

NEWSIN brief

Balloon trader loses legs in gas cylinder explosion in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A balloon trader lost both his legs in a gas cylinder explosion yesterday at Hasnabad of Keraniganj, on the outskirts of the capital.

The victim, Mohammad Masum, 23, was pumping gas inside balloons at his home at Hasnabad when the explosion occurred.

"The victim was first taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital and then to National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation," said Shakhawat Hossain, officer-in-charge of Keraniganj Police Station.

Body of autistic boy recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of an autistic boy from a water body at Diyabari in the capital's Mirpur yesterday morning.

The deceased, Momin, 16, son of Fazlur, was a resident of Mirpur-1.

Quoting Fazlur, police said Momin went outside home for a bath on Saturday and did not return.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

National University publishes degree pass course results

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

The final results of degree pass course examinations of 2011 under National University (NU) were published on Monday night with a pass rate of 74.72 percent.

A total of 143,787 students out of 192, 447 passed the examinations, said a NU press release.

NU also announced the results of the first year and second year terminal examinations with the pass rate of 90.50 and 93.57 respectively.

The results will be available on www.nubd.info and www.nuadmission.info.

2 held with 10 disassembled guns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police yesterday arrested two men and seized 10 disassembled guns from their possession at Alirgaon in Gowainghat upazila of Sylhet.

The arrested are Shahab Uddin, 50, of Golapganj upazila; and Abdur Razzaque, 25, of the same upazila.

Acting on a tip-off, police intercepted an auto-rickshaw, by which the duo were travelling in, before Gowainghat College, said Gowainghat police.

Man arrested in Ctg over murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested an alleged mugger, who allegedly killed Jashim Uddin on Monday, from Sholoshahar in Chittagong city early yesterday.

The arrestee is Suman alias Picchi, 20. Suman and his cohort Rana stabbed Jashim, a garage worker, in the city as he tried to resist them when they were snatching his belongings.

Rana was arrested on Monday and the same day he gave his confessional statement before a Chittagong court.



Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid as the chief guest addresses the 16th convocation of North South University at the Convocation Plaza on the university campus yesterday. This year, degrees were conferred on 1,383 undergraduate students and 545 graduate students. Two students from each of the graduate and undergraduate programmes received the chancellor's gold medal while one from each of the programmes received the vice chancellor's gold medal.

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Govt appeal for Mollah's death penalty tenable

Attorney general tells SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam yesterday argued that the government appeal seeking death penalty for jailed Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Mollah for his war crimes was acceptable under the amended International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973, since the amendment was brought with retrospective effect.

The appeal against the inadequate sentence of the Jamaat leader is tenable, he told the Supreme Court, which was hearing for the 15th day Mollah's appeal seeking acquittal in the case filed for committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971.

Earlier, Mollah's lawyer Abdur Razzaq told the apex court that the appeal submitted by the government was not tenable since the amendment was brought to

the ICT act after International Crimes Tribunal-2 had delivered the verdict against his client.

On February 5, the tribunal-2 jailed Mollah for life after finding him guilty of five wartime criminal offences. The government amended the act on February 18 clearing its way for filing appeal with the SC against the tribunal's inadequate sentencing of a convict.

On March 3, the government appealed to the SC seeking death penalty for Quader Mollah for each of the six charges he faced at the ICT-2. The following day, March 4, Mollah filed a separate appeal with the SC seeking acquittal from all six charges.

After concluding yesterday's proceedings, the Appellate Division of the SC fixed today for further hearing on the appeal.

Tazreen Fire

Placing of Home's probe report to court demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirty three eminent citizens yesterday demanded that the home ministry's probe report on the Tazreen fire be submitted to the court immediately.

Although the home ministry probe report recommended that Md Delwar Hossain, owner of Tazreen Fashions, be arrested for negligence, it has not been submitted to the court, said a statement.

"We are deeply concerned that no legal actions have been taken against the factory owner even after six months of the fire incident," it said.

Disregarding the court's order for submission of the probe report, the ministry has been failing to present it before the court, it said.

Besides, while the inspector general of police, in his report to the High Court, stated that Delwar is in hiding, Delwar has been appearing before the court during the hearing of a case filed against him.

Signatories of the statement include theatre personality Mamunur Rashid, columnist Rehnema Ahmed, Prof Dhali Al-Mamun, Prof Nasim Akhtar Hossain, Prof Gitara Nasrin, social activist Khushi Kabir, columnist Syed Abul Maksud and actor Bonya Mirza.

FISH PROTECTION ACT

HC upholds amended provisions banning current nets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday upheld the amended provisions of fish protection and conservation law which banned the manufacture, marketing, import and use of current nets.

Delivering a verdict on 16 separate writ petitions, the court declared the amended provisions of the Protection and Conservation of Fish Act, 1950 constitutional.

It also vacated its earlier orders of stay on the amended provisions of the act.

The HC bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Zafar Ahmed rejected the writ petitions which were filed challenging the constitutionality of the amendment of the law.

The amendment which was brought to the law in September 2002, says, "No person shall manufacture, fabricate, import, market, store, carry, transport, own, possess or use current jal [nets]."

Production of Hilsa fish will increase from 35 to 45 percent, if the government properly executes the HC verdict and enforces the law, Deputy Attorney General Mokhesur Rahman told The Daily Star citing a report from the Directorate of Livestock and Fisheries.

Production of other fishes will also be increased, he added. He said total 48 writ petitions were filed by the producers and traders of current nets with the HC bench after the amendment was brought to the law.

Rotary clubs

distribute nutrition boxes among poor pregnant women

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty Rotary clubs have distributed nutrition boxes among 20 poor pregnant women, who take treatment at Azimpur Maternity hospital, in the capital.

The distribution programme was held at Dhaka Club on Monday.

Past District Governor Rafiq Ahmed Siddique was the chief guest at the programme, while District Governor Nominee SAM Sawket attended as the special guest.

Dhaka Rotary Club past president AFH Arif was the keynote speaker at the event conducted by Dilkusha Rotary Club President Shimul Pervin and Eskaton Rotary Club President Naseemul Hye. More than 80 Rotarians were present.

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Seminar
Housing and Building Research Institute will organise a seminar on research on building structures which are able to face natural disasters; Venue: Purta Bhaban, Segunbagicha; Time: 9:30am.

Discussion
Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote will hold a discussion on "Unconstitutional and undemocratic government is not needed"; Venue: Public Library Auditorium, Shahbagh; Time: 11:00am.

Roundtable
Ain o Salish Kendra, and Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition will arrange a roundtable on human rights; Venue: Cirdap Auditorium; Time: 3:00pm.

Discussion
The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry will hold a post-budget discussion; Venue: Officers' Club, Baily Road; Time: 11:00am.

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