

Magnito Digital to spread word on a2i Programme

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
 Digital marketing agency Magnito Digital from now on will spread the word about the government's Access to Information (a2i) Programme, supported by United Nations Development Programme and USAid, on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other social media till February 2016.
 Addressing the agreement signing at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday, a2i Programme Project Director Kabir Bin Anwar urged the youths to access the programme's Tk 80 crore fund with innovative ideas and technological initiatives.
 Magnito Digital Chief Executive Officer Riyadh Shahr Ahmed Husain, Chief Marketing Officer Amer Khan and Director of Production Munazer Chowdhury and Naimuzzaman Mukta, people's perspective specialist, and Hasan Benaul Islam of a2i programme were present.



Executive Director of Shwapno Sabbir Hasan Nasir, right, shakes hand with Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam after signing the second agreement on their next joint campaign titled "Know your Food", at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday. The campaign will focus on food nutrition and its procurement process whereas the first one, "Thoughts for Food", dealt with flawed food processing systems and tips to be aware of it.



Obituary
CITY DESK
 Sadia Faruque Sylvie, wife of Shibli K Aziz, passed away in New York on March 5 during her eighth month of pregnancy.
 The baby son she was carrying died too, and both were buried at Uttara of the capital yesterday.
 Sadia is survived by her husband, her parents Anwar Faruque and Darde Newaz Begum, and two sisters.
 Her kulkhwani will be held tomorrow after Asr prayers at her parents' residence: House 17, Road 5, Sector 13, Uttara.

CASES FOR TAX EVASION, BRIBERY Bashundhara chairman, wife, son get bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT
 A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan alias Shah Alam, his wife and son in two cases filed in 2007 after they surrendered before it.
 Shah Alam, Afroza Begum, and Safayet Sobhan Sanvir got bail in a case filed on July 25 of 2007 for evading Tk 8.26 crore in income tax between 2004 and 2007.
 On February 3, the Supreme Court asked them to surrender within three weeks before the trial court that sentenced them to different terms in the tax evasion case on September 30, 2007.
 The SC also permitted the government to move an appeal before it against a High Court verdict that on June 20 of 2011 acquitted the six accused in the case.
 Shah Alam and Sanvir also got bail in another case filed on the charge of giving bribes to the other accused for covering up the July 2006 murder of Humayun Kabir Sabbir, a director of the group. Earlier, their bail was cancelled and arrest warrants were issued. The other accused in the case include BNP leader Tarique Rahman and former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar. Sanvir, the prime accused, was acquitted in the murder case.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK
 Today is the third death anniversary of renowned photojournalist Shawkat Jamil Khan, says a press release.
 Jamil suffered a massive stroke while he was on duty as a senior photojournalist of The Daily Star and breathed his last on this day in 2012.
 On the occasion, a Qurankhwani and a doa mahfil will be held in his residences at the capital's Shughunbagicha and Barisal's Katpatti.
 His well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

War crimes tribunal clears Sangram editor, 3 others

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 The editor, Abul Asad; Sangram's Rangpur correspondent Mohammad Nuruzzaman; Ekramul Haque Dulu, former commander of Rangpur's Badarganj thana Muktiyoddha Sangsad; and Azizur Rahman Ranga, the district's former Bangladesh Chhatra League leader; were present.
 Sangram published the two on December 27, 2013 and January 26 last year while Jamaat leader ATM Azharul Islam was being tried. Azharul was subsequently sentenced to death for war crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.
 The court said, "Since the opposite parties (the four) have expressed remorse and thrown themselves at the mercy of this Tribunal...
 "...it (the tribunal) intends to take lenient view in giving him an opportunity to rectify himself..."
ICT-2
 Daud Hossain, 61, of Shibganj upazila's Binodpur village (Ebadat Biswas Tola), told International Crimes Tribunal-2 that he had seen Bilal Ali's house in Kabirajola village go up in flames on October 13, 1971.
 Passing the house some time earlier while fleeing his village on hearing that Razakars were approaching, he had seen local Razakar commander Moazzem, Habu Razakar, Mahidur and Chutu along with other accomplices standing by it.
 When Daud returned, he saw houses, including his, burnt down. His aunts told him that they had recognised Mahidur, Chutu and some others among the attackers.

SC extends stay

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 petition against the HC judgment by April 1.
 The SC on March 5 stayed for a week the HC order that granted bail to the BNP leader on March 2.
 Ekram, 45, also the president of Awami League upazila unit, was shot and burnt to death in his car in Feni town's Academy area on last May 20.

Manna's plea against

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 League leader, was heard discussing anti-government protest with Khoka, who is in the USA now.
 He was arrested on February 24, a day after the leak and was remanded for 10 days the next day.

BCC drive against

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 shopkeepers were verbally asked to take down the structures, was based on an application by over 35 of the locals.
 The locals, seeking anonymity, accused men of the pro-Awami League student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League of renting out some of the shops from where drug peddling was ongoing.
 This was denied by BCL Barisal city unit President Jasimuddin. Kotwali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Shakhawat Hossain could not ascertain the involvement.
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OBITUARY
MUSTAFIZUR RAHMAN s/o late Saidur Rahman Joarder and late Fatima Khatun passed away peacefully at his own residence on March 8, 2015. (Inna Lillahi wa inna ilaihi raji'un) He was buried at Banani graveyard at 3 P.M. on Thursday March 12, 2015, following a Namaz-E-Janaza. **Dua Mahfil for him will be held at his residence after Asar prayers on Friday 13, March 2015 at 5:15 P.M.** All his friends and relatives are requested to participate in his Dua Mahfil.
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