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Quit WB job, join politics

Muhith pokes outgoing country boss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday advised that the World Bank Country Director Ellen Goldstein had better quit job and join politics in Bangladesh.

"I have an advice for her. It will be better if she gave up her World Bank job and joined politics here," Muhith said this to reporters after a meeting of the cabinet committee on purchase at the secretariat.

When reporters drew his attention to the

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Dhaka to turn into a photo gallery

Asia's largest photography festival begins today

SUSHMITA S PREETHA

The largest photography festival in Asia, Chobi Mela, is set to turn the capital into a colossal art gallery from today as it kicks off at seven venues across the city. The seventh edition of the biennial festival will feature the works of 34 photographers from 24 countries in a display of diversity of thought, expression and form.

The launching ceremony will take place at Shilpakala Academy with parallel exhibitions at Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, The Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Chobir Haat, Dhaka Art Centre, Drik Gallery and the Faculty of Fine Arts at Dhaka University.

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Oymyakon village at dawn with a plume of smoke rising from the heating plant. The Russian village has lowest recorded temperature for any permanently inhabited location. Story on page 6.

PHOTO: MAIL ONLINE

RMG worker 'raped on running bus'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

An 18-year-old girl was raped on a running bus and then thrown out of the vehicle on Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday noon, police said.

Law enforcers arrested the driver, Dipu Miah, 30, and his assistant Kashem Miah, 28. The duo has confessed to the crime during interrogation.

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Khulna Royal Bengals captain Shahriar Nafees takes a fantasy flight after becoming the first Bangladeshi to score a century in an official T20 match. The southpaw struck an unbeaten 102 off 69 balls against Duronto Rajshahi during a BPL match in Khulna yesterday. He also shared 197 runs with Lou Vincent (89 not out), which is the second-highest opening stand in T20 history. Story on page 16

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Nat'l prof Nurul Islam no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Professor Dr Nurul Islam passed away last night at the age of 85.

He breathed his last at LabAid Hospital in the capital around 9:00pm.

An educationist, medical scientist, social worker and researcher, Prof Nurul had been suffering from various old age complications.

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL Charges against 'AL' man Feb 12

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed the prosecution to submit on February 12 formal charges against Mobarak Hossain in connection with his alleged involvement in crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

Mobarak, who, according to local politicians, was the organising secretary of a union unit of Awami League in Akhaura upazila of Brahmanbaria for 16 years, appeared before the tribunal yesterday and sought extension of his bail.

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POLITICAL VENGEANCE MK Anwar asked to explain remark

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday ordered BNP standing committee member MK Anwar to explain within seven days the derogatory comments he allegedly made about the war crimes trial.

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BISHWAJIT MURDER Footage questions autopsy report

HC observes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday observed that there were discrepancies between the autopsy report and the footage of Bishwajit Das killing incident.

It said the footage showed Bishwajit had sustained several injuries, but the autopsy report claimed that he had succumbed to only one stab injury measuring three and a half inches long and one and a half inches deep.

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Schools tuned to spell-fest

SHAHNOOR RABBANI

Selection of divisional round qualifiers for the Spelling Bee continued in full swing yesterday as judges from champs21.com visited six more schools across the country.

Three schools in Dhaka, one in Sylhet and two in Rangpur took part in the contest, bringing the number of divisional round qualifiers to 27.

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid that the teacher's demonstration is politically motivated?

Yes

No

No Comments

(18%)

(80%)

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Do you agree with the main opposition BNP that the ruling Awami League is "patronising state terrorism" using the police force?

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