

NEWS IN *brief*

## Non-govt teachers' registration exam from August 31

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 8th Non-government Teachers' Registration Examination-2012, a pre-qualifying examination to appoint teachers in schools, colleges, madrasas, and technical institutes, will be held in two phases from August 31.

The test for school level will be held on August 31 from 8:30am to 12:30pm while the college level test will be held on September 1 from 9:00am to 1:00pm, said education ministry's handout.

Candidates of both the categories will have to take an hour-long exam on compulsory course in MCQ method and then a three-hour long exam for the optional course, it said.

All necessary preparations have been completed,

## Two USAID officials arrive to help promote food security

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Two senior USAID officials arrived in Bangladesh yesterday for a six-day tour to promote food security and further strengthen partnership between the US and Bangladesh, says a press release.

The officials -- assistant to the USAID Administrator for Food Security, Paul Weisenfeld, and senior deputy assistant administrator for the USAID Asia Bureau, Denise Rollins, -- will visit programmes funded by

## DNCC, Ahsania Mission ink anti-smoking MoU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) is going to operate mobile court drives to make public places and transport vehicles free from smoking.

It will also organise programmes to create awareness against smoking, said a press release of Dhaka Ahsania Mission.

DNCC Chief Executive Officer Nazrul Islam Khan and Dhaka Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam, on behalf of their respective organisations, signed a memorandum of understanding at DNCC Bhaban in Gulshan yesterday to share technical

## Church staff 'commits suicide'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A church accountant allegedly committed suicide at the Assemblies of God church in the capital's New Eskaton area yesterday.

The deceased, Joel Gathia, 55, resided on Dilu Road in Maghbazar and hailed from the village of Kotali Para in Gopalganj.

Gathia went to the church's bathroom in the morning and did not come out, said Ramma police.

Concerned fellow workers broke open the bathroom door at 11:00am and found Gathia's body hanging by the neck from the bathroom shower, police said.

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital



Tahsina Akhter, a director of Grameen Bank board, addresses a press conference at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday. At the press briefing, eight elected borrower-directors of the bank protested the amendment to the Grameen Bank Ordinance that curbed their rights to appoint the managing director of the bank.

PHOTO: STAR



## ICT-1 gets new judge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

President Zillur Rahman appointed Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim, a High Court judge, as a member of International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday following the resignation of another tribunal judge.

Justice AKM Zaheer Ahmed on Tuesday resigned as a judge of the ICT-1 on the grounds of illness.

The president accepted Zaheer's resignation yesterday.

The government issued two gazette notifications -- one on appointment of Justice Jahangir and another on acceptance of Zaheer's resignation, said a press

## 9 govt officials promoted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nine officials of BCS (Economics) cadre have been promoted to the positions equivalent to additional secretary and made officers on special duty (OSD) in the Planning Division.

They are Khandker Morad Hossain, Shamima Akhter, Khandker Nuruzzaman, Habibur Rahman, Begum Nasrin Sultana, Jubair Ahmed, Zahid Hossain, Zahir Ullah and Amulya Kumar Devnath, said a release.

## UNREST AT BUET

## Teachers seek govt intervention

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Teachers of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) yesterday said government's intervention was required to break the deadlock at the institution.

"The government should come forward to save the reputed institution through removing the incumbent vice chancellor and his deputy," said Prof Ashraful Islam, a teachers' leader.

No classes have been held at Buet since it reopened on Saturday after a 44-day closure. Student presence was also thin yesterday.

The Buet authorities have called an academic council meeting on Monday to decide on taking admission test as soon as

possible this year.

Seeking anonymity, a teacher, however, told The Daily Star that most of the teachers would not attend the meeting under the current administration. Buet Teachers Association launched agitation on April 7, bringing 16 allegations against VC Prof SM Nazrul Islam and Pro-VC Prof M Habibur Rahman.

They have been refrained from the protest since July 31 after the High Court directed them not to stage any demonstration for the interest of smooth academic activities.

The teachers, however, have been individually continuing token strikes wearing black T-shirts reading "Save Buet, Remove the VC and Pro-VC" since reopening of the university.



## DHAKA TODAY

## Protest rally

Grameen Bank Rokhha O Durjon Protirodh Kendra will organise a protest rally; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:00pm.

## Workshop

Bangladesh Bank Training Academy will hold a workshop; Venue: its premises; Time: 10:00am.

## National conference

Centre for Urban Studies will organise a national conference; Venue: LGED Auditorium; Time: 9:00am.

## Memorial programme

Shaheed Altaf Mahmud Foundation will hold a memorial programme; Venue: Liberation War Museum; Time: 7:00pm.

## Scientific seminar

Bangladesh International Referral Office-Bangladesh will organise a scientific seminar; Venue: Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University; Time: 2:00pm.

## Discussion

Jatiya Char Neta Smritiokha Parishad will hold a discussion; Venue: Jatiya

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A row of cars seen parked on a road in the capital's Motijheel Dilkusha area yesterday. As Eid holidays ended and offices resumed, illegal parking of vehicles resumed in the area causing traffic congestions there.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL  
Contempt of court charges sought against Matia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Defence counsels of war crimes accused Muhammad Kamaruzzaman yesterday filed a petition asking ICT-2 to bring contempt of court charges against Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury for allegedly making statements disrespecting the tribunal.

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT)-2 fixed September 5 to hear the petition.

Prosecutor Rana Dasgupta told the tribunal that politicians might say many things in the political arena and the defence should not bring everything before the tribunal "to delay the trial proceedings."

Quoting the petition, defence counsel Tajul Islam said ruling Awami League presidium member Matia made the statements during a visit to her Sherpur constituency on August 7 and 8.

Quoting an August 8 Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha report published in Daily Naya Digaanta, Tajul said Matia, at Nalitabari on August 7, said, "Those giving evidence in favour of war criminals would be identified and a resistance movement would be waged against them in the locality."

Quoting a Barta24.net report, Tajul said Matia, on August 8, said, "No witness giving evidence in favour of Kamaruzzaman would be able to return home as that person would be beaten up by the public."

Such statements would infuse fear in defence witnesses and they would not appear before the tribunal, a clear obstruction to justice delivery, he said.

## WEATHER TODAY

## Change in temperature unlikely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka and Khulna divisions in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

Moderately heavy falls are also likely at places.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met Office said.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:18pm and rises tomorrow at 5:40am.

Country's highest temperature 36.0 degrees Celsius was recorded yesterday at Rajshahi and lowest 24.4 degrees at Hatiya.

The highest maximum temperature is likely to be 35-36 degrees Celsius and the lowest minimum temperature may be 25-26 degrees Celsius.

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

City/Town	Temperature		Humidity	
	in Celsius	Max:	Min:	in percentage
Dhaka	34.5	27.1	77	65
Chittagong	32.0	25.8	90	82
Rajshahi	36.0	27.6	73	76
Rangpur	32.5	27.6	79	75
Khulna	33.5	27.5	91	84
Barisal	33.8	27.4	77	79