



Renowned film actor Razzak in ICU

UNB, Dhaka

Renowned film actor Razzak, also widely known as "Nayak Raj Razzak", was shifted to the intensive care unit (ICU) of the capital's United Hospital yesterday. He was admitted to the hospital on Friday due to his respiratory problem, the hospital sources said. Razzak was taken to the ICU in the evening as his psychological condition had deteriorated, the sources said. Earlier, the actor was admitted to the hospital several times due to pneumonia and respiratory problems.

2 cops among 18 sued for extortion

Court orders probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman yesterday filed an extortion case against 18 people including two sub-inspectors (SIs) of Pallabi Police Station in the capital. The court of metropolitan magistrate asked senior police officials of Mirpur to investigate the case filed by Laboni of Ali Nagar Housing area in Pallabi. The complaint says some people from neighbouring areas demanded Tk 10 lakh from Laboni's maternal uncle Momin Baksh on May 12 when he was working on a land in Ali Nagar Housing. Two days later, on May 14, when Baksh and his men went to the land, the extortionists obstructed

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SHAMEFUL FENDER BENDER



This fender-bender at the capital's Bijoy Sarani intersection around 2:00pm yesterday occurred after both cars came dangerously down the wrong way while others waited patiently for the lights to turn green. The car on the left, of a VIP, arrived from Mohakhali end while that of Ansar down the Tejgaon-Bijoy Sarani flyover.

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Ctg 'Shibir man' injured in 'gunfight' with cops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A "Shibir activist" was injured in a "gunfight" with police in Ananya Residential Area of Chittagong city early yesterday.

Salahuddin Saju of Hazipara in the city was undergoing treatment at Chittagong Medical College Hospital with bullet wounds in his left leg.

Pradip Kumar Dutta, officer-in-charge (OC) of Bayezid Police Station, said they arrested Saju on Saturday allegedly for demanding extortion of Tk 10 lakh from one Zakir Hossain in the name of another Shibir activist Sarwar who is in jail in an arms case.

The OC said Saju and one of his cohorts went to Zakir's residence at Nayarhat in the city on Friday and when Zakir refused to give the duo the extortion, they tried to torch his private car but their attempt was foiled due to rain, he said.

Following his confessional statement, police along with Saju raided Ananya Residential Area

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HC orders stop to building car park at Lalbagh Fort

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to stop within 24 hours the construction of a car park by razing the boundary wall of historic Lalbagh Fort in Old Dhaka.

Responding to a writ petition, the court also issued a rule asking why the authorities should not be directed to protect the 17th century Mughal fort and restore the demolished wall to its original state. It asked for a compliance report within seven days.

The director general of the Department of Archaeology, its deputy director concerned, curator of Lalbagh Fort, and officer-

in-charge of Lalbagh Police Station have to comply with the order, petitioner's counsel Manzil Murshid told The Daily Star.

Secretary to the ministry of cultural affairs and the four aforementioned officials have been made respondents to the rule, he added.

Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman came up with the order and rule following the petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB).

The Daily Star on June 26 published a photo with a caption, saying a portion of the boundary wall was knocked down to make

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Univ teachers' protest unifies countrywide

Demands equality with bureaucrats in govt proposed payscale

CU CORRESPONDENT

Teachers of several public universities yesterday simultaneously formed human chains, demanding an immediate revision of the proposed eighth national payscale and a separate salary structure for them in the long run.

They said senior professors and senior secretaries must get the same salary, benefits, and official status. They called the proposed payscale "discriminatory" and "disgraceful" because it puts university teachers in a lower position in the hierarchy than secretary-level officials on all counts.

"We demand a revised payscale until a separate pay structure is created for us," Prof AJM Shafiqul Alam Bhuiyan, chairman of the Department of Television and Film Studies at Dhaka University, told The Daily Star.

He joined a human chain at the base of Aparajeyo Bangla, along with Prof ABM Farouque, Prof AKM Gulam Rabbani, Prof Sheikh Abdus Salam, among others.

Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) organised it as part of the countrywide protest of the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association.

Speaking at the programme, Duta General Secretary Prof ASM Maksud Kamal said they would strengthen protest if the demands were not met



The Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association and Dhaka University Teachers' Association form a human chain at the base of Aparajeyo Bangla, demanding a revision of the proposed eighth payscale immediately and a separate salary structure for them in the long run. It was part of university teachers' countrywide protest yesterday.

PHOTO: BANGLAR CHOKH

immediately.

"Almost all neighbouring countries like India and Pakistan have independent payscales for university teachers but our government doesn't recognise it," he said.

Duta President Prof Farid Uddin Ahmed said, "The position of teachers dropped two notches down in the proposed payscale...It's disgraceful for teachers."

He said Bangladesh could not bring

its dream of becoming a middle-income country into reality if university teachers, the nation's backbone, were neglected.

Human chains were also organised by the teachers' associations at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), Jahangirnagar University, Chittagong University, and Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur.



Newly appointed Chief of Army Staff General Abu Belal Muhammad Shafiqul Huq meets Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban office in the capital yesterday, reports UNB. He also met President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban.

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