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PUBLIC UNIVERSITY TEACHERS' PROTEST COUNTRYWIDE

Clockwise from top left, teachers of Dhaka University, Rajshahi University, Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University, Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science & Technology University, and Bangladesh Agricultural University bring out processions yesterday as part of their countrywide strike protesting the approved eight national pay scale and demanding a separate one for them.



'TORTURE OF DOMESTIC HELP' Public anger sparks against Shahadat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Protest against cricketer Shahadat Hossain and his wife Ritrya Shahadat spilled over onto the street yesterday from social media for torturing their domestic help.
The Network for Establishing Domestic Helps' Rights formed a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club demanding arrest of the couple.
A domestic help protection law should also be enacted immediately, the rights organisation said.
Meanwhile, the condition of 11-year-old Mahfuza Akhtar Happy receiving treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) did not improve much.
Her left foot was plastered and drops were being administered to treat blood clots around her eyes, said Dr Bilki Begum, coordinator of the one-stop crisis centre at the hospital.
Pallabi police rescued Happy from Kalshi area on Sunday night several hours after she fled Shahadat's residence in Mirpur-2, adjacent to Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium. They later handed her over to Mirpur police who admitted her to DMCH.
A case against pacer Shahadat and his wife was filed on the same night.
Examining Happy, doctors found her left foot fractured. She also had blood clots around the eyes and bruises on her hands and back.
Murshida Akter, general secretary of the National Domestic Workers Unity, expressed dissatisfaction over police's failure to arrest the couple.
Her organisation will hold a similar protest programme tomorrow at the same venue, she said.
"We raided all possible locations, including the cricketer's ancestral home at Fatullah in Narayanganj and his relatives' houses in search of him and his wife, but to no avail," said Bhuiyan Mahbub Hasan, officer-in-charge of Mirpur Police Station.
Police are trying hard to arrest them, he added.

Serve one poor person for free every year

Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha urges all lawyers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha yesterday urged every lawyer to conduct a case free in a year to ensure justice for poor people and to reduce the huge backlog of pending cases.
Many death row convicts, who are languishing in condemn cells, have no ability to engage lawyers, he said.
Sinha was addressing as chief guest the inaugural ceremony of "the Supreme Court Legal Aid Office" in the SC auditorium.
The government has introduced the legal aid service programme to provide the poor litigants with legal assistance, he said.
Sinha expressed hope that the Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee (SCLAC) will help the insolvent accused.
The chief justice said more than 31 lakh cases are now pending with courts across the

Emajuddin requests BNP to reorganise standing committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP high-ups should reorganise its standing committee, the highest body, to strengthen the party, suggested Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, convener of pro-BNP citizen's platform Adarsha Dhaka Andolan, yesterday.
"It is important...to run the party perfectly. Middle-aged people active in the party should be incorporated into the body... BNP will not become a weak party... It is not necessary to reform the entire party; it only deserves some reorganising in some parts," he said.
The former Dhaka University vice-chancellor was addressing a discussion Bangladesh Jatiyatubadi Karmajibi Dal organised in the capital's Jatiya Press Club.
It was in protest of the recent price hike of gas and power and marking the day BNP Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman got released from jail on bail for the 8th time.
Prof Emajuddin's comment echoes BNP Chairperson Khaleida Zia's statement that she would reform the party and that active, dedicated men would get posts.
He also demanded holding of a free and fair poll under a non-party administration.

ANANTA KILLING CASE Two Ansarullah Bangla Team members shown arrested

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Two members of outlawed terror outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team were shown arrested and produced before a Sylhet court in blogger Ananta Bijoy Das killing case with a 15-day remand prayer for each yesterday.
They are Bangladesh-born UK citizen Touhidur Rahman and Aminul Mallick, said Arman Ali, inspector of Criminal Investigation Department.
Blogger Ananta Bijoy Das was hacked to death by a group of masked men in Sylhet city on May 12 in a continuation of attacks on free thinkers.

NEWS IN brief

Koica grants \$8.5m for vocational education in Rajshahi

CITY DESK
Korea International Cooperation Agency (Koica) is providing US\$ 8.5 million in grants for Technical Training Centre (ITC), Rajshahi to enhance the quality of vocational education.
Kim Jihoon, country director of Koica Bangladesh Office, Mohammed Asif-uz-Zaman, additional secretary of ERD, and Hazrat Ali, additional secretary to the expatriate welfare and overseas employment, signed an agreement, said a press release on Monday.
The four-year project "Capacity Development Program for TTC, Rajshahi", which will be jointly implemented by Koica and the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training, includes construction of a new academic building and a dormitory, supply of necessary training equipment and training of 18 instructors and six officers in Korea.

