

Some higher education institution heads backing Shibir terror

Alleges BCL
DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday alleged that the heads of some higher education institutions are actively patronising Islami Chhatra Shibir cadres in their bid to unleash countrywide terror.

With help from the institution high-ups, the Shibir men are storing arms on campuses, launching grisly attacks on the BCL men and hampering academic activities, said Bodiuzamman Shohag, president of the student

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Death anniversary

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Today is the 23rd death anniversary of Alhajj Nurul Momen Khan (Mihir), a former secretary.

On the occasion, the family requested his friends and well-wishers to pray for the salvation of the departed soul, says a press release.



Construction of Padma Multipurpose Bridge going on in full swing, with 16 pile pipes for the second pillar already driven into the river bed at Mawa end. The much-awaited bridge connecting Dhaka with south-western districts is scheduled to open in 2018. The photo was taken on Tuesday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

BABUCHHARA PROTEST Compensation talks offer of BGB positive

Say adivasis; reiterate headquarters relocation demand
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Dighinala Bhumi Rakhha Committee termed positive Border Guard Bangladesh's (BGB) call yesterday to end demonstrations to hold discussions and reiterated its demand to relocate the 51 BGB Battalion headquarters from Babuchhara of Khagrachhari's Dighinala.

In a press release, it also demanded that the 21 indigenous families evicted to set up the headquarters be

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Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Izahar Uddin Master alias Momtaz Uddin Mollah, father of senior reporter of the daily Kaler Kantho M Badi-Uz-Zaman, died of old-age complications at a hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 79.

He left behind three more sons and a daughter. He was buried at their family graveyard in Kanainagar village in Mohammadpur upazila of Magura, Badi-Uz-Zaman said.

KILLING OF WRITER AVIJIT ROY No headway in probe frustrates father

Farabi on four-day fresh remand

Prof Ajay Roy could not help but wonder about the investigators' failure to come up with a list of suspects even after nearly a month into the killing of his son Avijit Roy, a writer and blogger.

But Ajay revealed several clues to help law enforcers hunt down the murderers at the earliest.

Though he became hopeful of a quick probe after the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) joined hands with the local law enforcers, he was frustrated to announce yesterday that the detectives did not have much to share with people about the killing till now.

"I have given the investigators in the DB office photographs and name of each of them (the suspects) present there (with Avijit) that day," said Ajay, referring to his last correspondence with the investigators almost three weeks back.

The correspondence followed his discovery of the fact that Avijit and his wife Rafida Ahmed Bonya had attended a meeting on

Enrollment certificates for journalists mulled

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Press Council plans to introduce enrollment certificates for journalists to ensure the entry of "competent people into the profession and bring about qualitative change" in the mass media, says its Chairman Justice Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed.

"No one will be able to join the profession of journalism without obtaining BPC enrollment certificates... the certificate has to be obtained through an examination once the system comes into effect," he said in an interview with the news agency.

Referring to the Bangladesh Bar Council, a statutory body regulating the lawyers that provides enrollment certificates for law graduates for their practice, Justice Mamtaz said he has a plan to introduce the first-ever enrollment certificate for journalists through examinations.

He said he also has a plan to introduce "benevolent" and "relief" funds for the welfare of the journalist community like other professionals, including the lawyers.

"We're considering a proposal in this regard (enrollment and funds) which will be placed at a council meeting for approval," he added.

Asked what about those already in the profession, Justice Mamtaz said the working journalists will get the certificates upon recommendations by their respective media houses.

Justifying the BPC's plan, he said the local journalists

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PREGNANT WOMEN Iron, folic acid supplements reduce anaemia

Says evaluation study
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The success of iron and folic acid (IFA) supplementation programme for pregnant women can significantly increase through disseminating awareness, according to a pilot project implemented by the Institute of Public Health Nutrition (IPHN) and the Micronutrient Initiative (MI).

The awareness creating project implemented in Satkhira and Narsingdi between 2011 and 2014 found that nearly 98 percent of women in the districts received IFA in 2014 while only 51 percent women took the supplements in 2011.

The evaluation report of the project concluded that anaemia could be reduced in pregnant women, if they

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WOMEN'S MARRIAGEABLE AGE Withdraw proposal of conditional 16yrs

Rights activists urge govt

Women's rights activists yesterday reiterated their call for the women and children affairs ministry to withdraw its proposal to relax women's marriageable age from 18 to 16 years if "done with the consent of her parents or court for valid reasons".

"If the age is reduced, parents will marry off their daughter at the age of 10 or 11," Prof Zeenat Huda of Dhaka University's sociology department told a discussion in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

"On the other hand, when a woman will get married at 16, parents of another woman aged 22 will feel social pressure to marry off their daughter," she added.

The ministry prepared and recently sent the draft of The Child Marriage Restraint Act-2014, containing the relaxation proposal, to the law ministry for vetting.

The existing Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 makes it a criminal offence to marry, or facilitate the marriage of a girl under the age of 18 or a man or boy under 21.

The discussion, "What will be Women's Marriageable Age? 16, 18 or more?" was organised by Women Envoy, a forum campaigning for equal rights to paternal property.

The country's women are now climbing mountains, joining the army and participating in many development

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Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, third from left, hands over to Prof Ajay Roy a citation protesting the killing of writer Avijit Roy, the son of the latter, in RC Majumdar Auditorium of Dhaka University yesterday, during a discussion organised by Nagorik Committee.

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Man held with 2kg of gold in Ctg airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man was held with two kilograms of gold hidden inside his socks at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong yesterday.

The detained, Jahangir Alam of Chittagong's Satkania upazila, arrived at the airport from the United Arab Emirates on an Air Arabia flight at 9:55am.

"His movement was suspicious. So, we searched him and found 16 gold bars inside the socks he was wearing," said Syed Mukaddes Hossain, assistant director of Chittagong Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate.



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Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) invites applications from the eligible candidates for appointment in the post of **DIRECTOR** of the Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital on contractual basis. The post is based in Dhaka.

The candidates must have post-graduation degree in any medical discipline with working experience minimum 10 years in hospital management either government or private hospitals. He/she must be within the age limit of 60 years. Age and other qualifications may be relaxed in respect of an exceptionally experienced candidate. The candidates must be registered with the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council (BMDC). Retired Govt., semi Govt, Army Medical Personnel will get preference. Interested candidates may apply with full curriculum vitae with 2 copies of recent passport size photographs to the Chairman, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, 684-686, Red Crescent Sarak, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka 1217 by 7th April 2015. The candidates must attach Pay Order/Bank Draft of Tk. 1000.00 (One Thousand) only (non-refundable, in favor of the Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College Hospital. The short listed eligible candidates will be called for interview. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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