

**DU PLAYGROUND
Remove
construction
materials: HC**
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the Dhaka University (DU) authorities and Shahbagh Police Station to remove construction materials from DU central playground within 48 hours so that students can use it without any obstruction. The court also directed them to submit a report before it after complying with the order within two weeks. The HC bench of Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury and Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque made the directions after a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) yesterday. HRPB President Manzill Murshid in the petition said Tom and Mollik Constructions Ltd—have kept the construction materials. DU vice-chancellor, registrar and chief engineer and OC of Shahbagh police have been made respondents to the rule.



Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Li Jun speaks at a views exchange meeting with senior staff of The Daily Star during his formal visit to The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

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**CONTAINER TERMINAL TENDER IN CTG
Mohiuddin-Murad
conflict intensifies**

DWAIPAYAN BARUA, Ctg

With the conflict between Awami League leader ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury and Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) President Morshed Murad Ibrahim turning bitter, the Awami League-led 14-party alliance and the CCCI have threatened to stage protests at the same place today. In support of Mohiuddin, also a former mayor of Chittagong city, the 14-party alliance said it would besiege the CCCI office, while the CCCI said it would stage a protest rally at its office premises today. Mohiuddin has drawn severe criticism from Murad, also a Jatiya Party leader, for his recent protests against the alleged irregularities in the bidding for selecting a private operator of New Mooring Container Terminal at Chittagong Port. Adding to the conflict, Murad has recently alleged that Mohiuddin's movement in the name of saving Chittagong port is a ploy to get financial advantage from the business community. He also criticised Mohiuddin, also president of Chittagong city unit AL, saying he had become an owner of huge property and several posh houses although he did not have any business or any other sources of income. Two defamation cases have been filed against the CCCI president for the remarks. Talking to The Daily Star, AL city unit General Secretary Kazi Inamul Hoque Danu said the CCCI president had damaged the image of the ruling party as well as the 14-party alliance by making defamatory remarks about Mohiuddin.

**DEMAND FOR ACCOMMODATION IN HOSTEL
Eden students confine its
principal, teachers for 15hrs
4 hurt in attack by BCL leaders, hostel staff**
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some students of Eden Women's College confined its over 20 teachers, including the principal, to the administrative building for over 15 hours yesterday demanding an end to the college's accommodation crisis. The teachers came out with police assistance around 1:30am today. Four students were also injured in an attack by the college unit Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leaders and hostel staff. The agitators later vandalised the college buildings. Some 400 of the agitators, in their honours final year, had locked the teachers in the building and laid siege to it from around 10:00am yesterday. The attack took place when the agitators were coming out of the building around

10:00pm on releasing the teachers, who agreed to resolve the accommodation problem, said witnesses. Protesting the attack, the agitators again confined the teachers to the building. The norm is that students are provided accommodation in the hostels from second year and must leave after completing their honours exams. They can reapply for accommodation during their masters, said the agitators. The BCL leaders illegally provide the masters students accommodation in the hostel in exchange for Tk 6,000 to Tk 7,000, said one student, requesting anonymity. The students asked the college authorities for continuous accommodation till their masters exam but to no avail, said the agitators. The principal, Rowshan Ara, said the education secretary assured her of meeting the demand.

**BIOINFORMATICS, COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY
Two-day int'l training
workshop ends in Ctg**
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University (CU) Professor Anwarul Azim Arif yesterday said bioinformatics and computational biology have brought a new dimension to biotechnology. The two areas will facilitate quality research in medicine, agriculture and microbiology fields, the VC said as chief guest at the closing session of a two-day international training workshop "Bioinformatics and Computational Biology in South Asian Perspectives" organised on the university campus. "As bioinformatics and computational biology are the latest developments in the field of biological science, the workshop will help researchers in carrying out their work effectively," Prof Arif added. Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (GEB) of CU, in association with The Daily Star, organised the closing session of the workshop where 100 students of the university participated. Dr Khan Tawhid Osman, dean of Biological Science faculty of CU, among others spoke at the session. The inaugural session of the workshop was held at University of Science and Technology Chittagong (USTC).

**FORM OF INTERIM GOVT
Political parties must talk
Speakers tell discussion**
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Talks among political parties are very necessary to find out the form of an "interim government" under which the next election will be held, speakers said at a discussion yesterday. If political negotiation fails, the nation will plunge into political unrest, and democratic progress will be hindered, they feared. "There is still time to have discussions on how the interim government can be formed," ruling Awami League leader Amir Hossain Amu told the discussion, "Free and Fair Election: What and How", in the capital's Cirdap auditorium. He also stressed the need for national unity to work out the solution and continue the democratic progress. "Otherwise, the whole nation will have to incur a loss." The discussion was organised by FEMA, a

non-government election monitoring organisation. BNP Standing Committee Member MK Anwar said the interim government, whatever its name might be, would have to be non-partisan. He also demanded restoration of the caretaker government system and said the loopholes of the system should be removed so that no-one could abuse the system to stay in power. Workers' Party President Rashed Khan Menon said everything should be done to make the election acceptable to the people and strengthen the Election Commission. In many countries, the incumbent government discharges the duty of the interim government, he said. "If we want to follow the formula, the Election Commission should be given the authority over the administration."

