

RU BCL wants leader's expulsion for assaulting female student

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Rajshahi University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday recommended expelling its Vice President Obaidul Haque Kayes, who assaulted a female student on the campus on Monday for declining his unwanted advances, said a BCL press release. Sheikh Rasel, BCL central office secretary, told The Daily Star that they have not got the recommendation letter yet. They will take action against Kayes after getting the letter.

However, Kayes, on that day, denied the allegation.

Army chief hosts iftar party for wounded freedom fighters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Over 300 wounded freedom fighters yesterday joined an iftar party and dinner hosted by Army Chief General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan at Senakunja in Dhaka Cantonment, said a press release.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque, Security Adviser to the Prime Minister Maj Gen (retd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique, Navy Chief Vice-Admiral M Farid Habib and Air Force Chief Air Marshal Muhammad Enamul Bari were present among others in the programme.

Sufiur new envoy to Myanmar

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to appoint Md Sufiur Rahman, currently serving as High Commissioner in Sri Lanka, as the new Bangladeshi ambassador to Myanmar.

Sufiur Rahman belongs to the 9th batch of BCS (Foreign Affairs) Cadre, said a foreign ministry press release.

He had served in Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi and Islamabad and in Bangladesh Permanent Mission to UN, Geneva, in various capacities. He also served as a director in the Saarc Secretariat.

Two held with smuggled gold at Dhaka airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs Intelligence officials detained two persons with 83 gold bars weighing over 9.6kg at the capital's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday morning.

Md Alauddin, 31, and Mohammad Shahjahan, 38, coming from Doha and Dubai respectively, were crossing the green channel of the airport, said Mustafizur Rahman, deputy director of the Customs Intelligence.

Sixty-four gold bars weighing 7.4kg was found in Alauddin's handbag, and, later, 19 gold bars weighing 2.23kg was seized from Shahjahan, said the official.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN KHULNA Strike adjourned for one week

Three patients die in KMCH; KU students demand case withdrawal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Leaders of the Khulna unit of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) last night adjourned their indefinite strike at all private and public hospitals, diagnostic centres of the district for the next one week.

The announcement came at 10:00pm.

The medical practitioners had started an indefinite strike on Monday morning, protesting the abduction of a fellow physician by some Khulna University students past week.

In the meantime, three patients have died in Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) since Monday night, with their families accusing the doctors of not giving proper treatment, a claim denied by the hospital authorities.

Every day two or three patients die usually, said Dr Abdus Samad, superintendent of KMCH, adding that there was no negligence on their part.

On Wednesday night, some KU students vandalised Gazi Medical College Hospital and picked up duty doctor Tanver Ahmed Bappa, alleging that their friend, Amit Roy, who was injured in a road accident, was not treated properly. Amit died en route to Dhaka. Police rescued Dr Bappa from a hotel near the university the next day.

Meanwhile, the university students yesterday demanded withdrawal of the case filed against their peers over the abduction of Dr Bappa and vandalism on Wednesday.

President welcomes

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victory for her initiatives to settle the dispute with India.

Jubo League, youth front of the ruling party, brought out a procession to celebrate the victory over the maritime boundary dispute before its central office at Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday.

BCL in a statement also greeted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. To celebrate the victory, BCL will bring out a procession on the Dhaka University campus today.



Workers working overtime to repair old and damaged railway coaches at Bangladesh Railway Carriage and Wagon Workshop at Chittagong city's Pahartali on Monday as the railway authorities have decided to add additional cars to the trains ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr to tackle the huge rush of vacationers.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

20 RMG workers hurt in clash with cops

They demand arrears from shutdown garment company in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

At least 20 workers of a garment factory were injured in a clash that ensued when police tried to stop them from blocking Dhaka-Narayanganj link road yesterday.

The workers of Radical Design Ltd, a company closed for six months, took to the streets and tried to block the road in Shibubari Market area demanding payment of arrears.

The authorities kept promising them to pay their arrears but did not keep their words.

Inspector Rezaul Karim of Industrial Police said several hundred workers vandalised vehicles around 3:30pm.

When police tried to disperse the demonstrators they started throwing brick chips at the law enforcers triggering the clash.

Later, police brought the situation under control by firing 12 bullets, said police.

On June 15, Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA), fearing labour unrest in the zone due to the closed factory, sent a letter to State Minister for Labour and Employment Mojibul Haque Chhunu.

