

NEWSIN brief

10 HC judges sworn in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ten High Court judges, who were regularised on Sunday, were sworn in yesterday. Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain administered them at the Supreme Court auditorium in the morning. The 10 judges are-- Justice SH Md Nurul Huda Jaigirdar, Justice KM Kamrul Kader, Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah, Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam, Justice Mohammad Ullah, Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar, Justice AKM Shahidul Huq, Justice Shahidul Karim, Justice Md Jahangir Hossain and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman. In October 2011, late president Zillur Rahman had appointed them as additional HC judges for two years.

Three held over abduction of Bangladeshi in Iran

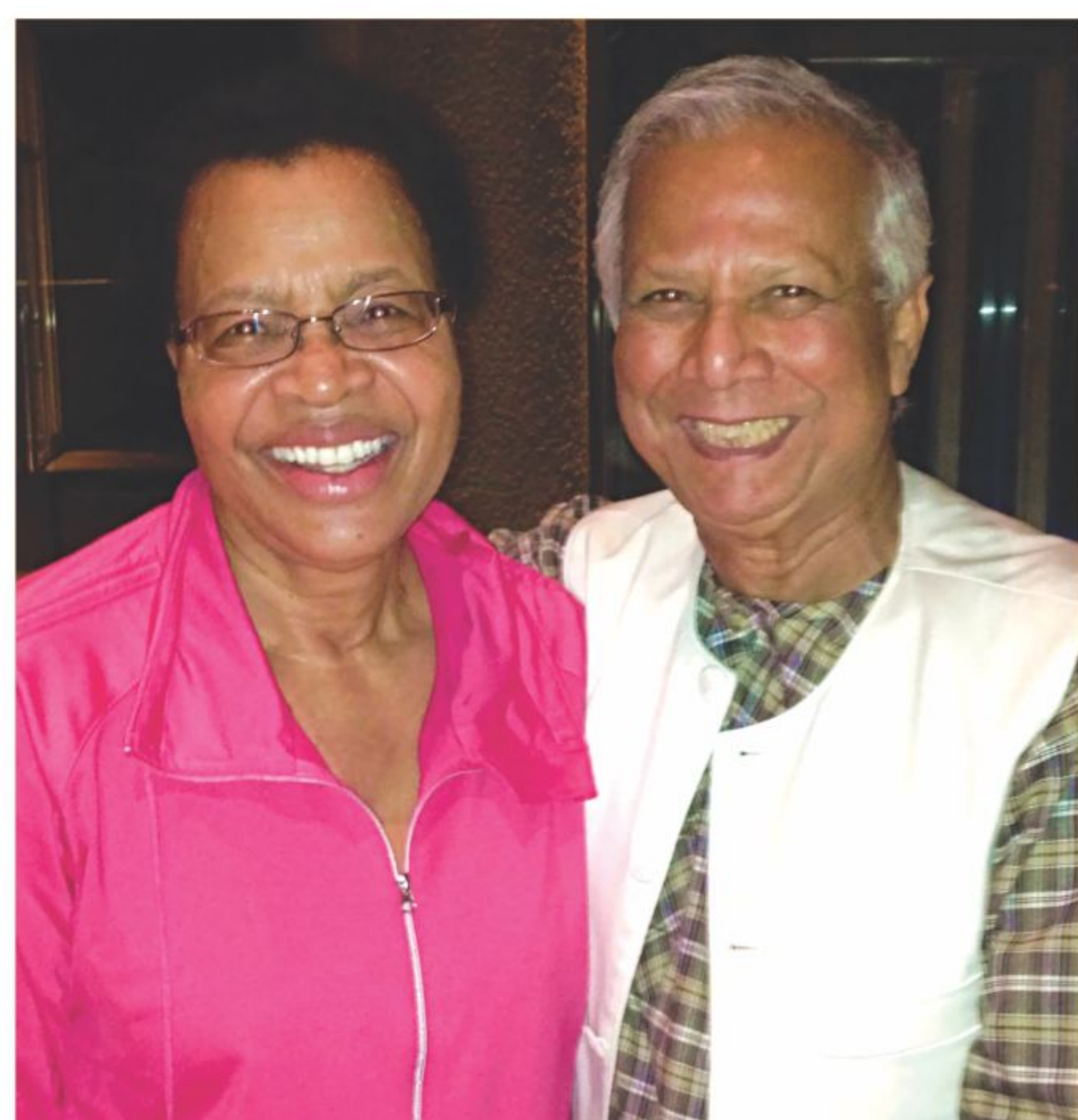
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The Criminal Investigation Department on Saturday arrested three persons in Chandpur district for receiving a Tk 1.5 ransom for the release of a Bangladeshi man kidnapped by a compatriot in Iran. Farid Ahmed, 30, Md Shahjahan, 55, and Bilkis Akter, 35, received the money through bKash, a money transfer service, in Shaharasti upazila, Chandpur from the victim's family in Comilla. Rafiqul Islam, 27, has been abducted by his friend Rabiul Alam, husband of Bilkis and son of Shahjahan, in Iran recently. The CID is trying to rescue the victim and nail the abductor with Interpol's help.

Death anniversary

BSS, Dhaka

The 28th death anniversary of Amin Ahmed Chowdhury, assistant editor of now defunct the Bangladesh Times and former Dhaka correspondent of Voice of America World Service, will be observed tomorrow. Amin, also a former correspondent of The Guardian, died of a heart attack in 1985 at the age of 40. A doa mahfil will be held at his village home at Ronokeli in Golapganj upazila of Sylhet.



Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus with Nelson Mandela's wife Graca Machel in Johannesburg on October 4. Prof Yunus, a part of The Elders, a group of world leaders under the chairmanship of Mandela, enquired about the great leader's health and extended great respect and admiration of Bangladeshis for him and their prayers for his good health. Prof Yunus is now visiting South Africa to attend One Young World Summit and the inaugural meeting of the B-Team, an organisation of the world's business leaders, to design the future structure of the business world and take the world in the right direction.

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Govt land reclaimed from Hall-Mark Group

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Dhaka District Administration recovered 5.24 acres of government land grabbed by Hall-Mark Group in a drive in Savar's Tetuljhora union yesterday. Of 16 illegal structures on the land in Nandakhali and Kandibaliarpur areas, 15 tinshed structures were demolished completely while one three-storey building partially using a bulldozer. The recovered land, housing a dairy farm, garment factories and warehouses, SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

Staff shortage hampers services at DMCH: TIB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), the country's largest public tertiary hospital with 2,300 beds, runs with a staff capacity appropriate for only 800 beds, resulting in below-standard health services, finds a Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) study. The study, "Good governance in Dhaka Medical College Hospital: Progress, Challenges and the Way Forward", launched in the capital's Biam yesterday, says the services can be dramatically improved through staffing and bettering infrastructure and management. The research is a follow-up of a 2006 diagnostic study by TIB which revealed how patients were deprived of free medicines and advised by doctors to visit their private practice chambers. Conducted between April 2010 and August

2013, the study shows how the lack of anesthetists increases the risk to patients' lives and prevents the DMCH authority from performing more operations in its 29 operation theatres. Similarly, the overall doctor to patient ratio is 1:37 while it is 1:150 in the outdoor medicine department and 1:200 in the ear, nose and throat department. However, doctors present at yesterday's launching pointed out that apart from its 298 doctors, DMCH gets a constant flow of interns, trainees, and honorary doctors seeking hands-on knowledge. Though the lack of doctors is somehow met, the nurse to patient ratio remains alarming low, especially in the outdoor (1:138) and neuro-surgery (1:125) departments. There is a high shortage of class III and IV employees too. In fact, modern equipment, including a mammography machine, are left unused due to lack of a skilled workforce. SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

Campaign

Brac Adolescent Development Programme will organise a campaign on "raising awareness on road accidents and using pedestrian bridges"; Venue: the Mirpur 10 roundabout; Time: 8:00am.

Workshop

Bangladesh Water Development Board, and Institute of Water Modelling will hold a workshop, "Establishment of monitoring network and mathematical model study to assess salinity intrusion in groundwater in the coastal areas of Bangladesh due to climate change"; Venue: Biam Auditorium; Time: 9:30am.

Discussion

Save the Environment Movement will organise a discussion, "Alternative

thoughts on developing waste management during Eid-ul Azha"; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 10:30am.

Programme

Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR) and Committee on Action for Research Extension and Services will organise a programme on the effects of research and development on national development; Venue: BCSIR; Time: 9:30am.

Human chain

Coalition of Local NGOs, Bangladesh will form a human chain marking "International day for Disaster Reduction" to be observed on October 13; Venue: before Jatiya Press Club; Time: 12:00noon.

Moudud's condition improving

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The physical condition of BNP Standing Committee Member Moudud Ahmed is improving although different tests could not be conducted since he was weak, said sources. The 74-year-old lawmaker was admitted to United Hospital's coronary care unit in the capital on Sunday with severe chest pain. The pains arose on Sunday morning, when he reached Dhaka by a flight from Sylhet, where he attended the BNP chairperson's rally on Saturday.

CONTEMPT OF COURT RULES Cabinet worried over effects on admin functions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Cabinet yesterday, during discussions on the Contempt of Court Act 2013, expressed concern that the civil administration's functions and state interests are being affected by contempt of court rules. The law, enacted on February 19 by repealing the Contempt of Court Act, 1926, gave protection to a section of people, journalists and government officials. Citing that this fact, the High Court on September 26 declared the law void, unconstitutional and discriminatory. The cabinet's ministers and secretaries suggested the law ministry to expedite legal steps against the HC declaration, the meeting sources said. The issue, though not in the meeting's agenda, came up when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, presiding over the meeting at the Secretariat, asked why 6,000 more writ petition were filed this year than the previous year. Some ministers and secretaries informed that those petitions were against usual functions like transfer orders of civil servants or against acquisition of land, which were eventually stopped by courts through stay orders. They said many of the transfers and acquisitions could not be carried out since it would mean violation of the stay order while those who executed the moves faced contempt charges. "How will the administration function in this situation?" asked a secretary. Though requested to resolve the matter, the premier did not give any specific suggestion, one of the ministers told The Daily Star. "Many examples on the use of contempt charges by some judges on personal grounds also came up," he said.

Govt mulls early childhood care and dev policy: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the guardians and teachers not to put excessive pressure on the children to ensure their proper growth. "Physical punishment and unnecessary rebuke put psychological pressure on the children and these will hamper their proper growth," she told a function, marking the World Children's Day 2013, in Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital. Mentioning that the first eight years of children are very important, Hasina said the government has initiated formulating the "Early Childhood Care and Development Policy" considering the time of their blooming. Mentioning the 15th August tragedy in which

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