

NEWS IN brief

Officers, employees under nat'l pay scales urged to fill up questionnaires

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday asked officials and employees under national pay scales to fill up by May 30 two sets of questionnaires.

They can fill up the questionnaires on the website of National Pay Commission - www.paycom.portal.gov.bd or send those to its office at BCS Administration Academy in the capital's Shahbagh, said a handout.

Bangladesh receives WHO certificate for polio eradication

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has received World Health Organization's certificate for a polio free country.

The Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Mumbai in India Samina Naz received this certificate from the Governor of Maharashtra K Sankaranarayanan at a programme held in Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan in Mumbai on Saturday. The programme was jointly organised by the government of Maharashtra, WHO, Aditya Birla Group and Rotary International, said a foreign ministry press release yesterday.

Man held with 6kg of gold at airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Custom officials detained a person with six gold bars worth Tk 3 crore weighing 6kg at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka yesterday morning.

Officials found the bars searching Abdur Razzak, 54, when he was crossing the green channel.

Razzak, a passenger of Malaysian Airlines flight MH-102, said he was carrying the bars to handover to an unidentified person outside the airport.

46 get rotary club scholarships

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Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka (RCMD) has offered scholarships to 46 students of Dhaka Medical College.

The awards and cheques of the Support Education Project RCMD Scholarship were handed over to the students in a ceremony at DMC auditorium on April 28.

RCMD will award Tk 25,000 annually to each of the students from the 1st year to the 5th year of their MBBS degree.

Youth 'commits suicide' in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A youth allegedly committed suicide by jumping off the seventh floor of the Basundhara City Shopping Complex in the capital's Panthapath yesterday evening.

The body of Shah Rayin Islam Dipan, 26, a student of a private university, was found on the ground floor inside the building around 6:00pm, said Tejaon police.

Dipan had been suffering from mental disorder for several years, said Sub-inspector Farman Ali, quoting Dipan's father Aminul Islam.



Boys in Roktuparaat Madhupur upazila in Tangail splash about in a pond in the summer heat yesterday after it filled up somewhat along with other water bodies following the much awaited rainfall of the last two days.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL



Dr Nazli made chair of Boston University's sociology dept

CITY DESK

Renowned Bangladeshi origin sociologist Dr Nazli Kibria has been appointed chair of the Department of Sociology at Boston University.

Daughter of former finance minister late Shah AMS Kibria and Asma Kibria, Prof Nazli had served as the acting chair of the same department in the university, said a press release yesterday.

Before joining Boston University, she taught in several top class universities including Harvard, Tufts and South California.

Her work won a number of highly reputed research grants and she was honoured with several prestigious fellowships and awards in recognition of her contribution to research in gender and sociology.

She was given Outstanding Contribution to Feminist Scholarship Award by National Council on Family relations.

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PENDING APPEALS OF CONVICTED WAR CRIMINALS Hearings to start with Kamaruzzaman's case

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Among the pending appeals of five convicted war criminals, the Supreme Court is now set to hear the appeal of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman challenging the death sentence handed down to him.

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 on May 9 last year sentenced Kamaruzzaman, one of the key organisers of the infamous Al-Badr force, to death after finding him guilty of committing crimes against humanity during the country's Liberation War in 1971.

The Appellate Division (AD) of the SC may schedule any day for starting hearing his appeal, as it has already finished the proceedings of a similar case against another Jamaat leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee.

On April 16 this year, the apex court concluded hearing the appeals regarding the sentencing of Sayedee by the ICT-1, and kept the appeals waiting for verdict any day.

Attorney General Mahubey Alam on

April 25 told The Daily Star that he would pray to the SC for starting hearing of the appeal filed by Kamaruzzaman if it is not in its hearing list soon.

Kamaruzzaman's appeal is the first in the serial, and its hearing should be started as soon as possible, since some other similar appeals were pending with the SC.

The attorney general said several months were needed for finishing the proceedings of such a case.

MK Rahman, additional attorney general and chief coordinator of the prosecution, said the SC would hear the appeals of the remaining four convicts one after another.

The appeals filed by former Jamaat chief Ghulam Azam, its Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, and BNP leaders Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and Abdul Alim will be heard and disposed of one by one after the hearing of Kamaruzzaman's appeal, he said.

Two ICTs have convicted and sentenced

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DENIAL OF WORK CONTRACT AL leader ransacks health institute

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An Awami League leader along with his supporters yesterday ransacked the office of director of Institute of Public Health and Nutrition in the capital's Mohakhali for not awarding him a work contract.

The AL leader is Haji Aslam, general secretary of ward no 20 in Mohakhali.

In this regard, IPHN Director Hedayatul Islam Khan filed a case with Banani Police Station in the evening.

According to the case statement, Abu Bakr Siddik, operation officer of the police station, said AL leader Aslam and his associates numbering around 25 had stormed into the room of Hedayatul around 11:45am, harassed him and ransacked his office for not getting the contract of a job of the institute.

The gang also threatened to abduct him, Siddik said. When contacted by The Daily Star over the phone, Hedayatul, who was scared of talking to strangers, declined to make any comment.

Aslam denied ransacking the office when contacted by this correspondent. "One of my junior colleagues had accidentally struck the glass-top table, thus making it shatter. The matter ended there," he said. He also denied issuing any threat of abduction. "I am a businessman, not a criminal," said Aslam.

He, however, said he had gone to the office to urge Hedayatul to make the tender selection process more transparent.

DHAKA TODAY

Human chain
National Awami Party (NAP) Bhasani will form a human chain demanding fair share of the water of the river Teesta; Venue: In front of Jatiya Press Club; Time: 11:00am.

Discussion
Bangladesh Gonopurta Odhidaptor Sramik Karmachari Union will hold a discussion marking May Day; Venue: Conference room, Public Works

Human chain
Workers Party of Bangladesh will form a human chain protesting the ongoing abduction and murder; Venue: Before Bangladesh Bank; Time: 4:00pm.

Meeting
Bangabandhu Academy will arrange a meeting on current politics; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 10:00am.

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Pro-Awami League Bangabandhu Smrity Sangsad Kaliakoir upazila unit Organising Secretary Prince Sheikh, next to the policeman on left, with nine others after police arrested them with sharp weapons and sticks while they were preparing for a robbery at Biswas Para in the upazila of Gazipur early yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Bangabandhu Smrity Sangsad leader held while preparing for robbery

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police arrested 10 people, including a leader of pro-Awami League Bangabandhu Smrity Sangsad, while they were preparing to commit a robbery staying in a house at Biswas Para in Kaliakoir upazila of Gazipur early yesterday.

Ten sharp weapons and 14 sticks were seized from their possession.

The arrestees are Prince Sheikh, 27, organising secretary of the sangsad the upazila unit; Tutul Sheikh, 27; Abir Bakshi, 22; Md Hanif Mia, 25; Sany Sikder, 22; Arafat Fakir, 21; Shihab Uddin, 24; Pintu Khan, 25; Selim Sheikh, 19; and Faruk Khan, 22.

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North Bengal Sugar Mills observe martyrs' day today



Shaheed Lt Anwarul Azim
CITY DESK

North Bengal Sugar Mills will observe "Shaheed Day" today in memory of those who embraced martyrdom on this day during the 1971 Liberation War.

The Pakistani occupation forces killed Language Movement veteran and freedom fighter Shaheed Lt Md Anwarul Azim, the then administrator of the sugar mill at Gopalpur in Lalpur of Natore, and more

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