UN peacekeeping official due Sept 13

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
Atul Khare, an under-secretary general and head of the Department of Field Support of Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations, will arrive in Dhaka on September 13 on a three-day official visit.
Diplomatic sources said Khare will meet senior government officials at the Armed Forces Division, ministries of defence and foreign affairs, and UN officials.
The government side will call for more representation from Bangladesh at the commanding, policy, and decision making levels of the UN peacekeeping, they said.



Atul Khare

Dhaka-Barisal route

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launch terminals, said a press release of the shipping ministry.
Passengers will have to pay Tk 1,000 for business class, which has 200 seats, and Tk 700 for economic class, which has 400 seats.
Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan inaugurated the vessels at Sadarghat launch terminal in Dhaka yesterday.



Assistant librarians of educational institutions on a hunger strike in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding their entitlement to the Monthly Pay Order (MPO) benefit, which is currently available for teachers of non-government schools and colleges only.

13 held Jamaat men remanded

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed 13 Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and activists including two former lawmakers on a three-day remand each in a case filed over seizure of bombs.
The order came after the Detective Branch of Police produced them before the court with a 10-day remand prayer.
Police arrested former Jamaat lawmakers Mia Golam Parwar and Prof Mujibur Rahman and 11 other party leaders and activists at a Mirpur flat on Monday and seized 20 crude bombs from their possession.
Nayeb-e-Ameer of Jamaat Mujibur, also former MP of Rajshahi-1, is an accused in 45 cases and Jamaat Assistant Secretary General Parwar, an ex-MP of Khulna-5, in 12, said police.
The flat is owned by Harunur Rashid, president of Sramik Kalyan Federation, Jamaat's labour front, police said, adding that Harun played a key role in arranging the meeting.
In the remand prayer, DB Inspector Mahfuzur Rahman, also investigation officer of the case, said the Jamaat men gathered at the flat to carry out subversive activities in the garment sector ahead of Eid. So they need to be remanded to find out reasons behind their meeting.
Defence lawyers sought their clients' bail alleging that the authorities sued them only to harass.

Sexual health

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Nahar, representative of UNFPA.
With technical help from Plan International Bangladesh, the project is being implemented with joint efforts of the education, and women and children's affairs ministry.
Referring to discussions about minimum legal marriageable age for girls, Soumya Brata Guha, deputy country director of Plan International Bangladesh, said, "We talked with children and all of them said they do not want to get married before becoming independent and established."
Prof Shamsul Huda, director (training) of DSHE, also spoke at the programme chaired by Prof Kalyanmaya Sarker, principal of BMSC.

BB's denial of Abbas's

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Limited," BNP Spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon told a press conference at the party's Naya Paltan central office in the capital.
The refusal is the "worst instance of political vindictiveness" and BNP strongly denounces it, he said.
Ripon said the central bank's claim that the BNP standing committee member was a fugitive in a case filed with Paltan Police Station was totally false as Abbas was no more a fugitive in any case filed with the police station.
He alleged that the government has started interfering in businesses run by the party's men "out of political retribution".
Demanding that Bangladesh Bank revokes its refusal, Ripon hoped that the government would no longer "seek political reprisal" in the interest of practicing democracy.
Bangladesh Bank has refused the reappointment for a series of criminal cases pending against Abbas, a central bank official said on Sunday.
He is facing 38 cases, according to a home ministry document.
"He cannot attend the bank's board meetings and Bangladesh Bank believes the depositors' money is not well protected under him," M Mahfuzur Rahman, executive director and spokesman for Bangladesh Bank told The Daily Star.
A person will be disqualified from a bank's directorship if charged with criminal activity and the court makes any adverse observation or issues an arrest warrant or conviction on criminal charges, according to the Banking Companies Act.
The decision was taken in consultation with Bangladesh Bank's legal division, said a top official of the central bank.
One of the founding members of Dhaka Bank, Abbas was appointed as an alternate director in 1995 and a full-fledged one in 2012.

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