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Ruhal's wife 'mistakenly shown' richer

Claims the ex-minister after ACC grilled him

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former health minister AFM Ruhal Haque yesterday claimed that his wife's account balance was mistakenly mentioned as Tk 7.53 crore instead of Tk 45.17 lakh in his wealth statement submitted to the Election Commission last year.

He was talking to reporters at the Anti-Corruption Commission's Segunbagicha headquarters in the capital after the graft watchdog grilled him over amassing wealth illegally in last five years.

"I've applied to the EC through an affidavit seeking correction of the error in my wife's wealth statement. The EC has accepted the application," he added.

Contradicting Ruhal's claim, Election Commissioner Abdul Mobarak said it is not possible for the EC to make corrections in someone's wealth statement upon receipt of an affidavit.



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Jagannath University students demonstrate in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday to protest Sunday's police action, and demand retrieving 11 dormitories from grabbers.

PHOTO: STAR

Let students live in 11 JnU dormitories

Sit-in against illegal occupation, police action on protesters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thousands of Jagannath University students yesterday staged a demonstration for the recovery of 11 dormitories from illegal occupation, blocking Topkhana Road in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

Due to the blockade, vehicular movement on the road remained suspended from 11:00am to 2:00pm, creating huge tailbacks.

Commuters suffered as traffic congestion spilled over onto the streets connected to Topkhana Road -- from Bijoy Nagar to Paltan intersection, Paltan to Zero Point and Shahbagh to Matsya Bhaban.

The Jagannath students have been demonstrating

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DHAKA-MYMENSINGH ROAD Expansion to cost 500 trees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved a proposal for felling around 500 Sal trees in the Reserved Natural Forest between Joydebpur and Mawna in Gazipur district which is required to implement the four-lane Dhaka-Mymensingh highway project.

The cabinet approved the proposal, partially relaxing its decision of December 30, 2010 restricting the felling of trees from any reserved natural forest till December 31, 2015, Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan said after the weekly meeting of the cabinet at the secretariat yesterday.

With the change of alignment of the four-lane highway project based on soil tests, logging of the Sal trees had become necessary and so, the cabinet approved the proposal. It, however, also has issued

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Indian visa rules to get relaxed

Delhi allows giving multiple entry visa for 5 years, says envoy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

India is set to relax the visa procedures for Bangladeshi nationals and increase the number of visa centres in the country to tackle the increasing demand for visas, the Indian envoy in Dhaka said yesterday.

Pankaj Saran, however, did not disclose the number of new visa centres that would be set up to complement the six existing visa centres in the capital's Gulshan and Motijheel areas, Chittagong, Sylhet, Khulna and Rajshahi.

He added that New Delhi had given the Indian high commission the go-ahead to issue multiple entry visas with five-year validity for Bangladeshi nationals to reduce the work load.

The Indian high commissioner's comments came at a luncheon meeting of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Dhaka yesterday.

About the expansion of the limited on-arrival visa scheme to tourists from 180 countries from October, Saran said Bangladeshi nationals would also be beneficiaries of the scheme.

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88 more Bangladeshis held in KL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Malaysian immigration police on Sunday detained 88 more Bangladeshis, in an ongoing crackdown against illegal foreign workers.

With this, around 596 Bangladeshis have so far been held in the crackdown that began to streamline the Malaysian labour market since January 21.

Contacted over the phone yesterday, Mantu Kumar Biswas, labour counsellor at Bangladesh high commission in Kuala Lumpur, said they have information about the arrest of over 500 Bangladeshis.

