

GREED ON EVE OF RAMADAN THWARTED



The Detective Branch of police seize 64 tonnes of expired dates and 20.65 tonnes of expired raisins from a cold storage, UATC, in Chaitanyo Goli area of Chittagong city yesterday, ahead of the month of Ramadan. *Inset*, the dates being examined. A mobile court jailed a staff, SK Dutta, for one year and fined him Tk 50,000 and sentenced three traders to six months' imprisonment each. The court also sealed off the storage.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



NEWS IN brief

RU hunger strike postponed on VC's assurance of action against BCL man

RU CORRESPONDENT
Rajshahi University Kendri Sangkritik Jote yesterday postponed their hunger strike after the vice chancellor assured them of taking stern action against Bangladesh Chhatra League RU unit's assistant secretary who beat up a master's student on June 9.

Basudev Roy, a former president of the jote, was beaten up until he lost consciousness after a window of a restaurant he was opening on the campus slightly hit the head of the BCL leader, Saddam Hossain Sajib, who was sitting outside.

Basudev is undergoing treatment at Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital for his broken shinbone.

2 fake doctors, dentist jailed for one year in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A mobile court yesterday sentenced two fake doctors and a dentist to one-year imprisonment each in the capital's Adabar.

The court led by an executive magistrate also fined them Tk 1 lakh, in default to serve three more months in prison.

Rab claimed that the trio -- Shafiqul Khan of Khan Medicine Corner, Tarikul Islam of Joy Medicine Corner, and MM Rasheduzzaman of Nahid Dental Surgery -- had been treating people as special doctors for years but

Tangail road crash kills 3, injures 2

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail
Three people were killed and two others injured when a truck fell into a roadside ditch as the driver lost control over the steering beside the Dhaka-Tangail highway in Achhimitola area of Mirzapur upazila in Tangail yesterday morning.

The deceased were cloth traders Ratan Miah, 35, of Shariyatpur, Rafiq Miah, 40, and Shajahan Miah, 45, of

Kazim president, Mamunur general secretary of Titas Gas CBA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Kazim Uddin and Mamunur Rashid have been elected president and general secretary of Collective Bargaining Agent (CBA) of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Co Ltd in the capital's Karwan Bazar.



Kazim Mamunur

The election was held on Sunday after 27 years, says a press release. The Department of Labour made the announcement.

Barking deer dies at Ctg Zoo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
A male barking deer died at Chittagong Zoo yesterday, hours after it had been injured in a fight with another deer.

Veterinary surgeon of the zoo, Shahadat Hossain, said the deer received injuries in its leg and back by the sharp horns of the other in the fight on Tuesday.

During the breeding season of June-July fighting among the male deer is a common phenomenon, he added.

Abducted boy rescued, one held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Police yesterday rescued an abducted boy from Abdupara area of Chittagong city.

The victim is Emon Hossain, 10, son of Ruhul Ameen, resident of Banolata Residential area.

Police said on June 11, Kabir Hossain, 25, an acquaintance of Emon's family, went to their house and abducted him alluring him of buying an ice-cream, said police.

On information police arrested Kabir and rescued Emon. Kabir wanted to marry Emon's sister and to put pressure on the family he abducted Emon, police added.

Correction

In a news headlined, "South East University delegation calls on chancellor", published on page 5 of The Daily Star on Wednesday, we mistakenly mentioned Humayun Kabir Chowdhury as the vice-chancellor of South East University. Actually he is the pro-vice-chancellor, and Anwar Hossain is the vice-chancellor. We regret the error.

Journos' home burgled in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Burglars took away valuables and cash from the residence of a Daily Star journalist in the capital's Hatirpool area yesterday.

Prabir Barua Chowdhury, staff reporter of the newspaper, lives on the fourth floor of a building opposite Hatirpool kitchen market with three other newsmen and two bankers. The burglars broke into the flat when all five were outside. They stole four laptops, three cellphones, US\$500, and around Tk 5,000. Nurunnabi Sarkar, staff reporter of Jamuna TV, noticed the burglary when he returned home. Police visited the spot.

Home boss assures security for death threat recipients

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives are working to ensure security for those who are receiving death threats, State Minister for Home Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said yesterday.

Soon they will unearth those behind the threats, he told journalists at the secretariat.

The remark came a day after banned Islamist militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team through a letter issued death threats to Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu and 24 other eminent personalities, cultural activists and student leaders.

Earlier, militants issued similar letters twice issuing threats on the lives of eminent personalities and freethinkers.

The state minister said such incidents of threats happened earlier. "There is no reason to be panicked as our detectives are vigilant."

