

NEWS IN brief

Mohila Dal leader, family sued for 'killing JCD man'

Wife of slain JCD activist Kamal Ahmed yesterday filed a case against eight persons including Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal Sylhet city unit Vice-President Shahana Begum, her husband Tajul Islam and son Raihan Islam. Shahana and six other accused, including Tajul's brothers Nurul Islam and Rofiqul Islam, his nephew Ripon, and Imran Ahmed, are absconding, while Jyothsna, her maid, has been arrested. Police arrested Belal Ahmed, brother of Shahana, also Sylhet City Corporation's former ward councillor, on Monday soon after Kamal, who was accused in the murder case of Shahana's son, was stabbed to death.

Ambassador Ziauddin urges US to reinstate GSP benefits

In a meeting with Congressman Joseph Crowley, Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States Mohammad Ziauddin urged the US to consider reinstating the Generalized System of Preferences benefits taking into consideration Bangladesh's efforts to comply with US Actions Plan, which centres around better workplace safety and labour standards of the garment industry. During the meeting in Capitol Hill on September 17, the duo also discussed on eliminating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. The influential democrat is also co-chair of the Congressional Bangladesh Caucus in the House of Representatives.

Two muggers held in capital

Police detained two fleeing members of a gang which snatched around Tk 1.1 lakh from a garment official in the capital's Mohakhai yesterday afternoon. The detainees are Aminul Islam, 25, who introduced himself as a final year sociology student of Titumir College; and Abdur Rahman Babu, 23. Banani police Sub-inspector Abu Bakkar Siddique said Aminul with his four accomplices including Babu looted the money from Mizanur Rahman Zia. The other three managed to flee with the money, he added.

Man held with 500 Yaba pills in Ctg

Police arrested a man with 500 Yaba pills, worth Tk 1,50,000, at Shah Amanat Bridge in Chittagong early yesterday. Police intercepted Nazrul Islam, 42, of Cox's Bazar, on suspicion and recovered the pills from his body. Nazrul works as an assistant for his uncle who is a lawyer.

RU admission test starts Oct 19

Admission test for honours programme of Rajshahi University will be held between October 19 and 25. Test for each of the eight units will be held under two shifts divided on the basis of odd and even roll numbers of the admission seekers. MCQ tests of H and C units will be held on October 19, F and G units on 20, D and E units on 21 while B and A units on 22. Details are available on www.ru.ac.bd.

Korean NGO workshop held in capital

The 2014 Annual Korean NGO Workshop organised by the Korea International Cooperation Agency was held at Koica Bangladesh office Wednesday. Korean NGOs, funded by Koica, working for the socio-economic development in Bangladesh joined the programme, says a press release. Lee Yun-young, Korean ambassador to Bangladesh; and Rawanak Mahmud, director (registration), NGO Affairs Bureau, Prime Minister's Office, were, among others, present on the occasion.

Missing youth found dead on Ctg hill

A youth was found dead on a hill in Chittagong city's Tigerpass area yesterday a day after he had gone missing. The deceased was Md Didar, 20, son of Md Hanif of Ambagan Railway Colony area in the city. Police recovered the body with injury marks on the head, face, back and chest. Mamunur Rashid, sub-inspector of Khulshi Police Station, said they were investigating the incident.



Sludge mixed with rainwater on the battered part near Jatrabari intersection is actually typical of the conditions of many Dhaka city streets. The results are perennial traffic chaos and frequent accidents. Such craters dot half-a-kilometre stretch of Jatrabari-Dholaipar road beside the Jatrabari ramp of Mayor Hanif flyover. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

JATRABARI-DHOLAIPAR ROAD

Accidents waiting to happen

Riddled with potholes, the half a kilometre stretch of Jatrabari-Dholaipar road beside the Jatrabari ramp of Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover has become a nightmare for commuters and vehicles. The battered road poses a great risk of toppling over vehicles plying on it. "It actually feels like I am on a boat in the sea during a storm," said Omor Faruk, who regularly uses the road to get to his office. Fatima Nasrin, a BBA student of Bangladesh Islami University and a resident of Shyampur, said she has to use the road to get to her campus, but

