



What once used to be a pond at Ramna Kali Mandir in the capital is now a stretch of uneven land used to discard objects past their expected service. Digging it up for fish farming and surrounding it with trees could be one way of revitalising the area. The photo was taken yesterday.

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## ASI closed

No step against main accused SI; ADC claims probe is on against him, other alleged accomplices

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of Ramna Police Station was "closed" while till yesterday no steps have been taken against Sub-inspector (SI) Mehedi Hasan who allegedly led the beating up of New Age's Dhaka University (DU) correspondent and the journalist's friend after being about to be photographed violating a recent ban by riding pillion on another policeman's motorcycle in the capital's Bijoy Nagar on Sunday.

ASI Golam Mostafa has been "closed" while an additional deputy commissioner was probing the involvement of others, said Officer-in-Charge Moshir Rahman last evening. The journalist, Nazmul Huda Suman, a third-year DU political science student, and Kairuzzaman Shuvo of management were shifted to the DU medical centre yesterday. They were first treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Yesterday, journalists' organisations demanded immediate punitive measures against SI Mehedi and threatened to otherwise embark on tough agitation programmes in the next couple of days.

Jatiya Press Club and a faction of Bangladesh Federal

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# Malodour chokes Mohammadpur

Two big open dumpsters on Jakir Hossain Road of capital have become a crying shame; city corporation claims National Housing Authority sitting on request for land to remedy the situation

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Two big dumpsters on the capital's busy Jakir Hossain Road near Town Hall in Mohammadpur not only adds to the traffic rush there but also spreads bad odour making life miserable for residents and commuters.

"Every day I have to bear this unpleasant smell when I leave my house for work," said Farida Begum, who works at Labaid Hospital.

More often than not, garbage is strewn on the road and footpath making it difficult for vehicles and pedestri-

ans to pass through, she said.

Shital Rojario, a staff of St Joseph Higher Secondary School, said the dumpsters, which are about 10 feet apart, take up a large portion of the road narrowing the space for vehicles.

Mohammad Abul Hossain Sourav, a driver, said the dumpsters are placed near an intersection so it is difficult to make turns leading to traffic congestion.

According to residents of the area, the containers were placed in the area several years ago.

"It is a really bad practice of the

authorities to put rubbish bins on a busy road," said Jakir, father of a student of Lalmatia Girls School.

Mezbahul Karim, superintendent engineer of Dhaka North City Corporation, which has jurisdiction over the area, said around four months back, they sent a letter to the National Housing Authority requesting them to handover their land behind Town Hall to set up a waste transfer station.

"If we get the land, we will immediately start working to set up a transfer station there and remove the bins," he said.



One of the two dumpsters placed on Jakir Hossain Road in the capital's Mohammadpur, the malodour being a nuisance for the neighbouring residents and the road narrowed down increasing the traffic congestion. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

AL, BNP affiliated lawyers scuffle at SC

SCBA demands govt quit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lawyers loyal to the two major political blocs scuffled over the use of a microphone when they were holding separate programmes in support and in protest against the ongoing hartal and blockade on the Supreme Court premises yesterday.

The pro-Awami League lawyers snatched the microphone from a rally of the BNP-affiliated group because it was "hampering" the former's human chain, held only a couple of yards away. The scuffle ended a few minutes later when law enforcers intervened.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court Bar Association yesterday called for resignation of the government and "peaceful handover" of power.

Addressing a press conference in its auditorium, SCBA President Khandker Mahub said the political parties should talk and agree on who would take over.

This government has "messed up" fearing whether it can "stick to power illegally", the BNP chief's adviser said, stressing that a fair national election was the only way to exit the current political impasse.

SCBA Secretary AM Mahub Uddin Khokon also spoke on the occasion.

## Hasan accused of yet another murder

Witness testifies at war crimes trial; another witness corroborates previous allegations of anti-Hindu pogrom including killing, rape against Forkan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday testified before International Crimes Tribunal-1 how fugitive war crimes accused Syed Hasan Ali chased and shot dead the former's fleeing neighbour from behind during an attack on Kishoreganj's Baligati village and, accompanied by other Razakars and the Pakistani occupation army, looted valuables and cattle, tortured villagers and set fire to 64 houses on December 11 during the 1971 Liberation War.

Meanwhile, a witness testified supporting others before him over Forkan



Hasan Ali



Forkan Mallik

raping two women and a girl, leading to the latter's death.

Hiding in a jungle behind his house, the then 13-year-old Atahar Ali saw Hasan, the Tarail Thana commander of Razakars, the Pakistani army's auxiliary force, shoot dead Abdur Rashid in one Kashem Ali Fakir's paddy field where the victim had tried

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## 35 new books on second day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the launching of books and announcement of new arrivals at the Nazrul Mancha inside the Bangla Academy, the second day of the Amar Ekushey Granthamela somewhat recovered from the tardiness of Sunday when most stalls were yet to complete their decorations.

Thirty-five new books including stories for children and teenagers,



fiction, poetry, essay, biography, drama, and travelogue arrived yesterday.

In the afternoon, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Huq launched "Address '71" by Sheikh Abdur Razzak and freedom fighter Amina Begum.

The 71-page book, published by Bhalobasha Prokashani, contains the

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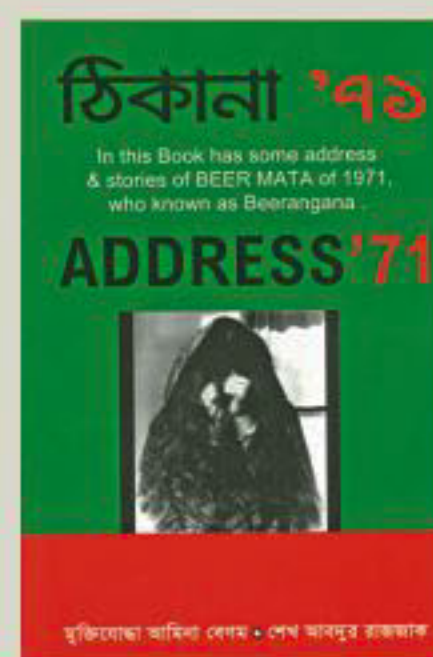
### BOOKS TO LOOK FOR



Publisher  
Kathaprokash  
BDT 600



Publisher  
Mawla Brothers  
BDT 550



Publisher  
Bhalobasha Prokashani  
BDT 71

### 17<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of former Secretary M. Akhtar Ali



On the occasion of observing the 17th Death anniversary of former Secretary Late M. Akhtar Ali, Today the 3rd February 2015, a Milad and Doa Mahfil will be held at his residence after Asr prayers. All relatives and well-wishers of Late M. Akhtar Ali are requested to kindly join the prayers for the salvation of his sacred soul.

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