

# COMMENTS ON MUJIB BAHINI HC stays defamation proceedings against AK Khandker

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court has stayed the proceedings of a defamation case against former planning minister Air Vice-Marshal (ret'd) AK Khandker.

The case was filed for his statement in his book "1971: Bhetore Baire" that some members of Mujib Bahini, a Liberation War force, were involved in looting after the country's independence and most of them were not found in the battle field.

MA Ishaq Bhuiyan, a Mujib Bahini member, filed the case on last September 10.

The HC also issued a rule asking the government to explain why the proceedings of the case should not be quashed.

The HC came up with the order and rule on Tuesday after hearing a petition filed by AK Khandker, who was the deputy chief of staff of Bangladesh Armed Forces in 1971.

The petitioner's lawyer, Subrata Chowdhury, told The Daily Star that the HC passed the order on his arguments that there was no defamatory statement in that book, and the book also did not say anything about MA Ishaq Bhuiyan, who filed the case.

# More nutrition education needed at primary level

**Says DU VC Arefin**

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

More nutrition education should be included in primary curriculum on priority basis to help improve nutritional status of the population, said Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique.

Dr Arefin who teaches communication said this while inaugurating a seminar titled "Nutrition Communication in Agriculture Extension" at the Institute of Nutrition and Food Science (INFS) of the university.

The DU VC urged print, online and broadcast media to disseminate nutrition messages among the people even at the grassroots level effectively to make them aware of the importance of nutrition.

He also urged physicians to disseminate nutrition messages among their patients along with prescribing medicines.

Representative of Food and Agricultural Organization Lalita Bhattacharya emphasised launching nutrition communication campaign effectively to increase knowledge of the people on nutrition to help ensure nutritional food and food security.

She pointed out the role of the country's agriculture extension services in disseminating nutrition messages.

INFS organised the seminar in cooperation with USAID, Integrating Gender and Nutrition within Agricultural Extension Services and Bangladesh Institute of ICT in Development (BIID) with INFS Director Dr Nazma Shaheen in the chair.

Chief Executive Officer of BIID Md Shahid Uddin Akbar was also present at the event.

**Rights bodies**

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Meanwhile, several other rights organisations expressed grave concern over the rise of incidents of torture and murder of children and also urged for exemplary punishment for the culprits.

In a press release, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad condemned the incidents that led to Rajon and Rakib's deaths.

In another statement, Manusher Jonno Foundation said social apathy over these incidents paves the way for their recurrence.

At a separate press conference at Jatiya Press Club, Salma Ali, executive director of Bangladesh National Women Lawyer's Association, said the government cannot avoid its responsibility by terming the murders "stray incidents".

# Rajuk seals off businesses in Uttara residential area

**Meena Bazar chief operating officer questions drive's practicality**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) sealed off scores of businesses and commercial establishments on Garib-e-Nawaz road in Uttara yesterday with the aim to reclaiming basement car parking spaces of residential buildings in the area.

The eviction drive was conducted following instructions from the Prime Minister's Office, said Rajuk Chairman GM Joynal Abedin Bhuiyan.

Replying to a question, he said, "Such drives would be carried out in Gulshan and Dhanmondi too... we have got the signal from the top authorities."

The Rajuk team sealed off supermarkets Meena Bazar and Swapno, a Trust Bank branch, a hospital, and many small shops on the road, which is dotted with different types of commercial establishments and schools.

Shaheen Khan, chief operating officer of Meena Bazar, said, "Sudden closure of businesses in this manner won't solve the problem."

He said, "Commercialisation of main roads remains a reality all across the capital city."

Such commercialisation of residential properties grew with hundreds of business establishments over the past decade in Banani, Gulshan, Lalmatia, Dhanmondi, and Baridhara while Rajuk has been a silent spectator, he said.

Asked why they set up a supermarket at a residential building, Khan said, "Running commercial establishments at residential buildings has been going on for years under the very nose of Rajuk."

When asked why Rajuk allowed it to happen for years, **SEE PAGE 5 COL. 2**

# Fire dept not ready to tackle quake fallout

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

It will be difficult for the Fire Service and Civil Defence Department to tackle a massive earthquake in the capital, should one occur, due to a shortage of manpower and equipment, said fire service officials yesterday.

Around 72,000 buildings might collapse in a 7.5 magnitude earthquake in the city, said Lt Col Mohammad Mosharraf Hossain, a director of the department. "It will be difficult for us to search and rescue if such situation arises," he told journalists after a drilling in the capital.

