

23kg of gold

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After an hour, three persons were detained and another 23 gold bars were seized from their possession. Of them, 10 bars were weighing 1kg each and 13 were 1.3kg each, official sources said.

The detainees are Saiful Islam, a security guard of Civil Aviation Authority, Bangladesh; and Monir, 30, and Hashem, 35.

Monir and Hashem came from Singapore by a Tiger Airways flight, said Customs Intelligence Director General Moinul Khan.

They gave the bars in a plastic bag to Saiful to take it out of the airport, he said.

On information, the officials detained Saiful with the bars while he was crossing Cargo gate, he said.

Later, based on his information, they detained the other two while they were collecting their luggage, he added.

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The Spelling Bee champion will get an education policy worth Tk 5 lakh sponsored by MetLifeAlico and also an opportunity to visit Washington DC, USA, along with a parent.

BSRM and Faber-Castell are two other sponsors this year.

Throughout February, students of class VI-X from both Bangla and English medium schools, except SSC examinees and O level candidates, can log onto www.champs21.com to participate in the Spelling Bee online and have a chance of being selected for the second divisional round next month.

Publishers want to join

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Osman Gani, president of Academic and Creative Publisher Association of Bangladesh, emphasised the urgency of highlighting the publishing industry more. He said they had already sent a letter to Bangla Academy in this regard.

He opposed this year's idea of keeping stalls of children's books on the academy premises, while sending the rest to the Udyan. All stalls should be in one place, he said.

The stalls of government organisations can be kept on the academy premises, as large pavilions on the Language Movement and Liberation War can be built there to display related books by different publishers, while actual sales will take place in the Udyan, he said.

Gani said the publishers were ready to provide all kind of support in organising the fair in a more planned way in the future.

He recommended that how this year's fair was organised be reviewed after its conclusion, and Bangla Academy, National Library Centre, and publishers start planning for a global standard fair jointly from October.

Detractors of Ekushey

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Mentioning the responsibility of the Bangalee nation to protect rights of all languages, Sheikh Hasina urged writers and researchers to carry out researches on languages of ethnic communities alongside Bangla literature and culture.

Describing the recent political violence across the country, Hasina said, "We're struggling every time to uphold our ideals and the spirit of our Liberation War. This struggle is still on and we have to continue this."

She said Bangladesh is the only language-based country in the South Asia. "We have to move ahead keeping up that spirit in our mind for which we liberated this country."

Voicing her firm stance not to see the eruption of political violence anymore in the future, Hasina said the people of Bangladesh are peace-loving ones. "We'll take forward our country with the continuation of its democratic process."

Dry fish contain cancer causing chemicals

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Tanya Jackson and Romana El Hamzaoui of USAID, Bangladesh, Dr John Ryder of FAO,

Alamgir Sikder Loton, president of Bangladesh Publication and Book Sellers Association, said the publishing companies wanted to engage in dealing with the problems centring around the fair.

Referring to the sale of pirate books on the footpath near the fair grounds, he said, "If we want to talk to police about it, we have to go to the director general [of Bangla Academy] now." It would not be necessary once the publishers join as organisers, he said.

The Bangla Academy DG in fact proposed that National Book Centre and publishers should come forward and share the cost and responsibility of organising the fair. He admitted that Bangla Academy lacked the expertise to host such a big commercial event, on which the country's publication industry depended heavily.

Yesterday, 107 new books arrived at the fair while 10 others, including journalist Mustafa Mollick's Roktakto Palkhana, published by Shuchayani, were unveiled.

4 factories fined

UNB, Dhaka
The Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined four dyeing and washing factories in Gazipur and Dhaka Tk 95 lakh for operating without environment clearance certificates and discharging untreated wastes into river water.

After a hearing at DoE's Dhaka headquarters, its Director Mohammad Alamgir fined Gazipur's RK Knitting Dyeing Mills Ltd and Ahsan Composite Ltd and Far East Dyeing Industries Ltd Tk 40 lakh, Tk 30 lakh and Tk 3 lakh respectively.

Crystal Composite Ltd at Savar was fined Tk 22 lakh.

Youth murdered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
An unidentified youth was hacked to death in Firingibazar area of Chittagong city yesterday.

One Anwar Hossain said locals found the youth on the road around 4:30am while two persons fleeing on a rickshaw. He was declared dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Air hostess

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information, her four colleagues admitted her to a local clinic where doctors declared her dead. The body was later sent to the Dhaka Medical College morgue. The morgue sources said it was "a suicide incident".

Ali Mahmood, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Uttara Paschim Police, said they interrogated one female and three male colleagues of Suchi and later released them.

Why not cancel Laxmipur-1

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of two Jessore lawmakers-elect by disposing of the allegations of electoral code violation against them within two weeks.

