

NEWSIN brief

Body to support mountaineers sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mountaineers yesterday demanded formation of a national governing body to support them to attract sponsors. MA Mohit, president of Bangla Mountaineering and Trekking Club, made the call, at Dhaka Reporters Unity, at a discussion on Sajal Khaled who conquered the Everest on May 20 last year and died during his descent the same day. His body could not be found. Mountaineering Association of Bangladesh organised the event.

NSU freshers accorded reception

CITY DESK

North South University greeted its freshers of admission test Summer-2014 on the campus on Monday, says a press release. In the programme, organised by Financial Aid Office, 33 needy and meritorious students had been awarded tuition fee waiver. NSU Vice Chancellor and Chairman, Dr Amin Sarkar, and ANM Meshquat Uddin, NSU Pro-Vice Chancellor, attended the event.



Seminar
Nagorik Udyog will arrange a seminar on water and drainage system; Venue: Cirdap Auditorium; Time: 10:00am.

Workshop
The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Buet will start a two-day workshop on Fire Detection Systems and Electrical Safety for the readymade garment industries; Venue: Academic Bhaban, Buet; Time: 9:30am.

Discussion
Sher-e-Bangla Karma-Mullayan Parishad will hold a discussion on the life of Sher-e-Bangla; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 4:30pm.

Publiclecture
Rastrabigyan Samity will arrange a public lecture on the current politics; Venue: The Faculty of Social Science, Dhaka University; Time: 10:00am.

Zia trust graft cases

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Meanwhile, Mohammad Harunur Rashid, deputy commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission and complainant of the case, appeared before the court yesterday to give his deposition.

Sri Lankan student found dead in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Sri Lankan student of a Chittagong university was found dead beside a seven-storey building in Foy's Lake area in the city yesterday morning. Ehesan Irfan, 23, of the area, was a final year MBBS student of the University of Science and Technology Chittagong.

He went to the nearby building to meet one of his Sri Lankan classmates living in a room on the sixth floor Tuesday, said police, adding that he slept on the roof alone at that night.

Irfan might have committed suicide by jumping off the roof as he was frustrated over his unexpected results in the examinations, Khulshi police Inspector (Investigation) Sukanta Chakraborty, quoting his friends.

Rights

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Contacted, petitioner's counsel Syed Mohidul Kabir said the parliament passed the bill of the safe food act last year to stop widespread food adulteration by forming courts to dispose cases of food-related crimes.

However, the act has not come into effect as the government has not issued a gazette notification for the law, he said.

Sloppy prosecution riles

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prosecutors, but the prosecution submitted the copy to the tribunal without editing. Referring to this, Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim told prosecutor Sahidur Rahman, "It seems you didn't check the report properly and submitted it...We can't speak more because journalists are here."

Earlier, prosecutors Syed Haider Ali and Sahidur Rahman, in response to a query of the tribunal, said they would prove the authenticity of a list of Brahmanbaria's Razakar members yesterday, but they failed to do so. The list was put into question because it was created in 2012, about one year after the case was filed. Mobarak's name was on that list.

Moreover, when the proceedings was supposed to conclude yesterday, one year after the indictment, the prosecution came up with a plea to correct the timing of an incident.

The charge mentioned that Mobarak and his armed associates abducted one Abdul Khaleque, an aide of freedom fighters of Satian village, around 9:00pm on November 11, 1971, but the prosecution yesterday said it would be 9:00am, and verbally prayed for correcting it.

At this, the tribunal chairman, Justice M Enayetur Rahim, said, "You [Haider] will walk around and pray for a revision, and we will accept it? The tribunal then asked for a written application.

Defence counsel Tajul Islam, however, vehemently opposed any correction. "We cross-examined the witnesses on the basis of 9:00pm. Now if it is revised, do we get any chance to cross-examine the witnesses again?"

Prosecutor Haider said such an error might occur, so there was no problem correcting it.

Defence lawyer Tajul also argued that the prosecutors sought conviction of Mobarak but they were confused how it would be done. "To convict me [Mobarak], they will

have to establish a specific character but they have failed to do it. They were not even close to the truth," Tajul said on behalf of his client.

Tajul said the prosecution mentioned Mobarak as member of Akhaura peace committee, Razakar commander of Akhaura thana, and Razakar commander of Suhilpur union but did not produce any "believable" documents supporting the claim.

Referring to a prosecution document where one Mobarak Hajji was enlisted as member of Brahmanbaria Peace Committee, Tajul said that according to the prosecution, he was 21 years old then but "how could he become Hajji (Haji pilgrim) at that age?"

Besides, Akhaura thana was created in 1976, he said. "So, how could Mobarak was the commander of the thana back in 1971?"

Though the prosecution did not bring any charge of superior responsibilities against Mobarak, prosecutor Haider on Monday placed arguments on this matter.

Mobarak, who is facing five charges for alleged involvement in murder, abduction, confinement, torture and loot, was produced yesterday.

CONTEMPT PETITION AGAINST KALER KANTHO

Meanwhile, the tribunal adjourned till today the hearing of a contempt petition against the Bangla daily Kaler Kantho, which was filed by the prosecution over one of its reports last week.

After the adjournment, prosecutor Mohammad Ali drew the tribunal's attention to a report of another daily, published Monday, where some prosecutors were called "unskilled, non-patriot".

About this, Justice Enayetur Rahim said, "Should the tribunal decide whether a prosecutor is patriotic or not? The tribunal does not appoint prosecutors; it's the duty of the government."

Democracy means more

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development and policy analysis.

The official said a UNDP project had contributed to the reduction of urban poverty in seven major cities and towns of Bangladesh from 42 percent to 29 percent.

About how the massive rural-urban migration could be reduced, he said, "You need to develop the areas where they come from. Try to create economic opportunities there."

He also stressed the need for taking care of the urban poor. There are several million people living in the urban slums, and their

health, education and sanitation issues must be addressed, Xi said.

Speaking about the development challenges, he said Bangladesh needed increased investments in power and infrastructure and improvement in health and education. "Success is already in your hand. How do you scale it up is a question."

Referring to his visit to the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Xu said he was encouraged to see the development and peace building activities taking place there, but emphasised that Bangladesh move forward for the full implementation of the CHT Peace Accord.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE Khandaker Mosharraf denied bail again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday again denied BNP leader Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain bail in a money laundering case.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case accusing the former health minister of siphoning off over Tk 9.53 crore to the United Kingdom. The court had dropped the bail petition from its hearing list yesterday.

Mosharraf is undergoing treatment at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, but he should not be granted bail on health grounds as there are serious allegations of money laundering against him, Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and ACC counsel Khurshid Alam Khan, who were opposing the bail petition, told the court.

The HC previously denied the BNP leader bail in the case on April 27.

Protest spreads countrywide

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demanding inclusion of representatives from the central association in the probe committee to make the investigation fair and credible, our Barisal correspondent reports.

In Rangpur, students brought out a procession on their campus while held a rally on Rangpur Medical College Hospital premises, reports our Rangpur correspondent.

Chittagong Nursing College's students organised a rally on the campus demanding a safe working environment for them.

They said they would also observe work abstention for the same period today but will attend the exams.

Seven jailed for 31 years each

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while the others were present at the court.

On November 16, a gang led by Jasim beat up Alamgir on his way home over previous enmity.

Alamgir died in United Hospital the following day.

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