### Rana Plaza Death Case

#### Four garment owners on four-day remand

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed four garment owners, whose factories were on different floors of Rana Plaza, on a four-day remand each in a case filed for the deaths of 1,129 garment workers.

The workers died when the nine-storey Rana Plaza came crashing down on April 24 trapping inside thousands of garment workers.

The garment owners are Anisur Rahman, chairman of Ether Tex; Aminul Islam, chairman of Phantom Apparels Ltd and Phantom Tack Ltd; Bazlus Samad Adnan, chairman of New Wave Buttons, and Mahbubur Rahman Tapash, managing director

of the factory. The court passed the remand order after the CID police submitted a sevenday remand for each.

Bijoy Krisna Kar, assistant superintendent of police of CID told the court that they needed to take the four owners on remand for further investigation.

The accused were earlier placed for different terms of remand in connection with two cases filed after the collapse at Savar, on the outskirts of the capital.

Samad, Aminul and Tapash were arrested on April 27 while Anisur on April 28.

Police has so far arrested 13 people including Sohel Rana, his father Abdul Khalek, owners of the building. They were also put on different terms' remand in the cases.

# Fake oral saline factory busted

6,000 packets of spurious saline seized at Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Detective police seized 6,000 packets of spurious oral saline at a fake factory and arrested two men in this regard in Moiarchar of Sylhet city yesterday.

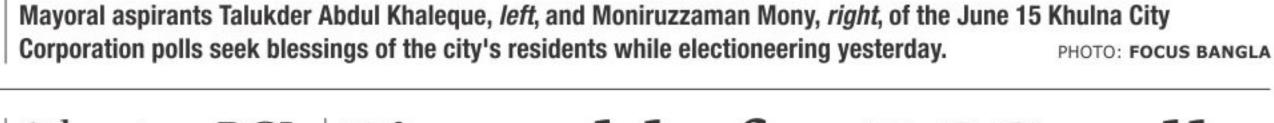
The arrested are Ali Ahmed of Netrakona, and Mamun Ahmed of Sylhet sadar upazila.

Ali claimed himself as the managing director while Mamun as manager of the factory "Bio Natural Food". They could not show any licence from the BSTI or envi-

ronment directorate, said police. On information, the police recovered the saline, and other items including energy capsule.

Some equipment and raw materials, used for preparing the items, were also seized.





Double Murder

# Two flatmates confess to killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two youths found dead inside their residence in the capital's West Shewrapara on May 31 were murdered by their two flatmates with the help of a professional killer over previous enmity and for their money and valuables.

This was confessed by one of the flamates, Milon, arrested by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-2 from Uttara's Abdullahpur early hours yesterday, said Rab officials.

Milon's accomplice Faruk; another flatmate, Karim; and a housemaid were arrested from the flat on the first floor of a four-storey building around an hour after Anharul Islam Razib, 28, and Khairul Bashar, 28, were found dead.

Seven youths used to reside in the flat. The remaining two went to their village home some days ago.

Milon said the target was Bashar as he used to tease him for being a shop employee at Bangladesh Computer Society but Razib was caught up in the circumstances as he witnessed the murder.

Milon and Faruk looted cellphones, cash, computers and ATM cards, none of which could be recovered yet, said Rab officials.

The case and arrestees were handed over to the Detective Branch of police.

#### faction attacks rivals STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least eight students believed to be Bangladesh Chhatra League activists of Govt Madrasa-e-Alia unit were injured in an attack allegedly by their rival faction on the campus in the capital yesterday morning.

Around 20 pro-Awami League BCL activists attacked the students with sharp weapons in Allama Kashgari Hostel, said Chawk Bazar police.

Principal (in-charge) Prof Sirajuddin Ahmed said they could not identify whether the injured were the hostel's residents.

The BCL unit General Secretary Rakib Hasan denied his involvement in the attack.

