

**DELAY IN INVESTIGATION
HC asks ACC
chairman to
explain**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) chairman for a written explanation by February 4 why ACC had not submitted the investigation report of a corruption case filed in Sathkira eight years ago.

ACC, as per its rules, must submit its investigation report to the lower court concerned within 60 days after a case is filed.

In response to a petition filed by the case's accused, the HC also summoned Wazed Ali Gazi, the case's investigation officer, on February 4 to explain his delay in completing the investigation.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Akram Hossain Chowdhury also issued a rule upon the ACC to explain by February 4 why the case proceedings should not be quashed.

The Bureau of Anti Corruption (BAC), now defunct, filed the case with Sathkira Police Station in November 2004. In it, Mojibur Rahman, executive engineer of Power Development Board of Sathkira, was accused of illegally amassing wealth worth Tk 25.34 lakh.

All of the BAC's cases were shifted to ACC, formed on November 22, 2004.

Mojibur, getting an HC bail on September 5, 2012, filed the petition with the HC appealing for the case to be quashed, citing the delays in the investigation report submission and the investigation completion.



Activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir pelt brick bats at police during a clash with law enforcers near Sonadighi intersection in Rajshahi city yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

**N'GANJ COP'S DEATH
Autopsy finds burn
led to dehydration**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

An autopsy report revealed the cause of death of a Narayanganj policeman, who suffered 90 percent burns on December 13, to be from dehydration and infections resulting from the injuries while there was alcohol in his stomach.

Police earlier said Sub-inspector Md Shahjahan Miah of Bandar Police Station had suffered the injuries in an "explosion" before his quarters inside Bandar Police Station.

He died in Dhaka Medical College Hospital on December 17 and an unnatural death case was filed. Yesterday, the case was shifted to the Detective Branch of Police.

The autopsy report was received yesterday, said the case's investigation officer, Sub-Inspector Rakubuzzaman, adding that it would be placed before a judicial magistrate's court.

Judicial Magistrate Court Judge Chandni Rupam had asked for the report after Shahjahan's wife Laila Saju sought permission on December 23 to file a murder case with it accusing four people.

The four are the police station's Officer-in-Charge Nur Mohammad, second officer Sub-inspector Binoy Krishna Roy and two unidentified men.

Shahjahan's brother Farid Ahmed had claimed that the OC, over a previous feud, was behind an attack in which the two unidentified men threw an object at Shahjahan, causing him to suffer the burns.

Farid yesterday rejected the autopsy report, stating that it was false, fabricated and made under the influence of the accused.

**Two arrested
with 6,000 Yaba
pills in capital**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detective Branch of Police, in two separate drives, arrested a bus driver and a woman with about 6,000 Yaba tablets from the capital's Kamalapur and Sabujbagh areas early yesterday.

Jasim Chowdhury, 51, driver of Shyamoli Paribahan, which runs on the Dhaka-Teknaf route, had 5,000 pieces of the banned drug in his possession.

Police arrested him when a Shyamoli Paribahan bus, driven by Jasim, arrived at Kamalapur Balurmath from Teknaf yesterday at about 12:30am.

Quoting Jasim, DB officials said Jasim has been involved in Yaba trading for years. He purchases the tablets from Myanmar citizens in Teknaf and sells those to different drugs rings involved in Yaba trading in the capital.

Meanwhile, another team of DB officials arrested Ruma Begum, 35, from Basabo Balurmath in Sabujbagh with 970 Yaba tablets.

She was arrested at about 1:00am while selling the tablets to addicts, DB officials said.

**Two Meghna bridges
under repairs**

4-day off limit to vehicles starts today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Vehicular movement on two bridges -- Meghna and Meghna-Gumti -- on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway will remain suspended for four days from 6:00am today due to repair works on the bridges' damaged expansion joints and hinge bearings.

The detour for the Dhaka-Chittagong traffic is Dhaka-Bhairab-Brahmanbaria-Moinamati-Chittagong, an extra 90 kilometres.

Vehicles coming from Dhaka would be diverted towards Narsingdi from Kanchpur bridge while those from Chittagong would be diverted toward Brahmanbaria from Moinamati.

Both the bridges are under threat due to damage to the hinge bearings, expansion joints and river-bed scouring.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Railway, upon a communications ministry request,

decided to introduce two pairs of special trains and add 11 extra coaches to the existing seven trains on Dhaka-Chittagong route to ease pressure on the road.

"We will run one pair of trains on Friday and another pair on Sunday," said BR Director General Md Abu Taher.

Our Brahmanbaria correspondent, quoting the district administration, said 264 law enforcers will be deployed on the alternative route, with a three-member team posted in every half a kilometre on the Brahmanbaria-Moinamati highway.

Three special teams will be on duty in Sylhet, Brahmanbaria and Comilla.

The alternative route will have four wreckers and 12 Roads and Highways Department teams to ensure smooth flow of traffic while slow moving vehicles like human haulers, CNG-run auto-rickshaws and battery-driven rickshaws would be kept off it.