The home boss said, "We are investigating why these persons have been targeted."

Dhaka, Colombo for freeing media of religious militancy

Agree to sign MoU on sharing state-owned media content

UNB, Dhaka

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu and Sri Lankan Mass Media and Information Minister Gayantha Karunathilaka yesterday stressed the need for keeping the mass media free from religious militancy and inappropriate contents to uphold democracy.

At a meeting in Colombo, they also agreed to conclude a memorandum of understanding on sharing contents between state-owned news agencies and electronic media, and producing cinema in joint venture.

Inu is heading a delegation in his two-day visit for enhancing cooperation between the two countries' mass media and sharing technical experi-

ences in related fields, said a media release.

The two ministers laid emphasis on training of the officials engaged in institutions of information and media, and holding regular film festivals in each other's country. The Sri Lankan counterpart expressed interest in learning from Bangladesh's experience of implementing right to information act, and introducing community radio.

It is the first ministerial-level bilateral visit between the two countries after the incumbent government assumed power in Sri Lanka in January 2015.

Inu reached Colombo on Tuesday and is expected to return home tomorrow.



This uprooted Dhaka South City Corporation signboard barring garbage from being disposed on the spot lies right on the waste, collected from adjoining areas and markets in Rampura Banasree in the capital and dumped some 20 feet into a canal that helps drain rainwater out from the city and into the Balu river. The photo was taken on Saturday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

WAR CRIME CONVICTION APPEALS AT SC

SQ Chy's counsel reads out Professor Anisuzzaman's statement

Mahidur files his appeal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Defence counsel SM Shahjahan yesterday read out before the Supreme Court the statement Prof Anisuzzaman made during the trial of war crimes convict Salauddin Quader Chowdhury about the killing of Nutun Chandra Singha during the country's Liberation War.

It was the second day of hearing on the appeal filed against the death penalty given to Salauddin by the International Crimes Tribunal-1 on October 1, 2013 for committing crimes against humanity during the war.

Meanwhile, convicted war criminal Mahidur Rahman filed an appeal with the Supreme Court on Tuesday challenging a verdict of the International Crimes Tribunal-2 that had sentenced him to jail till death. SC will now fix a date for hearing the appeal.

The tribunal on May 20 this year sentenced Mahidur and Ashraf Hossain Chutu of Shibganj upazila under Chapainawabganj to jail until their death for committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War. Chutu is yet to file an appeal against his verdict.

Victim demands compensation

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Career Overseas Ltd, however, denied the allegations. He said Razzak had to return home as he was sick for several months and that he got three months' pay.

"We had arranged jobs for all the workers with a handsome salary ranging from \$400 to \$500 per month. The company itself arranged his air ticket and assisted him financially to return home," he told The

Daily Star.
The embassy could not be reached for comment. Kazi Reazul Hoque, full member of NHRC, told The Daily Star that they would conduct investigations.

Defence starts closing arguments today

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On Monday, Suman and Sheikh Moshfeq Kabir placed arguments on the first four.
The prosecution says Siraj, Akram

and Latif joined the Razakar Bahini, the Pakistani occupation army's auxiliary force, and committed killing, mass killing, rape, looting, arson and forced Hindus to convert

to Islam.
The prosecution produced 32 witnesses including the case's investigation officer while five testified for Akram and Latif.

Bangladesh mission at UN honours 17 peace

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Dr AK Abdul Momen lauded the leadership of the force commanders for bringing peace to the troubled countries.

At present, 9,380 peacekeepers including 216 women of Bangladesh are performing duties in 10 peace missions. With the peacekeepers,

Bangladesh has topped the list of 121 peacekeeper-contributing countries, including India, Pakistan, and the US, said a press release.

IFC bill placed at JS

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The court in a verdict scrapped the fifth and sixth amendments to the constitution. According to the verdict, all the ordinances and laws will be scrapped as well.

The "International Finance Corporation Ordinance, 1976" also turned ineffective after the court's verdict.

After scrapping the "International Finance Corporation Ordinance,

1976", the president on January 21, 2013 promulgated another ordinance for continuation of the activities of the IFC, an organisation of the World Bank Group, as parliament was not in sitting.



With complete disregard to law, a car takes a turn after its occupants displaced a barricade placed by the traffic department to stop just this practice on Topkhana Road before Bangladesh Secretariat in the capital yesterday, joined by a motorcyclist and some pedestrians as well. Dhaka residents are complaining all the time about the nagging traffic jams in the city, but they themselves are frequently seen flouting regulations put in place by the authorities to curb the menace.

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