#### 8 hurt as BCL Timetable for DCC polls likely this week: CEC are observing the whole situation," he said. STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission may decide by this week on fixing the timetable to hold elections to the Dhaka city corporations, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad said yesterday. "Now we will have to take action imme-

diately as delimitation of one of the city corporation's boundary has already been completed. "We are working on this and it will be clear to us by this week on when we will be

able to hold the elections," he told journalists at the Election Commission Secretariat in the capital. Rakibuddin said they received a Local Government Division gazette stating that

Dhaka South City Corporation's boundary was expanded with Sultanganj Union Parishad under Kamrangirchar thana being included in ward 57. "We will have to hold the elections either

before Ramadan or after Eid. As Ramadan is very close, we think candidates should be given sufficient time for electioneering. Again, it will be too late if it goes after Eid. We

Elections to the Dhaka city corporation, now separated into north and south, was last held in 2002 and its tenure expired in 2007.

On electoral code violation allegations against some candidates of the June 15 Rajshahi, Sylhet, Barisal and Khulna city corporation polls, Rakibuddin said, "No violator of the code of conducts will be spared. "Returning officers are authorised to take

action against violators. We are monitoring from here," he said. On alleged electoral campaigns by a state

minister and some high profile political leaders in favour of mayoral candidates, Rakibuddin said, "As the city corporation polls are apolitical, we request all politicians not to conduct any political campaign. "If such incidents occur, we will ask them

to explain." On EC's role over allegations that some

candidates are making use of religious sentiments in their electoral campaigns, Rakibuddin said the Election Commission already alerted the respective returning officers to check such activities.

#### Qamrul for new act to protect witnesses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

New act to protect witnesses during prosecution is required to reduce criminal activities such as human trafficking, said State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam yesterday.

He urged the home ministry to initiate the act as soon as possible.

The state minister was addressing as chief guest a daylong national level advocacy workshop on improvement of prosecutorial process of human trafficking cases. Human rights organisa-

tion, Rights Jessore, with the supports of USAID and Winrock International, arranged the workshop at Cirdap Auditorium in the capital Telling the criminals as influential and wealthy, the

state minister said socioeconomical crises such as poverty and youth unemployment were the main causes behind human trafficking in the country. The rights organisation

presented a report based on study of 100 criminal cases under the "Human Trafficking (prevention and protection) Act-2012".

The study conducted in Jessore, Narail and Satkhira districts, found that both the victims and witnesses remained vulnerable during investigation and prosecution.

In most cases, the criminals managed to escape punishment due to lack of proper investigation, said Binoy Krishna Mallick, executive director, Rights Jessore.

Recipients of the Mercantile Bank Honour-2013, awarded for their contributions in their respective fields, with Finance Minister AMA Muhith, sixth from right, at a hotel in the capital yesterday. The awardees are Dr AM Harun ar Rashid (education), Prof Rashiduddin Ahmed (medicine), Firoza Begum (culture), Lt Col (retd) Quazi Sazzad Ali Zahir Bir Protik (research on Liberation War affairs), Dr Humayun Ahmed (posthumous) (Bangla language and literature), Anisur Rahman Sinha (trade and commerce), Mahfuz Anam (journalism), Nishat Majumder (sports), Kartik Chandra Paramanik (agricultural research and development) and Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (science and technology).

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#### Notre Dame College allowed to hold admission tests

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for Notre Dame College in Dhaka to admit students of class XI through holding admission tests.

It stayed for six months the process for admission into

class XI of Notre Dame College on the basis of marks obtained by the admission seekers in the Secondary School Certificate examinations. In response to a writ petition filed by the college authori-

ties, the court also issued a rule upon the government to explain in four weeks why the circular, issued by the Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Dhaka in this regard, should not be declared illegal.

The board on May 16 issued the circular saying it will select institutions for students on the basis of their SSC marks.

#### HYGIENE, SANITATION, WATER SUPPLY

## Bangladesh to get Swiss grant of \$9.5m

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Switzerland will give a grant of \$ 9.5 million (Tk 75.75 crore) for the "Hygiene, Sanitation and Water Supply (HYSAWA) Programme" in Bangladesh.

