

NEWS IN brief

Indian rupees over 68 lakh found in Ctg airport cargo shed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
Customs officials recovered Indian rupees worth over 68 lakh from a carton at the cargo shed of Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong yesterday.

During a regular inspection, customs officials detected the carton which did not have any airway bill or any sticker mentioning its owner's name or address on it, said Md Abul Kashem, assistant commissioner of the airport customs.

On September 21, officials of Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate recovered Indian rupees worth Tk 2.71 crore from a container at Chittagong Port.

'Killer' brother of slain Ctg man surrenders to Dhaka police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
The younger brother of a man who was killed by him on Sunday in Love Lane area of Chittagong city, surrendered to police on Monday night.

Police said Raihan Chowdhury went to Motijheel Police Box in the capital and admitted his involvement in the killing of his elder brother Sohail Chowdhury, 42, a diploma engineer.

A team of police of Kotwali Police Station in Chittagong city went to the capital for taking Raihan back to Chittagong.

Indian High Commission celebrates ITEC, ICCR days today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
The High Commission of India will celebrate the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) and Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) Day in Dhaka today.

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed will attend the function as chief guest at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. Indian High Commissioner Pankaj Saran will also be present.

ITEC and ICCR alumni with members of the Youth Delegations that have visited India are expected to attend the programme, said a press release.

14pc pass admission test for DU Kha unit

DU CORRESPONDENT
This year only 14.68 per cent students have secured pass marks in the admission test to Dhaka University's "Kha" unit.

DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique unveiled the results for the 2015-16 session at 10:30am yesterday.

A total of 4,351 students out of total 29,645 examinees were successful in the test for 2,296 seats under the humanities group.

The results can be viewed on the university's website -- admission.eis.du.ac.bd -- or it can be received via SMS

by typing "DU KHA <roll number>" and sending it to 16321.

SC upholds Aman's bail in nine cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Supreme Court yesterday upheld the High Court's bail orders for BNP leader Amanullah Aman in nine violence cases filed during the anti-government movement throughout the start of this year.

Aman's lawyer Sagir Hossain Leon told The Daily Star now there is no legal bar to his client's release from prison.

Aman, who is accused in total 69 cases, got bail from the lower court and the HC in all the cases.



Participants at a roundtable marking International Day for Disaster Reduction 2015, organised by the Department of Disaster Management, Oxfam and Christian Aid at The Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

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BUILDINGS VULNERABLE TO EARTHQUAKES

Legal barriers obstruct demolition

Says disaster management and relief secretary marking Int'l Day for Disaster Reduction adding that quakes are the biggest challenge for Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Secretary to the disaster management and relief ministry Shah Kamal yesterday said earthquake is the biggest challenge for Bangladesh as many buildings are found to be vulnerable to such disasters.

"We have faced tornados and cyclones. Therefore, we know how to deal with such types of disasters. But we do not know what measures need to be taken [to tackle possible earthquake's aftermath] as the coun-

try has never experienced [strong] quake," he said.

Citing Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (CDMP) statistics, the secretary said there are 72,000 vulnerable buildings like Rana Plaza, adding that he attempted to demolish such buildings but failed because of legal complications.

The secretary was addressing a discussion organised by the Department Of Disaster Management, Oxfam and Christian

Aid at The Daily Star Centre in the capital marking "International Day for Disaster Reduction 2015" observed yesterday.

The theme of this year's International Day for Disaster Reduction is "Knowledge for Life".

Director General of Department of Disaster Management Reaz Ahmed stressed the need for blending modern knowledge with traditional knowledge for effective disaster management.

CDMP National Project Director

MA Qayyum emphasised skill development to fight disaster. He urged the government to take strict steps to stop people from grabbing lands.

Programme Coordinator, Gender and Climate Change for UN Women Dilruba Haider said women issues have not get priorities in disaster management tools.

Country Director of Christian Aid Shakeb Nabi and Jahangir Alam of Dhaka Ahsania Mission also spoke at the discussion.

Obituary

CITY DESK



AKM Humayun Kabir, one of the sponsor directors of Eastland Insurance Company Ltd, died at Apollo Hospitals yesterday.

His second namaz-e-janaza will be held today at 11:00am. He will be buried at his family graveyard at Falgookara of Chouddagram in Comilla.

Marjan Hadi Jhuma

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Marjan Hadi Jhuma, a fashion designer and managing director of Ahang Fashion in the capital's Gulshan Avenue, died at United Hospital on Sunday after being infected with an unknown virus. She was 48.

She will be buried in Mirpur Intellectuals' Graveyard today after a namaz-e-janaza at Gulshan Mosque after Zohr prayers, said a press release. Her qulhwani will be held at Gulshan Society Jame Mosque on Friday after Asr prayers.

Prime accused

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by a group of brutes who were "punishing" him in Kumargaon Bus Stand area of Sylhet on July 8. Rajon's "crime", the accused claimed, was theft.

Meanwhile, a Sylhet court yesterday recorded testimonies of three witnesses on the 5th day of Rajon murder case trial.

Govt doesn't want to restrict journalism

Claims Inu

RU CORRESPONDENT

The government does not tend to impose restriction on journalism by any means and it is not possible either, said Hasanul Haq Inu at Rajshahi University yesterday.

Without the media, democracy cannot be practised in a country, on the other hand, the media personalities should also use their conscience in presenting news, said Inu while addressing as chief guest a seminar titled "Role of Regional Journalism in National Development: Problems and Probabilities" at RU senate building.

The Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) in association with RU's mass communication and journalism department organised the seminar. It is quite impossible for everyone to be neutral, said Inu, adding that the media should obey the constitution and support the parties which believe in the spirit of the Liberation War.

RU Vice Chancellor Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin urged the media to focus more on highlighting regional news rather than Dhaka-centric news to bring forward the real scenario of the root-level people. The minister sought cooperation from journalists to address the current four challenges -- eradication of extremism, poverty alleviation, fighting climate change effects, and gender discrimination -- for the country.

Dr Pradip Kumar Pandey, chairman of the department, presented the keynote paper at the seminar.

BCL men held for attempted

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contractor for the last few days. Dr Abul Hossain, a professor of accounting at Titumir Collage, said the two were accused of vandalising the principal's room, taking up to Tk 200 from each of the bachelor programme admission seekers in the name of downloading application forms and threatening to throw acid on Vice Principal Prof Enamul Haque Khan.

Police said the two were arrested in front of the college in the afternoon. Kazi Mirazul Islam Dollar, president of BCL's Titumir College unit, said the BCL central committee expelled the two in the evening.

Cops fail to submit probe

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According to the complaint, the firebombing by BNP-led 20-party men during the nonstop blockade killed 42 people and injured hundreds. The blockade began after the government did not allow BNP to hold a rally marking the first anniversary of the election held on January 5, 2014 when, the party said, democracy was destroyed.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK



Today is the 11th death anniversary of Hasan Raimum Wahab Rimu, an

engineer and organiser of children's group Khelaghor. A milad and a doa mahfil will be held today in Nilphamari, and in South Begunbari Jame Mosque of the capital after Asr prayers.

Two drops

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the rising economic development of the country, including the one in tourism sector.

He also said no one could destabilise Bangladesh like Pakistan by conspiring against the country, as it was the country of liberal democracy and secularism.

Menon also urged the Russian envoy to uphold his views on peaceful environment with his diplomatic colleagues from other countries.

Man held for

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the fact but later she was the one who forced her to allow her stepfather in order to save the family.

Recently, she fled to her grandfather's house in Keraniganj where she used to live before her stepfather took her to his Pallabi house, she said. A case was filed with Pallabi police.

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