**BSRM fined
for cutting
hill in Ctg**
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined Bangladesh Steel Re-Rolling Mills (BSRM) Tk 40.50 lakh on charge of cutting hill at Mirsarai upazila in Chittagong. Jafar Alam, divisional director of DoE in Chittagong, said they found the evidence that the BSRM cut a portion of a hill situated in its six acres land in Durgapur area of the upazila. M Firoz, head of marketing of BSRM, denied the allegation of hill-cutting, saying, "We bought the land in 2011 in present condition." "The previous owner might cut one portion of the hill," he said adding that they have also fulfilled mitigation measures of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) of DoE.

**RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT
Journo lack interest
Roundtable told**
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three years past its enactment, the Right to Information (RTI) Act's use is very low among journalists due to a lack of interest and awareness, said speakers at a roundtable yesterday. Despite being a powerful tool for journalism, many journalists do not want to use the act over fears of getting stuck in bureaucratic tangles, since the act is a more formal and transparent process in providing information, they said. The discussants stressed bringing a change in the mindset of journalists, media policy makers and the officials concerned and encouraging journalists to do more investigative reporting using the act, they said. The Information Commission and civil society organisations must also play a major role in raising awareness about the act, they added. Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI) in partnership with Commonwealth Journalists Association (CJA) and Right to Information Forum organised the roundtable. "Role of journalists in using and expanding RTI Act", in the capital's Brac Centre Inn. Maasranga Television Chief News Editor Rezwanaul Haque Raza said most television channels remain stuck in day-to-day events, putting less focus on investigative reporting.

Desh TV Joint Editor Shukanta Gupta Alok said the tendency of giving the least amount of effort while practicing journalism was one reason holding journalists back from digging deeper into incidents. In his keynote, Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman stressed the need for an RTI-friendly media and editorial policy and introducing an RTI page or corner and hotline to inform the public about the act, its applications and benefits. Information Commissioner Prof Sadeka Halim said despite logistic and manpower limitations, the commission so far raised awareness campaigns on the act in 54 districts. She said the commission had only three commissioners for the country's 16 crore people and should be expanded. "The commission should have a mixed team of different professionals," she said. CJA Secretary General and Bhorer Kagoj Editor Shyamal Dutta moderated the roundtable while President Emeritus of International Committee of CJA Hasan Shahriar, CJA President and Associated Press in Dhaka Bureau Chief Farid Hossain and MRDI Executive Director Hasibur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

**MATSYA BHABAN, SEGUNBAGICHA
Remove illegal
structures from
footpaths: HC**
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to remove all unauthorised structures on footpaths and streets in the capital's Matsya Bhaban and Segunbagicha area. The court also directed the authorities concerned to form a team to monitor whether the footpaths and streets have been freed. It also ordered to submit to it a report on the compliance with the directive within two weeks. The HC bench of Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury and Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque passed the order after hearing a writ petition filed yesterday by advocate Manzill Murshid on behalf of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh.



Journalists hold a protest rally in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding arrest of the killers of journalist couple Sagar Sarowar and Meherun Runi.

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Obituary
OUR CORRESPONDENT

Valiant freedom fighter Abdus Samad Basunia, also former president of Debiganj upazila unit of Awami League, died of old age complications at his residence at Tepiganj village of Debiganj upazila in Panchagarh on Tuesday. He was 72. He left behind his wife, two sons and two daughters. He was buried with state honour at his family graveyard yesterday.

Death anniversary
METRO DESK

Today is the 6th death anniversary of Professor Emeritus M Nabi Alam Khan, former head of the Department of Cardiac Surgery at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD), and expert professor of thoracic surgery at the National Institute of Diseases of the Chest and Hospital (NIDCH).

**NON-GOVT COLLEGE TEACHERS
Nationalisation of education
system demanded**
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Teachers of non-government colleges yesterday demanded that the government nationalises the country's education system to ensure quality education and eliminate discrimination in the sector. Leaders of Bangladesh College Teacher Association (BCTA) and Bangladesh Principal Council (BPC) raised the demand at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club in the capital. Their other demands include -- elimination of discrimination in salary, allowances, increment, promotions, and educational facilities as allocated for their government counterparts; appointing non-government college teachers to education

administration; and implementation of ILO 1966 charter. BPC president Prof Md Mazharul Hannan presented a keynote paper at the press conference. He said the non-government teachers are deprived of medical allowances and yearly increment. The teachers' leader also said they would go for a tougher movement if their demands were not met. To press home their demands they also chalked out a nation-wide programme that include networking and view-exchange meeting at all education institutions on September 29; and submitting memorandum to district commissioners and upazila nirbahi officers on October 1-4.



Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and India's Border Security Force (BSF) hold a formal meeting at BGB's Pillkhana Headquarters in the capital yesterday.

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