To this effect, the governments of Switzerland and Bangladesh signed a "Financing Agreement" and "Project Documentation (ProDoc)" in the capital yesterday, said a press release.

Economic Relations Division Secretary Md Abul Kalam Azad and Swiss Ambassador to Bangladesh Urs Herren signed the agreement on behalf of the respective governments.

Under the programme, 50,000 household latrines, 250 community/public latrines and more than 5,400 water points will be installed in 50 union parishads, the press release said. Around one million people will be benefited from installations, it said.

The HYSAWA programme places emphasis on empowering local government institutions to plan and manage hygiene, sanitation and water supply service delivery in an effective way, it added.



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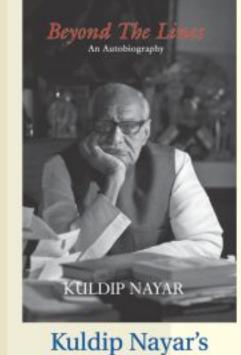




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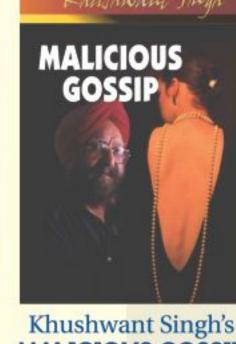


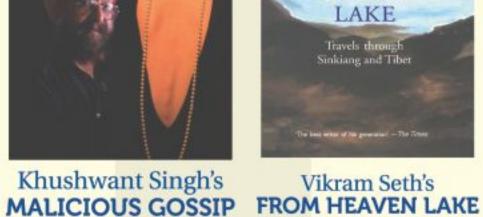
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#### No class, exam held at Sust for strike

SUST CORRESPONDENT

No class, examination and administrative activities were held at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust), Sylhet yesterday for a strike called by Bangladesh Chhatra League.

The university was scheduled to open yesterday after 19 days vacation.

About 30 to 35 BCL leaders and activists stopped all university buses in Madina market area around 7:30am.

Earlier on May 13, the Sust authorities at a syndicate meeting suspended all academic activities until May 30 following the clashes between several factions of the pro-Awami League student organisation.

On May 11, eight factions of the BCL unit called the indefinite strike to press home their three-point demand.

## Prosecution witnesses gave hearsay statements

Quader Mollah's lawyer tells SC STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two prosecution witnesses--Syed Abdul Kaium and Khondaker Abul Ahsan -- have given hearsay statements before the International Crimes Tribunal-2 regarding the involvement of Abdul Quader Mollah in killing Khondaker Abu Taleb in 1971, Abdur Razzaq, a lawyer for Mollah, told the Supreme Court yesterday. Abu Taleb, journalist, litterateur and lawyer, was killed in

Mirpur's Jalladkhana during the country's Liberation War.

Razzaq was placing arguments on the sixth day of the Appellate Division's hearing on convicted Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah's appeal seeking acquittal in

the war crimes case. Earlier, Syed Abdul Kaium, the 10th prosecution witness and former colleague of Taleb, told the ICT-2 that Quader Mollah and his accomplices killed Abu Taleb at Jalladkhana

during the Liberation War. The fifth prosecution witness, Khondaker Abul Ahsan, son of Taleb, told the tribunal that Quader accompanied by some non-Bangalees killed his father on March 29, 1971.

Abdur Razzaq yesterday told the apex court that the statement of Khondaker Abul Ahsan is contradictory as he had earlier made a statement at Jalladkhana, where he did not mention the name of Quader Mollah in his father's murder.

The ICT-2 on February 5 awarded life term imprisonment to Mollah. The apex court fixed today for further hearing on the case. Abul Ahsan's statement is not corroborated by the inves-

tigation officer of the case, he argued and said Quader Mollah was not involved in the murder of Abu Taleb.

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