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DEALING WITH WAR CRIMES APPEALS

SC judges to get risk allowances

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The law ministry has initiated a process of giving "risk allowance" to the judges of the Supreme Court's Appellate Division.

The move comes against the background of the judiciary's now dealing with the appeals against the war crimes verdicts.

The allowance will include an additional 70 percent in the monthly salary of each judge, law ministry sources have said.

The monthly salary for the chief justice is Tk 56,000. An Appellate Division judge receives Tk 53,100 as monthly salary whereas a High Court judge gets Tk 49,100.

The law ministry on April 10 sent a letter to the finance ministry, proposing that the risk allowance should be given to each of the nine judges of the Appellate Division, sources at the law ministry told The Daily Star.

The ministry of finance is yet to respond to the law ministry's proposal.

The government has already been giving

an additional 70 percent to the monthly salary of each judge of the two International Crimes Tribunals as risk allowance.

It recently provided each of the six judges of the two tribunals with a Pajero (Mitsubishi) jeep costing Tk 59 lakh each, sources said.

In the proposed national budget for fiscal 2013-14, Tk 17 crore has been allocated for the purpose of holding trials of individuals accused of committing crimes against humanity during the country's Liberation War in 1971.

Last year's budget for this purpose was Tk 16.5 crore, sources said, adding that the previous year's allocation had almost been spent.

Earlier in June 2011, the HC, following a writ petition, ordered the government to implement the recommendations of a parliamentary sub-committee relating to an increase in the salaries and allowances of judges of the Appellate and HC Divisions of the Supreme Court.

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Doctor of false certificates

Pay Tk 5,000 to get what you want

TAWFIQUE ALI

Do you want to file a false criminal case? Do you want a fake medical certificate declaring that you were seriously injured in an "attack"?

Wonder who can help? Well, you have Dr Saiful Islam.

His registration as a doctor expired many years ago. He does not work at Dhaka Medical College Hospital or Mitford Hospital, which are authorised to issue medical certificates in Dhaka city for criminal cases.

But Saiful carries on his booming trade sitting at a private clinic, National Diagnostic Centre, at Chankharpool intersection. In exchange for Tk 5,000, he will certify that you were "grievously injured".

Saiful used to be a medical officer at the DMCH. He was suspended and made an officer on special duty (OSD) at Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) in 2008. His suspension was withdrawn in 2010 and he remains an OSD to this day.

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Saiful Islam, who issues fake medical certificates for anybody in exchange for Tk 5,000.

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The flying bicycle

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Inspired by the Wright brothers, the inventors of aeroplane, and eying to make traffic jam a thing of the past, two Brits have created a bicycle which they hope to become a mainstream form of transport in the future.

Comprising an ungainly mix of a bike with wings, a fan, a motor and a parachute, the invention, known as a Paravelo, can reach 4,000ft and speeds of up to 25mph.

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NEWSPRINT IMPORT BNP demands withdrawal of duty hike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The opposition BNP demanded in parliament yesterday that the government withdraw its budgetary proposal for hiking tax on newsprint imports.

Expressing deep concern over the proposal, a BNP lawmaker said the country's newspaper industry would face a serious crisis if the proposal was not withdrawn.

"Expenditures of newspaper industries will increase by 28 percent due to the proposed duty on imported newsprint, which will be difficult for them [newspapers] to bear,"

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Bangladesh now a low fertility country

Outgoing UNFPA representative Arthur Erken tells The Daily Star

AKRAM HOSEN

Outgoing UNFPA representative Arthur Erken commended Bangladesh's achievement in reducing population growth through a proactive family planning programme focused on grassroots levels.

The pro-poor family planning programme had made Bangladesh "a low fertility country" with a rate of 2.3 children per woman, he said.

"In terms of using family planning, there is a huge divide between the rich and poor in many countries. But in Bangladesh, the difference is very little," he recently told The



Daily Star in an interview at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) office in the capital.

Erken is to leave Dhaka late this month.

Summing up his six years' work in Bangladesh, the population expert said the country was going through a "rapid socio-cultural transformation" with the young people comprising the largest proportion of the total population.

"The number of youths will even increase as that group will for sometime grow up, until the 35 and below will be the largest

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SQ Chy questions 'motive' of trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

War crimes accused Salauddin Quader Chowdhury yesterday claimed he was being tried because of his "commitment" for the cause of the Muslim Ummah.