Dhaka remains vulnerable to earthquakes and in the case of one, the first 24 hours, known as golden time, are important, said Brig Gen Ali Ahmed Khan, director general of the organisation. He said they need more equipment and manpower. At present, the department has 13 stations and around 500 personnel in Dhaka and its adjacent areas. It has about 8,000 staff working at 288 stations across the country.

# Death anniversary

**CITY DESK**

Today is the fifth death anniversary of Taslimuddin Ahmed, a leather technologist, says a press release.

He was the second son of Dr Altafuddin Ahmed, founder principal of Chittagong Medical College.

The family requested all to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

# Progress not reflected in indigenous

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"Even now the existence of indigenous peoples in the country is under threat due to land grabbing, repression, torture, violation of human rights."

He said as the government had been showing apathy to the indigenous peoples, they were falling victim to land grabbing and torture and harassment.

Last year, there were seven communal attacks on indigenous peoples, and this year 15 indigenous people were killed including seven women, while 126 others were physically assaulted, Larma said.

Citing a study of Kappaeng Foundation, Santu Larma said over 500 indigenous people from 150 families from Alikadam-Thanchi, Bandarban had migrated to Myanmar due to lack of security and 300 others of 60 families from the northern regions to India facing attacks and threats by land grabbers recently.

In a written statement, he said they were still fighting for getting the status of being indigenous in the constitution.

Though the government ratified the ILO (International Labour Organization) Convention 107 that deals with the rights of indigenous people, it did not formulate any law regarding this to protect their rights, according to the statement.

Despite having an opportunity in 2011 during the 15th amendment to the constitution to recognise their rights, the government failed to do that, Santu Larma said.

Rather, in Article 23 (a) of the constitution, the indigenous people were referred to as "tribes, minor races, ethnic sects and communities," which indigenous people did not accept, he said.

The Adivasi leader said the government denying them the recognition had put their land rights, culture, traditions, lifestyle and the right to be part of the development process under great uncertainty.

Regarding land rights, Larma said 3,911 acres of land was acquired by the government in the CHT in 2014 while 84,647 acres was under process of grabbing or acquisition.

The Department of Forest is also trying to take over 218,000 acres of land belonging to indigenous people announcing it as a "reserved" forest in the CHT, he added.

Adivasi leader Sanjeeb Drong, politician Pankaj Bhattacharya, columnist Syed Abdul Maksud, and Prof Mesbah Kamal spoke at the programme, at Sundarban Hotel in the capital.

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**CORRIGENDUM-4**

Corrigendum is hereby issued to the Tender Notice for renovation of Ruposhi Bangla Hotel owned by Bangladesh Services Limited for rebranding as InterContinental Dhaka, published in the National Dailies (The Daily Star on 11th June 2015 and Daily Ittefaq on 12th June 2015) and the Corrigendum-3 published in the national dailies on 25/07/2015 and BSL's website www.bsl.gov.bd on same days as under:

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**Registrar**  
East West University

# Anti-discrimination law in offing

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communities and representatives from the four NGOs--Campaign for Popular Education (Campe), Sight Savers, HelpAge International and ADD International-- also spoke at the programme.

The NGOs said the number of elderly people, now 1.15 crore, will rise. By 2025, people above 60 are projected to constitute nine percent of the total population, they added.

# Zafrullah gets

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submission of the reply following a time prayer by Zafrullah's lawyer M Sayed Ahmed Raza.

Raza told the three-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan that his client would seek unconditional apology for the remarks of June 10.

This was the second time the tribunal gave him additional time to submit the reply. Also a freedom fighter, he was present at the courtroom yesterday.

Zafrullah faced contempt charges for criticising a verdict of the tribunal on Bangladesh-based UK journalist David Bergman last December, and he was sentenced to one hour's imprisonment in the courtroom and fined Tk 5,000 on June 10 for this.

On that very day, he told reporters, "Today's contempt of court verdict is a proof of the mental illness of the three judges... Ensuring justice is not possible if the judges can't take criticism. When they can't stand criticism and lack rationality, they hide themselves under the cover of law." The show cause notice came after three freedom fighters and two organisers of the Gonojagoron Mancha filed a petition seeking contempt proceedings against Zafrullah for the June 10 remarks.

As Zafrullah sought unconditional apology for his criticism in December, the Supreme Court on July 28 exempted him from the punishment he was given on June 10. This is the third time he is facing contempt charges for commenting on war crimes tribunals and judges.

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