office, was shouted down in both houses of parliament as opposition lawmakers demanded he resign over the auditor's report.

"Any allegations of impropriety are without basis and unsupported by the facts," Singh said in a released text of the speech, which was his first reaction to the accusations made 10 days ago.

"The observations of the CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) are clearly disputable," he said, adding that he took "full responsibility" for the coal policy developed while he was acting coal minister from 2004-2009.

Opposition parties in parliament have

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Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Home Minister Shahara Khatun that the BNP-Jamaat alliance is trying to create anarchy in the country in the name of movement?

Yes ☒ (16%)
No ☒ (80%)
No Comments ☐ (4%)

TOTAL VOTES: 533

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the prime minister's Economic Affairs Adviser Mashur Rahman should resign voluntarily to make way for the World Bank's loan revival chance for the Padma bridge project?

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