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The critically acclaimed film picked for Mannheim-Heidelberg Int'l Film Festival

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Jamaican Marlon James wins Man Booker Prize for A Brief History of Seven Killings

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SHOOTING A CHILD IN GAIBANDHA MP Liton detained



MP Liton after his detention in the city's Uttara.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives detained Gaibandha-1 lawmaker Manjurul Islam Liton in the capital's Uttara last night, hours after the Supreme Court cleared the way for his arrest in two cases filed for shooting a 10-year-old boy and vandalising a house in Gaibandha.

Shaikh Nazmul Alam, deputy commissioner of the detective branch (north division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, told The Daily Star that a DB team picked up Liton from a relative's house at sector-5 in Uttara around 10:00pm and took him to the DB office on Minto Road.

Later, a team left Dhaka with Liton for Gaibandha around 11:30pm, he said, adding that the MP would be handed over to Gaibandha police.

Contacted in the early hours today, Israil Hossain, officer-in-charge of Sundarganj Police Station, said DB police had informed them about Liton's detention.

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No stranger to controversy

EMRAN HOSSAIN

For Zahir Uddin Sardar, the memory burns like fire.

"It was Friday, August 8, 2014," he began abruptly, but what struck me was the vividness of his account.

"Our lawmaker, Manjurul Islam Liton, slapped me in the face, several times, in the guest room of his luxury home," said the headteacher of Rambhadra Government High School in an injured tone, his face hardening.

It was all because Zahir, 50, had gone to request the lawmaker to withdraw his objection to the release of a government fund of Tk 4 lakh meant for improving the school's sanitation. But his plea failed to melt the MP's heart.

On way home, one thought kept coming back to the headmaster: How could Liton, whose father was a headmaster himself of a local primary school, hit a teacher?

The Gaibandha-1 Awami League MP made headlines after shooting a 10-year-old child for no apparent reason on the morning of October 2. But locals said

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Entry and exit to the car park for picking up arriving passengers at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport get inundated after a light shower. Arriving passengers are most likely to get an eyeful of this sight right after landing in Dhaka -- a prelude to the waterlogging problem of the capital. Lower panel, other flooded or potholed roads at the airport with poor drainage.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



TOP QUOTE

"We are very close [to unravelling the mystery] and we hope to let you know about the progress soon. Just wait a bit."

HOME MINISTER
ASADUZZAMAN KHAN KAMAL
TALKING TO REPORTERS ABOUT THE FOREIGNER KILLINGS PROBE

MPO-LISTED SCHOOLS, COLLEGES Now govt to hire teachers

40,000 posts vacant in 30,000 institutions

WASIM BIN HABIB

The government will form in a month a separate commission to recruit teachers at the non-government educational institutions in order to curb corruption in the process.

Like the Public Service Commission (PSC), the Non-government Teachers Selection Commission (NTSC) will appoint teachers through a centrally held test to primary, secondary and higher secondary schools, madrasas and colleges enjoying MPO facilities, according to the education ministry.

Currently, managing committees and governing bodies at schools and colleges are the sole authorities to recruit teachers.

Once the new commission starts functioning, these committees will lose their authority and be entitled only to give appointments as per the merit list prepared by the NTSC.

"This commission would be independent and none will interfere in its activities. We'll form it with people who are skilled, neutral and can contribute to educate students," Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday

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GULSHAN ACCIDENT Police playing dubious role

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police are playing a dubious role in taking legal actions against Fareez Rahman, a former Awami League lawmaker's nephew whose reckless driving left four people injured in the capital's Gulshan on Monday.

Though a police officer, who had visited the scene immediately after the accident, earlier told this paper that 16-year-old Fareez Rahman didn't have a driving licence and they had found evidence of drunk driving, the officer-in-charge (OC) of Gulshan Police Station yesterday denied it.

"We haven't found any such evidence," claimed OC Sirajul Islam.

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PRESIDENT, PM, MINISTERS Big hike likely in salaries

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Following the recent pay hike for government employees, salaries of the president, prime minister, ministers and lawmakers are also likely to almost double.

A proposal also to raise the monthly pay of the Supreme Court judges and other constitutional post holders are likely to be placed in the next cabinet meeting on Monday, a finance ministry official told The Daily Star yesterday.

The salary of the president may be fixed at Tk 1,19,900 from the current Tk 61,200. The PM gets Tk 58,600 a month now. It may become Tk 1,14,800.

At present, a minister draws a monthly salary of Tk 53,100. Following the hike, it is likely to become Tk 1,05,000.

Besides, the remuneration of a lawmaker may jump to Tk 55,000 from the current Tk 27,500, added the ministry official.

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ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOLS VAT on tuition fees stays

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed for eight weeks a High Court order that had halted VAT collection on tuition fees paid to English medium schools.

The order came after the National Board of Revenue filed a petition challenging the HC order.

English medium school students had paid VAT on tuition fees since 2007 but the HC responding to a petition last month stayed the VAT collection.

Following the SC order, students are obliged to pay the VAT, said Attorney General Mahbubey Alam.

The government in this year's budget imposed 7.5 percent VAT on tuition fees of private university students, triggering a widespread protest in the capital and elsewhere in the first week of September.

Students took to the streets, virtually

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