

Three illegal brick kilns fined Tk 1.5 lakh in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court yesterday realised a total of Tk 1.5 lakh as fines from three brick kilns for operating within two kilometres of Kattali reserve forest in Chittagong and without licences and environment clearance certificates.

Among the three, KML-1 and ARC Kiln are situated at Kattali in the port city while KML-2 at Latifpur of Sitakunda.

Following a report on the three illegal kilns published in The Daily Star on January 13, the drive was conducted, said officials of the Department of Environment.

After the owners paid the fines, the court officials released two labourers of the three kilns whom they detained as all the other staff fled seeing them approaching.

Journo Noor Jahan Begum awarded at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

The mass communication and journalism (MCJ) department at Dhaka University yesterday honoured Noor Jahan Begum, a noted female journalist in the country, for her contribution in the field of journalism.

Under "Abdus Salam Trust Fund" a crest with a cheque for Tk 50,000 were given to Noor, editor of the newspaper Begum, while five MA students of the department were given Tk 15,000 each as financial assistance.

DU Vice-Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique handed over the money to the awardees at a programme held at the auditorium of the new social science's building.

Eminent journalist late ABM Musa set up the trust last year in memory of Abdus Salam, the editor of Daily Bangladesh Observer.

Akhter Sultana, MCJ chairperson, among others was present at the event.



A mobile court of Chittagong district administration conducts a drive in Kattali of Chittagong city yesterday to fine two brick kilns operating there without licences and environment clearance certificates. Inset, a policeman tries to break down a gate of one of the kilns after staff seeing the mobile court closed the gate and fled. However, the staff were later detained and subsequently released after the fine was paid.

PHOTO: STAR

KAZI AREF MURDER VERDICT Family wants quick execution

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Family members and party colleagues of slain Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) president Kazi Aref Ahmed and four other party leaders have demanded execution of death penalty of nine people in the murder case.

Family members of Kazi Aref spoke to The Daily Star ahead of his 16th death anniversary today.

On the occasion, Kazi Aref Parishad and Lokman Hossain Foundation organised discussions in Kushtia.

An armed gang killed Kazi Aref, Kushtia district JSD president Lokman Hossain, general secretary Yakub Ali, local JSD leaders Shamsher Ali and Israil Hossain at a rally in Kalidaspur village of Daulatpur upazila in Kushtia on February 16, 1999.

On August 30, 2004, the then additional district and sessions judge Fazlur Rahman sentenced 10 people to death and 12 others to life-term imprisonment for the murders.

On August 5 in 2008, a High Court bench acquitted one of the convicted who was sentenced to death and upheld punishment of others.

Afterwards, two convicted -- Rashedul Islam alias Jhantu and Anwar Hossain alias Anwar -- challenged the HC verdict that sentenced them to death.

Finally, the Supreme Court on November 19 last year upheld the HC verdict.

Advocate Al Mujahid Hossain, son of Lokman Hossain, yesterday said their families are eagerly waiting for execution of death penalty of the convicted.



Kazi Aref

Journalist sued over 'attempted rape' in Savar

Accused denies allegation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A woman on Saturday sued a journalist accusing him of attempting to rape her in Savar outside the capital.

The complainant identifying herself as a special correspondent of the "daily Rudro Bangla" filed the case with Savar Police Station.

In the case statement, she said Mithun Sarker, local correspondent of Ekattor TV, tried to rape her before Savar Union Parishad on December 25 last year.

However, Mithun, also general secretary of Savar Press Club, denied the allegation.

The club President Javed Mostafa demanded withdrawal of the case.

Officer-in-Charge Md Abdul Motaled Miah said they were investigating the incident.

17 Bangladeshis among 100 held in Malaysia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 17 Bangladeshis were among 100 foreigners detained by the Malaysian immigration police during an operation at the Melaka sentral bus terminal of Malacca province on Sunday.

The detainees committed various offences including entering and residing without valid passes or permits or possessing fake documents, The Star reported quoting Malacca immigration director Mahpof Mahmood as saying.

He said they were among 550 foreigners, aged between 20 and 55, screened at the terminal.

"They came from all parts of Malacca for leisure and to catch up with friends on weekends," he said. The Bangladesh high commission said they would look into the matter.

Bacteria present in 40pc

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SMA Rashid said concentration of manganese was a threat to mental development of children. "Increased manganese in water can reduce the IQ level of children," he observed.

Stating that almost 10 percent of maternal deaths in Bangladesh occurred due to waterborne disease Hepatitis E, Rashid said ensuring safe water, sanitation and hygiene could avert the situation.

"Tests confirm that mere installation of a safe water technology alone cannot ensure water free from harmful pathogenic microorganisms and other pollutants," he added.

Water testing facilities accessible to the general public were very essential, he observed.

Chaired by Vice-chancellor of Stamford University Bangladesh Prof Dr M Feroze Ahmed, the event was moderated by Dr Mahfuzar Rahman, head of Research and Evaluation Division, BRAC, and addressed by, among others, Prof Dr Kazi Martin Ahmed of geology at Dhaka University and environmental microbiologist Md Sirajul Islam of ICDDR,B.

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ICT defers charge framing

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abduction of one Fazlur Rahman Talukder from Baushi Bazar on August 17, 1971. They later killed him in Trimohoni Bazar.

Obaidul and Ataur abducted acclaimed footballer Dabir Hossain from Barhatta and shot him dead at Moktarpara Bridge after torture, the formal charge reads. They also abducted 10 persons from Barhatta on October 12, 1971 and among them seven were shot dead. On November 15, 1971, they abducted another six and shot them dead.

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