

Police sergeant suspended over assault on JU teacher

Road blocked; two probe bodies formed
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The police official, who allegedly assaulted a Jahangirnagar University teacher in the capital Saturday night, was suspended yesterday.

The suspended is Imran, said Jahangir Alam Sarker, acting deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

To probe into the incident, two committees were formed and they were

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Children, at a great risk to their lives, play on a moving train where a single misstep can lead to death or disability. The photo was taken in the capital's Mohakhali recently.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

WORKER'S MISCARRIAGE IN TOILET HC summons factory boss, staff

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned on May 24 three officials of a footwear factory in Gazipur's Kaliakoir upazila to explain their role over a female worker suffering a miscarriage in a toilet of the factory on Saturday afternoon after allegedly being denied maternity leave.

It also directed the upazila nirbahi officer to submit an investigation report on that day.

Managing Director Syed Nasim Manzur, Inspector Azizur Rahman and Supervisor Ratan Miah of Apex Footwear Limited will have to appear around 10:30am.

The HC bench of Justice Quazi-Reza-Ul Haque and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman issued the suo moto order (without a formal complaint from any party) following a report published in the daily Prothom Alo, Deputy Attorney General Tapos Kumar Biswas told The Daily Star.

The report says a few hours before the miscarriage, Hamida Akhter had applied for maternity leave but the factory authorities did not approve it.

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Cut summer vacation Nahid suggests educational institutions to make up for lost time from hartals, blockades

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Educational institutions which incurred academic loss due to hartals and blockades of the BNP-led alliance can reduce their summer vacation by half to recover the loss, suggested participants at a meeting at the education ministry yesterday.

They said the affected institutions, after discussions with the management committees and students, could select seven days out of the 14-day summer vacation to make up for lost time.

The education ministry held the meeting with heads of different schools and colleges and chairmen of several education

boards to find out different ways to recover the lost time.

"All educational institutions did not suffer equally in the hartals and blockades. So a unified decision would not be applicable for all institutions," Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said after the meeting.

"But we have to recover the loss. We can do so if our teachers make an extra effort to take more classes," he said.

Summer vacation in schools across the country starts on May 14.

The minister also suggested institutions take classes on weekly holidays or take additional classes at the end of each school day.

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Three tiger cubs die in Cox's Bazar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All three cubs of tigress Jyoti born in Dulahazara Safari park in Cox's Bazar have died.

The three-year-old tigress, which was rescued from traffickers in 2012, gave birth to three cubs, two male and one female, last Tuesday. Two cubs died on Saturday night and one died yesterday.

Dr Tapan Kumar Dey, conservator of forest wildlife division, said they have not yet found the cause of death.

Charges pressed against 5 Kishoreganj 'Razakars'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday pressed seven charges over the involvement of five Kishoreganj "Razakars" in crimes, including mass killing, murder, confinement, torture, arson and looting, in Karimganj upazila between August 25 and November 13 during the 1971 Liberation War.

The three-member International Crimes Tribunal (ICT)-1 led by Justice M Enayetur Rahim fixed May 13 to decide on taking the charges into cognisance. It also expressed discontent as four of the five, according to police, are still fugitives.

Gazi Abdul Mannan, 88, the alleged commander of Karimganj Razakar camp,

and alleged Razakar members Nasiruddin Ahmed, 62, and his brother Shamsuddin Ahmed, 60, Hafiz Uddin, 66, and Azharul Islam, 60, were "involved" in at least seven criminal incidents, says the prosecution.

Only Shamsuddin is now in jail. Prosecutors Sultan Mahmud Simon, Rezia Sultana Chaman and Tapos Kanti Baul submitted the formal charges and other documents to the tribunal through its registrar officer.

The charges are: killing of eight people and injuring of another of four villages on November 12; killing of Miah Hossain of Aila village on November 13; abduction and killing of Abdur Gafur of Kalatali on

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TORTURING BABITA HC directs Narail police to arrest attackers in 48 hrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed Narail police to arrest in 48 hours the persons who tortured a woman after tying her to a tree in Narail.

During hearing a writ petition filed by Supreme Court Lawyer Manzill Murshid on behalf of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh, it also directed the deputy commissioner of

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Bangladesh Basic Graduate Nurses' Society brings out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding that the registered nurses, who completed a four-year BSc-in-Nursing course, be appointed into government hospitals as class I nursing officers.

PHOTO: STAR

Thousand Bar Council voters registered multiple times

Assistant director hopes to make corrections by May 15

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

With the election to Bangladesh Bar Council scheduled for May 20, the licencing and regulatory body for lawyers has found out that around 1,000 of its members have been registered multiple times in its voter list.

Besides, following advertisements from the authorities, 623 lawyers have applied between May 1 and 7 to remove the repetition of their names.

About 48,465 names have been registered so far to elect the 14-member executive body, comprising equal general and regional seats, from 61 contestants.

Most of the 623 might be among the 1,000 and the council hopes to correct it by May 15 after which there will be no question about the elec-

tion's fairness, the council's Assistant Director Nazmul Ahsan told The Daily Star yesterday.

The council prepares its voter list from that sent by the numerous bar associations in the country, he reasoned for the repetition.

Most of the 1,000 are voters of both Supreme Court Bar Association and Dhaka Bar Association, he said.

There is no scope to cast multiple votes, he said, adding, "I believe a lawyer does not cast multiple votes even if his or her name is enlisted multiple times."

The council Vice Chairman Khandker Mahub Hossain told The Daily Star that the "scope to turn a lawyer into multiple voters" was created after the present government cancelled a relevant provision of Bar

Council Law.

The provision stipulated that a lawyer could cast vote in only one bar council's election.

The chief executive said the correction was being carried out as per the council's decision, propagated by Attorney General Mahubey Alam, the ex-officio chairman.

Khandker, leading the BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Oikya Panel (JAOP) in the election, said the ruling Awami League (AL)-backed panel was trying to foil the election on different excuses sensing defeat.

AL-backed Sammitito Ainjibi Samannoy Parishad candidate SM Rezaul Karim said their panel would contest the election to win as the country's lawyers have rejected JAOP as their leaders have politicised the council.

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Domestic help brutally tortured in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

She was repeatedly pleading for her life and forgiveness but her employers' landlady beat her up mercilessly before pushing her off the roof of a three-storey building. The fall broke both of her legs, several ribs and hurt her stomach badly.

The cruel punishment came only because Shimu Akhter accidentally snapped the branch of a flowering plant on Friday.

Admitted at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, the 18-year-old girl told The Daily Star that she made all possible efforts to resist but the merciless beating made her too weak to do so.

The grotesque incident occurred on 279/2/Ka Shaheed Badiuzzaman Road in the capital's Bhashantek on Saturday. And the landlady is Ayesha Begum, wife of Maj (ret'd) Anwar Hossain.

"Ayesha already beat me once on Saturday morning. Getting complaint from her, my employers sent me to Ayesha on Saturday evening to apologise again but she took me to the roof and started beating me again. When I told her that I would complain to my employers about it, she pushed

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Shimu Akhter at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

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