A garment inspector in the zone recently filed a case with the labour court asking to pay the arrears of the worker's salary selling the assets of the Canadian owner of the garment.



Traffic jam has been a problem of Dhaka and Chittagong cities so far, but nowadays it has gripped the Barisal city streets too. The gridlock is mainly seen from 9:00am to 11:00am due to the operation of banned battery-run rickshaws and auto-rickshaws and flooding of rickshaws ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr. The photo was taken from Birshreshtha Capt Mohiuddin Jahangir Road in Ashwini Kumar Town Hall area on Monday.

PHOTO: ARIFUR RAHMAN



13th death anniversary of Mahbub Anam today

CITY DESK

Today is the 13th death anniversary of eminent journalist and author Mahbub Anam, former editor of The Bangladesh Times.

In a distinguished career as a journalist, he also served as a senior executive of the then Pakistan Observer and senior vice-president of the Bangladesh Editors Council, and was actively involved with Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad, Bangladesh Press Council and Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha Porichalona Board.

For his contribution to journalism, he received the Swadhinata Padak, Sher-e-Bangla Gold Medal, Moulana Akram Khan Gold Medal, Kaloddhani Padak and Tribhuj Gold Medal.

Besides, in a long and successful career, Mahbub Anam also served as the general manager of Jamuna Oil Company and the director of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.

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HC DIRECTIVES ON PLOT ALLOCATION Rajuk chief apologises for non-compliance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajuk Chairman GM Zainul Abedin Bhuiyan yesterday unconditionally apologised to the High Court for not complying with its directives over the allocation of plots to three land owners.

After appearing at the court, Zainul offered the apology through his lawyer as per its earlier directives.

The court accepted his apology and exempted him from personal appearance before it in connection with the three contempt of court petitions filed against him.

It also adjourned the hearing on the petitions for one week after its next annual vacation. The court will go on a vacation from July 25 and will reopen on August 1.

Following three petitions, the court on July 19, 2012 directed the Rajuk authorities to give a plot of five kathas at Purbachal New Town Residential Project in three months to each of Dilip Kumar Mukharjee, Nirmal Kumar Das, and Kashinath Ghosh, who were affected after their lands were acquired by Rajuk in 1997.

Since Rajuk did not execute the directives, the three men filed three contempt petitions with the HC in November last year.

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DHAKA TODAY

Roundtable
Bangladesh Poultry Industries Coordination Committee will organise a roundtable titled "Poultry Industry-Media Cooperation Vital for Building Healthy & Meritorious Bangladesh". Venue: National Press Club; Time: 10:30am.

Debate competition
Debate for Democracy will organise a debate competition on private education system. Venue: Bashundhara City; Time: 11:30am.

View-exchange meeting
Transparency International Bangladesh will hold a view-exchange meeting on climate change. Venue: Brac Centre; Time: 10:00am.

Seminar
Bureau Veritas Bangladesh will organise a seminar on structural assessment of buildings and facilities in RMG sector. Venue: Spectra Convention Centre Inn, Gulshan.

6 CMP policemen suspended

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Amir Hossain and its constables Mizanur Rahman, Mohammad Moslem, Khokon Mia and Md Akbar and Bakalia Police Station's Assistant Sub-Inspector Enayet Hossain.

Of the six cops, detective branch (DB) of police arrested Amir and Moslem on Monday evening after a police investigation found their involvement in the incident, Harun-ur-Rashid Hazari, deputy commissioner (north zone) of CMP, told The Daily Star. The departmental inquiry was going on against the other accused, he added.

Yesterday, Amir and Moslem were produced before the court which sent them to jail rejecting their bail prayers.

Rokonuzzaman, 45, a real estate busi-

nessman, died minutes after police arrested him in a rape case from his residence in the city's Bakalia around 1:20am on June 19.

On June 25, Shimu Akter, wife of Rokonuzzaman, filed the murder case with Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Court accusing ten persons, including the suspended cops and police sources Md Jamal and Md Humayun; and one Harunur Rashid Duke.

On condition of anonymity, a DB official told The Daily Star on Monday that the autopsy report hinted that Rokonuzzaman died from injuries.

Earlier, the court ordered CMP deputy commissioner of DB to submit a probe report in this regard by July 23.