He said this while giving deposition as the first defence witness before the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

"The lottery of fortune that delivered my humble name to the notice of the International Crimes Tribunal is obviously attributed to my commitment for the cause of the Muslim Ummah," he said.

Prosecutor Sultan Mahmud Simon told the tribunal Salauddin was being tried for his alleged involvement in the crimes against humanity committed in Chittagong during the Liberation War in 1971.

The tribunal indicted Salauddin on 23 war crimes charges, of which eight are in connection with genocide, more specifically, killing people of the Hindu community.

Salaudin also said, "It is tragic that in a country inhabited by over 90 percent Muslims and a territory demarcated on Muslim majority demography, rise of secularism is being used with great flourish in the persecution of political personalities committed to the interest of the Muslim

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আর্থ-সামাজিক ক্ষেত্রে সাম্প্রতিক অর্জন

Socio-economic and Demographic Report 2011

জরিপকাল: ১৫-২৫ অক্টোবর, ২০১১

(আদমশুমারি ও গৃহগণনা ২০১১-এর নমুনা জরিপের ভিত্তিতে প্রণীত)


- জনগণের সংবাদপত্র পড়ার হার আগের চেয়ে অনেক বেড়েছে। ২০০৪ সালের ১০% থেকে ২০১১ সালে হয়েছে ১৫%।
- টেলিভিশন দেখা জনগণের হার বৃদ্ধি পেয়েছে। ২০০৪ সালে দেশের ২১ শতাংশ লোক টেলিভিশন দেখত; ২০১১ সালে এ হার ৪৫ শতাংশ।
- দেশের ৮৯ শতাংশ মানুষ বিদ্যুৎ পানি পান করে। ২০০৪ সালে এ হার ছিল ৫১ শতাংশ।
- শহর এলাকার ৩.৮৮% লোক ইন্টারনেট ব্যবহার করে।
- আলোর উৎস হিসেবে বিদ্যুতের ব্যবহার বেড়েছে। ২০০৪ সালে ৪০ শতাংশ মানুষ বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহার করলেও ২০১১ সালে ৫৭ শতাংশ মানুষ মানুষ বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহার করছে।
- প্রধান গৃহের দেয়ালের উপকরণ হিসেবে টিন (সিআই শিট)-এর ব্যবহার উল্লেখযোগ্য হারে বেড়েছে। ২০০৪ সালে ২৩ শতাংশ গৃহে টিন ব্যবহার হলেও ২০১১ সালে তা বেড়ে দাঁড়িয়েছে ৪১ শতাংশে।
- পাকা বাড়ির সংখ্যা উল্লেখযোগ্য হারে বেড়েছে। ২০১১ সালে দেয়ালের উপকরণ হিসেবে ইট/সিমেন্টের ব্যবহার ২৬ শতাংশ, যা ২০০৪ সালে ছিল মাত্র ১১ শতাংশ।
- বর্তমানে দেশে পুরুষ-নারীর সংখ্যা প্রায় সমান।
- দেশে মোট প্রজনন হার কমেছে। ২০০৪ সালে ছিল ২.৫১, বর্তমানে ২.১০।
- খানা প্রতি গড় জনসংখ্যা দিন দিন কমেছে। ২০০৪ সালে জাতীয় পর্যায়ে এ হার ছিল ৪.৬৬, আর ২০১১ সালে এ হার ৪.৩৫।
- মাতৃমৃত্যুর হার কমেছে। ২০০৪ সালে এ হার ছিল ৩.৪, যা ২০১১ সালে ২.১৮।
- দেশে কর্মক্ষম মহিলার সংখ্যা বেড়েছে। ২০০৪ সালে কর্মক্ষম মহিলার সংখ্যা ছিল মাত্র ৫ শতাংশ। ২০১১ সালে এ হার হয়েছে ১০ শতাংশ।



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Fajr 4-05	4-40
Zohr 12-45	1-15
Asr 5-00	5-15
Maghrib 6-50	6-55
Esha 8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

N'GANJ AL OFFICE ATTACK Charges against 6 accepted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj


A court here yesterday accepted the charge-sheet against six people including Harkatul Jihad Al Islami (Huji) chief Mufti Abdul Hannan on the charge of 2001 bomb attack on Awami League office in Chasara that killed 20 people.

The court also issued an arrest warrant against the fugitive accused and ordered to shift the explosive case to the district and sessions judge's court.

Narayanganj Senior Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court Judge KM Mahiuddin passed the order after hearing of the case.

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