Sheikh Afil Uddin, who was elected unopposed from Jessore-1 constituency, unlawfully instructed the party men in Jhikargachha upazila on December 30 to cast ballots again and again for Monirul Islam, who was elected from Jessore-2, according to a complaint.

Afil Uddin told his party men that one hundred boys would always be in the queue, and one would enter the booth and then stand at the end of the line again during the voting on January 5 to ensure the victory of Monirul, it alleged.

Afil's address was taped and published in different media, and a subsequent EC investigation found the allegations against him true. As an immediate step, the commission refrained from including the names of the two in the gazette listing the elected lawmakers of the 10 parliament, and barred them from taking oath.

The HC came up with the verdict after hearing two writ petitions filed on January 15 by Afil and Monirul challenging the EC's decision not to publish their names in the gazette. A polling agent lodged the allegations against the two with the EC on January 1.

Adjudicate case in 6 months

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Boimela on the Bangla Academy premises.

The next day, Azad's brother Manjur Kabir filed an attempted murder case with Ramna Police Station against some unnamed people.

The eminent Bangla professor recovered after being treated for 26 days in Dhaka and 47 days in Bangkok, Thailand. But he died on August 11, 2004 during a trip to Germany.

In connection with the attack, police charged five persons, including Minhaz, on November 15, 2007, said Assistant Attorney General Gazi Md Mamunur Rashid.

The four others are JMB's then chief Shaekh Abdur Rahman and activists Ataur Rahman Sunny, Nur Mohammad Babu alias Shamim, and Anwar Alam alias Anwar Hossain alias Khokan.

Of them, Abdur Rahman and Sunny were executed in 2007 for killing two judges of Jhalakathi in November 2005. The rest are now in jail.

The Fourth Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka is dealing with the case.

Three Inqilab journalists

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picked up the newspaper's four journalists, including the three, and sealed off the press after the case had been filed against the four and their Editor AMM Bahauddin over publishing the news claiming that Indian forces participated in the Sathkhira operations prior to the January 5 polls.

Senior Reporter Afjal Bari, one of the detainees, was later released.

Atique made a confessional statement before the magistrate on January 29 saying that his report about the involvement of Indian army was false.

3 VC candidates

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four years. It is not mandatory to appoint the candidate who gets the highest number of votes, but if appointed, Prof Farzana would be the first female vice chancellor of the country.

Registrar Prof Abu Bakar Siddique told The Daily Star that there was no time limit to appoint VC after election of the candidates but usually it happened shortly.

Earlier, a section of teachers demanded reconstitution of the senate before election of the VC candidates, as most of the senate members were loyal to Prof Shariff who was removed in May 2012 for allegations of irregularities in teachers' recruitment.

The teachers feared that the problems during Prof Shariff's tenure might come back if the senate was not reconstituted.

On January 23, the president appointed Prof MA Matin as acting VC for one month after Prof Anwar quit on January 13, and directed him to arrange the VC panel election within the period.

Rajuk conducts

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bridge and demolished the boundary and partition walls of a two-storey building on a four-bigha plot of the floodplain, said the officials.

Another drive will be conducted next week against attempts of encroachment on the river under the wetland conservation act, they said.

Extension

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3 to 5 more years there," said Md Imtiaz Hossain, president of the organisation.

"Recruitment should be based on a candidate's competence and not his or her age," said Al Aminin Raju, general secretary of the organisation.

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Obituary
Begum Aliya Mohammed Ali, wife of the late Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr Mohammed Ali of Bogra, passed away on the 16th of February 2014, in Edmonton, Canada. She was born on a farm in Canada in 1923 to Mahmoud Saddy and Rikia Hyder, both immigrants from Lebanon. The family moved to Edmonton, Canada in 1936. Aliya was studying at the University of Ottawa when she met her future husband Mr. Mohammed Ali of Bogra, then the first High Commissioner of Pakistan to Canada. They married in Lebanon in 1955 and went on to have two children, Mahmoud and Mahmuda.

Mr. Mohammed Ali became Ambassador of Pakistan and they lived in Washington and Tokyo. In 1962 Begum Aliya moved to Rawalpindi when her husband was appointed Pakistan's Foreign Minister. After Mr Mohammed Ali passed away in 1963, Begum Aliya and her children lived in Dhaka and Karachi where her children attended school. In Karachi she supported many charities most importantly for orphaned children. Every year Begum Aliya performed *fateha* at her husband's grave in Bogra and kept in close contact with all her husband's family and friends. In 1972 Begum Aliya returned to Canada with her children. In Canada she continued with her passion for social good by furthering her education in social studies and working with her sister in the travel business. Over the years she remained closely connected to her friends and family in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Lebanon and travelled regularly over the years. She brought grace and love to everything she did and everyone she met, touching the heart and souls of those around her. She left an indelible mark on others and is considered a model of virtue and integrity.

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