the risk of accidents on that part of the road is very high. About one kilometre long Jatrabari-Dholaipar road, which links the Dhaka-Mawa highway and the road from Postogola to Pagla in Narayanganj, is one of the busiest roads in the capital, according to Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC), the body responsible for maintaining the road. Several thousand vehicles, both light and heavy, use the road daily to travel between the capital and other areas and districts like Munshiganj, Mawa, Nawabpur and Narayanganj. Residents of the areas and transport workers said large vehicles like con-

tainer trucks getting stuck in one of the deeper potholes on the road, causing traffic congestion for hours, is a common phenomenon. They said the situation worsens during rain as the potholes become filled with water, and due to poor drainage system, the whole road gets submerged in water. "Just the other day, it took several hours to free a van, which had fallen into a pothole filled with water. The driver misjudged the distance between the pothole and the vehicle as it was raining at that time," Mohammad Nayeem, a driver of Turag Paribahan, a bus on the

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Palm leaf mats have traditionally been an integral part of meat processing after animals are sacrificed during Eid-ul-Azha. The capital has high demands for it and supplies are arriving, such as this lot in Dhanmondi yesterday, ahead of the Muslim festival on October 6.

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EC begins taking

FROM PAGE 3 at the centres for taking photos, said officials. Over two lakh new voters have so far been included in the electoral roll in the city, while the number of existing voters is over 41 lakh, according to the commission. Across the country, more than 30 lakh new voters have so far been registered, while the existing number of voters is 9.19 crore. GONOFRONT NOTICE The EC has decided to issue a notice to a

registered political party, Gonofront, reminding the party that it did not submit audit report of its annual income and expenditure for the last two years. As per the Political Parties Registration Rule-2008, all registered parties have to submit its annual audit reports certified by a registered chartered accountant firm within July 31 of the following year. If any party fails to submit the report for three consecutive years, its registration may be cancelled, according to the Representation People Order (RPO).

Court asks govt to let

FROM PAGE 3 in the charge sheet without the government's approval, he said. The court also asked the IO to submit the probe reports of the cases by November 6. Three cases were filed following Rana Plaza collapse on April 24 last year that killed at least 1,135 people and injured hundreds others. Of the three cases, Rajuk filed a case against building owner Sohel Rana for structural fault found at the nine-story building, constructing the structure with substandard materials and violating the national building code. Savar police filed another case against Rana, his father Abdul Khalek, and the owners of five garments housed in the nine-storey building for the loss of lives. Sheuli Akter, wife of Jahangir Alam, whose body was recovered from the collapsed site, filed the other case against Rana, Bazlus Samad Adnan, owner of New Wave Style, and the chief engineer of Savar Municipality. Seven, among 21 accused in the cases, have already been out of prison on bail from the High Court while the rest, including Sohel Rana, is now in jail.

STUDYING AT IIT BOMBAY German agency offers scholarships for Bangladeshi students

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has offered scholarships for Bangladeshi engineering students for post-graduate and doctoral education at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay. Fifteen aspirants will get the scholarships for Master of Technology (MTech) and five for PhD. DAAD has introduced the scholarships for master's programmes in engineering systems, biomedical engineering, environmental science and engineering, water resource engineering and technology and development, and for PhD study in renewable energy, climate change, health, biodiversity, and good governance, at IIT Bombay. In an endeavour to create awareness on educational opportunities available at IIT Bombay and to advise students on the procedures of applying for the scholarships, a team of its officials and representatives from DAAD are in Bangladesh now. The delegation visited the Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet) yesterday, and will visit the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) tomorrow and Dhaka University on Sunday. The IIT Bombay team includes its Director Prof Devang V Khakhar, Deputy Director (Administration & Internal Affairs) Prof Subhasis Chaudhuri, and Dean (International Relations) Prof Rajiv Dusanee. The MTech scholarships will cover the cost of education, airfare to India, health insurance, annual study and research subsidy, and a monthly stipend. For the selected PhD candidates, the scholarships will cover admission and tuition fees, air travel, annual study and research subsidy, final thesis subsidy, and a monthly allowance. The PhD students will also be able to undertake six months of their research course in Germany and will get an

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Prothom Alo

FROM PAGE 3 Prothom Alo Associate Editor Abdul Qayyum moderated the event while Dhaka University Supernumerary Prof Shakhawat Ali Khan congratulated the winners. Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu encouraged journalists to report more on the hardships marginalised children of minority communities face.

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Last date for submission of the application form is 16th October 2014