

# HERE COMES THE RAIN, HORROR AGAIN



Residents of the capital have started dreading rain due to the waterlogging it creates in the city as a result of a poor drainage system and filling up of the catchment areas by influential people with impunity. *Left*, Pater Bagh Road in Shampur has been waterlogged with a sludge of a mix of rainwater and raw sewage for the last 15 days. *Right*, Dhonia Bormomala School Road in the same area has been in a similar condition for a week, forcing school students to wade through dirty water. The photos were taken yesterday.



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## NEWSIN brief

### National Maritime Institute gets two int'l certificates of recognition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

International classification societies -- DNV-GL and Bureau Veritas -- yesterday handed over two certificates to National Maritime Institute, the lone state-owned institute providing maritime education in the country. Representatives of the societies handed over the certificates at the passing out ceremony of the 13th batch Pre-Sea Ratings (crewmen) held on the institute premises in Halishahar of Chittagong city.

The institute received ISO 9001:2008 from DNV-GL, and Workshop Procedure Skill (WPS) from Bureau Veritas.

### Seven 'robbers' held in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Detective Branch arrested seven alleged robbers in the capital on Monday night.

Jakir Hussain alias Suman, 27, Abu Bakar alias Rony, 28, Al Amin, 32, and Iqbal, 25, were held at Jatrabari's Matuail, said Abu Yousuf, assistant commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

A microbus, a car, and a set of handcuffs were also seized from their possession, he added.

Meanwhile, Anisuzzaman alias Jony, 30, Nuruzzaman alias Nuru, 32, and Suman, 30, were arrested at Khilgaon's Nandipara, he said.

### Koica supports launching of IT labs in 100 Dhaka schools

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A project supported by Korea International Cooperation Agency (Koica) for launching IT labs in 100 secondary schools each in Dhaka district has concluded.

On the occasion, a ceremony to distribute certificates among the IT-trained teachers jointly organised by the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education and Koica was held at Dhaka Residential Model College yesterday, says a press release.

### Matin appointed as senior adviser to IESCO's legal affairs committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abdul Matin Khasru, a lawmaker and legal affairs secretary of Awami League, has been appointed as a senior adviser and deputy director of legal affairs committee of International Ecological Safety Collaborative Organisation (IESCO) in the fourth meeting of Mount Hemming International Health Forum recently held in Changdu, China, says an AL office press release.

The Global Parties Climate and Ecological Alliance, IESCO, China Foundation for International Studies, and Chinese Ecological Civilization Research and Promotion Association organised the meeting.

### Scholastica attends Harvard Model United Nations conference in India

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eleven students of Scholastica, Uttara, along with two teachers attended a mock conference, Harvard Model United Nations India 2014, held in Hyderabad from August 13-16.

Students from over 50 countries represented their assigned countries and committees and reached consensus on different issues, said a press release.

Students of Scholastica represented Guatemala and Malaysia on various issues, including human rights and women's right, and gave a presentation on Bangladesh.

### UN AGENDA FOR WOMEN'S EQUAL RIGHTS TO INHERITANCE

## Without changing nat'l laws it won't materialise

*Observes Debapriya Bhattacharya, explaining gender dimensions of post-2015 dev goals*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The issue of women's equal rights to inheritance has come up in the UN's post-2015 development agenda, but nothing could be done if the national laws do not empower women to inherit property, eminent economist Debapriya Bhattacharya said yesterday.

He made the observations shining light on a proposed goal in the plan, which asks countries to "undertake reforms to give women equal rights to...inheritance" but "in accordance with national laws".

Many of the 193 countries have discriminatory laws, so questions remain about

implementation of the goal, he said, while explaining the gender dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that would follow the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) after 2015.

As chair of the Southern Voice on Post-MDG International Development Goals, Bhattacharya made a presentation on women's issues in SDGs at a seminar yesterday, organised by the Department of Women and Gender Studies at Dhaka University.

Among the proposed 17 goals and 169 targets in SDGs, Goal 5 specifies, "Undertake

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### 7 MURDERS IN N'GANJ

## Govt to bring back Nur Hossain 'soon'

*Home officials tell JS body; another Rab man gives judicial statement*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The home ministry officials yesterday assured a parliamentary body of bringing the prime accused in Narayanganj seven murders, Nur Hossain, back home from India "very soon", saying all formalities had been "completed" in the this regard.

The parliamentary standing committee on home affairs was also told that the government had sent all necessary documents about Nur to India, said chief of the committee Tipu Munshi, while talking to reporters after a meeting with the ministry officials at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Meanwhile, Rab personnel Lance Nayek Delwar Hossain, the driver of former Rab official Maj Arif Hossain who was fired for his alleged role in the seven murders, yesterday gave a judicial statement as a witness in the killing case.

Delwar gave the statement under Section 164 before the

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School kids walk past an overflowing open dumpster kept on a busy road and emanating stench, at Nilkhet in the capital yesterday. The scene is quite common all over the city, but the city corporations seem to have no care in the world.

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### SC overrules HC stay on Golam Mostofa's removal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed for eight weeks a High Court order that halted a government decision to remove Prof SK Golam Mostofa from the post of director of National Institute of Cancer Research and Hospital (NICRH).

The health ministry on July 27 made Golam Mostofa an officer on special duty (OSD) and put Dr Md Shamiul Islam, professor of pathology department of National Institute of Chest Diseases and Hospital, in the post of director of NICRH.

Following the SC order Shamiul Islam will now discharge duties as director of NICRH, Assistant Attorney General Sheikh Saifuzzaman told The Daily Star.

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### EXTORTION CASE

## SC stays Tarique's personal secy Apu's bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed for four weeks a High Court order that granted bail to Mia Nur Uddin Apu, personal secretary to BNP Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman, in an extortion case.

The SC passed the order after the government filed a petition seeking a stay on the HC order.

The HC on Monday had granted six months' bail to Apu in the extortion case following a bail petition filed by the accused.

Amin Ahmed, proprietor of Al Amin Construction Company Ltd, filed the extortion case against Tarique Rahman and Apu on charges of extorting over Tk 1 crore from him on December 30, 2006. Tarique, who is now in London, secured bail from

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### Video Exhibition

Goethe-Institut has organised a nine-day video exhibition where 14 videos made by students of German art schools will be screened; Venue: Goethe-Institut, Dhanmondi, Road-9; Time: 2:00pm.

### Discussion

Television Journalist Forum of Bangladesh has arranged a discussion on role of media personnel in creating a Bangladesh following the ideals of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman; Venue: Central Public Library; Time: 10:00am.