**VIOLENCE IN CTG
BNP-Jamaat-Shibir
men denied bail**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday sent to jail 26 leaders and activists of BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir after rejecting their bail petitions in a case filed for vandalism and torching of vehicles on December 9, 2012.

Meanwhile, another Chittagong court denied bail prayers of 58 Jamaat-Shibir activists, now behind bars, in three different cases filed with Panchlaish Police Station for assaults on police by Jamaat-Shibir activists on November 18.

On December 9, the BNP-led 18-party alliance enforced a countrywide blockade programme to realise their demand for restoration of the caretaker government system.

A total of 32 persons were accused in the first case, filed with Sitakunda Police Station under the speedy trial act.

Of the 58 activists, 38 are Chittagong Medical College students, arrested from the college hostel, while the rest are doctors and bankers and other professionals, arrested from different Chittagong city areas.

A total of 65 Jamaat-Shibir activists by name and 122 unidentified people were accused in the three cases.

**MULTIMEDIA CLASSROOMS
6,000 digital contents
developed**

BSS, Dhaka

The country's teachers at primary and secondary levels have shown their skills in developing digital contents for multimedia classrooms that have started changing the century-old traditional teacher-centered learning system.

Over 6,000 digital contents have so far been developed by the teachers through a blog site www.icineducation.ning.com developed exclusively for them, said an official of the Access to Information Programme of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

A total of 12, 462 teachers are the members of the blog who upload the digital contents in the site regularly and download the same for using in the multimedia classrooms, he said.

Meanwhile, 12, 000 teachers -- 10,000 at secondary level and 2,000 at primary level -- have been provided training to develop digital contents, said Information Communication and Technology (ICT) Secretary and National Project Director (NPD) of A2I Programme Md Nazrul Islam Khan.

Training will be given to more 10,000 teachers by 2013 so that they can develop digital contents, he said, adding that the teachers will play an important role in carrying out the government's plan to set up 20,500 multimedia classrooms by this year.

Over 4,000 multimedia classrooms have so far been set up in the country, an information ministry official said.

**TAZREEN FASHIONS FIRE
43 victims' families get
Tk 1 lakh each**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday handed Tk one lakh, provided by the BGMEA, to each family of 43 victims of the November 24 fire at Tazreen Fashions in Ashulia.

Of the 43, 10 had lost their lives while the rest were severely injured in the blaze that killed at least 112 workers.

The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) also provided Tk 3,000 and one schoolbag as scholarships to each of 100 meritorious children of garment workers.

Addressing the occasion in the capital's BGMEA Bhaban, Dipu Moni asked garment factory owners to ensure a safe working environment and fire safety for the workers to develop the industry.

The government, owners and workers will work together to secure the first position of the world's readymade garment (RMG) exports, she said. Bangladesh now claims 4.8 percent of the global RMG trade of US\$ 412 billion.

World Trade Organisation declared Bangladesh as the second largest RMG exporter after China in 2010-11. Bangladesh retained its position the following fiscal by exporting garments worth \$19.09 billion. The outlook for the current fiscal is set to exceed \$20 billion.

The industry is showcasing Bangladesh's positive image and registered positive growth despite economic crisis in the US and Europe, she said.

The government, in its initiative to explore new markets, opened an embassy in Brazil to tap into the Latin American market. Cost of production rose in China and so buyers are eyeing Bangladesh, she added.

Dipu Moni assured that the government would set up an industrial park for the garment industry soon.

The industry is working to empower women in line with the government's "Vision 2021". The workers are the industry's main drivers so owners should take more development initiatives under corporate social responsibility to help them, she said.

**CYCLONE DEATH CUT
Bangladesh a model
Says Jamilur Reza Choudhury**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has achieved significant success in reducing the number of people killed in cyclones and storm surges, claimed Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury, vice-chancellor of the University of Asia Pacific.

"Bangladesh is regarded as a success story by the international community as it has been quite efficient in managing disasters such as cyclones and storm surges. We are also one of the first countries to have a separate ministry for disaster management," he added.

He was speaking at the 61st founding anniversary of the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh.

Jamilur Reza Choudhury, also former adviser to a caretaker government, further said aside from identifying vulnerable buildings and retrofitting them to resist earthquakes or cyclones, it is important to raise public awareness through education and research.

"We should also focus on constructing a network of shelters to prevent loss of human life during storm surges and cyclones. Mitigating the effects of storm surges on the country can make a significant impact in ensuring sustainable development," he said in his lecture on disaster risk management.

It is comforting to learn that the intensity of effects of cyclones and storm surges in Bangladesh has been reduced, said Finance Minister AMA Muhith.

**MIDDLE-INCOME STATUS
Bangladesh
needs \$20b
remittance a
yr till 2021**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

If remittance inflow can reach US\$ 20 billion yearly, Bangladesh will emerge as a middle-income country within 2021, said Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain yesterday.

The country has received US\$ 44 billion in remittance in the last four years, he told a views exchange meeting with All European Awami League delegations in the ministry's conference room.

He said Malaysia would recruit five lakh Bangladeshi workers in the next five years.

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