



Journos to get ID cards from Press Council

Says council chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Press Council is contemplating registering journalists from across the country and providing them with identity cards, said its Chairman Mohammad Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed yesterday.

"The list of registered journalists will be published on the council's website later," he told a workshop on policy, objectivity and ethics in journalism, at the council's office in the capital.

Separately, Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu said at Bangladesh

Information Commission that a national broadcasting act, similar to England and USA's, would be formulated in winter, and the national broadcast commission would be created after its passage.

On January 20, Inu told SEE PAGE 10 COL 6







A schoolgirl and her guardian were soaked with filthy water after their rickshaw hit a pothole and flipped over on a Kamalapur road yesterday. Another rickshaw met a similar fate on a Fakirapool road. Dilapidated and potholed roads in the city's Kamalapur and Fakirapool go under knee-deep water even after a light rain. Bottom right, Wasa workers trying to drain out the water from a submerged road in Fakirapool.

MOJAHEED'S DEATH PENALTY SC judgment on appeal today

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All eyes are on the Supreme Court that is set to deliver today its verdict on an appeal filed by war criminal Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed challenging the death penalty handed down to

A four-member SC bench headed by Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha is set to sit at 9:00am and pronounce the judg-

adjournment

of hearing

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Convicted war criminal

Chowdhury has further

sought an adjournment

from the Supreme Court

challenging his death pen-

A four-member bench of

on hearing his appeal

the Appellate Division

headed by Chief Justice

Surendra Kumar Sinha is

scheduled to start hearing

The BNP leader filed an

application with the SC on

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the appeal today.

seeking a four-week

Salauddin Quader

ment at the beginning of today's court proceedings. The

The three other judges of the bench are Justice Nazmun SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

verdict delivery is on top of the court's cause list today.

Missing ex-JCD leader found after 3 months

Rab says he was arrested with 40 bombs

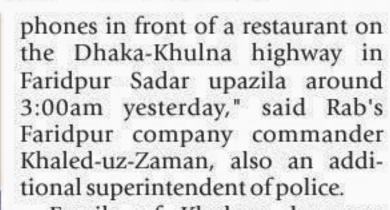
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Around three months after going missing from the capital, a former central committee leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal was found in Faridpur early yesterday. Rab claimed to have arrested

Anisur Rahman Talukder Khokon, Anisur Rahman a former organising secretary of JCD central committee, along with two

others in front of a restaurant on the Dhaka-Khulna highway in Faridpur Sadar upazila.

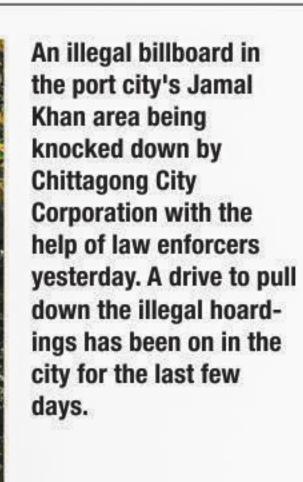
"The trio were arrested with 15 petrol bombs, 25 crude bombs and eight cell



Family of Khokon, however, alleged Rab had picked him up from his Adabar residence in the

capital on March 5. A group of seven to eight plainclothes men "abducted" him when he returned

home two months after he had gone into SEE PAGE 10 COL 5



DROP IN CRIME RATE

Netherlands to shut 8 prisons



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As prison populations surge in the UK, with overcrowded cells and repeat offenders, the opposite is happening in the Netherlands.

The country is actually to close eight prisons because of a lack of criminals, the Dutch justice ministry has announced.

Declining crime rates in the Netherlands mean that although the country has the capacity for 14,000 prisoners, there are only 12,000 detainees, reported the nrc.nl.

The decrease is expected to continue, the ministry said, with Deputy Justice Minister Nebahat Albayrak saying that natural redundancy and other measures should counter any forced lay-offs.

A report last year on prison overcrowding said that surging populations undermined the rehabilitation of prisoners and risked increasing reoffending in the future.

The Criminal Justice Alliance (CJA), which represents more than 60 organisations, called for the government to urgently limit "the unnecessary use of prison, ensuring it is reserved for serious, persistent and violent offenders for whom no alternative SEE PAGE 2 COL 6

Transit won't be free of charge

Explains top official DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A high government official yesterday brushed aside public perception that India was given free transit facilities, saying both the neighbours have agreed on imposing "fees, charges and transportation costs" for using the other country's territory.

"We conceive it as Bangladesh's gain... this is the biggest gain for us in terms of using transit facilities," said the official, adding, "This is a major departure from the 2011 negotiations when charges were a big debate."

Talking to The Daily Star, the official, who was actively engaged in negotiations with India, said now the two countries would work out fees and charges considering "internationally agreed" fees following international convention and practices.

He further said the 22 SEE PAGE 10 COL 5



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SQ Chy seeks Worst crisis since

Amnesty International report claims more than 50 million refugees now displaced

World War-II

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The number of refugees abandoned to "an unbearable existence" has now reached tens of millions according to a damning report from Amnesty International, which claims the world is witnessing the worst refugee crisis since the Second World War.

Amnesty International is urging world leaders to radically overhaul their refugee policies and create a comprehensive global strategy to handle the crisis.

It accused leaders of having abandoned Sunday through his lawyers millions to "an unbearable existence" while leaving thousands more to die by failing to

provide basic human protections to people fleeing their homes.

The report, hosted online by the Guardian, focuses on the crisis in Syria and estimates that more than four million people have now fled the country due to conflict, 95 per cent of which are living in the neighbouring countries of Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt, which are in turn struggling to cope with the influx. In Lebanon, Syrian refugees now account for one in five people.

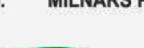
It claims these host countries have received "almost no meaningful SEE PAGE 10 COL 1

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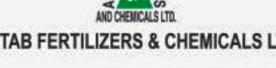


































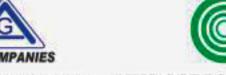
















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