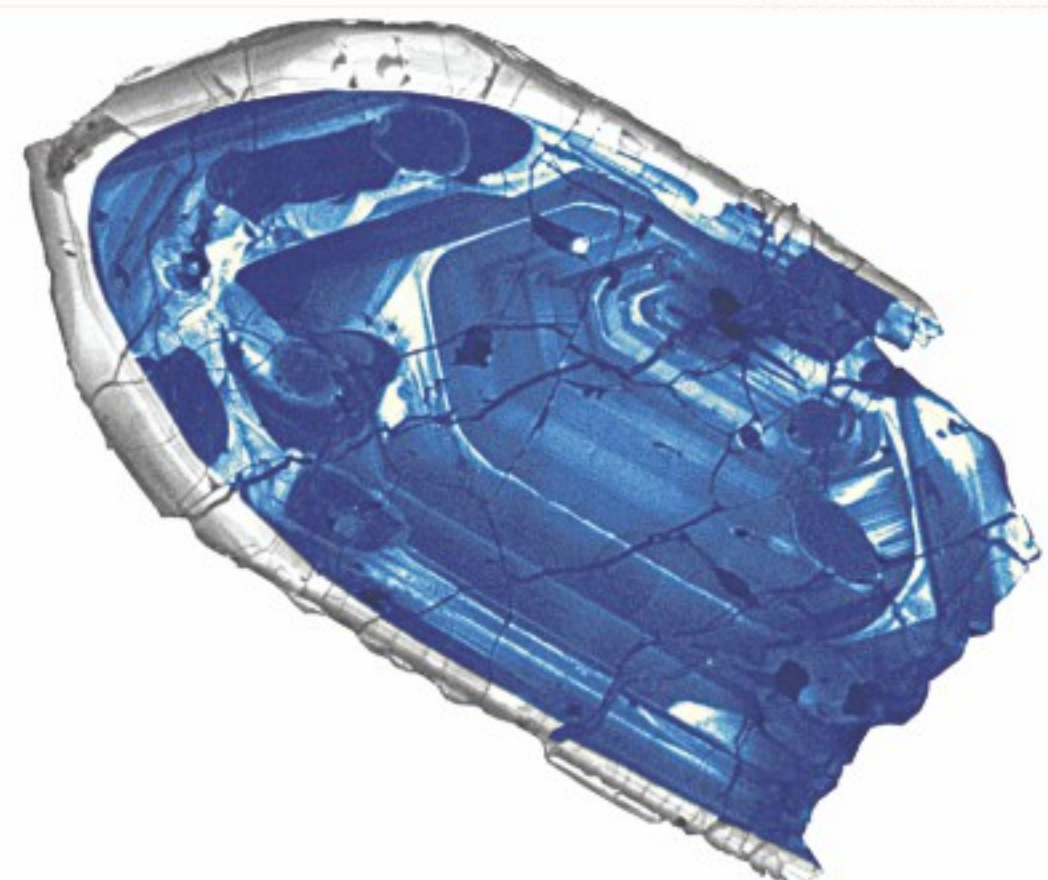
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The oldest piece of our planet

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A gem found on a sheep ranch in Australia has been found to have formed 4.4 billion years ago -- making it the oldest piece of our planet ever recorded.

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A prison van takes Rajshahi Mayor Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul and other BNP leaders to jail yesterday after a local court denied him bail in cases filed for police killing and blasts in the city.

PHOTO: MOHAMMAD MASUD

RAJSHAHI COP KILLING CASES

Minu, Bulbul, 32 other BNP men sent to jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A court here yesterday sent to jail 34 BNP leaders and activists, including its Joint Secretary General Mizanur Rahman Minu and city Mayor Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul, who surrendered seeking bail in two cases over killing a cop in December last year.

Additional chief metropolitan magistrate's court rejected the bail prayers of the accused and sent them to jail, said Sajjad Hossain, assistant commissioner (prosecution) of police for metropolitan courts.

Earlier on January 10, Minu, Bulbul and Rajshahi city BNP general secretary Shafiqul Haque Milon had secured bail in the cases from the High Court, which asked them to seek bail from the lower court by yesterday.

A huge number of BNP leaders and activists gathered at the court premises in the morning. They chanted anti-government slogans when the law enforcers were taking the 34 BNP men to jail around 3:00pm.

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Firefox aims to power \$25 smartphone

AFP, Barcelona

Firefox OS, an upstart smartphone operating system aimed at challenging the Apple and Google duopoly, will power a new category of \$25 smartphones for developing countries, the California-based nonprofit Mozilla Foundation said Sunday.

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